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A view of study center land from 30,000 feet

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Consortium of Christian Study Centers

PERISCOPE

October 2025 Newsletter

Dear Karlee,

Again, this month, Periscope features over a dozen events by member centers. Although listed here in a compressed format, we invite you not only to scroll but also to click and learn more about the many excellent events taking place in October in study center land—events carefully curated by member center staff to explore the life of the mind in the context of life in Christ.

Even as you click, don't fail to continue scrolling, as we have saved some of the best for last—articles in Comment and Christianity Today contributed by study center staff, as well as an excellent podcast episode with Mike Sacasas.

As the busiest months of the year for study center staff give way to the meatier months of the semester for students, let us continue to pray for one another, as well as the students and scholars we serve, as we seek to bear witness to Christ in the context of the academy.

In Christ,

Karl E. Johnson
Executive Director

This Month's Highlights

- Check out the 15 exciting lectures and special events that study centers are hosting in October
- Learn more about partner organization online events and programs you may be interested in applying for
- Read recently published articles by writers connected to the study center movement
- Take a look at the jobs available at several of our study centers and partners

CCSC News & Events

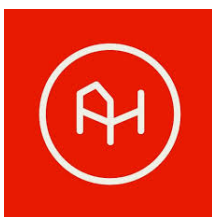


Follow the Consortium on Social Media

After a brief hiatus, our social media accounts are up and running! Follow us on the channels below to stay up-to-date on happenings in study center land.



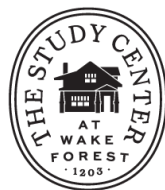
Study Center Events



Flannery O'Connor: Hillbilly Nihilist or Hillbilly Thomist?

Jennifer A. Frey
October 2 at 7pm
Minneapolis, MN

[Learn more](#)



Do Not Worry: Christian Students & the Challenge of Anxiety

Warren Kinghorn
October 2 at 7pm
Winston-Salem, NC

[Learn more](#)



Takedown: Inside the Fight to Shut Down Pornhub

Laila Mickelwait
October 3 at 7pm
Iowa City, IA

[Learn more](#)



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COLLABORATIVE

Peculiar Stories of the Holy Ghost: Charisma in Religion and Politics

Molly Worthen

October 3 at 7pm

Madison, WI

[Learn more](#)



"The Jailhouse Lawyer" Author Conversation

Calvin Duncan & Sophie Cull

October 8 at 7pm

Madison, WI

[Learn more](#)



"Catalytic Stories" Film Premiere

Various

October 17 at 5pm

Charlottesville, VA

[Learn more](#)



Religion in a Changing Workplace

Elaine Howard Ecklund

October 30 at 7pm

Minneapolis, MN

[Learn more](#)

Against the Machine: On the Unmaking of Humanity

Paul Kingsnorth

October 6 at 5:30pm

Pittsburgh, PA

[Learn more](#)



Christ the Exorcist: A Theology of Spiritual Warfare

Joy Vaughan

October 14 at 7pm

Lexington, KY

[Learn more](#)



Promise or Peril? How Stories Guide Technology

Derek Schuurman & Aline Eid

October 20 at 5:30pm

Ann Arbor, MI

[Learn more](#)



God's Sabbath: Sacred Rhythms of Rest and Delight

Norman Wirzba

October 30 at 7pm

Chapel Hill, NC

[Learn more](#)

Can We Stay Human Together Online?

Sherry Turkle & Autumn Ridenour

October 6 at 5pm

Cambridge, MA

[Learn more](#)



Is There Evil? Retrieving the Language of Evil

Ingrid Faro

October 17 at 6:30pm

Columbus, OH

[Learn more](#)



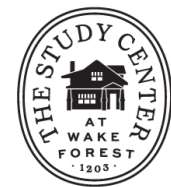
Artificial Intelligence and Human Vocation

Michael Sacasas

October 28 at 7pm

Columbia, SC

[Learn more](#)



"The Purpose of the University" Community Event

Kavin Rowe

October 30 at 7pm

Winston-Salem, NC

[Learn more](#)

Partner Organization Events



CENTER FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE

Nominate a Student for the Hatfield Prize

Due Monday, November 3

Do you know a student who would be passionate about researching a social issue that affects their local community? The Hatfield Prize is awarded annually to three Christian student-faculty pairs to conduct a semester-long research project. If you know a student who would be interested in getting paid to do meaningful, faith-informed policy research, encourage them to apply at the link below or nominate them by reaching out to Mary Kathryn Praamsma at marykathryn.praamsma@cpjustice.org.

Learn more

the Center
for Christianity
& Public Life



Apply for the 2026 Public Life Fellowship

Due Monday, November 3

The Public Life Fellowship Program is a nine-month program serving an intergenerational class of Christians interested in intensive, community-based learning about the intersection of faith and public service. The ideal applicant will be serious about their faith and committed to public service, and they will have already made a significant contribution to our civic life. Fellows come from diverse sectors across the United States and from many different Christian traditions. The program itself is free, and all lodging and accommodations are covered for the retreats.

Learn more and apply



InterVarsity

Register for Faith & Work Webinar

Online: Wednesday, October 1, 6:30pm CT

InterVarsity MBA Ministry, in partnership with Women Scholars and Professionals, Resource Global, Voca Center, and Faith and Work Movement, is glad to host this webinar discussion with **Dr. Elaine Howard Ecklund** and **Denise Daniels** on their new book. Drawing from over twenty years of research and personal insights, *Working For Better: A New Approach to Faith at Work* presents a groundbreaking exploration of how to express Christian faith in professional settings without compromising beliefs or alienating others.

Register



Tune In To Book Launch Event

Online: Tuesday, October 7, 7pm PT

All are welcome to join the livestream of the launch event to celebrate the release of **Jonathan A. Anderson's** new book, *The Invisibility of Religion in Contemporary Art*. Jonathan leads the Christianity and the Arts concentration at Regent College. Come hear him speak about the book and answer questions from the audience.

Learn more and watch

Recommendations



Comment Article: "Did God Forbid Brain Transplants?"

Justin R. Hawkins is the Consortium's Intern Program Mentor as well as a postdoctoral researcher in bioethics at Columbia University Irving Medical Center. Justin explores the bioethical debate between faith and reason in this article recently published by Comment Magazine in which he reviews **Mark J. Cherry's** book *Bioethics after God: Morality, Culture, and Medicine*.

Read now



CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTER

Podcast Episode on Burnout

Mike Sacasas (Executive Director of the Christian Study Center of Gainesville) recently gave a lecture entitled "Beyond Burnout Society: Recovering the Strength to Tirelessly Pursue the Good" which is now available through the center's "For Your Consideration" podcast.

[Listen now](#)



CT Article: "Don't Pay Attention, Give It"

In this article recently published by Christianity Today, Lewis House scholar in residence **Derek King** argues that "in a digitally oversaturated society like ours," attention isn't a resource to maximize for productivity, but rather a gift that helps us love God and neighbor.

[Read now](#)

Job Openings



CENTER FOR PUBLIC JUSTICE

Director of Communications

Annual Fund Associate

Director of Global Health & Civic Engagement

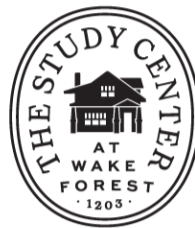
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The Center for Faith & Learning (CFL) Program Manager

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Ministry Associate

[Apply here](#)



Facilities Manager

Human Resources Manager

Executive Assistant to the Executive Office

Communications Coordinator

[Apply here](#)



The Christian Study Center Movement

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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