
MATRICULATE **FIELD GUIDE**

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The Seattle School
OF THEOLOGY & PSYCHOLOGY

Welcome Letter

from
Dr. J. Derek McNeil



Welcome to The Seattle School! Our whole community has anticipated your arrival, and we are so honored to help facilitate the next stage of your lifelong learning and formation.

You've likely heard me say this before, and I'm sure I will say it again: Learning takes your whole body. This is perhaps especially true here at The Seattle School, where we will ask you to slow down and dig deep—deeper than what is expected in a culture that values disembodied haste over the hard questions of living together as full, complex humans.

We place ourselves at the intersection of *text.soul.culture* to prepare you for wise, engaged service in the world. Yes, you will be reading many books, from the foundation of Scripture through the latest research in psychology, theology, critical social theory, and the arts. We will also challenge you to explore aspects of your soul and story that may have been obscured

before. And we do all of this in the context of culture and the complexity (and, sometimes, messiness) of community. Because, increasingly, our national discourse is marked by division and fragmentation; we talk to each other more than with each other. Here, you will be invited to another way—to wrestle together with the big questions about living as

relational beings amidst broken systems and the wicked problems of our time.

The years ahead will be full of deconstructing familiar ideas, participating in robust discourse, and building new imagination. It's a difficult but life-giving process—which means, when it's eventually your turn to walk across the Commencement stage, you might find it hard to leave this place. It may seem strange to bring up graduation before you sit in your first class, but I want this to be clear from Day One: your education at The Seattle School is about training and equipping you for service. We are not doing our jobs if your learning is contained to the classroom. I pray that a central part of your journey as students is building increased clarity about the place where your unique identity and calling intersect with the world's deepest needs.

It will be such a gift to join you in that process, and to witness where it takes you even years after you leave this building. Grace and peace to you, and, since we cannot say it enough:

Welcome.

Dr. J. Derek McNeil
Acting President & Provost



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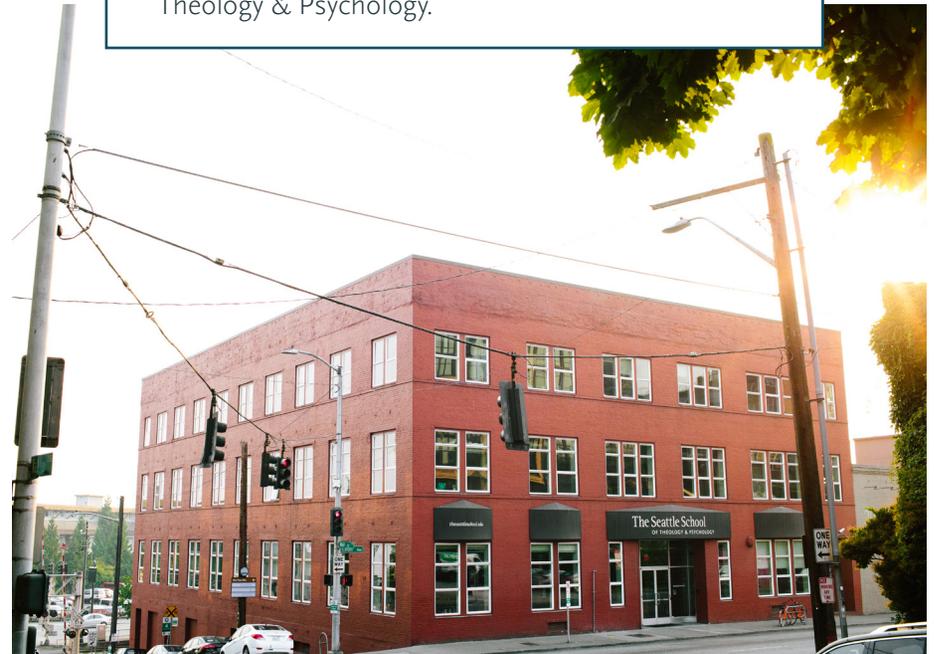
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Matriculate

transitive verb: to enroll as a member of a body and especially of a college or university

The Matriculate Field Guide and **blog** are designed to welcome and resource incoming students as you navigate the liminal space between enrolling and fully matriculating to The Seattle School of Theology & Psychology.



Beginnings

- WELCOME FROM THE OFFICE OF ENROLLMENT
- TIMELINE & COUNTDOWN
- ORIENTING TO OUR SPACE

Welcome from The Office of Enrollment



I am thrilled to **welcome you** to The Seattle School and to the Matriculate Field Guide, in particular. Over ten years ago I was holding my cell phone with a white knuckle grip while I listened to my roommate reading the contents of my acceptance packet to The Seattle School. I was in an airport flying back home, but always a bit on the impatient side, I couldn't bear waiting until I landed. I felt such a range of emotion—from excitement, relief, and a tinge of pride to — “Oh no! What have I done!”

My own journey of matriculating to The Seattle School involved a tremendous amount of courage. What proved to be the most terrifying thing wasn't moving from south Florida to Seattle, but surmounting my own ambivalence. Confession: I was the accepted student that never really got around to turning in her enrollment documents or tuition deposit. There was something in me that was resistant to taking the risk and committing to enrolling.

In retrospect, I am aware that my own journey of matriculating to graduate studies at The Seattle School had much to do with my own process of recognizing my calling and desire. I had found a place that seemed to be offering the kind of curriculum, training, and learning community that I had been longing for—but it had to be too good to be true, right? It took a phone call from the Director of Admissions to

remind me about my deposit to bring about some movement. I don't remember her saying anything very profound, but I do remember being stirred and hearing something within me say, “You'll never know until you try. Go after your heart, Nicole.” And so I did. One impulsive but very brave walk to the post office and 45 cents later and I was already knee deep in the process of matriculating.

Whatever your version of the brave post office walk is, please know that you are not alone in this process. On behalf of our Graduate Admissions Team—Ben, Daniel, and Lauren—we wholeheartedly welcome you into our community. As you anticipate endings and beginnings, know that we are here to be a continual resource and presence to you. Welcome to The Seattle School!

Warmly,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nicole'.

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Timeline & Countdown



MID-JUNE	Online Registration for Fall Term Opens
JUNE 1	Scholarship Application Deadline
JUNE 30	Scholarship Award Notification
MID-AUGUST	Welcome (Back) BBQ at Golden Gardens
SEPTEMBER 9	New Student Orientation and Fall Term Begins
SEPTEMBER 10	(Re)Orientation for All Students
SEPTEMBER 11	Frameworks & Intersections for New Students
SEPTEMBER 12-14	Community Weekend: Vespers, Neighborhood Dinners, Convocation, and Community Picnic
SEPTEMBER 16	Classes Start!

Find more details at theseattleschool.edu/events

EXPLORE

- Your neighborhood by checking out park spaces, local stores, and coffee shops that will be future study spots
- Information and Resources on the Students section of our website
- Stories, insights, and compelling content to keep you connected and invigorated on the Intersections blog and text.soul.culture podcast.
- Job and housing opportunities, books for sale, and more on Elliott's Wall (our very own Craig's List)

PLAN

- Make a budget for the academic year
- Do a trial run of your commute to the school and check out Seattle's public transportation system
- Log in to your @theseattleschool.edu email

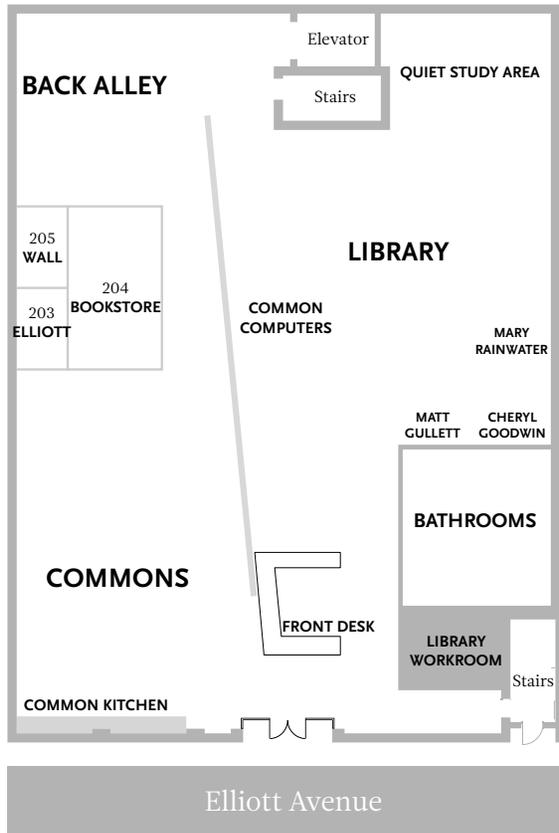
CONNECT

- Join the Fall 2019 Cohort Facebook group
- Meet someone from your cohort for coffee or breakfast
- With yourself! Care for yourself and all the transition your body is holding by going for long walks, taking deep breaths, getting a massage, and reading fiction or poetry

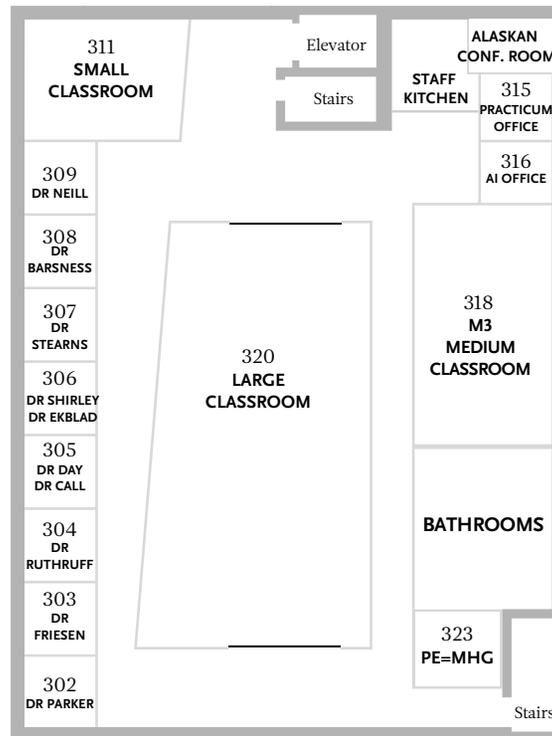
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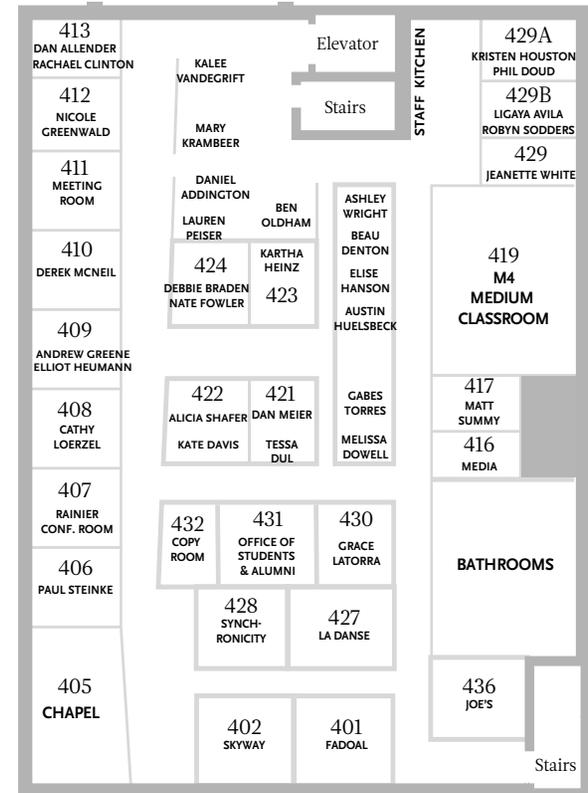
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3rd Floor



4th Floor



Studying at The Seattle School

- WELCOME FROM KRISTEN HOUSTON, REGISTRAR
- MYCAMPUS STUDENT PORTAL
- REGISTERING FOR CLASSES

Welcome

from
Academic Services



Welcome! This is the subject line of the email you received from me at the start of your matriculation, and a word that you will hear so many times between now and September that it might start to lose meaning. It may start to feel trite, like we have no better or more creative sentiment to offer than this. There is a reason for the word, though, and for its repetition: it is truly because we mean it so deeply and completely. You may have heard that studying at The Seattle School “takes your whole body,” but in that welcome we are conveying to you that studying here also takes a whole community. Yes, you will read many great books and journal articles, and you will listen to insightful and challenging lectures, but the real learning happens in community—in the spaces between classes, where you sit in the midst of your colleagues wrestling with a new concept or how to tackle a certain paper. It comes in daring to raise your hand and ask a hard question, and in seeking out advising from faculty and staff. We welcome you to this learning community because we truly mean it, and because we are about the daily work of investing in each other, and you.

Here at The Seattle School, I have the privilege of a front row seat to this learning community. People often ask what a Registrar is, and I usually brush it off and say something about working with faculty to provide

academic support to the classroom, because that’s not the question about my job that I most enjoy answering. What I prefer to talk about is all of the amazing people I get to be with every day, and how proud I am of the formational learning, wrestling, laughter, and support that this red brick building holds each and every day. I prefer to talk about how even though I have been in this job for 10+ years, I continue to grow and learn because our community continues to grow and learn, and I could not imagine being anywhere else.

My friends on the Academic & Financial Services team and I are here for you, for your successes and setbacks, and are wholly invested in your academic journey from your first registration all the way to Commencement—and beyond. I cannot wait to see how our community will take shape with your presence, and what we will be able to create together. So, again, welcome.



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MyCampus & Registration



Logging into **MyCampus** is an important rite of passage for incoming students. **MyCampus** is our online, full-service portal designed to resource, empower, and connect you throughout your student lifecycle and beyond as an alumni.

WHAT YOU CAN DO IN MYCAMPUS:

- Our platform is intuitive and entirely cloud-based, so it's accessible anywhere
- Your @theseattleschool.edu email address is your single sign-on for MyCampus, Google Apps, Gmail, Wifi, wireless printing, etc.
- Keep your contact, demographic information, and photo up to date in the Student Directory. *Please include a photo of your likeness (face) and note that students protected by FERPA will not be searchable*
- A robust Financial tab showing all current and future transactions; ability to pay tuition and fees online; and a fully integrated Financial Aid portal
- Opt-in to text communications and emergency notifications
- Bulletin boards that allow you to stay connected with your colleagues and faculty
- Course registration
- All syllabi, readings, and handouts
- Online attendance tracking
- Online paper and assignment submission with electronic comments/feedback
- Grades available in one place and in a more timely manner
- Easy access for printing your own unofficial transcripts and enrollment verification letters
- Learning Management functions that support and integrate online tools for your faculty to support classroom learning

Visit our [Student](#) page to log into MyCampus. We encourage you to peruse [Introduction Resources](#) and the [Student Knowledge Base](#) for extra support as you navigate our platform.

Registering for Classes

Now that you're set up and familiar with MyCampus, stay tuned for a message from our Academic Services Office announcing registration for the fall term. (Registration for the fall usually opens mid-June).

Course Rotations

Our coursework is intentionally designed to support your formation as a person and as practitioner in the field. We have a cohort learning model and our course rotations serve as a map for your journey in your graduate program of study as a full- or part-time student. [Download your program's course rotations.](#)

All incoming students are required to take **Frameworks & Intersections** in their first term. This non-credit, no-cost course is designed to orient you to our philosophy of education and learning culture of formation, integration, and sustainability.

Writing Workshop is an optional, non-credit-bearing offering for incoming students desiring space to brush up on their technical writing skills and a more robust orientation to The Seattle School's writing style and rubric. *Note: Writing Workshop is a requirement for any incoming student on provisional admission.*

Visit the Students page on our website to view the 2019-20 [Academic Calendar](#), peruse our [Course Schedule](#), and to review our [Catalog](#). *Note: Our course schedule and catalog is in the process of being updated for the 2019-20 academic year. Both will be complete by June 1.*

Academic Advising

Our curriculum is structured to support our cohorts, but we know that each journey is different. Our Academic Services Office offers advising sessions for incoming students over the phone or in person. Email academics@theseattleschool.edu to schedule an appointment.

Paying for School

- STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES
- FUNDING OPTIONS & APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Student Financial Services



Your Student Account: Our student portal, [MyCampus](#), houses your student account. The “Financial” tab within “My Profile” reflects your balance, prompts you to complete necessary documentation, shows account activity, and allows you to make payments online.

Funding Options: You have the option to pay for school through:

- financial aid in the form of student loans
- payments plans for self-pay
- scholarship funding (internal or external)
- Veterans benefits
- employment (work study funded or independent/external)
- Family Fee Waivers (for single-parents and/or families with two+ students enrolled)
- Americorp education stipend

STEPS TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

- 1 Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- 2 Complete Direct Loan Master Promissory Note
- 3 Complete Loan Entrance Counseling
- 4 Apply for Scholarships
- 5 Review and Accept Your Financial Aid Package
- 6 Financial Aid Disbursement and Payment Plan

Doing the Math: Tuition, fees, and costs of attendance are available on [our website](#) and in our [Catalog](#).

Note: 2019-20 numbers will be published by June 1.

Visit the [Paying for School](#) page for a deep dive into funding options.



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Ligaya offers advising and resources to help students navigate paying for school, financial sustainability as a student, and loan repayment post-graduation. If you have questions about paying for school, the financial aid process, or if you would like to schedule an appointment email finaid@theseattleschool.edu.

Community Life & Rhythms

- WELCOME FROM PAUL STEINKE
- STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Welcome
from
*The Office of Students
& Alumni*



In the days ahead, I look forward to meeting each of you, hearing something of your story and how it has brought you to The Seattle School. If you are anything like my wife, Sarah, and I, this turn of a page has opened a chapter full of goodbyes, a bit of fear, and excitement about new beginnings, new friends, and the promise of continuing to pursue who God is calling you to be in this world. In the midst of it all, know The Seattle School community is anticipating your arrival—and so am I.

As you have navigated your journey to The Seattle School, your admissions counselors have been your primary guides. While they will always be available to answer any questions you may have, please feel free to contact me as well. Together with those in the Office of Students & Alumni, I have the privilege of pastoring students and alumni and the systems that impact them. So if I don't know the answer to your question, I'll do my best to connect you to the person who does. Over the next several weeks in the Matriculate blog series, you will meet those

who pastor with me: Becca Shirley (Manager of Student Life Programs), Daniel Tidwell (Alumni Programs Coordinator), and student leaders who serve on our Student Leadership Quad. There is a lot to digest in the days ahead, I know...but hang in there and you will be metabolizing in no time!

So pour yourself a large cup of coffee or tea, sit back, and breathe—there's still a whole lotta summer left. We are praying for you as you set out on your own wild beautiful roads. May you find the Spirit's greeting at each unexpected turn.



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Community Life & Rhythms



We are an incredibly diverse community, but collectively we follow rhythms that keep us unified and in step. They set a pace for student life. We deliberately curate our time in community as part of our service to God and each other.

Office of Students & Alumni

OSA exists to cultivate the vocational sustainability of our students and alumni through the design, oversight, and implementation of multiple and varied rhythms and services, co-curricular programming, spiritual formation, and pastoral care for students, alumni, and their families across the student-alumni lifecycle.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Community life and rhythms at The Seattle School are co-created by faculty, staff, and students. Student Leadership invites students and spouses/partners to shape and embody the vision and mission of The Seattle School for the sake of blessing our community, the neighborhood of Belltown, and the larger community of Seattle.

Student Council exists to build healthy and trust-filled relationships between faculty and students; and nurture a culture that engages diversity and difference through our Intercultural Engagement practices.

Anamchara is a Gaelic concept literally meaning “soul friend.” Anamchara serves as the hands and feet of Christ, creating contexts for soulful connection. They steward the Commons and foster relationship through neighborhood dinners, shared meals, and other gatherings.

Sacred Space creates opportunities to rest, wrestle, and play in relationship with God, ourselves, and each other. They steward the spiritual rhythms of student life including the liturgical calendar, Chapel space, art gallery spaces and events, and student-led spiritual practice groups.

Mosaic exists to support the partners and families of Seattle School students. This takes a few different forms, including regular opportunities to participate in School life as a family, and childcare support to give parents a well-deserved break.

Experience the robust and creative work of the Office of Students & Alumni on our [Student Life page](#).

Instructions for living a life:

Pay attention.

Be astonished.

Tell about it.

– Mary Oliver