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at Evangel University

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AGTS celebrates first commencement under leadership of President Mark Hausfeld



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The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary (AGTS) will celebrate its 43rd annual Commencement on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the Robert H. Spence Chapel at Evangel University (1111 N. Glenstone Ave., Springfield, Mo.). The public is invited to attend.

Resources

[Rapport Alumni Magazine](#)

[Encounter: Journal for Pentecostal Ministry](#)

[International Journal of Pentecostal Missiology](#)

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AGTS will award 1 Ph.D., 1 Doctor of Missiology, 3 Doctor of Applied Intercultural Studies and 14 Doctor of Ministry degrees along with Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees to candidates from 17 states and 3 countries.

Doctoral candidates and their work will be honored during a series of public events on Friday, May 6, including a Doctor of Ministry Symposium at 12:30 p.m., a reception at 2 p.m. and an Intercultural Doctoral Studies Investiture at 2:30 p.m.

This is the first commencement under the leadership of President Mark A. Hausfeld. "AGTS has a reputation for honoring, celebrating and prayerfully commissioning its graduates," said Hausfeld. "This year's graduation will once more do this with excellence. We will glorify God through graduates who are already revitalizing the Church and evangelizing the world in the power of the Spirit." [Read more.](#)

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Dr. Hausfeld recently participated in the following events:

- *March 30-April 9:* Visited Southern California to meet with AGTS alumni, donors and Vanguard University President Dr. Mike Beals and Latin America Bible Institute (La Puente) President Dr. Marty Harris
- *April 2:* Attended AGTS alumni gathering
- *April 3:* Preached at Grace Community Assembly of God, Whittier, Calif.

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AGTS News

2016 J. Philip Hogan Chair Dr. Sobhi Malek presents three-part lecture series on the challenges of understanding Islam



The Assemblies of God Theological Seminary installed Dr. Sobhi Malek as the 2016 J. Philip Hogan Professor of World Missions with a formal ceremony on March 8, 2016.

Dr. Malek presented three lectures under the general theme of "The Challenge to Understand Islam." Malek presented his inaugural lecture, "The Caliphate: The Islamic State" on March 8. He presented his second public lecture, "Muhammad in the Bible: Alleged Prophecies", on March 11. Dr. Malek gave the series' last lecture, "The Bible for Muslims", on April 6. [Watch or read all three lectures.](#)

AGTS Hosts U.S. Army Deputy Chief of Chaplains



On March 15 and 16, AGTS hosted the United States Army Deputy Chief of Chaplains, CH (BG) Thomas Solhjem. He is the 24th Deputy Chief of Chaplains and the first Army Chaplain to be promoted to the rank of general officer. He has been an AG chaplain since 1988 after graduating from North Central University. [Read more.](#)

Retired AGTS President, Dr. Byron Klaus, honored with Lifetime Achievement Award



Dr. Byron D. Klaus --center-- author and retired president of AGTS, was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award at the conference, along with Dr. Murray Dempster and Dr. Doug Petersen.

Retired President Dr. Byron Klaus was honored with the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS) "Lifetime Achievement Award," along with Dr. Murray Dempster and Dr. Doug Petersen. The honor celebrated the 25th anniversary of their co-edited book, *Called and Empowered: Global Mission in Pentecostal Perspective*. Klaus retired from AGTS last summer following 16 years of service. [Read more.](#) [Read more](#) about AGTS' participation in this year's SPS annual conference.



The homeless, the hurting, and the addicts find inspiration in AGTS student John Alarid's church

On Palm Sunday, John Alarid stood in the front row, closed his eyes and held his hands up in worship. At times, he pointed toward the ceiling. Newly formed CityReach Church is led by Pastor John Alarid and his wife, Hannah. Mark Smith prays at the end of the service.

When the music ended and the children dismissed to their Sunday school classes, Alarid took the pulpit. Just six years ago, the former drug addict and gang member was in prison for attempted murder. Yet there he was, preaching from the book of Matthew to homeless people, folks struggling with addiction, recovering addicts, and others with less-than-perfect backgrounds. Alarid launched the CityReach Church Springfield on March 6. More than 150 people showed up for that first service. [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 Giffin](#), 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

- *April 15-16:* Teaching on the Pentateuch at the Illinois School of Ministry



James Hernando

- *April 15-16:* Teaching on the Pentateuch at the Illinois School of Ministry



DeLonn Rance

- *April 4-8:* Teaching about the indigenous church at the Bible Institute of Rio Plata, Buenos Aires
April 18-22: Presenting a workshop at the Latin American Educators Summit, Panama City, Panama
April 25-28: Participating in the Northern California/Nevada District Council, Sacramento, Calif.



Charlie Self

- *April 11:* Preaching on "Christians and War" at Abundant Life Assemblies of God with Pastor Greg Wendschlag
April 12-14: Delivering the Hiller Lectures on "Pastor 4.0" at Sioux Falls Seminary, Sioux Falls, S.D.
April 15-17: Consulting on discipleship and preaching at The Bridge Community Church with Pastor Greg Hackett
April 29 - May 2: Consulting on discipleship and preaching at Calvary Christian Assembly with Pastor Steve Pelota



Randy Walls

- *April 15-16:* Teaching on the Book of Acts at the Illinois School of Ministry
April 21-23: Attending the Church Network (formerly NACBA), Professional Training & Standards Committee retreat, as a training center director in Nashville, Tenn. The PT&S retreat is held every four years to review the curriculum for the professional certificate program, Certified Church Administrator.

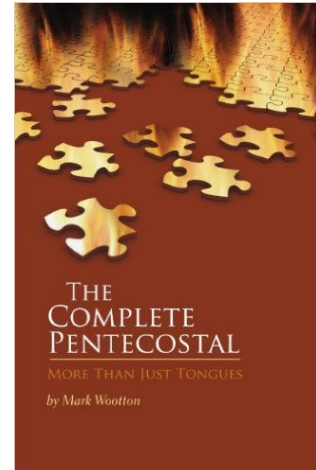




Donnie Capps ('07) serves as senior pastor of Christian Life Assembly in Willimantic, Conn.

Michael and Andrea McDonald ('08) welcomed Christian Michael on March 8, 2016. He joins big sister Victoria.

Mark Wootton's ('03) book, *The Complete Pentecostal: More Than Just Tongues*, was included by Life Publishers in a Pastors' mini-library set of 21 books and released in the Burmese language in Myanmar (formerly Burma.)



Upcoming Events

Graduation Events

Thursday, May 5

AGTS Golf Tournament

8:30 a.m. (Rivercut Golf Course)

[Register](#) by April 25 for best pricing.

AGTS Graduation Banquet

Honoring AGTS Graduates

6:30 p.m. Reception, 7 p.m. Dinner

(White River Conference Center, 600 West Sunshine St.)

Friday, May 6

AGTS Doctoral Celebration

Doctor of Ministry Symposium

12:30-2:00 p.m. (AGTS)

Reception

2:00-2:30 p.m. (Great Hall at AGTS)

Intercultural Doctoral Studies Investiture

2:30-3:45 p.m. (William J. Seymour Chapel, AGTS)

Saturday, May 7

AGTS Graduation

43rd Commencement Celebration

10 a.m. (Robert H. Spence Chapel, Evangel University)

Summer Institute for Islamic Studies

July 5-15, 2016

Relate and minister to Muslims no matter your context.

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