

Annual Report

Elie Wiesel said that God made humankind because God loves stories. That's an understanding of God that matches mine. The God of relationships is the God of stories. In higher education we get to experience new beginnings with the start of school years, new semesters, commencement, and convocation. The thing about stories is that there are always transitions, always new beginnings. It may also be that some of us stay in higher education because we love new beginnings too—the start of new semesters gives us a chance to start over.

I don't know if God loves annual reports, but I think there is value in an organization giving testimony of the work that was done in the previous year. Often, it's graphs, numbers, and financial reports, but what we are inviting you to experience here is actually our story of momentum, growth, and progress. Like any organization, there are setbacks and disappointments, but this is a year filled with markings of further embodiment of our mission and thoughtful movement toward our strategic goals.

As you explore our 2015-16 annual report, I invite you to read it as a narrative rather than a report, a testimony of stewardship rather than a corporate statement, and a song of gratitude and praise rather than a statistical review.

As always, we want to say loudly and deeply, "Thanks be to God."



Dr. Keith Anderson
President



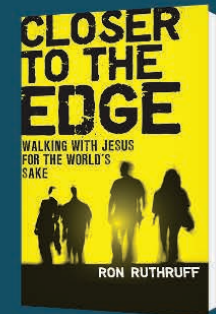
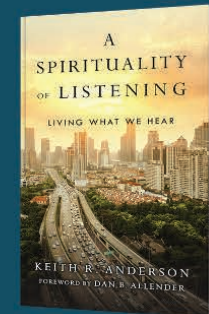
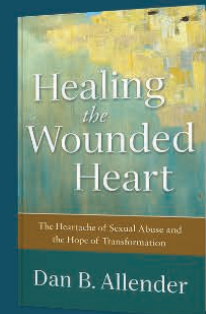
Graduating class of 2016





Faculty Publications

Our faculty are returning from busy summers full of writing, speaking, and researching, as another year of educating and equipping students in our graduate degree programs commences. [Take a look back at some faculty highlights from the previous year.](#)



New Faculty Hire



Dr. Angela Parker joined our core faculty as Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies in the Fall 2015 term.

Revised Common Core

After two years of faculty innovation, redesigning, and piloting, The Seattle School has launched a revised common curriculum designed to deepen the learning experience of our students.





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Alumni



Colorado: New Alumni
Hub



Carolinas: New Alumni
Chapter

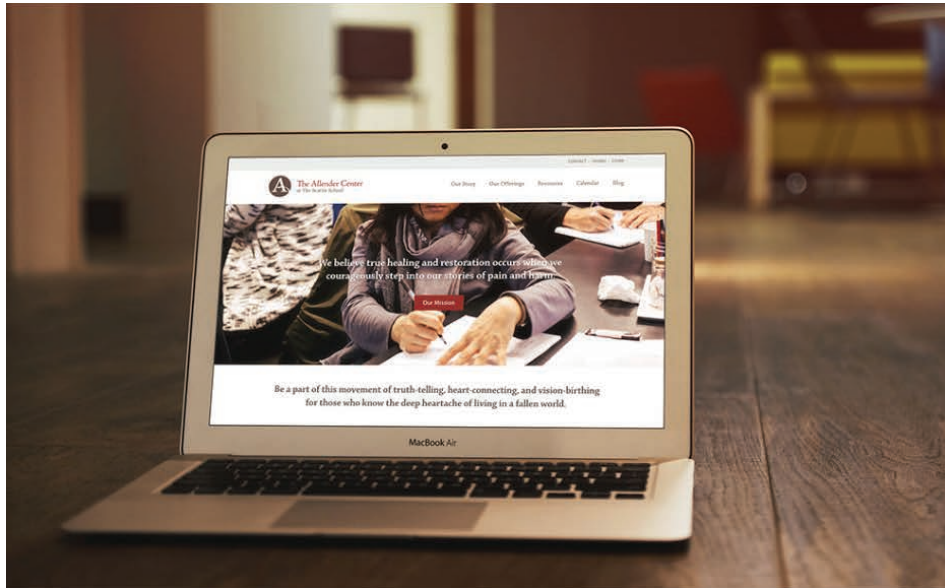
Symposia

The Office of Students & Alumni, in collaboration with Forum, launched the 1st annual Symposia: An Intersection of Conversation and Innovation. You can experience 20 TED-style lectures by Seattle School alumni on the Intersections blog.

Alumni Lecture Series

Songwriters Workshop and Concert with Over the Rhine, an Ohio-based music duo named one of Paste Magazine's "100 Best Living Songwriters."



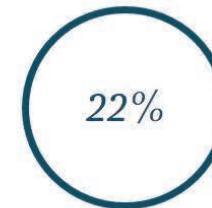


The Allender Center
at The Seattle School

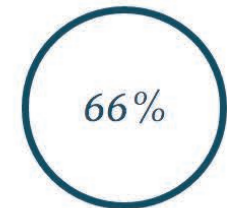
The Allender Center redeveloped and launched a brand new, responsive website designed to support our growing offerings, a dynamic calendar, and numerous resources, including: Video Gallery, Store, and more.



Increase in Visits



*Increase in
Pageviews*



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The Allender Center Podcast candidly wrestles with the deep places of heartache and hope that are rarely addressed in our culture. Each weekend, Dr. Dan Allender and his guests engage categories including trauma, wisdom, leadership, marriage, and more. We are celebrating almost two years of the podcast, nearly 90 episodes as of June 30, 2016, and more than 260,000 downloads this past year (350,000 downloads all-time).

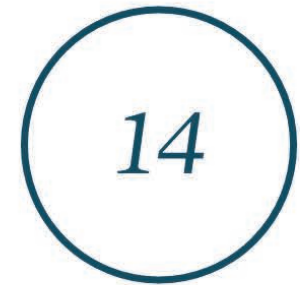


Podcast Downloads



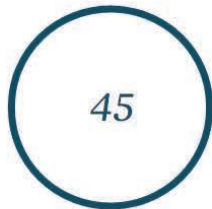


*Training Certificate
Graduates*

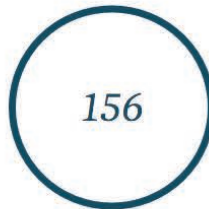


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Graduates*

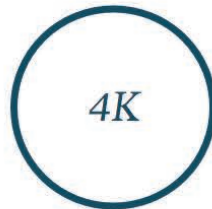
The Allender Center exists because we believe true healing and restoration occurs when we courageously step into our stories of pain and harm. This year we were privileged to sojourn with more than 4,000 people.



*Recovery Week
Participants*



*Story Workshop
Participants*



*Conference
Participants*

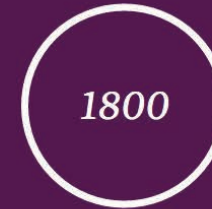




The Forum embodies its mission to expand the collective imagination toward understanding self, God, and neighbor by gathering thought leaders, practitioners, and artists for a wide array of innovative and collaborative conferences, lectures, events, and experiences.



Forum
Events



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Participants



Forum
Presenters

Relational Perspectives Series



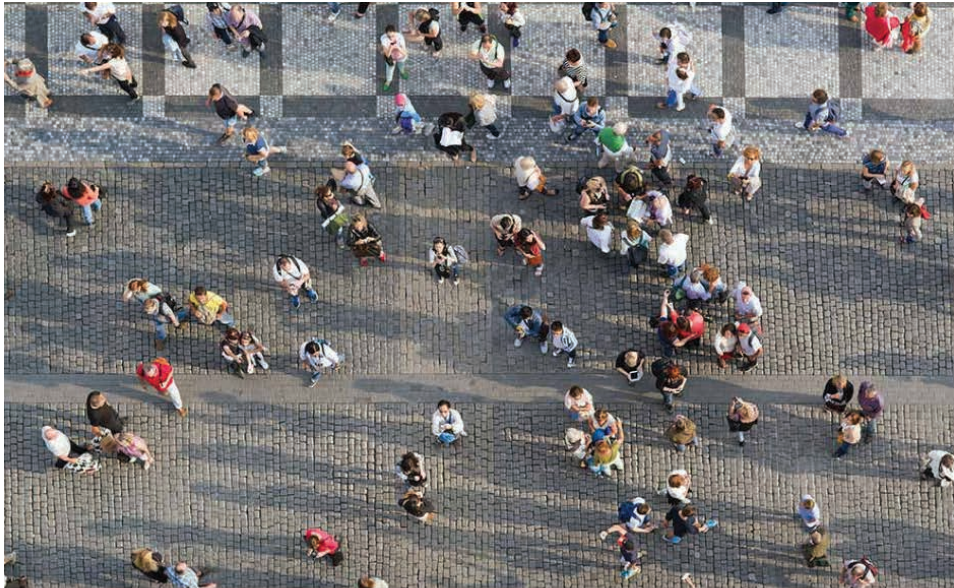
Dr. Steven Knoblauch, internationally renowned psychoanalyst and author of *The Musical Edge of Therapeutic Dialogue*.

Stanley Grenz Lecture Series

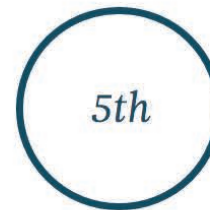


Dr. Shelly Rambo, renowned constructive theologian and author of *Spirit and Trauma*.

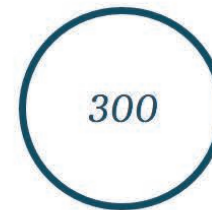




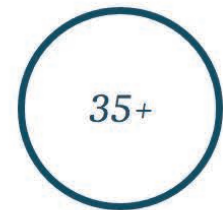
Inhabit is a two-day conference intentionally designed to engage, encourage, and empower innovative, missional practitioners as they go about practicing the way of Jesus in place. We celebrated our fifth year with an exciting line up of presenters and the launch of a new content-rich website.



Conference



Attendees



Presenters

Inhabit Keynotes



Shane Claiborne

Best-selling author and activist



Gideon Tsang

Pastor of Vox Veniae Church in Austin, TX



Majora Carter

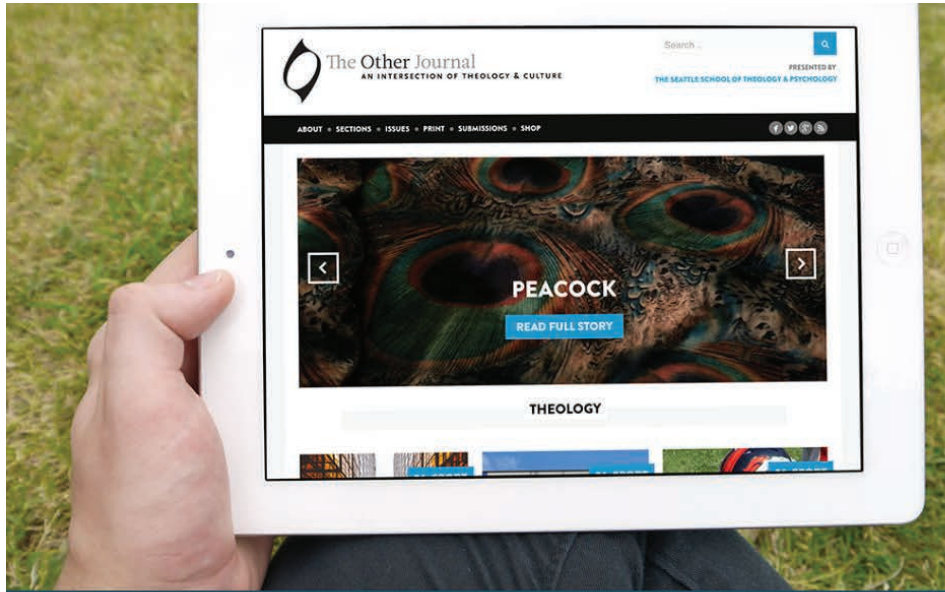
Peabody award-winning broadcaster, TED talk presenter, and urban revitalization strategist



Romanita Hairston

VP of US Programs for World Vision





The Other Journal
AN INTERSECTION OF THEOLOGY & CULTURE

Redeveloped and launched a new website to support the growing content and audience of The Other Journal.

150K+

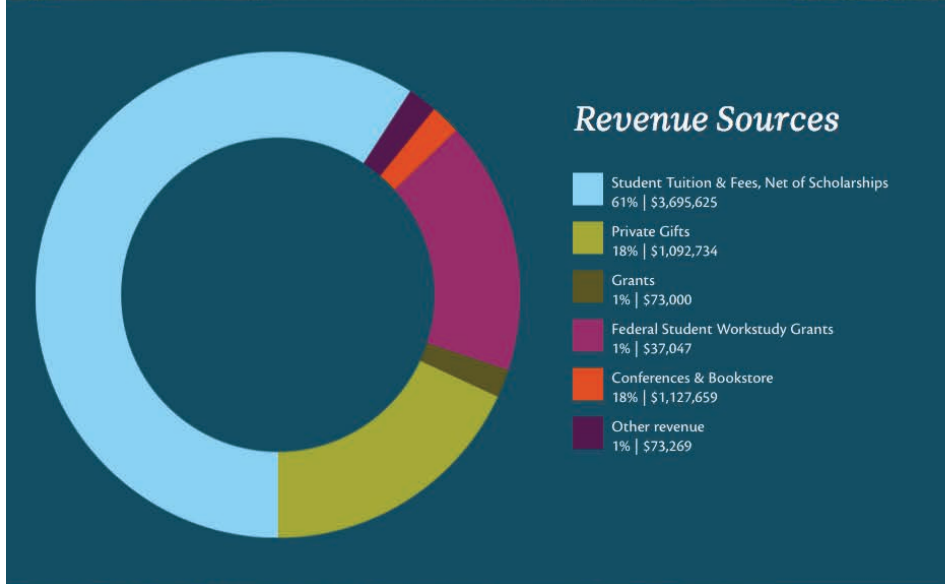
Visits

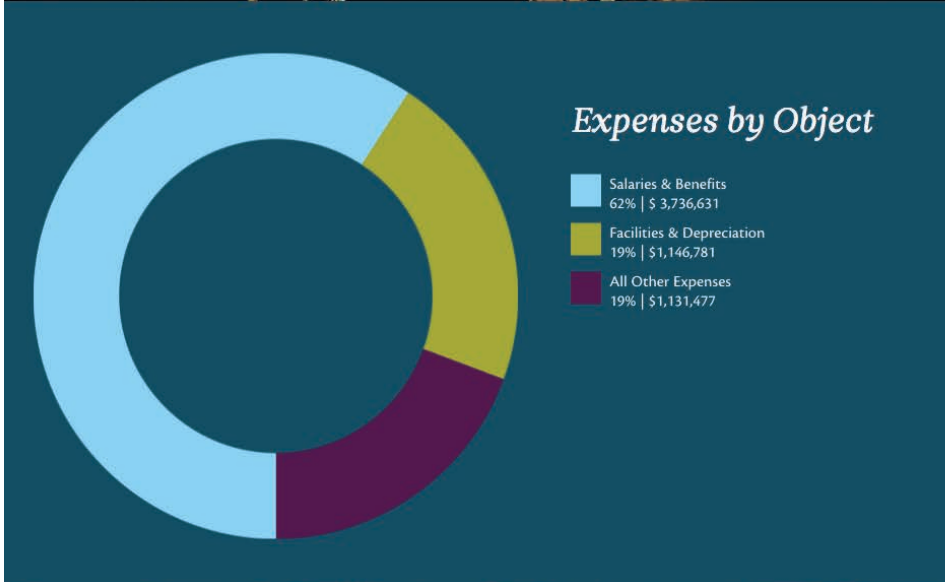
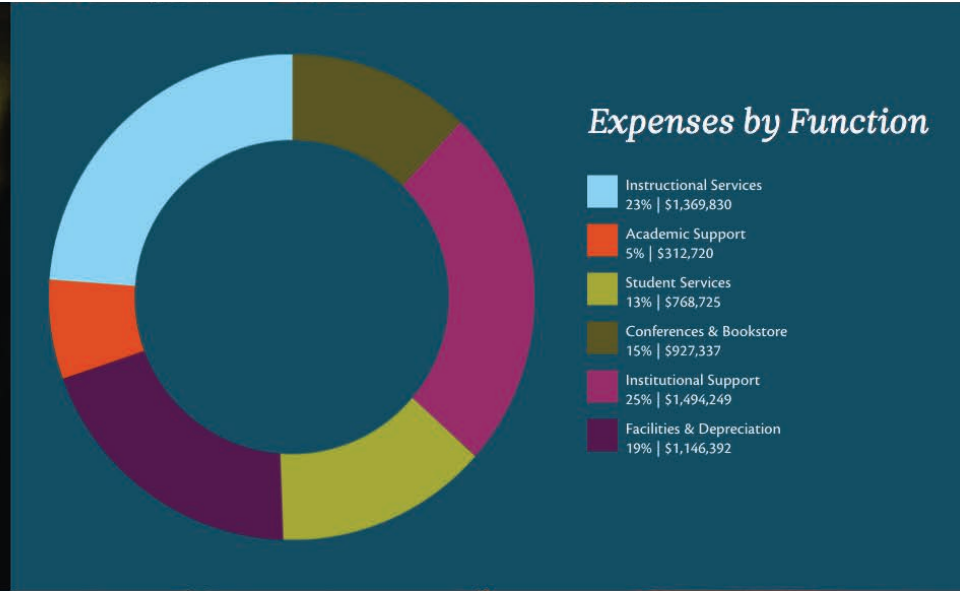
213K+

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117K+

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