
SCHOOL HAS BEGUN

It Started in Early August for Faculty at USAFA



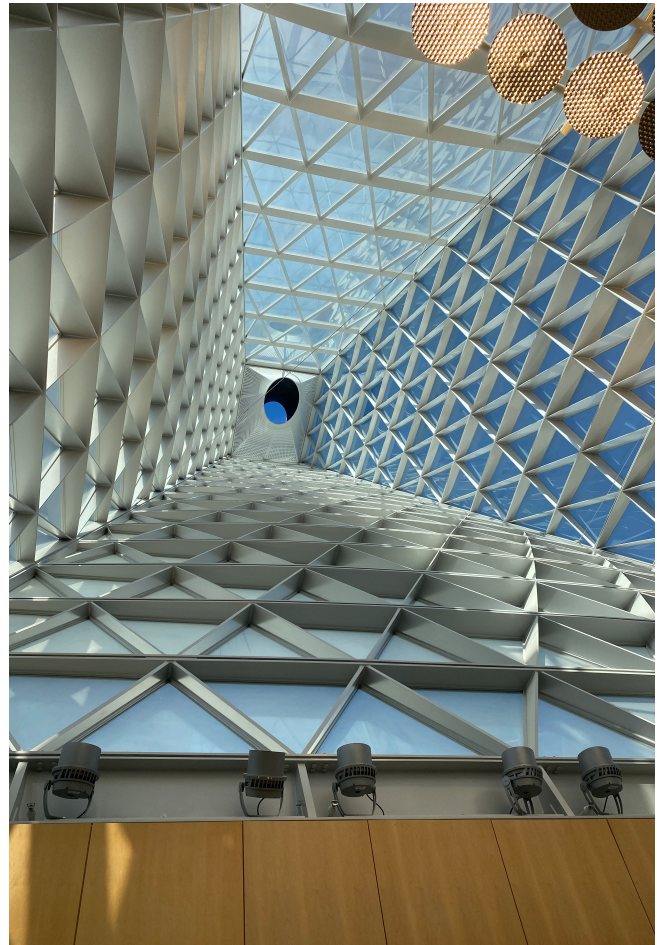
This last week we had **our first** Christian Faculty Fellowship meeting at the Air Force Academy and *about 50 attended*. There were a lot of cadets in those numbers because we invited the leaders of various campus ministries to represent themselves at the meeting.

And we did have representatives from the “other” groups, including Christian, Jewish, Islam, and Buddhist...and even a representative from a leader who identified himself as a “secular humanist.” That may sound kind of strange to you to invite all these in and let the audience hear their spiel! Why would a Christian movement do something like that? Let me explain.

Overlooking the Intramural Athletic Fields, with the Academy, and Chapel behind them.

One big reason is that we don't have too much to worry about in terms of young Christians being overwhelmed hearing from so many other religious voices—first of all they do anyway. However, the **Christian community** among cadets and faculty at Air Force **is by far the largest religious group** on campus, that is, there are very few “others”, but there are some Jews, Buddhists and Islamic believers.

Second, as they sat on a panel we were able to ask questions from the audience. And that's just what I did. What did I ask? I asked the secularist representative (the secular humanist) what he thought truth was and did his group have any of it...the truth that is. He responded that he had what he thought was some truth that went beyond his community to others and the Jewish representative said he thought it was all subjective. But that changed the conversation from talking about how oppressed they felt about the dominance of Christian faith to what do they think is true and why,



Ceiling at the USAFA's Center for Character Development

After the meeting I had several Christians who attended thank me for asking the question and what was raised by that. One of the Christians who attended was a person who teaches philosophy at the Academy and she

thanked me for speaking up. It led to her asking a question at the meeting that she addressed to the secularist representative, "...where do your values and ethics come from if you do not believe in God?"

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That keeps the conversation about God to legitimately come up and that's what we want to keep alive among the faculty and cadets at the Academy.

-PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY

Other things:

- Our first Christian faculty meeting at CSU is on Thursday, September 14th

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End of summer 2023 is arriving and it is time to take up our pen and write to you. As always, this issue of **Connections Review** will provide resources and address a variety of topics that are aimed to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.

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With these resources below, locate where you are now, and go from there!

[Getting Ready for the Fall](#)
&
[Sustaining and Building a Christian Faculty Community on Campus](#)

Resources to prepare yourself and your local Christian faculty community/fellowship to be ready to get off to a good start in the fall! Building and especially for sustaining your local Christian faculty community.

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Just in case you're **not** building and/or sustaining:

[Starting a Christian Faculty Community on Campus](#)
[Re-Starting a Christian Faculty Community on Campus](#)

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Article: **FAITH AND REASON**

In the forward to David K. Naugle's *Worldview: The History of a Concept*—which has become something of a "standard reference" on the subject—Christian philosopher Arthur Holmes writes:

"...What Christian academics have long asserted is that biblical religion is not inimical to serious scholarship but motivates it, illumines the mind, opens new avenues for inquiry and draws things together in a meaningful whole. All truth in the final analysis is about the ways and works of God. But the secular academy under the spell of modernity found it outrageous that a place be given to scholarship from a religious point of view: the rule of "reason alone" excludes it..."

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- [Pursuing Full Professorship](#)

Read what 3 Christian professors who have reached that status have to say about their faith and this challenging journey.

- [Portal on Christian Scholarship](#)

We talked about "faith" and "reason" in this issue; here's a way to continue pursuing clearer thought on those things.

- [Portal on Conversational Apologetics](#)

Broken into two areas: 1) conversational conceptual apologetics and 2) conversational cultural apologetics.

- [A Primer on Critical Theories](#)

The last 20 years this has been a hot topic on campus, and within Christian circles. Though we have many resources on this topic, here's a short video to explain its roots and some of its shoots.

- [Discussables](#)

We are always collecting interesting articles and essays that are on-line. Find something interesting with the links we provide on this page and you can enter into discussion with us about it. Check links and our connections there.

Cheers!

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in Fort Collins. Please pray for that! Thanks.

- We were able to write and send out our end of summer/fall Connections Review for Christian faculty in August. Though this was written for Christian faculty, you can view it at this link:

<https://mailchi.mp/e9060197784b/connections-review-summerfall-2023?e=1a17d2d7c0>

- Thankfully, I was able to finish an article for the faculty on the topic "Faith and Reason." You can view that article here:

<https://www.academicconnectionsgcm.org/other-resources/apologetics/apologetics/section-5/revisiting-faith--reason/faith-and-reason.html>

- Phyllis continues to recover from her fall in March. In August she received the final prosthodontic dental appliances so that her teeth mesh so she can begin to eat solids. She will still need some orthodontic work in the coming months, but this was a major improvement of her situation! To God be the glory.

Briefly,

Jim for Phyllis and Scott

< — — I've inserted a greatly reduced image of what the Connections Review publication looks like.