

Pre-Seminary



Study with committed, passionate scholars who will invest in your education and spiritual growth.

Dive deeply into the Bible, explore the history of Christian traditions around the world, and learn about major world religions – all from a thoughtfully evangelical Christian perspective. Experience the Middle East, Europe, and India with your professors on a study-abroad program and put your education to work in practicum courses in churches, parachurch organizations, and more in Santa Barbara and at Westmont in San Francisco. Find your place in the millennia-old traditions of the Christian faith.

SELECTED COURSES

- Biblical Hebrew and Greek
- Pentateuch
- Prophetic Literature of the Old Testament
- Old Testament in Ancient Near Eastern Context
- Jesus and the Gospels
- Paul and his Legacy
- Early and Medieval Christianity
- Reformation and Modern Christianity
- Theology
- Missiology
- World Religions
- Internship

CAREER PATHS

- Christian counseling, clinical counseling, spiritual direction
- Foreign and domestic missions
- Journalism and the arts
- Marketing and management
- Medicine (including physical therapy), medical missions
- Music, sacred music, worship leadership
- Nonprofit organizations, NGOs, Peace Corps
- Pastoring, youth ministry
- Social work, occupational therapy
- Teaching (secondary school, undergraduate, postgraduate)
- Law and legal professions

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



HELEN RHEE, PH.D.

Helen Rhee is a church historian who examines early Christian attitudes and practices regarding wealth and poverty



CHARLES FARHADIAN, PH.D.

Charles Farhadian studies world religions and Christian mission, which takes him to Southeast Asia and the Pacific



KAZ HAYASHI, PH.D.

An Old Testament scholar and a biblical archaeologist who specializes in the Historical Books



CARYN REEDER, PH.D.

Caryn Reeder is a New Testament scholar who studies the family and violence in the Bible and biblical world



HOLLY BEERS, PH.D.

Holly Beers is a biblical scholar who investigates the ways in which New Testament authors incorporate the Old Testament into their writings.



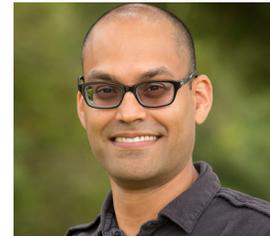
SANDRA RICHTER, PH.D.

Sandra Richter is an Old Testament scholar who comes to us from fifteen years in seminary education and ten years in pastoral ministry



TELFORD WORK, PH.D.

Telford Work is a theologian who has taught theology at seminaries in Asia, Africa, Australia, Europe, and the United States



SAMEER YADAV, PH.D.

Sameer Yadav is a theologian who works on Christian religious experience, Christianity and race, and practices of Scriptural reading



OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

- Westmont's Europe Semester
- Westmont in Northern Europe
- Westmont's England Semester
- Westmont in Cairo
- Westmont in Jerusalem
- Westmont in San Francisco

ALUMNI

After graduating from Westmont, **Kat Burgett '11** completed a Master of Divinity and spent a year on staff at a church in South Africa. She recently completed her PhD in New Testament at Duke University.

Nikki Ramage '13 completed a Master of Divinity at Azusa Pacific University on full scholarship and serves as an Associate Pastor of Free Methodist Church of Santa Barbara.

Lindsey DeWilde Muthiah '17 had worked at a local non-profit organization and just completed the Master in Social Work Program at the University of Chicago.

Wesley Simmonds '18 has been pursuing a Master of Divinity at Duke Divinity School on full scholarship.



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