
Three great gatherings

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May 2026 Newsletter

Dear Karlee,

The transition from spring to summer mode is already underway, even at our more northerly centers where I am told “there is no longer significant snow on the ground.” As students hunker down to salvage what remains of yet another semester, study center staff turn from intensive programming to hospitality and support. At the same time, we look forward with anticipation to the opportunities and change of pace that summer promises.

This summer, many of us are looking forward to three notable events. The first is Comment Magazine's [Understory Festival](#). Thanks to a very generous anonymous donor and the coordinating efforts of Griff Gatewood at the [The Study Center at Wake Forest](#), all center directors have been invited to attend this marvelous feast at no expense. Second, in July, almost all of us will gather for the [16th Annual Meeting](#) of the Consortium at [Upper House](#) in Madison. Always a highlight of the year, the meeting will feature keynotes, workshops and, not least of all, plenty of time for informal conversations that serve to encourage and enlighten as we prepare to embark on yet another year of service to students and scholars on our respective campuses. Finally, in August, several of us will gather yet again for the [Faculty Theological Collaborative](#) sponsored by the [Center for Christianity and Scholarship](#) serving Duke University. Co-sponsored by [Anselm House](#), [Octet Collaborative](#), and Regent University, as well as the Consortium, this is one of the many very creative initiatives in study center land. Please do call it to the attention of faculty members in your networks. The gathering will feature a number of outstanding speakers, including, I'm told, one Dr. Karl Johnson. (I'm not making this up—will send selfie.)

As you look over these gatherings and other programs and resources in the newsletter below, we invite you to pray with and for us, and especially for all the students who will be graduating and venturing off into that treacherous territory many have called “the real world” in the coming weeks. It's an exciting time for them and also for all of us who have invested in their lives in recent years.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karl E. Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Karl E. Johnson
Executive Director

This Month's Highlights

- Register for the Consortium's Annual Meeting and The Faculty Theological Collaborative
- Check out study center events coming up in May and later this summer

- Learn about partner organization conferences and online events you may be interested in attending
 - Take a look at our recommended articles, interviews, and publications related to the study center movement
 - Peruse the list of jobs available at several of our study centers and partners
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CCSC News & Events



Register for the 2026 Annual Meeting

The Consortium's 16th Annual Meeting will be July 27-29 at Upper House in Madison, WI, hosted by the SL Brown Foundation. Click below to learn more about this year's annual meeting and to register. Please note that attendees must book their rooms at the Hilton Garden Inn **by June 25th** to receive the discounted rate.

[Learn more and register](#)



Register for The Faculty Theological Collaborative

*Monday, August 3 – Wednesday, August 5
Durham, NC*

The Faculty Theological Collaborative, hosted by the Center for Christianity & Scholarship, supports Christian professors at secular universities through advanced theological training, living examples of the unity of faith and scholarship, and rich fellowship with faculty across institutions and disciplines. This three-day workshop is built around a series of dialogues between academic theologians and scholars in the natural sciences, social sciences, and arts and humanities. This year's topic is "What It Means to Be Human" and the keynote is **Warren Smith**. Click below to learn about the other speakers and to register.

[Learn more and register](#)



Welcome to Our New Partner Organization!

Welcome to our newest Partner Organization, AHA Foundation. Established by **Ayaan Hirsi Ali**, AHA Foundation is a nonprofit committed to preserving, protecting, and promoting Liberal freedoms and ideals. Click the logo above to visit their website or the button below to learn more about all of CCSC's partnerships.

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Study Center Events



Bradley Center: Q&A with Singer-Songwriter Skye Peterson

*Friday, May 1 at 2pm
Blacksburg, VA*

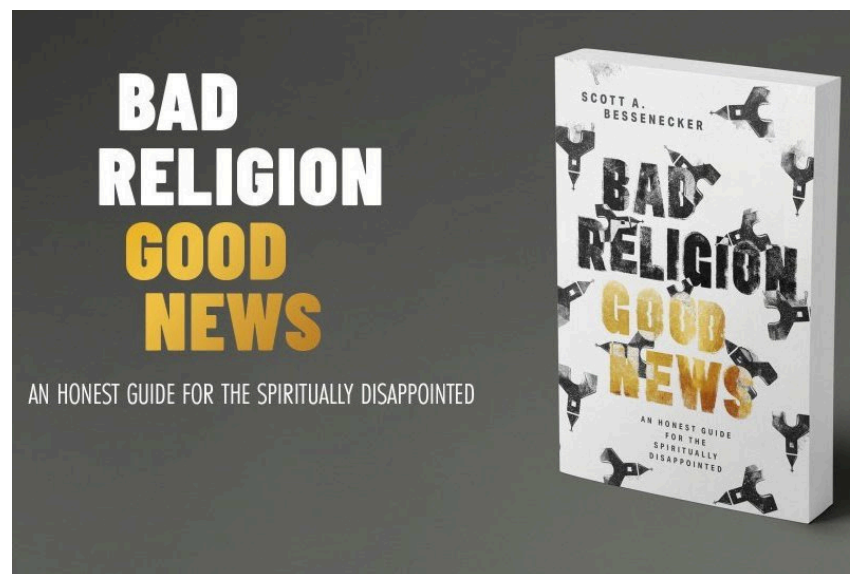
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Upper House: "Stories of Coming Home" with Dan Taylor

*Thursday, May 14 at 6:30pm
Madison, WI*

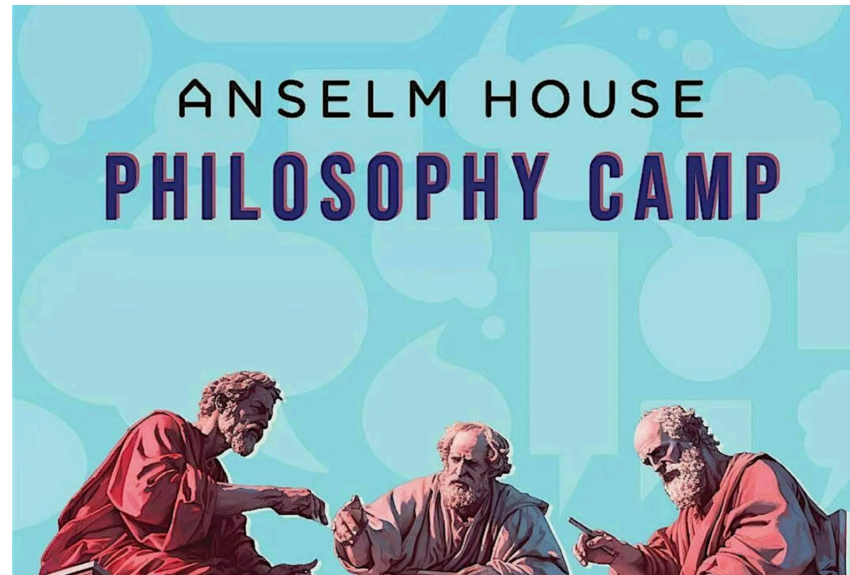
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Upper House: Book Launch with Scott Bessenecker

*Friday, May 29 at 6:30pm
Madison, WI*

[Learn more](#)



Anselm House: Philosophy Camp for High Schoolers

*Monday, June 22 - Thursday, June 25
Minneapolis, MN*

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Anselm House: Healthcare Symposium with Daniel Sulmasy

*Friday, August 7 - Saturday, August 8
Minneapolis, MN*

[Learn more](#)

Partner Organization Events

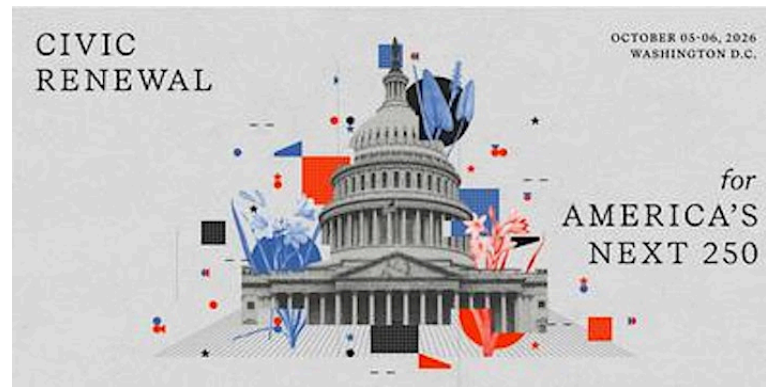


Annual Meeting of the American Scientific Affiliation

*Friday, July 24 - Monday, July 27
Gordon College: Wenham, MA*

The theme of ASA's 2026 Annual Meeting, "Science Faith Synergy: Glorifying God and Serving the World," is inspired by 1 Peter 4:10. Registration is now live! ASA has extended a special offer to directors of Christian Study Centers: you can sign up for a free ASA membership with the code ASA2026GIFT, which will provide a discount on their Annual Meeting registration. Click below to learn more about the speakers and to register.

[Learn more and register](#)



"For the Good of the Public" Summit in D.C.

*Monday, October 5 – Tuesday, October 6
Washington D.C.*

The 2026 annual summit of the Center for Christianity & Public Life's registration is now open. This year, as our nation marks its 250th year, CCPL is bringing together elected officials and policymakers, journalists, nonprofit leaders, clergy, and leaders in business, philanthropy, and the arts to ask together: How can Christian resources contribute to the renewal of our national life—and help shape a more hopeful American future for everyone? Click below to register and use code "betterstory" for 20% off.

[Learn more and register](#)



Trinity Forum Online Conversations

Online: Fridays, May 8 & 15 at 1:30pm ET

The Trinity Forum is hosting two exciting online conversations in May. In the first, **Tish Harrison Warren** will draw on themes from her forthcoming book, *What Grows in Weary Lands: On Christian Resilience*. In the second, Trinity Forum Senior Fellow **Makoto Fujimura** and **Haejin Shim Fujimura** will discuss their new book, *Beauty and Justice: Creating a Life of Abundance and Courage*.

[Learn more and register](#)

Recommendations



The Raised Hand: "Will Artificial Intelligence Abolish Humanity?"

In TRH's final essay in its series on the role of human educators in the age of artificial intelligence, **Ethan Schrum** (associate professor of history at Azusa Pacific University and author of *The Instrumental University: Education in Service of the National Agenda after World War II*) considers what we might glean from C.S. Lewis's reflections on education and being human as we face the challenges posed to us by AI.

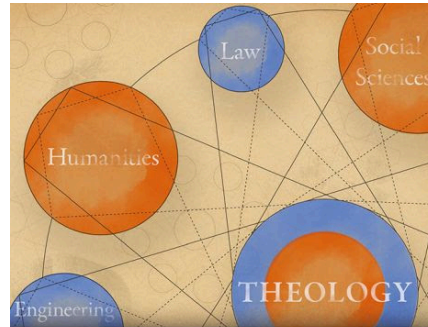
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Christianity Today Article on Just War Theory

Justin R. Hawkins is the Consortium's Intern Program Mentor as well as a postdoctoral researcher in bioethics at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. In this article for *Christianity Today*, he explores the ways in which U.S. leadership is "using the language and symbols of our faith while ignoring its substance."

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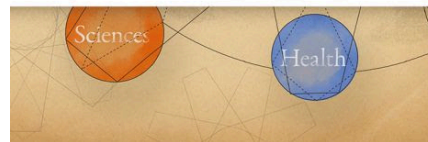


Order and Disorder

Nigel Biggar in Dialogue with the University

EDITED BY Terence C. Halliday and K. K. Yeo

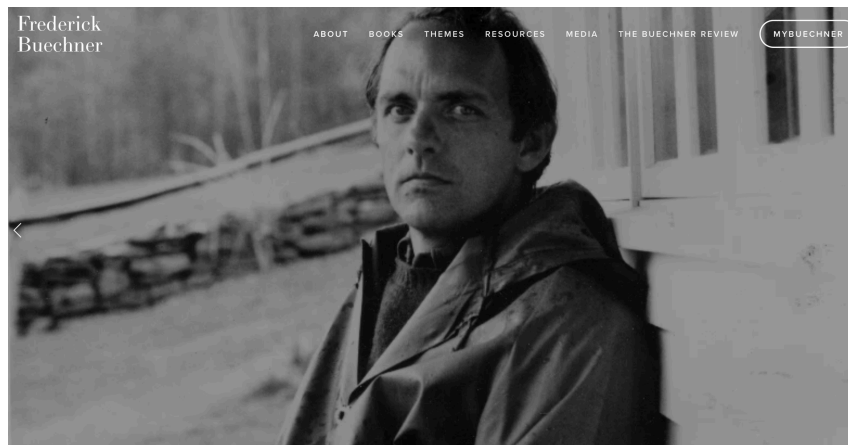
CROSS-DISCIPLINARY ENCOUNTERS WITH THEOLOGY



New Book on Christian Moral Theology of Order

A new book that has been co-edited by **Terry Halliday** and is a project of the Global Faculty Initiative (a Consortium partner organization) has come out with Langham Publishing (also a CCSC partner). In *Order and Disorder: Nigel Biggar in Dialogue with the University*, distinguished moral theologian **Nigel Biggar** sparks lively conversation with twenty-nine learned scholars about a Christian moral theology of order. According to Karl Johnson's official endorsement, this book demonstrates "that the future of Christian scholarly engagement with the modern research university remains hopeful and full of promising possibilities."

[Learn more](#)



Frederick Buechner Article by Karl Johnson

Recently published by *The Buechner Review*, Karl Johnson's article *Sacramentalism in the City* explores the ways in which American writer and theologian **Frederick Buechner** offers us a "transformation of vision" that encourages us to see beauty and sacramentality not only in nature, but also in the midst of urban environments and modern technology.

[Read now](#)



Artemis II Interview with AJ Poelarends

AJ Poelarends (Director of the Center for Faith & Learning at Anselm House) was recently interviewed by CBS Minnesota on NASA's Artemis II mission, faith and science, and the creation of the universe. [Click below to watch!](#)

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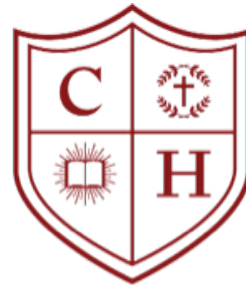
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**Have you seen the Consortium's video about the study center movement yet?
View and share the video [here](#).**

As always, keep sending your events our way so that we may distribute them to all who have expressed interest in the good work of the Consortium's members and partners.

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