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CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS AT BENAROYA HALL

Join us on December 8.

HOMECOMING

Reunite with classmates on
February 10 and 11, 2017.

A RETURN TO THE 60s

An annual NU reunion featuring
a zip line, BBQ, and a banjo



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From the President

Dr. Joseph L. Castleberry, Ed.D.

HOMECOMING 2017: WELCOME BACK TO NU!

It is my great pleasure to invite you to Homecoming 2017, which will be celebrated on February 10 and 11 at the Kirkland campus.

The success of any university depends on alumni who remain powerfully connected to the school. The class of 1937 had the foresight to start our alumni association immediately upon their graduation. NU alums have remained involved ever since, sending new students to the college—especially their own children and grandchildren, returning to join the faculty, serving on boards and commissions, and contributing generously in many ways. Many alumni have been financially generous to the college over the past 82 years, despite the fact that many early alumni dedicated themselves to church ministry and lived sacrificial lives financially for the sake of the Gospel. Alumni still bless the school with gifts large and small, and two have made gifts valued in excess of \$1 million over the years. In the future, alumni giving at all levels will increase even more. *But our future success will greatly depend on establishing a great Homecoming tradition that brings our alumni together in vibrant relationships.*

You should be aware that while we changed our name to Northwest University in 2005, we were ranked in U.S. News and World Report as a regional university for the first

time this year. Not only did we “graduate” from status as a *regional college* to that of *regional university*, we achieved recognition as a top-tier school in that category, tied with California State University-Northridge (one of the largest comprehensive universities in California) and Texas A&M-International. Money Magazine ranked us #20 among all universities in America in its Value-Added category, ranking us above Yale, Cornell, Duke, and Notre Dame. That means we are providing a truly remarkable education at a real bargain. Money Magazine also ranked us #21 among private universities in their “Most Affordable” category.

In short, Northwest College has grown up to be a strapping young university with a world-class future. We think you ought to come back and take a good look at the old alma mater, so we are making a renewed effort to make Homecoming a priority.

Great Homecoming traditions do far more than help fund the future of world-class colleges. They provide real service, enrichment, and joy to alumni. They reconnect classmates and interconnect them with bright young alumni. Most people over 50 have figured out that the biggest blessings in their life come from empowering young people. Making professional and personal connections with our recent alumni provides



an amazing opportunity for Kingdom impact and personal fulfillment. We have engineered this year’s Homecoming purposefully to achieve such relationships. By the way, your children need to see the place where you went to school, so they can start dreaming of their own attendance in the near future.

We hope you will come back to campus for Homecoming this year, and that its effect on you and your family will truly surprise you. You should come and see why we have dubbed NU “the University of Possibility.” If you haven’t visited the campus in a few years, you will be amazed at how beautiful it looks, what impressive things our faculty are doing, where our graduates are landing, and inspired as you talk to the current students. We’ve got a great tradition started here in the short period of 82 years, and it’s only going to get better. Don’t miss out on it!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph L. Castleberry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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THE NU ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: *Membership Has Its Privileges.*

If you've ever thought about joining the NU Alumni Association, there are plenty of reasons to do so. It's a great way to stay in touch with NU and your fellow alumni, and it offers real benefits you can use. Joining is simple. Just complete the online form and begin your membership privileges right away: www.northwestu.edu/alumni/association.

ID Card

The NU ID card will provide you access to a variety of benefits—both on and off campus.

Northwest Passages

Twice each year we'll send you an edition of Northwest Passages—a magazine that will help you stay connected with your fellow alumni. Each edition highlights campus news and events, student stories, as well as alumni features and updates.

Alumni Newsletter

Stay right up to the minute with our e-newsletter. It comes out several times each year and provides you with all the latest NU news and events.

Eagle Fitness Center

The fitness center is an on-campus gym located in the Barton building. Being a part of the Alumni Association grants you access for \$15/month or \$25/month for a family membership.

Take a Free Class

Still desiring to learn and participate on the Northwest University Kirkland campus? NU grads have the opportunity to attend an undergraduate day or evening class totally free of tuition charge. Please contact the registrar's office for more information: registrarsoffice@northwestu.edu.

Library Access

As Northwest University alumni, you are given full borrowing privileges at the Hurst Library. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of the learning resources that are available through our library system. To check out books, all you need is your ID card.

Hotel Discounts

Here's another benefit you'll enjoy by becoming a member of the Alumni Association: discounts at local Kirkland hotels when visiting the campus during university events.

Young Alumni Gather at Their First Event

On September 25th, a new tradition was started. Over 40 alumni gathered at McMenamans Anderson School in Bothell to watch the Seahawks play the San Francisco 49ers. Amidst the cheers and celebration were young alumni that had graduated from Northwest University within the last 20 years, and several alumni board members, including Rachel Birrell, Lisa Truemper Scott, and LeRoy Johnson. President Castleberry also stopped by to reconnect with former students and cheer the Seahawks on to victory.

One of the highlights of the afternoon was the opportunity for alumni to reminisce about their college experience with their former professor, Leroy Johnson—a beloved instructor of many students during his distinguished tenure at NU. Relationships were rekindled over finger foods, laughter, and recollections of life as an Eagle. While the food was good, the conversation and community were even better.

Guests were also able to relax in the outdoor patio while enjoying the sunshine of a beautiful September afternoon. Leanne Konzelman, Director of Alumni and Parent Relations, gathered contact cards from almost every alumnus in attendance and raffled off items ranging from NU merchandise to Seahawks gear. According to Leanne, these types of events are an important way for alumni to keep in contact with one another, network, and find ways to mentor today's NU students.

By the end of the afternoon there was one resounding opinion of the young alumni who had gathered: create more events like this one. While the Seahawks soared to victory, a room full of Eagles built relationships, both old and new, and remembered the place and the people that changed their lives forever.

You'll find more information on upcoming events at www.northwestu.edu/alumni/events.







ORIENTATION 2016: ONLY THE BEGINNING.

Orientation occurs at the beginning of every school year—four days that are designed to help new students acclimate to their new life at NU. Students may leave home a bit nervous, but when they arrive on campus to the cheering throngs of NU students, that nervousness is soon transformed into excitement.

Each day of Orientation has a theme around which various activities are built. Those themes are taken directly from NU's mission: academic excellence, spiritual vitality, and empowered engagement with human need. By the end of Orientation, new students have a sense of belonging, and many are beginning to realize what a special place God has prepared for them.





Tickets start at \$15 and are available through the Benaroya Hall Ticket Office. There is a 10 percent group discount for parties of 10 or more.

Benaroya Hall Ticket Office
Phone: 206-215-4747*
Online: www.benaroyahall.org*

*A service fee of 12% per ticket applies to phone and online orders placed with Benaroya Hall regardless of the number of tickets purchased.

In addition to the concert, parents and alumni are also invited to a reception before the concert. For more information contact leanne.konzelman@northwestu.edu.



THE NORTHWEST
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JOINED BY THE
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ORCHESTRA
PRESENT
**CHRISTMAS
TRADITIONS**

Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Benaroya Hall
S. Mark Taper Foundation Auditorium

Featuring Christmas selections by Courtney, Forrest, Rutter, and Whitacre.
Directed by William Owen

A LIFE WELL CONDUCTED

by William Owen - Associate Professor, Music

IF someone were to ask me when I was 15 years old, “What do you want to do with your life,” my response would have described what I am doing right now. To go back even further, I can’t tell you that I ever had a day when I didn’t know what I wanted to do with my life. I always knew my life would center around music and ministry—not one or the other, both. I didn’t always know how that was going to pan out, but I knew where I was going. I have no doubt that this was due in part to the home in which I was raised. My father was a reformed Pentecostal preacher from Wales; my mother was a classically trained pianist from London. Hence, from my earliest

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memories, I remember hearing great music and great sermons. “Why,” I thought, “can’t we have both of these in the church. Sermons that encompass a big worldview coupled with music to match.”

Thus, I began to make decisions that aligned my life with that objective. At first, I thought I’d be working in a church as a music minister all of my life. During my undergraduate years, I realized that it would also include higher education.

However, I figured that it might be a good idea to be a minister of music for several years before ever assuming that I could teach others how to be one. So prior to my time at Northwest, I spent roughly 16 years in full-time music ministry at several churches in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and Manitoba, Canada.

In the spring of 1999, I realized that my time of ministry at Calvary Temple in Winnipeg, Manitoba was coming to an end. I learned of an open position at Northwest College, applied for the position, and the rest is history. Now, 17 years later, I can look back and see how God ▶



prepared me for my time here at NU. I can truly say that I have not lost my desire to be used of God in the area of music and ministry.

From 2006 to 2012, I served Seattle's University Presbyterian Church as their Director of Choral Worship, in addition to maintaining my position here at NU. Why? I love utilizing big choirs, brass and timpani, and organ in a spirit-led attempt to create transcendent experiences that positively shape our Christian formation.

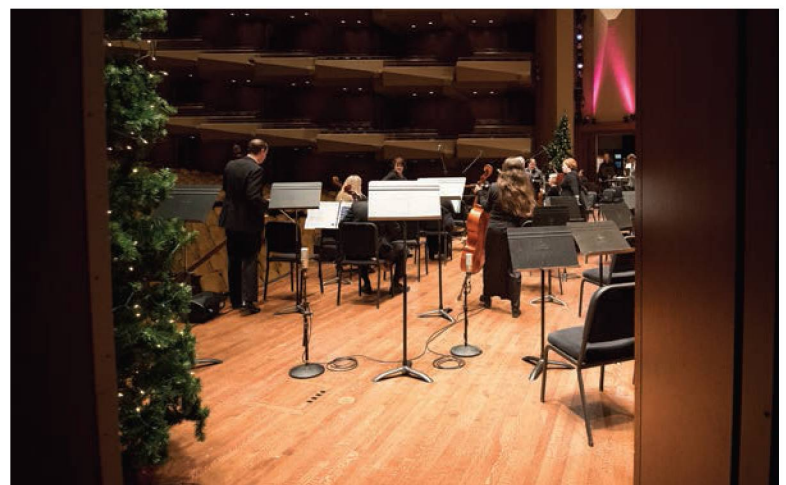
Music is a cherished gift from God. I believe that its primary purpose is to be used as a vehicle

Music, or any art, is not ultimately an end unto itself. It must point to something much greater than itself; and in this case, that something is a person—the Lord Jesus Christ!

through which His people worship and honor Him. To me, music must be iconic. Music, or any art, is not ultimately an end unto itself. It must point to something much greater than itself; and in this case, that something is a person—the Lord Jesus Christ!

At Northwest University, I am afforded the unique opportunity to do this, and thus fulfill what I believe to be my life mission—being used of God to create transcendent experiences that positively shape our Christian formation. That is what I try to do every day in class, in rehearsal,

and in the concert hall. This is why we do the Benaroya Hall Christmas Concert. It is coming together, vocalist and instrumentalist alike, and blending our voices and instruments in glorifying the Lord. And, as King David has admonished us, we should strive to do this as skillfully as we can. I am thankful for this wonderful opportunity to be able to work at a Christian university where it emphasizes both spiritual vitality and academic excellence. *That* is what this concert embodies at its very heart. ♦





YOU CAN LIVE IN ALASKA AND STILL ATTEND NU.

Your path to a degree from Northwest University just got closer. We offer a growing selection of online courses that are available whenever and wherever you are. Whether earning your first degree or an advanced degree, ours are accredited at the highest levels possible. And your faith will be supported by a Christ-centered academic institution. No matter where you call home, our online degree programs can help expand your career possibilities.

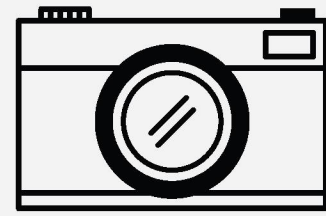
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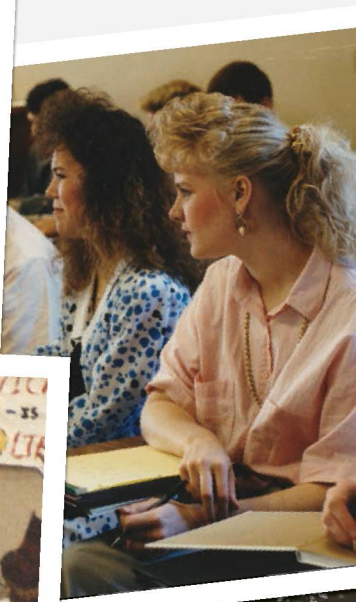




SNAPSHOTS

NU Through The Years





PROVISION. PARTNERSHIP. POSSIBILITY.

One student's story with NU Donors

For many Northwest students, scholarships don't just help cut back the tuition bill, they enable educations and pave the way for careers—they make the impossible possible.

Alyssa Kellum is one of those students. Just as she was making college plans, Alyssa was diagnosed with a rare genetic hearing disorder at 17. The compassionate care she received from nurses at that time contributed to her desire to study nursing herself.

But between the medical expenses and already tight finances at home, she knew she would be on her own for tuition and wondered if she could afford nursing school. During her last year of high school, Alyssa earned her certification as an emergency medical technician as a “plan B” should the finances not come together.

It turned out that no backup plan was necessary. Alyssa applied to Northwest and received a generous financial aid package, but some educational expenses remained. So she moved from Oregon to Washington the summer before her first year at NU and began working 50-hour weeks as a nanny to save up money toward tuition.

When her first semester was about to start, she was still short several thousand dollars of tuition money, but God was faithful to provide: “The provision of the Lord has been miraculous,” Alyssa said. “Last year, I was exactly \$4,200 short in tuition money. I just kept praying that the Lord would provide, and He did, one week before school started, down to the dollar.”

But Alyssa found herself in a similar situation as she was about to start her sophomore year as a nursing major at

NU. Some one-year scholarships that she had been awarded by community organizations back home were coming to an end, and she didn't know how she would make up the difference in the new school year.

Meanwhile, Kim and Tim Martin were considering how they could contribute to Northwest's commitment to spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and empowered engagement with human need. Both work in government affairs for the health care industry, and Kim is a Northwest University Foundation Trustee.

After attending NU's 2015 Foundation Scholarship Reception, and hearing the stories of both scholarship recipients and scholarship donors, Kim was inspired about the possibility of creating



a scholarship endowment in honor of Tim's mother, Faye Seick Martin, who spent her career as a critical care nurse.

Faye attended Bible college with the intent of becoming a missionary, but her education was cut short when her father passed away during what would have been her final year in college. Several years later, after marrying and starting a family, Faye went back to school to study nursing and graduated in 1969. She expressed her heart for missions by spending the next two decades ministering to patients as a critical care nurse at Tacoma General Hospital.

Kim and Tim established the Faye Seick Martin Scholarship Endowment for Nursing to honor that legacy. And in Alyssa, they found a heart similarly aligned to both ministry and nursing. "My passion is to see lost people come to know Christ," Alyssa said. "I am getting my degree in nursing, ultimately, to achieve that end."

The Martins are a large part of making that possible. This year, Alyssa became the very first recipient of the Faye Seick Martin Scholarship Endowment for Nursing—a gift that both answered her prayers for financial provision and enables her to pursue the training and work she feels God is calling her.

"I would not be attending Northwest University at all if it were not for the scholarships given to me," Alyssa said. "I understand the kind of time and energy I would have to spend to come up with the amount of money that I have been so generously given. . . . and I do not take the generosity of my scholarship donors lightly."

Through this endowment, the Martins are able to honor Faye's legacy and, in Tim's words, "encourage students to pursue the academic training and spiritual foundation needed to face the challenge of healing both hurts and hearts in the current health care setting." In turn, the impact that Alyssa and future recipients of the endowment will have as nurses will have a lasting impact on many people and families, making a difference in generations to come.



From left to right: President Castleberry, Alyssa Kellum, and Kim and Tim Martin.



A RETURN TO THE 60s

by Elvin Huston, class of 1968

The alumni gathering in Sedro-Woolley, Washington is an incredible re-convergence of the lives of men and women who first encountered each other in the halls of Northwest University in the 1960s. What began 14 years ago has become a special event for alumni and their families, as well as NU faculty and staff.

HOW DID THE REUNION COME ABOUT?

It began years ago with the spiritual pursuit in the hearts of young men and women that brought them to Northwest University as students. Their desire to know and do God's will have joined them in a unique way as they studied, socialized,

and served together at NU before going out on their life's journey and being scattered in many directions. Every summer since 2003, many of these men and women have gathered in Sedro-Woolley to reconnect, reminisce, and share in times of worship and spiritual refreshment.

WHO ATTENDS?

The purpose from the very beginning was to get together with college classmates who attended or graduated from NU during the 1960s. Over time, others have joined. Now you'll also find Eagles from the 70s who attend. The venue is not closed. It's called the 60s reunion because the majority of those who attend are from that era, but others are welcome.

HOW HAS IT GROWN?

The first two years at Sedro-Woolley were the largest in attendance. Over the 14 years the group has met, attendance has ranged from a low of 75 to a high of 130. All told, over 320 alums and former and present NU professors and staff have participated in the Sedro-Woolley celebrations. Family and non-alum guests are always welcome as well.

HOW HAS IT CHANGED?

In the beginning, the reunion was a Saturday only event centering around a potluck picnic and an afternoon of music and testimonies. Alum Anita (Benskin) Buchanan thought that there should be more time for fellowship and requested to make it

a weekend event. Beginning in August 2004, the format was changed to Friday night, all day Saturday, concluding with a Sunday morning worship and communion service.

WHAT DO ALUMNI DO?

The goal of the weekend is to provide a break from the pressures and routine responsibilities of home, work, and ministry. The environment of the campground itself is an invitation to relax, slow down, and open up. There is a focus on fellowship and sharing, both one on one, and in testimony, song, exhortation, and prayer for one another as we meet together in different sessions. The weekend concludes with worship and communion on Sunday morning.

WHY DO ALUMNI KEEP COMING?

During the weekend, people experience a deep sense of family and genuine fellowship. Worship that includes songs and choruses associated with the early days of walking with God seem to open the soul and rekindle a believer's "first love." The reunion provides a venue that uncaps the reservoir in the souls of attendees. When you join with others to sing the songs associated with your introduction to Christ and your growth as a young Christian, it is profoundly meaningful.

WHAT DO ALUMNI SAY ABOUT THE EVENT?

"We look forward to this weekend all year."

"This weekend is the highlight of our summer."

"We wouldn't miss this for anything."

"We always go away feeling so refreshed."

"We wish we experienced this kind of fellowship and worship in our church."

You are welcome to start your own reunion based on graduation year, major, group affinity, or other criteria. And be sure to attend this year's Homecoming event on February 10 and 11 to reconnect with your classmates. For more information, email alumni@northwestu.edu.





NU Alumni Events: Keeping You Connected

Your NU experience doesn't have to end once you graduate. We offer various ways to stay connected to your alma mater and to all of the people who came to mean so much to you while you were here. Why not connect with them again? Visit northwestu.edu/calendar for a complete list of Northwest University events.

Christmas Traditions Concert
December 8, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Benaroya Hall, Seattle

Fall Graduation Chapel
December 9, 2016 at 10:40 a.m.
Butterfield Chapel, Northwest University

Choralons Concert
December 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
Butterfield Chapel, Northwest University

Men's Basketball Game
January 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.
Pavilion, Northwest University

Pursuit Conference
January 23, 24, and 25, 2017
Butterfield Chapel, Northwest University

Women's Basketball Game
February 4, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.
Pavilion, Northwest University

Alumni Chapel
February 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
and 11:20 a.m.
Butterfield Chapel, Northwest University

President's Banquet
February 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
The Westin, Bellevue

Homecoming Weekend
February 10 and 11, 2017
Northwest University Campus



Welcome Home
HOMECOMING

— 2017 —



We can't wait to see you at Homecoming 2017. To reserve your space, visit northwestu.edu/alumni/homecoming/ and sign up.

THERE WAS A TIME WHEN YOU CALLED NORTHWEST UNIVERSITY *HOME*.

It was where you lived, ate, studied, worshipped, and made good friends—many you still have today. Many more you haven't seen in a while. On **February 10-11**, we're bringing back a tradition just for you: Homecoming 2017. It will be a wonderful time of fun, food, worship, and reminiscing with fellow alumni and faculty. It's our one chance this year to come together as a community and celebrate the people and times that have shaped us to this very day.

A TWO DAY CELEBRATION WITH NO TESTS OR ESSAYS.

The last time you were here, there was a focus on academics. This time your sole purpose is to have a great time. There are lots of activities planned for Homecoming 2017 with a nice balance of free time to spend as you deem best.

Friday, February 10

Alumni Chapel
President's Banquet

Saturday, February 11

Morning Worship
Founders' Reunion Brunch
Department Reunions
Education
Business
College of Arts and Sciences
Nursing
Ministry
English
Psychology
Estate & Will Planning Workshop
Women's Basketball Game
Men's Basketball Game

STAFF & FACULTY UPDATES

College of Adult and Professional Studies

Jim Jessup, Administration

Conferences:

Led breakout session at Assemblies of God Faculty Conference, Online Program Director's group, June 2016.

Bekah Ruiz, Staff

Publications:

Ruiz, Eleazar & Rebekah, (2016). *Golly's Folly*, Mill Creek, Washington: Patrol Books. (children's book)

College of Arts and Sciences

Renee Bourdeaux, Faculty

Dissertation:

Bourdeaux, R. (2016, May). *Relational Maintenance Strategies, Positivity, and Constructive Financial Conversations in Romantic, Committed Partnerships*. North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota.

Publications:

Beck, S. J., Bourdeaux, R., DiTunnariello, N., & Paskewitz, E. (2016). A review and technological consideration of the Bona Fide Group Perspective. *Small Group Research*.

Tracie Delgado, Faculty

Presentation:

Delgado, T. (2016, October). *Tips for Early Success in a New Mentor-Mentee Relationship: Expectations, Communication, and Independence*, presented at the Society for Advancement of Chicano's and Native American's in the Sciences National Conference, Long Beach, California.

Sarah Drivdahl, Faculty

Presentation:

Drivdahl, S.B., Arnold, M., & Hiatt, R. (2016, April). *Discussions about Sex in Religious Families*. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Western Psychological Association, Long Beach, California.

Will Mari, Faculty

Dissertation:

Mari, W. (2016). *The American Newsroom: A Social History, 1920 to 1960*, ProQuest. University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

Presentations:

Mari, W. (2016, October). *Cartoons in the newsroom: 1920-1960*. American Journalism Historians Association Annual Convention, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Jeremiah Webster, Faculty

Publications:

Webster, J. (2016). *Annunciation* (Poem). *Anglican Theological Review*.

College of Business

Rowlanda Cawthon, Faculty

Presentation:

Cawthon, R. (2016, July). *Fostering Educational Excellence through Building Relationships*. Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

Don Doty, Faculty

Conference:

Chair, *Leadership Development* session, 2016 Academy of Management Meeting, Anaheim, California, August 2016.

Workshop, *Reducing Anxiety and Improving Performance of Management Oral Presentations*, 2016 Academy of Management Annual Meeting, Anaheim California, August 2016.

College of Education

Kenneth Whaley, Faculty

Presentations:

Whaley, K.A., (2016, June). *Teacher evaluation methods and basic psychological need satisfaction: Undermining or vitalizing?* Paper presented at the 6th International Conference on Self-Determination Theory, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Whaley, K. A., Jacobson, R., & Delamarter, J. (2016, April). *A review of Northwest University teacher candidates' edTPA performance data.* Panel Discussion on Analyzing Data through the Washington State Indicator System at the spring meeting of the Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Toppenish, Washington.

Jacobson, R., & Whaley, K. A. (2016, April). *The development of a data collection system and its uses.* Panel discussion on Data Systems used by Washington State Colleges of Education at the spring meeting of the Washington Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Toppenish, Washington.

College of Ministry

Blaine Charette, Faculty

Conferences:

Charette, B. (2016). *Spirit and Perception in Mark's Gospel.* Presented at annual meeting of Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas, November 19-22, 2016.

Charette, B. (2016). *Rethinking Cultural Engagement.* Presented at: Christ & Cascadia 2016 Conference, Seattle, Washington, October 14-15, 2016.

Joshua Ziefle, Faculty

Presentations:

Ziefle, J. (Fall 2016). *The Spirit Bade Me Go: David du Plessis and the Missionary Nature of the Charismatic Movement.* Paper presented at Charismatic Renewal in Historical Perspective (1950-2000) Conference, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford University, Fall 2016.

Ziefle, J. (Summer 2016). *By His Stripes We Are Healed?: Exploring a Pentecostal Aspect of the Atonement With Karl Barth.* Annual Karl Barth Conference, Princeton Theological Seminary, Summer 2016.

David Thomas, Faculty

Preaching:

Centro Cristiano de Guayaquil men's conference, Holy Spirit conference, and consulting, Ecuador, 2016.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Brooke Lundquist, Faculty

Conferences:

Bloomquist, L., Lundquist, B., and Sites, J. (2016, November). *Cultural Immersion in your Own Backyard: Two Creative Teaching Activities to Develop Self-Awareness and Cross-Cultural Competencies.* Western Association for Counselor Education and Supervision conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Tang, A., Peters, M., Chang, V., Lundquist, B., Ng, K., and Bloomquist, L. (2016, November). *Dissertation-ing Through Distance Learning Mediums.* Western Association for Counselor Education and Supervision conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Internships:

Counseling internship at Bethany Christian Assembly, Everett, Washington.

Office of the Provost

Ben Thomas, Administration

Dissertation:

Thomas, B. 2016. *Characteristics of Higher Education Environments Conducive to Adaptive Change.* Azusa Pacific University, Azusa California.

Traditional Admissions

Isaac Peabody, Staff

EP: "Indigo", wrote, produced, and recorded all of the songs, <https://itunes.apple.com/us/album/indigo/id1104600653>.

ALUMNI UPDATES

SEND US YOUR NEWS!

Stay connected with your classmates as they share personal and professional updates and some great NU memories.

Visit www.northwestu.edu/alumni/update if you have an update or a favorite memory you'd like to share with Northwest.

1980s

Rev. Richard Oertel ('85) My wife and I recently received a missionary associate appointment to Japan after 26 years of pastoral ministry and 6 years of "retirement." We will be filling in for missionaries who will be returning from the field to itinerate and take much needed rest. Pray for us as we raise the needed funds to follow this call of God on our lives.
Email: rich.oertel@gmail.com

1990s



Tony ('90) and Lori ('89) Cloud I serve as a chaplain for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services at a total confinement facility located in the Puget Sound. My wife, Lori serves as a chemical dependency professional in Tacoma, Wash. We both also provide Fetal Alcohol

Spectrum Disorder education and support by blogging about our experience as adoptive parents of now 20 year old fraternal twins with FASD at www.adjustedexpectations.com.
Email: e.anthonycloud@gmail.com



Vincent DiGiulio ('96) Since graduating from Northwest, I have been doing research and writing. The first book I wrote focuses on the cause of the dispute between the Catholic Church and the Free Masons. As I was researching, I was able to obtain the information I needed from the

Vatican Library and the Vatican Vault with the help of then Cardinal Ratzinger who would later become Pope Benedict. Presently, I am doing research for a second book based on the interwoven aspects of the Knights Templar, the Knights of Malta, the Vatican, and Free Masonry.
Email: vincent02@frontier.com

2000s

Derald Porter ('09) I'm now a licensed agent for the Farmers Insurance Group. I work both at the district office in Lynnwood, Wash. and from home in Juanita, serving clients in the tri-county area. I would love to connect with Northwest alumni and staff looking for quality coverage for their home, auto, or life, delivered with compassion and care for the client.

Email: woodway@comcast.net



Casey Fowler ('09) It has been a busy seven-and-a-half years since my wife and I left Northwest on life's adventures! We purchased our first home in May 2011, I received my MSN as a family

nurse practitioner, and my wife received her MFA in creative writing concentrating in poetry in 2013. Our son, Jeremiah was born on September 29, 2014 and I graduated with a Doctor of Nursing Practice in December 2015. I was recently promoted to a clinical advisor, where I train and oversee a team of nurse practitioners. God has been very good to us! Casey is a wonderful wife and mother, and we are so thankful for her! Now we are planning a break from formal education.

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2010s

Lindsey (Bruner) Weaver ('11) I am currently working at a drop-in center in SeaTac, Wash. for women and young girls escaping human trafficking and the commercial sex trade. My husband and I celebrated the arrival of our first child on May 25, a son named Colt. And we are a proud military family (Air Force) based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

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Featured Update

Dan ('97) and Danita ('96) Taylor *Greetings from Portugal! Recently, the 40th graduating class of the Assemblies of God's Mount Hope Bible Institute was recognized for the successful completion of their studies. Classmates laughed over shared memories, tinged with a hint of sadness knowing they were soon leaving close friends behind. They were relieved to have written their final papers, but retained a strong desire to learn and grow. The excitement and nervousness they felt for the future was bolstered by the certainty that God's hand was upon them as they took their next steps.*

Times like these lend themselves naturally to reflection and thanksgiving. The students were certainly doing this, and we did as well. As we think of our partners in the ministry in Portugal, we are reminded of Paul's words to the Corinthian church, "I know your eagerness to help, and I have been boasting about it to the [brothers here]... and your enthusiasm has stirred most of them to action (2 Cor. 9:2)." Paul goes on to say, "through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God (1 Cor. 9:11)." This defines real partnership at work; the generosity of one and the work of another combine to cause others to give thanks to God.

Over the past year, our giving partners have enabled us to teach Bible and practical ministry courses, work on an initial structure for sending missionaries from Portugal to the world, counsel individuals and couples, visit churches from north to south, preach on missions and evangelism, encourage couples in ministry, care for hurting hearts and assist refugees as they flood into Europe. One gives. One works. God receives the praise.

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