



2019 GFM NATIONAL
STAFF CONFERENCE
"Partners in the Gospel"

March 26 - 28, 2019
Mundelein, Illinois

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your **partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6, NIV)*

Dear GFM colleagues,

At the upcoming GFM National Staff Conference ("Mundelein"), we will gather around the theme "Partners in the Gospel." We hope that this conference will strengthen our ministry partnership development (MPD) and deepen our collaboration in prayer for students and faculty on more campuses.

In preparation, please review this meeting book and complete the pre-conference assignment which was emailed on March 6th.

Please join us in prayer for how the Lord will meet you and our national GFM team through the conference. We look forward to seeing you at Mundelein!

In partnership with you,

Rob

Rob Howe
InterVarsity Graduate & Faculty Ministries
Director of Staff Training & Leadership Development



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2019 Conference Schedule Details

Welcome!

We are glad that you are coming to the 2019 GFM National Staff Conference. Please take a few moments to review the schedule (attached to this email) and the details below.

Meal Discussions

A variety of conversations will take place over meals. Below is the current list. Please keep this in mind as you think about your schedule during the meeting. We will also have designated "meeting-free" tables for those who want to connect over casual conversation.

Tuesday Dinner: *No meetings, please*—all participants are encouraged to welcome new staff and guests.

Wednesday Breakfast: Women's Breakfast, Conference Center Room 102

Women in the Academy & Professions (WAP) invites all women to join us for breakfast Wednesday morning from 7:30 – 8:30 am. Our topic this year: "Stewarding the Joys and Challenges of MPD as Women." We'll enjoy conversation around the tables, encouragement from Scripture, and stories of a couple MPD "wins." Always a meaningful time, we hope to see you at this annual gathering.

Wednesday Lunch:

- Join Julian Reese and Dr. John Hardwig to discuss, "Approaching Atheist Professors and Academic Departments"
- Join Marc Papai to learn about InterVarsity's International Student Ministry (ISM).
- Join Chelsea Walmer from Human Resources to discuss questions about InterVarsity's HR policies or processes.
- Join Mike Schutt to discuss serving marginalized law students.
- Join Kevin Kummer to learn about our partnership with CARIFES (IFES in the Caribbean.)
- Join Mary Tuttle to discuss partnering with undergraduate staff.

Wednesday Dinner: Reserved for (optional) Area Team Meals

Thursday Breakfast:

- Join Dan Stringer to discuss planting new faculty ministries.
- Join Mary Tuttle to discuss offering faculty a call-in Bible study
- Join Jason Jensen to discuss a vision for theological formation.

Receptions and Socializing

Join us each evening in the Living Room of the Residence Building for refreshments.

If you are interested in **going off-site with colleagues after the Tuesday evening plenary**, a group will go to a nearby Japanese restaurant to share food and conversation. If you would like to go, sign up at the registration table when you arrive at the meeting OR text Mark Washington at 773-322-8600. All are welcome! Grab your coat and meet in the Living Room between 9:15 – 9:30 pm to drive over together. If you are willing to drive others to the restaurant, let Mark Washington know.

After the Wednesday evening plenary, Women in the Academy and Professions (WAP) invites you to the first annual WAPpys - an award show honoring GFM staff who have partnered well with us over the years. The event will include a red carpet complete with paparazzi and a photo shoot, trophies for our award winners, and "a night at the movies" snacks. We hope you'll join us for the celebration!

InterVarsity Press (IVP)

InterVarsity Press is excited to be at Mundelein with a display of books covering a range of topics including multi-ethnicity, biblical studies, theology, ministry, leadership, mission, the arts, and philosophy. Instructions will be provided so that you can place orders online and receive the 60% staff discount *and* free shipping.

All conference participants will receive a copy of IVP's new release, *The Common Rule* by Justin Whitmel Earley. As we seek to cultivate healthy rhythms of MPD work and prayer at Mundelein, this book can be an ongoing resource for us—as well as our students, faculty, and ministry partners. [Learn more about the book here.](#)

Pre-conference assignment

Thank you for taking 60-90 minutes to prepare for our learning together. The pre-conference assignment was emailed on March 6.

Our worship leader, [Borin Leanna Kim](#), has prepared a Spotify playlist so that we can familiarize ourselves with the songs we'll be singing. [Access it through this link](#) or search on Spotify for "InterVarsity GFM Conference 2019" by "Leanna114."

Meetups

We've reserved 9:00-10:00 am Thursday for *meetups*—intentional, open conversations around shared ministry interests or topics. Anyone can host a meetup, and anyone can attend any meetup. If you didn't sign up to host a meetup through the pre-conference link, you can sign up on site.

Plenary Session Speakers



Sophia Gaboury

Associate Regional Director, NY/NJ

A 1.5 generation Filipino American, Sophia's upbringing and experiences have fueled her passion for building healthy, cross-culturally competent, high-performing teams. Sophia has led the NY/NJ region through several seasons of MPD sprints. Under Sophia's leadership, God has transformed the region's staff community through MPD as a context for discipleship. The region has seen God provide over \$1 million in new support during the last 2.5 years.



Jason Jensen

Vice President, Spiritual Foundations

Jason Jensen is Susi's husband and Abby and Gabe's dad. He grew up in Colorado and spent the last 30 years living in Berkeley, California and working various jobs in InterVarsity's field ministries. Now he and Susi have moved to Madison, Wisconsin. Jason works as InterVarsity's VP of Spiritual Foundations. He loves strong, malty black tea, English professional soccer, walking, and running outdoors.



Shannon Marion

Vice President of Development

Shannon started as a Campus Staff Minister and "bad fundraiser" 30 years ago. He is passionate about seeing InterVarsity fully resourced, and ministry partners embraced as true partners in the work of the gospel on campus. Shannon is the farmer's husband of his wife Kriss as they operate a small organic farm and B&B.

Workshops

Growing Partners in Intercessory Prayer – 10:45 am and 4:15 pm Connie Anderson, National Director of Intercessory Prayer

Inherent in our longing for revival is a greater dependence upon the Spirit of God for fruit. We believe that a small group of trained and committed intercessors around each InterVarsity staff member will add protection, guidance, and power to your ministry. Come gain practical training on how to recruit these ministry partners.

Connie has 30 years of ministry experience on college campuses and in urban slums. In the mission's world, she created and implemented this kind of intercession initiative for church planters. She is married to Scott Anderson, lives in Boulder Colorado, and has three wonderful children—one of whom participates in an InterVarsity graduate student Bible study!

Spiritual Formation in MPD – 10:45 am and 4:15 pm Carolyn Carney, National Director of Spiritual Formation

Dallas Willard described Spiritual Formation as “shaping the inner person so that the outer person takes on certain characteristics.” There’s no doubt that engaging in MPD shapes us. But how? And what characteristics are being reflected? Whether you are supervising others in MPD or are curious for yourself, in this workshop, we will look at the valuable questions that arise while in a season of MPD and how engaging with them well can sharpen our inner person for good.

Carolyn has served on staff with InterVarsity for over 35 years—as a CSM, AD, Link staff (in South Africa), Staff Director in NY/NJ in Spiritual Formation & Prayer. She served on the Discipleship Steering Committee, the National Spiritual Formation & Prayer Leadership Team under Jay Sivits, and as the Prayer Coordinator for the past two Urbanas. Carolyn lives in Jersey City with her husband, Professor Emeritus David Larrabee (Physics) and their wonder dog, Keeley.

Cultivating Ministry Partners over the Long Haul - 10:45 am and 4:15 pm Marcia Wang, Associate Director of Graduate & Faculty Ministries

Give us this day our daily bread. Marcia strongly believes a thriving ministry requires dependence upon God and interdependence with God’s people. She has learned a relational ministry partnership style that helped her progress from raising \$25K/year to over \$100K to fund the ministry. Come hear stories from both Marcia and Tim Perry. Be prepared to learn contextualized MPD practices. Bring your current MPD/prayer partner lists if you desire to see a breakthrough.

Marcia first learned that she hated raising funds when she was forced to sell overpriced Girl Scout cookies in her early years. She continued to escape the need for continual dependence upon God and fundraising by running away to grad school. She eventually repented, succumbing to her full-time call to ministry and 27+ years of ministry partnership development as InterVarsity staff.

Leading Staff Teams in MPD – 10:15 am ONLY
Sophia Gaboury, Associate Regional Director NY/NJ

This workshop for staff directors and team leaders will explore practical ways to bring change in the way we lead our teams to engage in our MPD work.

A 1.5 generation Filipino American, Sophia's upbringing and experiences have fueled her passion for building healthy, cross-culturally competent, high-performing teams. Sophia has led the NY/NJ region through several seasons of MPD sprints. Under Sophia's leadership, God has transformed the region's staff community through MPD as a context for discipleship. The region has seen God provide over \$1 million in new support during the last 2.5 years.

Healthy Rhythms: the MPD Cycle through the Year – 4:15 pm ONLY
Rob Howe, GFM Director of Staff Training & Leadership Development

This workshop will explore best practices for organizing weekly, monthly, and annual MPD work through the six stages of the MPD Cycle (Identify, Engage, Ask, Follow Up, Thank, Report). Participants will practice using tools for planning their upcoming MPD work.

In 2018, Rob experienced an "MPD conversion" that has resulted in dozens of new partners over the past year. In April 2019, he will begin serving in a new role as a National MPD Coach.

Prayer at the GFM National Staff Conference

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. – Philippians 1:9-11

We will pray as a whole community during our plenary sessions, particularly Wednesday evening. Beyond the plenary sessions, we're hosting several opportunities and spaces for prayer during the conference:

- **Intercessors** have been praying for us as we plan and coordinate these meetings, as we prepare, and as we travel to them. We give thanks to God for on-site intercessor Ron Ehresman, who has faithfully served us in onsite prayer for several years.
- The **prayer room** is available as a space set aside for quiet reflection and prayer for anyone needing it. It will be in Room 103 in the Conference Center building.
- **Prayer ministry** is offered during the conference for anyone seeking to be prayed for by another. On Wednesday afternoon from 3 - 4 pm, prayer ministers (GFM staff colleagues) will be available in Room 103 to pray with you.
- Several InterVarsity colleagues will offer **spiritual direction** from 3 – 4 pm on Wednesday. Contact Carrie Bare when you arrive to sign up for spiritual direction. Come to Room 103 at 3 pm on Wednesday for your spiritual direction appointment.

Those who are not currently meeting with a spiritual director will have priority if we have more requests for spiritual direction than we can accommodate.

- **Morning prayer** will be offered each morning before breakfast (7-7:30) in the Center Chapel, located on the 2nd floor of the Residence Hall.

It is important to emphasize that there is no pressure about how each person prays at Mundelein. We highly value being spiritually formed by prayer, but we also value the freedom to work this out for ourselves as the Holy Spirit leads. Prayer at Mundelein is meant to be a gift. As such, it is your choice!

Black Scholars and Professionals

The vision of Black Scholars and Professionals (BSAP) is to see a generation of African-Americans and people of African descent who are graduate students, faculty, and/or professional students being transformed by Christ, being renewed in their academic pursuits or professional life, and becoming agents of transformation within the African-American and African communities, the church and the world through spiritual formation, ethnic integrity, academic and professional integration, church participation, connection, reconciliation, partnership and collaboration and collaboration with other professional associations.

The following entries came from some BSAP staff from around the country.

From Dr. Alice Brown-Collins:

This year has been full of God's goodness in Black Scholars and Professionals. We are grateful for...

- Fall Retreat, GFM/Northeast New England and Black Scholars & Professionals (BSAP.) We had an awesome time learning about thriving in graduate school while caring for our heart, soul, and mind. (Matthew 22:36-37)
- Prayer Walk, Middlesex Community College, Bedford, Massachusetts. So grateful for the partnership of Area Director, Isaiah Martin, and the opportunity to pray for a student seeker and faculty
- The work God is doing at Dartmouth University, Hanover, New Hampshire. The students are having a "Morning Glory Service," and it's made up of Black graduate students and undergraduate students. It is a church service with prayer, praise, and worship as well as the preached word.
- Meeting with Black faculty and professionals. For the first time, BSAP co-sponsored a Christian African American Women Writers meeting in Rhode Island. It was a beautiful gathering of faculty and professional women.
- Black Graduate Ministries (BGM), Harvard, continues to meet weekly, providing a source of encouragement to many Christians.

From Chermaine Kabugu: Ministry at Texas Southern University has been rich among graduate students and faculty. There was a fall student retreat in November, and two student leaders attended Urbana18. During the BCM Staff Conference (to be held in Jasper, Georgia the week before GFM National Staff Conference) Chermaine will give a TED Talk on the strategic nature of investing in black graduate students and faculty.

From Felicia Anderson: The work in the Atlanta University Center (AUC) is mainly focused on faculty this school year. A highlight of this semester was a BSAP event on February 9. It was the brainchild of Tony Warner, Associate Regional Director of InterVarsity's Southeast Region. Tony presented a paper entitled, "Black Christian Vocational Power in the Struggle for Justice: A Historical and Contemporary Perspective." The paper presentation was followed by a series of responses by black professionals in the areas of STEM, business, education, and law and criminal justice. Alumni helped plan the event, and some were program participants. Follow up planning will occur later this semester.

From Fred Williams: After a season of prayer, consecration and outreach to campuses in the Research Triangle area of North Carolina, doors are beginning to open to BSAP! At Duke University, we partnered with Stephanie Holmer and Graduate Christian Fellowship to hold our first BSAP meeting. Students from various disciplines gathered for fellowship, Bible study, and prayer. Three more meetings are planned this semester.

In February, the Chaplain at North Carolina Central University agreed to partner with BSAP in serving graduate students. A second meeting is planned to discuss this partnership.

The Dean of Shaw Divinity school is excited to partner with BSAP! This spring, BSAP will sponsor a luncheon where we will present our vision and invite student participation.

Last fall, I met with an NC State administrator to discuss the possibility of a Bible study in his department. He emailed me recently to say that he wanted to move forward with our discussion.

Each Thursday at 9 pm, BSAP sponsors a prayer call where students from various campuses meet on the phone to share Scripture, share a bit about their lives and pray for each other. Numbers are small, but students always leave uplifted! Esther from NC State helps me lead the prayer call. She testifies that BSAP has been instrumental in her growth and healing. She received significant prayer ministry at Urbana where she enjoyed rich and deep fellowship with other BSAP students. She also received some critical guidance during conversations in the Grad Student Lounge.

Finally, BSAP will sponsor a Prayer walk at NC State on March 30th in partnership with other campus ministries. We are in the early stages of BSAP in the Triangle. Pray that the Holy Spirit will breathe on these precious embers and ignite a fire that warms the hearts and souls of the scholars and gives light to the campus for the glory of Christ!

A highlight for BSAP National was the conference held at Toah Nipi, April 6-7, 2018. Making worship a priority and realizing the centrality of prayer were two of the issues highlighted by Dr. Vanessa Quainoo, keynote speaker for the seventh Black Scholars and Professionals Conference. "Self-Care in Mind, Body, Soul, and Spirit," the conference theme, was based on Jesus' teaching in Mark 12:29-31 about the greatest of all the commandments. Faculty, graduate students and professionals attended the conference.

Rev. Cherese Parker-Freeman accepted the position of BSAP National Director in early November 2018. However, after further contemplation, Rev. Parker-Freeman decided not to assume the director position. The entire BSAP national committee is in prayer for her and has sent her best wishes for her future endeavors.

Emerging Scholars Network (ESN)

Hannah Eagleson, Interim Associate Director

ESN is delighted to announce new resources for GFM groups, and some exciting upcoming projects. If you have questions or ideas, please email Hannah Eagleson at hannah.eagleson@intervarsity.org.

Staff Transition: Honoring Tom Grosh IV, New position for Hannah Eagleson

After many years of faithful service with InterVarsity, Tom Grosh IV has accepted a role as Area Director with Christian Medical and Dental Association in his home area of South-Central Pennsylvania. We honored Tom with a party at Urbana 18. He will be missed, but we're happy that he will continue guest blogging for ESN and is excited to collaborate in the future. Hannah Eagleson is serving as Interim Associate Director of ESN and is excited to carry forward the amazing ministry Tom built.

For GFM Groups: Weekly Prayer/Meditation Resources for the Spring Semester

Looking for a semester's worth of prayer and meditation resources a GFM group can use each week? ESN has compiled a list of prayer and reflection material for a semester of large or small group GFM gatherings. The list is customizable, with options for Lent material if desired and a flexible number of weeks for varied semester lengths. Click [here](#) to see the list.

ESN Connect Pilot: Linking New Grad Students with GFM Fellowships

Connect with incoming graduate students this spring and get a head start on NSO! We're running a pilot program this year to connect with students just after acceptance to grad school. Through our online presence and collaborations, we'll connect with students accepted to grad school, offer a video chat on making a strong transition to grad school, and then work to connect them directly with the grad groups at their new schools. Want to participate? Hannah would love to hear from you. To learn more, click [here](#).

ESN/American Scientific Affiliation Faith/Science Conference Track

Last year's ASA conference featuring Francis Collins was deeply encouraging, and this year we're anticipating good travel funding opportunities for grad students/postdocs who want to attend the ESN Student/Early Career track at ASA's annual faith/science conference. Check the ESN blog or talk to Hannah for forthcoming details. See the [ASA website](#) for speakers and last year's Francis Collins talk.

Evangelism in GFM

Melodie Marske, Regional Ministry Director

Our Lord continues to bless the ongoing partnership between GFM and our National Evangelism Department. Highlights of the past year include:

- The GFM Zero Conversion Cohort
- A new GFM Evangelism Toolkit, which we hope to share with you during our time together at Mundelein.

I'm delighted to share that we saw conversions in every GFM chapter that participated through the full year of our GFM Zero Conversion Cohort! We rejoice at God's work through the faithful leadership of our coaches: Bryan Enderle, Leon Fillyaw, and Rick Mattson. Doug Schaupp and I co-sponsored the project, representing a strong partnership between GFM and our National Evangelism Department. The staff who completed the cohort included Emily Crider, Rob Narske, Jamie Noyd, and Jerry Romasco.

One of our reflection questions after the project was, "How are you different now?" and these were two answers we received:

"I feel more confident about reaching out and talking to non-Christians (especially with those of other faith traditions) on campus and in my spheres of influence. Engaging people in spiritual conversations has become more of a part of my daily thought process."

"I more intentionally see the campus through eyes of outreach, looking to see where God is working. I am more intent on challenging students and faculty to step out in evangelism in some way - and do it myself."

In addition to God's work in our cohort, we are seeing grad students come into the Kingdom, and express interest in Jesus all around the country. To continue to grow our momentum in evangelism, members of our Zero Conversion Cohort and several other GFM Staff (particularly Wendy Quay Honeycutt and Scott Filkin) have made contributions to our new GFM Evangelism Toolkit. After collecting many pages of resources, we were blessed by the editing skills of Emily Crider to create a much leaner tool that will serve our staff and students well going forward.

One other resource of note is the addition of Rick Mattson to the GFM Midwest Regional Team. Rick is a gifted evangelist and mentor/coach. He loves to travel and speak to grad students, individually, and in small and large group settings. I had the privilege of being in the room at the University of Michigan when Rick spoke and invited students to respond. That night a member of the grad chapter made a first-time commitment to Jesus. Rick would be very willing to consider invitations to visit your campus, too.

Thanks for reading, if you have any evangelism stories, I'd love to hear them.

Faculty Ministry

Kathy Tuan-MacLean, National Faculty Minister Director

In [The First 90 Days](#), Michael D. Watkins writes about the importance of knowing what kind of leadership is needed for the vision you are being asked to lead—and uses the STaRS acronym. Are you leading a start-up, turn around, realignment or sustained growth project?

It turns out Faculty Ministry is in all four categories:

- **Start-Up:** Sadly, our undergraduate colleagues often don't even know faculty are part of their call. Therefore, we need to start up faculty ministry in 90% of our movement. (Hence the desire to hire an Associate Director of Undergraduate Ministry.)
- **Turn-around:** To some degree, the undergrad movement is also in turn-around—turning from only having an undergraduate focus to a whole-campus/whole-life/campuses renewed vision.
- **Realignment:** The good news is our senior leaders are behind faculty ministry. The challenging news is that often folks forget that and revert to focusing only on undergraduate ministry. Encouraging realignment within all parts of InterVarsity is part of what I (and all you GFM colleagues) get to do—preferably in a non-whiny and winsome way. . .
- **Sustained growth:** Praise God GFM has been engaging faculty for over 30 years! Praise God that many of our students are now missional faculty scattered across the world. In GFM we are focusing on sustaining and expanding our faculty ministries.

Since last Mundelein, we've been working on resources that will encourage faculty, volunteers, and all parts of our movement to engage faculty well. We're looking for editors who'd be willing to curate a section of our resource library that currently has 21 different sections. Let us know if you'd like to be an editor!

We're also adding to the Faculty Ministry Leadership Team. Here's how it currently looks:

- Debra Clark—Associate Director of GFM Ministry
- Carrie Bare--Associate Director of Spiritual Formation
- Hannah Eagleson--Interim Associate Director of the Emerging Scholars Network
- Nan Schilling—Administration
- By the time you read this, we may have hired an Associate Director of Operations.

We are still asking God for an Associate Director of Undergraduate Ministries, who will spearhead helping our undergraduate colleagues plant faculty prayer groups and grow faculty fellowships.

Thank you GFM for being the front guard and backbone of faculty ministry! Please reach out if you have great ideas, need support, or just want to connect.

Graduate Healthcare Professions



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Reflecting upon his experience at a CCHF conference, Joel, OU-Cleveland first year Med student wrote *“I definitely felt the spirit of God moving throughout the weekend and wanted to be able to bring that passion and energy back to my campus. We will plan for future CMDA involvement on our campus. I look forward to seeing what God will do!”* Seven months later he writes, *“We are rejoicing that we have been able to connect more as a campus and grow as we delve deeper into the scriptures together. Students who haven’t been as connected on campus are coming together in our gatherings, and it’s been great to see the relationships that have come from our intentional community. My school, though secular, has a major emphasis on providing care in vulnerable and underserved populations. I have been talking to everyone about the conference, and we are already planning on bringing a group down for next year! Our CMDA leadership team is reading **“Upholding the Vision,”** and we are hoping to use it as a devotional guide for our group meetings next semester.”*

Submitted by **Jessie Thomas**, Director of Student Programming

CMDA News: Dr. Mike Chupp assumes the role as CEO of CMDA on Sept 1, replacing the retiring CEO, Dr. Dave Stevens who has served the organization for over 25 years.

“I was on my way out from a local CMDA gathering when one of the physicians stopped me to make sure we had met. He handed off his number and asked if we could grab coffee soon, and from that point on, a relationship began that has influenced my walk, talk, and overall vision about what my career in medicine will look like. Without CMDA, I would not have met my mentor, and life would still be nothing more than a circus act of trying to spin too many plates at once. Without CMDA, my perspective wouldn’t be the same, and I wouldn’t know what Jesus’ command [to make disciples] could look like within healthcare.” – OU 3rd Year Med

Submitted by **Bill Reichart**, CMDA



Bill Reichart, CMDA’s National Director of Campus & Community Ministries and Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner, Director of NCF, will be at Mundelein. Let’s grab a meal!

International Student Ministry

Marc Papai, ISM Director

Did you know that over 30% of the students in GFM are international students? That's north of 1300 students.

But there are nearly 400,000 international grad students on our campuses, so you might say *there is some work left to do*. We have a host of resources available online to assist you in engaging international students. Click [here](#) for information. I'd like to highlight two:

Reentry

Helping prepare internationals for a return to home countries is a top priority for International Student Ministry (ISM), as we seek to **develop and send global disciples and leaders from every nation to every nation**. That means vocationally prepared, spiritually formed, Scripture-loving followers who by their witness and love for Christ will change the world.

We invite you to consider on your campus or your region to partner with ISM in a *Reentry Project* in 2019-2020; we would come alongside you with a plan and resources to gather and train 6-12 returnees (or intending to return) in a format amenable to them and you. This might be a one-time gathering followed by in person or virtual training sessions, or two weekends or Saturdays a few weeks apart, or other models. ISM would supply consultation and staff trainers and mentor suggestions for the internationals that you gather. If you're interested in hearing more, please contact me at marc.papai@intervarsity.org.

Starting Something New

If you would like to begin work with internationals, we offer two key resources that you will find helpful:

- **Starting an International Small Group** – this workbook is based around the five thresholds contextualized for international students. It contains bible studies to help move students from one threshold to the next and is something designed for your American or international student leader to be able to implement without a lot of training. Order them at the [InterVarsity Store](#)
- **3x3s** – these are bite-sized resources to get started in a variety of areas to help catalyze new work among the international population. Current titles include
 - *Engaging Muslim Internationals—also ones for Hindus, Chinese, Japanese and European students*
 - *Friendships with International Students, Conversation Partners*
 - *New Student Outreach, GIGs with Internationals*
 - *International Student Leaders*

These all can be ordered from the [InterVarsity Store](#), at around 20 cents apiece.

Follow us at [InterVarsity ISM staff](#) on Facebook!

Law School Ministry

Mike Schutt, Law Student Ministry Coordinator

GFM and the Christian Legal Society (CLS) work together to serve the 25 staff working with law students and those hundreds who wish they were. Together, we continue to equip law student groups to engage the issues facing disciples of Jesus in the legal academy and law practice. Please schedule a time to meet with Mike Schutt if you are working with law students and have not connected!

Lunch Discussion and Pre-Reading

Please see the schedule for the Law Student Ministry lunch! Mike will facilitate a discussion on the persistent marginalization of Christian law students on campus and the important ministry of the gospel to law students and the legal academy out of that context. Please read in advance Aaron Haviland's short essay at *The Federalist*, [*I Thought I could be a Christian and a Constitutionalist at Yale Law School. I Was Wrong.*](#)

GFM and CLS Law Student Groups

CLS and Christian Law Fellowship groups are doing amazing things all over the country. Law students are coming to Christ, student teams are serving their communities at homeless shelters, legal aid clinics, and local schools, and staff and students continue to create witnessing communities on at least 150 law school campuses.

The CLS national conference in Clearwater, Florida featured several events hosted by IVCF's Women in the Academy and Professions, as Karen Guzman and her team encouraged law students and lawyers in attendance. "WAPpy Hours" are now the stuff of legend. Students also enjoyed the mentoring lunch with Christian attorneys, a fascinating discussion with former AG Ed Meese, and opportunities to share about their mission on campus. Likewise, the CMDA (!) Michigan Winter Retreat, *Losing Our Lives Without Losing Our Identity & Vision*, included a CLS component, featuring CLS member and InterVarsity alum Sylvia Chen, speaking on "Cultivating a Devotional Life in the Pressure of Practice: Don't lose your soul 6 minutes at a time!" and "The Mentors We Need and Should Seek."

CLS facilitates annual regional gatherings for students and lawyers in Southern California, New York, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and in the Pacific Northwest. If you are serving law students in those areas, plan to attend an event next winter. And make plans—and adjust your budget—to attend the CLS national conference in Chicago, October 31-November 3, 2019, at the Westin Michigan Avenue.

CLS Law School Fellows Program

The inaugural CLS Law School Fellows week was a huge success! We commissioned 25 Fellows from 23 law schools. Our second class—38 law students—will meet in Washington DC, May 19-25 for a week of training and fellowship. The program is designed for law students seeking a deeper understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus in the legal profession. We aim to create a scholarly community around the topics of vocational stewardship, Christian jurisprudence, and professional identity. Mike Schutt directs the program. For more info visit CLSFellows.org. Encourage your students to apply next fall for the 2020 Fellows week.

Publications

The [Christian Lawyer magazine](#) is published twice a year with the goal of encouraging vocational stewardship in the legal profession. Likewise, the mission of [The Journal of Christian Legal Thought](#) is to equip legal professionals to seek and study biblical truth as it relates to law and legal institutions. Also, the [Cross & Gavel podcast](#) addresses issues at the intersection of faith and work, particularly work in the law. Browse the archive or listen [here](#).

MBA Ministry

Mark Washington, National Director of MBA Ministry

[Believers in Business](#) tackled the complex topic of Capitalism in February. Increasing numbers of students care deeply about the topic, as was evidenced by nearly record attendance at 270. We are proud of the diverse student team that planned and led the conference from many of your schools. Pictures of them and some of you can be found [here](#).



An increasing number of online resources that have been developed in part with MBA Ministry or our alumni's involvement are being publicized:

- Great video storylines with Seattle Pacific University's [Faith & Co](#) series.
- [Redemptive entrepreneurship video course](#) by Praxis (co-founded by two IV alumni).
- Three conferences of TED-like faith and work talks from the Faith at Work Summit.

On the docket this year yet:

- Continued student leader zoom calls, focusing on leadership team transitions, spring and summer strategies, and NSO.
- [Generous Giving](#) free generosity training weekends to many of our fellowships.
- Possibly a live video speaker event with Lord Brian Griffiths, former Vice Chair of Goldman Sachs and economic advisor to Margaret Thatcher. Previous recordings you can tap for a small group or other uses are Dave Evans, Katherine Leary Alsdorf, and Andy Mills made available by contacting Mark Washington
- A student leader Google drive of helpful materials. Contact Mark if interested in this resource.

Along with Susan Park, DeeDee Wilson, and Josh Harper, I led the [Business Track at Urbana](#) for approximately 750 participants. While the number of total participants for the Track was down, we saw yet another consecutive Urbana where the total percentage of participants who signed up for the Track rose. This is an indicator to me that there are significant shifts in how the church and the next generation of students are thinking about mission in relationship to vocation. In other words, faith and work are on the rise while traditional missionary activity seems to be declining. Thanks to many of you who helped make possible the Track and the bonus features, like 211 participants who met with 30 mentors over group meals and 75 participants met one-on-one with discernment advisors.

Women in the Academy & Professions (WAP)

Karen Hice Guzmán, Director

We are grateful to God that Andrea Bridges is our new Editor at *The Well* and Caroline Triscik, formerly working with undergrads at Elizabethtown College, is now on our team and in charge of our podcast. Lindsay Bruk is provisionally appointed as WAP Associate: Communications (social media engagement) and is raising support.

Online – New Initiatives

The Weekly Well

One of Andrea's first projects as Editor was a weekly email highlighting articles published during the week at *The Well* and "more things we loved" from around the internet. The "Weekly Well" lands in 1500 inboxes on Friday mornings and drives traffic to the stellar content at *The Well*. To get it delivered to your inbox this week, signup [here](#).

WAP Woman Wednesday

Wanting to connect our audience with the amazing women in our "network" birthed WAP Woman Wednesday. On Wednesdays (of course), we hear from women academics and professionals about their lives, their faith, and the way it all intersects. Meet the [woman who saved the tater tot](#) (yes, seriously), an [award-winning writer](#), or a [Believers in Business keynote speaker](#).

Online – Ongoing (and growing) Initiatives

WAP Podcast – *All Shall Be Well*

We are thrilled that Caroline has joined our team and taken on the podcast which has featured an incredible lineup of interesting and accomplished women. Listen to Caroline's interview with [Rice Faculty Ruth López Turley](#), or [Wikimedia Foundation's new COO](#), or [Sarah Arthur](#), author of a recent biography of Madeleine L'Engle.

WAP Book Club

Jasmine Obeysekere continues to lead our book club which discussed Vinoth Ramachandra's *Subverting Global Myths* this fall, and this winter is reading Elaine Storkey's *Scars Across Humanity: Understanding and Overcoming Violence Against Women*. Participants include graduate students, faculty, and professionals from around the world.

On Campus (and at Conferences)

WAPpy Hours are held at each faculty conference, providing space for women faculty to connect and discuss issues important to them as they engage in the places God has called them. Significant relationships built in these times continue to be nurtured at *The Well* and in personal visits throughout the year. WAP has an annual presence at the Christian Legal Society and Believers in Business Conferences and is considering other conferences to connect with/increase our audience and pool of writers and interviewees.

I continue to visit campuses partnering with staff colleagues to provide resources and facilitate gatherings to serve students, faculty, and alums. One such visit this fall helped create a new faculty group at Colorado Christian. Share these resources with your students and faculty and/or invite us to your campus!

CARIFES: IFES in the Caribbean

Kevin Kummer, InterVarsity-GFM/CARIFES Liaison, 2019

The Caribbean is a fascinating, diverse, humanly rich place. There are Dutch, English and French speaking CARIFES member movements. Native, African, Indian and European people and history have mixed and shaped the region socially, culturally and geo-politically. See more details about CARIFES from Marc Pulvar, new Regional Secretary, listed on the following page.

Graduate and Faculty Ministries in the US and the Caribbean IFES region have developed a special relationship over the past six years, collaborating to develop ministry among graduate/postgraduate students, professionals, and professors.

This partnership has involved:

1. Exchanging vision, wisdom, and resources
2. Collaborating on specific conferences, events, and projects
3. Staff and staff team visits
4. Other forms of partnership in ministry

We began by taking offerings for GFM work in the Caribbean at our GFM National Staff Conferences. We have contributed very generously in previous years and will have the opportunity this year to do so again. These funds have enabled staff visits between our two movements.

In 2014, Andre Cooper (Trinidad) visited to observe the grad chapter at the University of Iowa and spend time with Kevin and Maria Kummer. In 2015, we hosted two key CARIFES leaders at Mundelein: Judith Johnston (board member) and Desmond Rogers (Regional Secretary). Kevin Kummer visited Guyana and Trinidad in 2015 to accompany Desmond and Andre on university visits, tell stories of faculty ministry, and encourage the formation of faculty groups. We enjoyed having Andre Cooper and Denise Margaret Thompson, CARIFES GFM leaders, speak at Mundelein 2016.



In January 2017, we jointly sponsored a conference in Trinidad around the theme of faith and field/work integration. Felicia Anderson, Dr. Alice Brown-Collins, Chermaine Kabugu, and Wendy Quay (and graduate students from Stanford) took part in the conference.

Kevin traveled to Guyana and Suriname in November 2017 to encourage staff and participate in the 40th-anniversary celebrations of IFES movement Jesus Students Suriname.

We provided a scholarship for Lilith Perrier, a new IFES staff member in Guyana (pictured with Maria and Kevin Kummer), to attend Urbana 18.

Please Pray for:

- Marc Pulvar, new Regional Secretary, and Desmond Rogers as he retires
- New and increased levels of financial partnership
- Continued recovery for islands recently devastated by natural disasters
- Vision and wisdom in developing the GFM/CARIFES special partnership



Felicia, Wendy, Andre, Desmond, Denise, Kevin, and Marc at Urbana18

From Marc Pulvar, Regional Secretary CARIFES:

The Caribbean is a diverse place – linguistically, socially, culturally, and geopolitically. There is generally religious tolerance and freedom for Christians to spread the gospel, especially in the English- and Dutch-speaking countries. However, students experience restrictions in some of the French-speaking movements, since the French laws declare that schools and other public places are religion-free zones.

Student ministry in the Caribbean

- 12 IFES-affiliated movements
- Two unaffiliated movements
- Three countries currently being pioneered
- Largest movement, Guyana (with about 10,000 students in 250 groups, including high schools: 10 field staff)
- Dominica is one of the smallest movements with fewer than 300 students

Desmond Rogers, outgoing Regional Secretary for the Caribbean, says, *'We have seen students coming to faith in Christ and being disciplined for his honor and glory. The region is also blessed with staff and graduates who are keen to see the work in their respective national movements advance so that students may know Christ and make him known.'*

Please [pray for IFES](#) and:

- the many students who commute to find time to attend meetings;
- for more students to be saved and their lives to have an impact on social problems in the region;
- and for the strengthening of efforts to pioneer new student groups

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