



## WHO WE ARE

The Christian Scholars Network (CSN) is an independent association committed to integrating Christian faith and practice into the academic endeavors and social concerns of a university community. The founders of CSN are a group of Christian faculty who have met regularly on the Virginia Tech campus for prayer and encouragement for fifteen years. Incorporated in May 2011 in Virginia, CSN exists to provide faculty, staff, and advanced students theological support and mutual encouragement in the pursuit of scholarship relevant to their chosen fields of study.

## WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

### ■ ***Engaging the Campus Community***

We seek to promote a campus environment where honest inquiry and civility of discourse are valued and practiced by all participants. We pursue truth and meaning in scholarly dialogue and endeavors as essential to understanding the reality in which we live.

### ■ ***Promoting Scholarship***

Maintaining that Christianity provides an accurate description of reality and how to live in it, we hold that a vibrant faith in the Creator bolsters, not hinders, scholarly pursuits. Thus, CSN encourages innovative work in all academic disciplines and supports individuals who seek to integrate their faith with their work in the academy.

### ■ ***Preparing a New Generation of Scholars and Professionals***

We sponsor events that foster discussion of the academic and professional disciplines from a theistic frame of reference. We help prepare a new generation entering the workforce to excel in their vocations for the glory of God.

### ■ ***Modeling Leadership in the Workplace and Community***

In preparation to serve the communities in which we live and work, we emphasize the practice of Christian disciplines, such as prayer, study, and reflection, as life-long habits requisite for Godly living and effective leadership for the common good.

## WHAT WE DO

### ■ ***Holding Weekly Prayer Meetings***

We pray for the university community, campus Christian ministries, local churches, and CSN sponsored events.

### ■ ***Inviting Special Lecturers***

We sponsor distinguished speakers who address contemporary issues of faith, science, technology, the humanities, culture, and the workplace.

### ■ ***Hosting Colloquia/Round Tables***

We host public forums each academic year where competing philosophies of life can be presented, examined and critiqued in an environment of free and open debate. As well, Christian faculty serve as hosts of informal discussions on topics shaping contemporary culture.

### ■ ***Reaching Out to the Students of the World and Facilitating Theological Education***

American universities attract promising students from around the world. We help students connect with faith communities while on campus, and facilitate online and locally developed theological studies so that participants will have a firm Biblical foundation for life's work.

### ■ ***Overseeing a Mentoring Program***

Christian faculty members provide mentoring for interested advanced students.

### ■ ***Establishing a Center for Christian Studies***

As a community of Christians reaching out to a broader university community, we desire to establish a physical center where people can meet and interact on various levels.

## WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Christian Scholars Network subscribes to the historic tenets of “the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3); to wit: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.” (The Apostle Paul, transmitting this early oral tradition, dating to within a decade of the historic events of Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection; I Corinthians 15:3-6, ESV.)

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