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Welcome to the Adventure

The story of the *missio dei*, or mission of God, stands at the very heart of everything we do at AGTS. It is the story our students hear from the moment they enter AGTS, and it is the story they will tell for the rest of their lives. It is a story of adventure, intrepid journey and daring experience. It calls us to risk everything while guaranteeing that we have nothing to lose and a kingdom to gain.

The curriculum at AGTS is designed to prepare students for leadership in the adventure of God's mission. We are seeking to shape servant leaders with knowledge, skill and passion to revitalize the church and evangelize the world in the power of the Spirit.

As you read this catalog, you will read a story about a river, a bridge, a vehicle and a road. They are the elements of a story that will become your story, and they will make your mission the fulfillment of God's mission.

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Message From the President

These opening years of the 21st century are a time marked by increased worldwide violence, uncertain economies and unprecedented change. The full impact of globalization is just beginning to be felt, and it signals daunting changes for us all. But for the church empowered and led by the Spirit, the words of Jehovah God recorded by the prophet Isaiah give hope confidence.

“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, Here am I, here am I.” (Isaiah 65:1, NIV)

The missionary God we serve is going to demonstrate his redeeming power in places we never dreamed possible and through means that will astound us all. At AGTS we anticipate the journey into exciting challenges, because the task of developing leaders for this unfolding harvest is why this seminary exists.

AGTS is not engaged in educating students for a good job, success or social status. We are forming Pentecostal leaders who are able to call people to repentance, create communities that offer a glimpse of what Kingdom life really looks like, and make disciples of all nations. Our mission gets its impetus from God’s mission.

We want to stimulate, strengthen and develop more Pentecostal leaders to win the world to Christ. The men and women we train embody a hunger for God, integrity of character, confidence in proclamation and creativity in ministry. We are ready and willing to train Pentecostal leaders for the third millennium.



*Byron D. Klaus, D.Min.
President*

Statement

This publication is certified as true and correct in content and policy as of the date of publication. The seminary does reserve the right to make changes of any nature in programs, finances, calendar or academic schedules whenever these changes are deemed necessary or desirable, including changes in course content, class rescheduling and the cancellation of scheduled classes or other academic activities. Changes in college work-study and student loan programs or policies with which AGTS must comply are at the discretion of federal and state governments.

Elements of the AGTS Curriculum

The curriculum at AGTS is designed to form habits of theological reflection based on a deep sense of the mission of God in Christ by the Spirit through the church. In order to form these habits, the curriculum consists of coursework organized according to four metaphorical images:

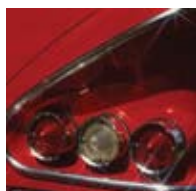


The River

The multidisciplinary core of our curriculum is named the *River* because it covers the flow of salvation history from the beginnings of biblical revelation to the present.

The Bridge

The practical theology component is called the *Bridge* because it serves as a bridge from theological understanding to ministerial practice.



The Vehicle

Academic specialities are known as the *Vehicle*, because they provide the expertise in a particular branch of theological studies or ministerial practice that will help you get where you are going in ministry.

The Road

The *Road* refers to supervised field education encounters, providing pathways into the world where true *praxis*, the union of theological reflection and practical ministry, occurs.



The academic degree programs of AGTS put these elements together in combinations specially designed to help you get the education and training you need to make the most of your calling and to prepare you for confidence in the midst of missional endeavor.

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The Faculty at AGTS

AGTS faculty members are more than just scholars—they are Pentecostal believers who are committed to serving the church through scholarship, teaching, on-going ministry in the church and formative relationships with students. We like to say that being a both/and person—committed to both the academy and the church—is a requirement for all AGTS administrators and faculty members. As you get to know them, you will catch their passion for understanding and carrying out ministry in the power of the Spirit.

Teaching Administrators

Joseph L. Castleberry

Academic Dean

Associate Professor of Intercultural Studies

B.A., Evangel College (now Evangel University)

M.Div., Princeton Theological Seminary

Ed.D., Teachers College, Columbia University



Dr. Castleberry assumed his position as academic dean in January 2003. As a missionary he served as academic dean of the Assemblies of God Biblical Seminary in Quito, Ecuador (1997-2001) while also pastoring Centro Cristiano del Norte, which planted four daughter churches under his leadership. He is founder of the Freedom Valley Project, a community development ministry among the African-American people of Ecuador's Chota Valley Region. Before his ministry in Ecuador, he served as associate dean for Latin America at Global University, as a missionary in El Salvador and as the AG chaplain at Princeton University. His most recent publications include articles in *Rev. Magazine* and *The Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, book reviews in *Pneuma*, two New Testament Greek self-study textbooks forthcoming from Global University Press, and a chapter in *The Spiritual Gifts in a Postmodern Age*. His current research interests include the intersections between globalization and Christian mission, and the relationship between Pentecostal and postmodern thought.



Earl G. Creps

Director of Doctor of Ministry

Associate Professor of Leadership and Spiritual Renewal

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D.Min., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Dr. Creps brings to his work at AGTS a rich background in both ministry and education. He has served as a senior pastor in Maine, Florida and Missouri—often utilizing radio and television—and as a staff pastor in Vermont. He has been active in district ministries and served as sectional presbyter in the Northern New England District Council. Dr. Creps began his teaching career in the state university system of Vermont and has also served as adjunct faculty for several Christian institutions. On the national level, he was for a time adult ministries consultant for The General Council of the Assemblies of God (AG) and has been a member of various General Council committees. Dr. Creps is a frequent speaker at conventions, seminars and retreats with special interests in communication and leadership training. He is currently leading a research project for a book on emerging culture, postmodernity and the Pentecostal church under funding from the Louisville Foundation.



Mario H. Guerreiro

*Director of Enrollment Management
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A.A., Vermont Technical College
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Prior to receiving his call to ministry, Dr. Guerreiro was employed with a Fortune 500 computer-manufacturing firm in roles ranging from compensation analyst to project manager. Since entering the ministry he has served a number of churches as senior pastor including, most recently, Sullivan Christian Church in Sullivan, Ohio. Dr. Guerreiro serves as the chairperson of the Association of Theological Schools SPAN (Student Personnel Administrators Network) committee. In addition, he has served the association by participating on the race relations task force. Born in India, Mario grew up in Mozambique, Africa, and is fluent in Portuguese.

Byron D. Klaus

*President
Professor of Intercultural Leadership Studies*

B.S., Bethany Bible College
M.R.E., Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary



Dr. Klaus assumed his position as president in 1999, after 20 years on the faculty and administration at Vanguard University of Southern California. Previous to serving at Vanguard, he served local churches in California, Texas and Illinois. While at Vanguard University, Dr. Klaus also served as vice president for Latin America Child Care (LACC), a child development ministry serving over 80,000 children in 21 nations in Latin America and the Caribbean. His commitment to leadership development in growing churches around the world has taken him to preach and to develop leaders in over 50 nations in the world. Dr. Klaus' scholarly work includes publications and books published by Baker Book House, Moody Press, Logion Press, Regal Books, Hendrickson Publishers, Regnum Books International and Routledge Publishers. He is coeditor of *Called and Empowered: Pentecostal Mission in Global Perspective* and *The Globalization of Pentecostalism: A Religion Made to Travel*.



Dorothea J. Lotter

*Director of Institutional and Alumni Relations and
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B.B.A., Evangel University
C.F.R.M., The Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University
Master's studies, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Mrs. Lotter has served in the development and growth of AGTS since its founding in 1972. Her current focus includes institutional and alumni relations, major gifts, developing a planned giving program, expanding the seminary's grant-seeking efforts, and special projects. Passionate about the need to provide seminary educational opportunities for people engaged in full-time ministry in the local church, she developed and implemented in 2004 the M.A.T.S. degree completion program designed

for ministers, church leaders and laity. She presented a research paper entitled *A Study of Enrollment Management Models in Seminaries and Graduate Schools* at the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers in 2003. She was awarded the Omicron Alpha Distinguished Administrator Award by the AG Commission on Christian Higher Education in 2003. Experienced in multiple facets of seminary administration, Dorothea speaks in college, seminary and professional workshops. She is a member of AACRAO, AFP, AIE, CSA, NCPG, PGCFs and AAGP.

Joseph F. Marics, Jr.

Director of Library Services

B.S., University of Arizona
M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
M.L.S., University of Missouri-Columbia

Mr. Marics has previously worked as a mechanical field construction engineer and as a research assistant at a university department of nuclear engineering. Beginning as circulation clerk in the AGTS library in 1977 during his M.Div. studies, Mr. Marics advanced rapidly in both his theological studies and library assignments to become head librarian in 1986 and, subsequently, completed his M.L.S. degree.



Paul F. Martinez

Director of Development and Alumni Relations
Adjunct Professor

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Paul Martinez has served AGTS since January 2002. Previous ministry included church planting in Orange County, California, and serving as associate pastor and business administrator at First Family Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico. During his years in pastoral ministry, he and his wife conducted numerous seminars on building healthy relationships and marriages. Currently he is developing a program to equip ministers with the tools needed to build effective teams, specifically in the church planting arena.



Jay P. Taylor

Director of Spiritual Formation
Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation

B.A., Northwest College
M.Div., D.Min., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Following a decade of associate pastoral ministry focusing on college ministries, Jay Taylor began working with emerging leaders in the educational setting. He has taught and worked in student development at Evangel University and at Asia Theological Centre For Evangelism and Missions, a AG Bible college in Singapore where he currently serves as the vice president for administration. In that multicultural setting, he works with students from around the world. For the past seven years, Jay has assisted the AGTS community in student life and spiritual formation. He has a passion for encouraging students to fulfill their God-given visions for ministry and enjoys training and equipping Church leaders around the world.





Randy C. Walls

*Director of Continuing Education
Adjunct Professor*

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M.Div., D.Min, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Since entering pastoral ministry in 1977, Dr. Walls has served congregations in Missouri, Arkansas, Illinois and Rhode Island. His ministry has been characterized by a passion for church planting, spiritual formation and engaging the cultural context of the church. His strong administrative abilities, superior friendship skills and sincere concern for the advancement of others makes him an ideal director of continuing education.

David W. Willemsen

Director of Business

B.A., Open Bible College
M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary



David Willemsen began employment at AGTS in 1989 as the coordinator of recruitment and has served as the director of business since 1994. As the chief financial officer, he oversees the direction, management and coordination of the school's budget, accounting services, financial policies and general administrative functions. Prior to his service at the seminary, he worked in the banking industry for eight years in the areas of operations and trust. Willemsen also holds credentials as an ordained minister with the Iowa District Council of the AG and pioneered a church prior to his studies at AGTS. He recently served as treasurer on the General Council Credit Union Board of Directors, and is a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO) and College and University Professional Association (CUPA). He has also conducted conference lectures and presentations for the Professional Development Group (PDG).

Resident Faculty

Roger D. Cotton

Professor of Old Testament

Ripon College
B.A., Central Bible College
M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
S.T.M., Th.D., Concordia Seminary



In addition to teaching at the college and seminary levels, Dr. Cotton served as associate pastor and minister of Christian education. He is the author of a commentary on Leviticus and various word studies in *The Complete Biblical Library*. He has written chapters for *Signs and Wonders in Ministry Today* and *Hear the Word of Yahweh*, has had an article published in *Journal of Pentecostal Theology*, as well as articles and book reviews in various denominational publications. He is passionate about doing biblical theology and expounding principles from the Old Testament for Christians today, with special interest in the Pentateuch. Cotton is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Institute for Biblical Research and the Society of Biblical Literature.

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Ph.D., Fuller Theological Seminary Dr. Gill is an ordained minister with the Minnesota District of the Assemblies of God. She has been a professor at both the undergraduate and graduate levels in New Testament, Greek, homiletics and music, and has served in missions in the Asia Pacific. She was senior pastor of Living Hope (a cell-based church) in North Oaks, Minnesota, from 1997-2001. Dr. Gill recently served as Commissioner of Discipleship and National Director of the Division of Christian Education for the General Council of the Assemblies of God. She has traveled around the globe ministering at churches, retreats, camps and conferences. Her research interests are in homiletics, formation, and women in ministry, and she is the co-author (with Barbara Cavaness) of *God's Women—Then and Now*. She is currently working toward certification as a life-coach. Dr. Gill lives a very active life and enjoys racing sailboats with her husband Jan Gill. In 2005 they were national champions in the M-16 class of the Inland Lake Yachting Association.



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B.A., State University of New York
B.S., Northeast Bible College (Valley Forge Christian College)
M.S., State University of New York
M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
M.Phil., Ph.D., Drew University

Dr. Hernando's broad teaching experience encompasses public and undergraduate, as well as graduate levels of education. He has been a contributing author for *Signs and Wonders in Ministry Today*, and his written Greek word studies for *The Complete Biblical Library*, the commentary on 2 Corinthians in the *Full Life Bible Commentary to the New Testament*, and various articles in *Paraclete*, *Pentecostal Evangel* and *Pathways for Young Adults*. He completed intensive Spanish language courses at Centro de Investigaciones Culturales y Estudios Lingüísticos in San José, Costa Rica, during the summer of 2000 and 2003. Dr. Hernando is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the Society of Biblical Literature and the Society for Pentecostal Studies.



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M.A., Azusa Pacific University
Ph.D. (Cand.), Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (University of Wales)





Edgar R. Lee

Senior Professor of Spiritual Formation and Pastoral Theology

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S.T.D., Emory University

After 14 years as academic dean of AGTS, Dr. Lee returned to the classroom as senior professor of Spiritual Formation and Practical Theology and became the founding editor of *Encounter*, AGTS'S online journal of practical theology. He began his ministry in higher education after a highly successful career as a pastor and district official in Georgia, serving as a professor and vice president for academic affairs at Southeastern College (Lakeland, Florida). Dr. Lee has served the AG as a member of the Commission on Doctrinal Purity (1986-present); secretary of the Pentecostal Textbooks Project Board; member of the Board of Directors, Southeastern College; president of Southeastern College Alumni Association; secretary of the Georgia District of the AG; district presbyter, Atlanta Section; and as a member of the Sectional Committee, Atlanta Section. Dr. Lee is a former member of the board of Directors for the Christian Council of Metropolitan Atlanta and president of the Atlanta Christian Theological Society. He is a frequent contributor to *Pentecostal Evangel*, *Enrichment* and other denominational publications, as well as the books *The Holy Spirit in Christian Education*; *Signs and Wonders in Ministry Today*; and *Elements of a Christian Worldview*. Dr. Lee is a member of the Evangelical theological Society and the Society for Pentecostal Studies. He is an approved Staley Lecturer. He has received both the Administrator Award and the Distinguished Administrator Award from the Commission on Christian Higher Education.



Stephen Lim

Chairperson, Practical Theology Department

Doctor of Ministry Project Coordinator

Professor of Leadership and Ministry

B.S., University of California—Berkeley

M.Div., D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary

After more than 30 years of effective pastoral ministry in multicultural settings, Dr. Lim brings his considerable arsenal of gifts and skills to bear as a full-time academician. He spent more than 27 years guiding one home missions church to maturity. Along the way, he has served as a college and seminary instructor and a denominational leader with service on Northern California-Nevada district presbytery and the Bethany College (now Bethany University) board of trustees. He currently is a general presbyter of the AG, representing Chinese-American churches. He is a frequent contributor to several popular Christian magazines and has published several professional articles in *Leadership*.

Gary B. McGee

Distinguished Professor of Church History and Pentecostal Studies

B.A., Central Bible College
M.A.R., Concordia Seminary
M.A., Southwest Missouri State University
Ph.D., Saint Louis University



Known for his work in the history of Pentecostal missions and missiology, Dr. McGee has extensive college and seminary teaching experience. He is an adjunct professor at institutions in India and Singapore. Dr. McGee is the author of the two-volume *This Gospel Shall Be Preached* (1986, 1989), a history of AG foreign missions; *How Sweet the Sound: God's Grace for Suffering Christians* (1994); *People of the Spirit: The Assemblies of God* (2004); *Introducing World Missions* (2004), along with A. Scott Moreau and Gary R. Corwin; and articles in numerous journals and periodicals, including *Church History*, *International Bulletin of Missionary Research*, *Missiology*, *Missionalia*, *Pneuma*, *Assemblies of God Heritage*, *Enrichment* and *Pentecostal Evangel*. His editorial experience includes co-editor of *Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements* (1988) and *Signs and Wonders in Ministry Today* (1996), editor of *Initial Evidence: Historical and Biblical Perspectives on the Pentecostal Doctrine of Spirit Baptism* (1991) and membership on the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Biographical Dictionary of Christian Missions* (1998). Dr. McGee serves as chair of the Dissertation Series Committee of the American Society of Missiology. He is an approved Staley Lecturer.

Johan Mostert

Associate Professor of Community Psychology

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B.A. (S.W.), M.A., University of South Africa
B.A., Hons, University of Stellenbosch
D.Phil., University of Pretoria



Teaching psychology and training counselors at AGTS is not just an academic exercise for Johan Mostert. After several years in his early career as a pastor of the Apostolic Faith Mission in South Africa, he left the comfort of prosperous parish ministry to become a pastoral counselor among abused and abandoned children at the Villa Lubet Children's Village. For the next 20 years he served the needs of South Africa's poorest and most vulnerable citizens, directing the National Welfare Department of his denomination for more than a decade. The severity of the AIDS crisis and compassion for the rural poor eventually led him to begin Chrisnet, a faith-based organization dedicated to channeling government grants to local churches and Christian sustainable development projects. He is widely recognized as a leading authority on local-church response to the global AIDS pandemic and travels frequently as a speaker and project consultant for faith-based development agencies. His passion as a teacher is to train counselors who will respond to human suffering wherever it is found with biblical and psychological skill and Spirit-led compassion.



Doug Oss

*Director of the Center for Expository Preaching
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M.Div., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
Ph.D., Westminster Theological Seminary

Prior to joining the faculty of AGTS, Dr. Oss served as the founding pastor of Capital Church in the City, Salt Lake City, Utah, from 1997-2004. He also taught for 10 years on the faculty of Central Bible College (1988-1997; 2004-05), and for four years on the faculty of Valley Forge Christian College (1984-88). He has planted two churches, two university ministries and has served in pastoral ministry for a total of 18 years.

Dr. Oss has an extensive ministry as a conference and camp speaker and ministers regularly to pastors and missionaries at conferences in the U.S. and abroad. He has been a plenary session speaker at the World Pentecostal Conference in Los Angeles, the Pentecostal Preachers Conference in Springfield, Mo., and the All-Europe Retreat in Terragona, Spain.

In addition to his practical ministry, Dr. Oss has been an active scholar in the areas of hermeneutics and biblical theology. He is a co-author of the book *Are Miraculous Gifts for Today* (Zondervan), and he has published articles in the *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society*; *Bulletin for Biblical Research*; *Grace Theological Journal*; *Westminster Theological Journal*; and *Enrichment Journal*. He also translated 1 and 2 Corinthians for the *New Living Translation* and served on the Translation Advisory Committee for the *English Standard Version*.

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Melody Palm's teaching experience includes the university and graduate level, both stateside and abroad. A seasoned public school educator, she has authored articles on child development, personality and temperament. As a licensed minister, with local church pastoral experience, Melody Palm has a heart and burden for women's issues as well as the development of effective women leaders and ministers. The issues of Integration and Biblically Based Counseling are a passion she pursues diligently. She is a licensed clinical psychologist and a registered psychological health service provider. Her commitment to the practitioner model keeps her actively involved in clinical practice, supervision and forensic psychology. Currently she is the director of Alpha & Omega Guidance and Counseling Center—a counseling center used for the training of AGTS students and interns. Melody is deeply committed to missions and is a consultant to Health Care Ministries and AGWM. She frequently lectures on trauma and issues of child sexual abuse. She is a member of the American Psychological Association and the American Association of Christian Counselors.





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D.Th., University of South Africa

A college and seminary professor, Dr. Railey has also served as secretary of the AG Education Department. He has extensive experience as a senior and associate pastor in North Carolina, Florida and Alabama. While on the faculty of Southeastern College of the AG for eleven years, he served as chairperson of the Systematic Theology and Philosophy Department and the Division of Religion. He is a contributor to *Advance*, *The Youth Leader*, *Paraclete*, *The Assemblies of God Educator*, *Enrichment Journal*, *Today's Pentecostal Evangel*, *Pneuma Review*, *Pneuma*, *El Embajador* and *Systematic Theology: A Pentecostal Perspective*, Stanley Horton, ed. (1994). Dr. Railey is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the Evangelical Theological Society and the Society for Pentecostal Studies.

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Licensed as minister, professional counselor and provisionally licensed psychologist, Angela Reid feels called to promote the integration of psychological disciplines with the practice of the Christian faith through higher education, practical research, community outreach and ministry to the body of Christ. Though young in her professional life, she has already built an impressive record of clinical practice, undergraduate and graduate level teaching, program administration, workshop and seminar presentations, and ministerial involvement. Her research interests include the efficacy and training needs of faith-based international crisis-response teams, culture-specific models of critical incident stress debriefing/management, and the inclusion of Judeo-Christian values among community counselors.



R. Paul Wood

Professor of Missions

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Dr. Wood served as a professor and division chair at Southeastern College (Lakeland, Florida). He is an appointed missionary with The General Council of AG World Missions (1975 to the present). He served as the academic dean of Continental Theological Seminary (Brussels, Belgium), the EurAsia coordinator of Ministerial Education and has taught and provided consultation to educators and educational institutions in over 60 countries. AG World Missions has assigned Dr. Wood a portfolio that is global in scope, focusing on leadership development. He has authored articles and administrative and academic guidelines for several educational institutions. Dr. Wood is a member of the Fellowship of European Evangelical Theologians, the European Pentecostal Theological Association, the Society for Pentecostal Studies and the Evangelical Missiological Society.

Visiting Professors



Richard L. Dresselhaus

Visiting Professor of Preaching

B.A., Luther College
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D.Min., Fuller Theological Seminary

Dr. Dresselhaus serves the Assemblies of God as a nonresident executive presbyter. After pastoring for 33 years at San Diego First AG, he began a church consulting ministry, Journey of Hope, which offers wisdom to churches and pastors in difficult situations. He is a frequent contributor to Today's Pentecostal Evangel and Enrichment.



Raymond L. Gannon

Visiting Professor of Missions and Jewish Studies

B.S., Bethany Bible College
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Th.M., Princeton Theological Seminary
Ph.D., Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Dr. Gannon has served as an AG home and foreign missionary for 30 years. He has pioneered churches in California, New York and Israel.



J. Melvyn Ming

Visiting Professor of Church Leadership

B.A., Vanguard University of Southern California
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D.Min., Drew University

A recognized authority in church leadership and management, Dr. Ming has served with distinction as the first director of the AGTS Doctor of Ministry program, and as a pastor, district official, missionary and educator. He is a former professor and vice president for academic affairs at Northwest College of the AG, and is a frequent contributor to various denominational publications and a popular teacher and preacher in camps, churches and training events.



Warren B. Newberry

Visiting Professor of Missions

B.A., Vanguard University of Southern California
M.A., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary
D.Th., University of South Africa

Bringing more than 34 years of successful missionary experience, much of it in overseas theological education, Dr. Newberry is uniquely qualified as missionary

and educator to prepare a new generation of Christian leaders for the twenty-first century. His ministry as a missionary educator has led him to Malawi, Jamaica, Bosnia and Belize, as well as ministering in a number of other countries. Dr. Newberry is an adjunct professor of religion at Global University and teaches at the Caribbean School of Theology. He has served as a professor and department chairperson at Southwestern AG University, and is a member of the Society for Pentecostal Studies, the American Society of Missiology, the Association of Professors of Mission and the Evangelical Missiological Society. His recent research includes articles for *The Encyclopedia of Protestantism* (Routledge) and a forthcoming dictionary entitled *Witnesses of Faith in the Reformed Churches* (Oxford University Press).



Lori S. O'Dea

Doctor of Ministry Program Coordinator
Visiting Professor of Practical Theology

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M.Div., D.Min., Assemblies of God Theological Seminary

Dr. O'Dea brings to AGTS a wide range of experiences in ministry, having served at multiple staff churches as both an associate pastor and as a teaching pastor. She has an extensive speaking and teaching ministry at retreats, seminars, district events and churches. Dr. O'Dea specializes in small group ministry and team leadership development. She currently serves on the Commission on Discipleship for The General Council of the AG.



DeLonn L. Rance

Chair of the Global Missions Department
Visiting Professor of Intercultural Studies

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M.A., Vanguard University
Ph.D., Fuller Theological Seminary

Doctor Honoris Causa, Universidad Cristiana de las Asambleas De Dios (El Salvador)

Twenty years of missionary experience among the people of El Salvador and a transforming vision for the training and sending of missionaries from the two-thirds world fire the passion of Dr. Rance's teaching. Having been raised in Guatemala as a child of missionaries, he experienced a call to raise up Latin Americans for missions before his teenage years began. He arrived in El Salvador as a missionary (and AGTS alumnus) at age 23 and immediately set out to fulfill that calling by becoming the founding dean and professor of missiology for the School of Theology and Missions at the Universidad Cristiana de las Asambleas de Dios. He led in the formation of the AG Department of Missions in the Salvadoran national church and served as its president for its first eight years, preaching missions across the nation of El Salvador and throughout Latin America. He is the founder of CAMAD, a missionary training center in El Salvador, and is the secretary of Misiones en Conjunto, a network of AG missions agencies in Latin American and the Caribbean. Together with other leaders, he has helped to build what has become a strong missionary movement in the national churches of the region. In addition to his missionary statesmanship, Dr. Rance served as a member of the Executive committee and General Presbytery of the AG in El Salvador for 20 years, and taught at Bethel Bible Institute. His international teaching includes work with Latin American Advanced School of Theology, Latin American Theological Seminary and Bethany College (now Bethany University).



Wardine (Dene) P. Wood

Visiting Professor of Missions and Education

B.A., Southeastern College of the Assemblies of God
M.A.T., Rollins College
Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University

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Cheryl came to AGTS following a decade of ministry in the local church, on the district level and on the foreign mission field. In addition to serving as the doctor of ministry program adviser, Cheryl enjoys teaching at AGTS and Evangel University. She also serves as the vice president for academics at Asia Theological Centre for Evangelism and Missions, an Assemblies of God Bible college in Singapore. A popular speaker at retreats and conferences, Cheryl is being used by God to help ministers gain an increased appreciation for the importance of maintaining and promoting sexual integrity in the church. Cheryl's passion is to help believers discover and fulfill their God-given potential. This endeavor currently extends to her two children: Joshua, 6, and Natalie, 3.

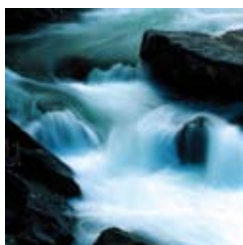


Academic Degree Programs

The Master of Divinity Degree

The Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree program is designed to form habits of theological reflection based on a deep sense of God's Mission in the world. These habits should result in serious commitment to the church and its mission. Such reflection begins with a vibrant encounter with God that creates a personal relationship of faith. Adequate theological reflection requires the acquisition of interpretive skills for understanding and living out the teachings of the Scriptures and learning from the collective experience of Christians in other times and places. Obviously, without a broad and integrated base of knowledge, students will not develop an integrated Christian worldview that makes enlightened theological reflection possible. Reflection, however, is not enough. Because AGTS desires to form organic intellectuals rather than arm-chair thinkers, theological reflection inherently involves thinking on one's feet in the course of ministerial activity. To make this kind of reflective action possible, students will develop creative practical ministry skills and the confidence to put them to work in ministry. Finally, and most importantly, students will devote themselves to spiritual formation that results in a lifetime of passionate, Spirit-filled service to God and neighbor. The M.Div. degree is also designed to prepare students fully for further graduate studies at the Ph.D. or D.Min. levels.

The River



12 credits

The Bridge



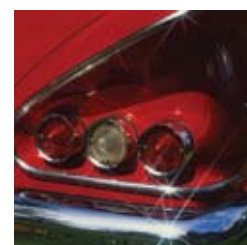
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The Road



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The Vehicle



39 credits

M.Div. Degree Components and Requirements

The M.Div. degree is the flagship degree for theological education and ministerial training. It provides a thorough education across the theological disciplines of biblical studies, theology, Church history, missions and practical theology to furnish men and women for pastoral leadership in church ministry, as well as providing an academic specialty that prepares students for continued graduate work in Ph.D. and D.Min. programs. At AGTS, the M.Div. degree requires 90 credits of study in four major components.

These curricular components prescribe required coursework and electives, and students exercise choice though the specialties they choose for the *Vehicle* component. The requirements of each of the components are as follows:

