



“Hi!” from our family. Theresa and I have worked with undergraduate students, graduate students, professional students, postdocs, faculty, for 15 years. Starting first at our alma mater Grove City College, then Carnegie Mellon U and U. of Pittsburgh before returning to where we grew up in South Central PA to invest creating a network for Christian scholars/emerging scholars/health care professionals in small liberal arts colleges, state universities, and Penn State Hershey Medical Center. As our family has grown on campus, it has also grown at home. Our twins turn 11 on Ground Hogs Day. Eden turns 6 later in the month. Lily is 1.5 years old. Missing in the picture is Elise Faith, who was born at 23 weeks on March 3, 1999, lived on this earth 8 days, and waits for us to join her in dancing on the streets that are golden. Note: Spiritual Autobiography posted at <http://groshlink.net/gallery/1/Spiritual%20Autobiography2.pdf>.

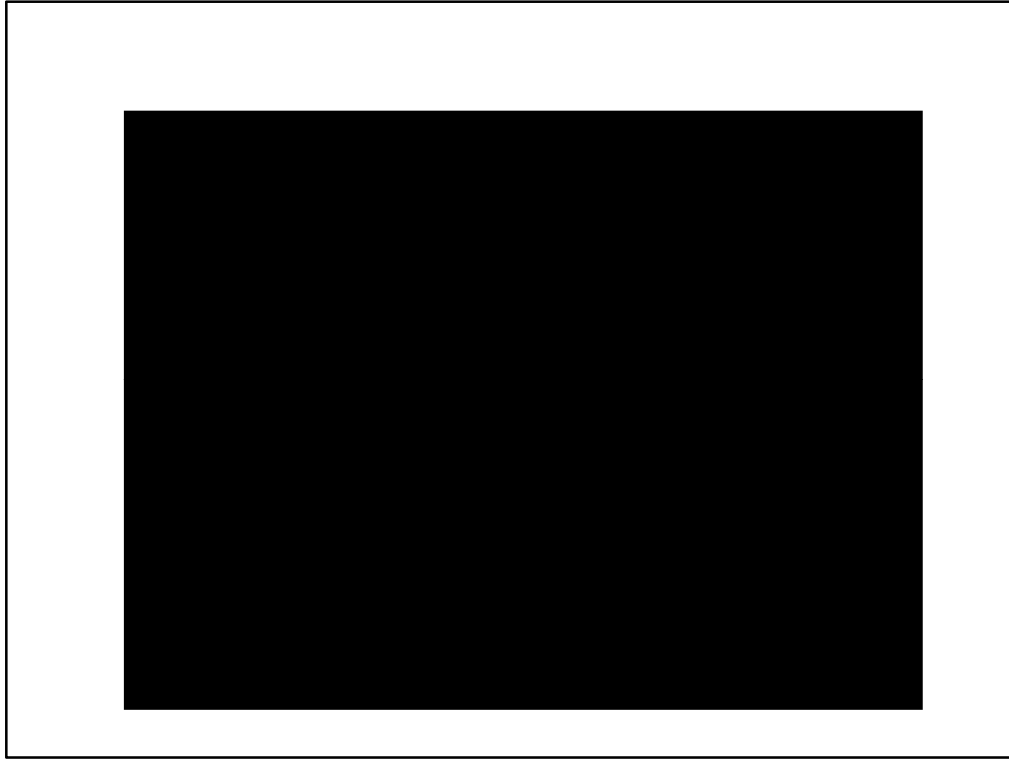
**"Renewing & Redeeming the Campus:  
What Can We Do?"**

**Salt, Light, Yeast, Seed  
Networked Christian Scholars & Professionals**



**Love God ...  
Love Neighbor ...  
Head, Heart, & Hands**

To learn more of where Penn's GCF is at, share with me your name and department. Great. Thank-you for sharing. Let's begin with a lens for ministry taken from Matthew 5 and 13.



Salt-Light-Yeast-Seed,  
<http://vimeo.com/18035035>

**How does one “build” such a network/witnessing community?**

As in any structure or workplace, the Father, by His Spirit, leads His children to bring to and incarnate the Word of God in their particular context. We pray and work in Christ as hard as possible. We pray and work in Christ as hard as possible. It all depends on God. It all depends on God. My role, by the grace of God , is not only to be a developer, guide, and architect,

### **The Core: Missional Christians**

Students, professionals, or faculty members who are motivated by their relationship with Jesus to advance the Gospel on campus, willingly devoting time & resources as a community to take risks for Jesus' sake.

but also to raise up missional Christians who will be likewise on their campus and wherever the Lord leads them in the future. Ken Elzinga says ...

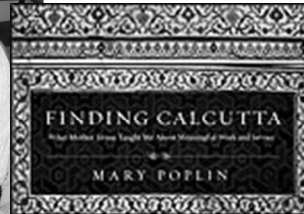
**"A handful of Christian scholars in each department in a college or university would change the tenor of higher education in this country."**

*Dr. Kenneth Elzinga*  
Professor of Economics,  
University of Virginia



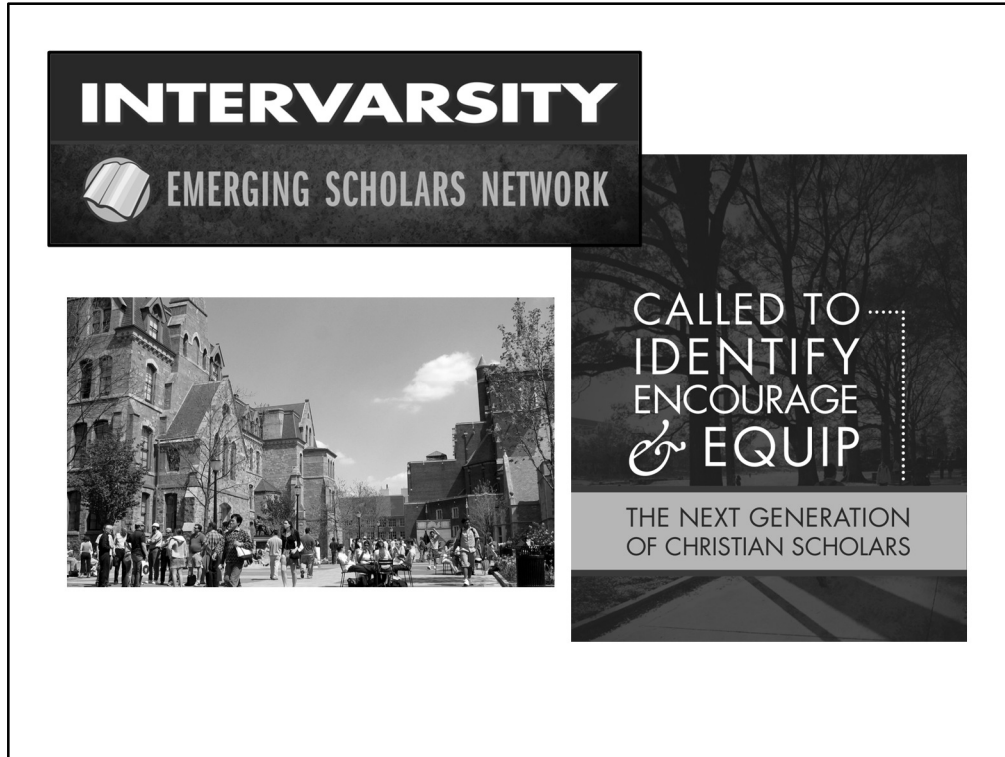
Draw material from "Being Open about My Faith Without Turning People Off" (Ken Elzinga. Emerging Scholars Network Day Ahead. Following Christ 2008, <http://www.intervarsity.org/gfm/faculty/resource/being-open-about-my-faith-without-turning-people-off>). Focus on "Let your light shine" (Matthew 5:14-16) through an open office, life, home. The transformative nature of love, the expression of the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). Question to encourage group interaction: Do you have any examples which come to mind at Penn?

## Mary Poplin, Education, Claremont



**“the most important  
people in culture  
right now ...”**

A few weeks ago at InterVarsity’s National Staff Conference, Mary Poplin, a Claremont professor of education who Christ called out of Radical Feminism and Marxism to Radical Christianity, called InterVarsity Staff “the most important people in culture right now ...” Why? Draw from her presentation, "Redeeming the Campus" (Time: 44:20. <http://www.intervarsity.org/sites/default/files/podcast/11/01/SC11MaryPoplinThursday.mp3>) and <http://www.intervarsity.org/gfm/well/resource/radical-scholar>. Testimony illustrates (by the grace of God) the pace, authenticity, possibility of and transformative nature of ‘campus renewal.’ Work with Mother Teresa, urban schools, Veritas Forum, critique of other campus worldviews exemplifies provoking/renewing scholarship and campus engagement. But maybe I disagree w/Mary in that I think that she is and you are “the most important people in culture right now. ...” Hmm. ...



I guess that's why I'm committed to the Emerging Scholars Network. What does it have to offer? Highlight web/blog material. How does ESN function?



## Identify



**1 of the 250 students who joined the Emerging Scholars Network at the Urbana Student Missions Convention.**

Identify: Ask students, “What ideas /practices do you have for identifying/meeting brothers and sisters in Christ in higher education? What ideas/practices do you have for identifying others with interest in Christ, begin drawn to Christ?” Tie back to Ken Elzinga, Mary Poplin. Share personal illustrations of listening to talks, developing networks, collecting business cards, reading articles/books/newspapers, going to conferences, word of mouth (campus, friends, alumni, web inquiries).

## Encourage



**PSU-Hershey Christian Medical Society: Men's Bible Study**

Encourage : Ask students, “What ideas /practices do you have for encouraging brothers and sisters in Christ in higher education?” Tie back to Ken Elzinga, Mary Poplin. Share personal illustrations. Prayer. Bible Study (PSU-Hershey CMS is a mix of medical students and grad students with a physician, friend from the community, and/or an undergrad every now/then. Comment what we’re studying , Tim Keller’s “Living In A Pluralistic Society; *Judges, Daniel & Joseph*,” [http://www.redeemer2.com/rstore/moreinfo.cfm?Product\\_ID=160](http://www.redeemer2.com/rstore/moreinfo.cfm?Product_ID=160)). Book Discussion. Meal or office visit to catch up. Outreach. Periodic email, Facebook, blog notes. Handout: “Faithfulness at the U. of Babylon.” Christian Anible. 2004, <http://www.intervarsity.org/mx/item/3917>.

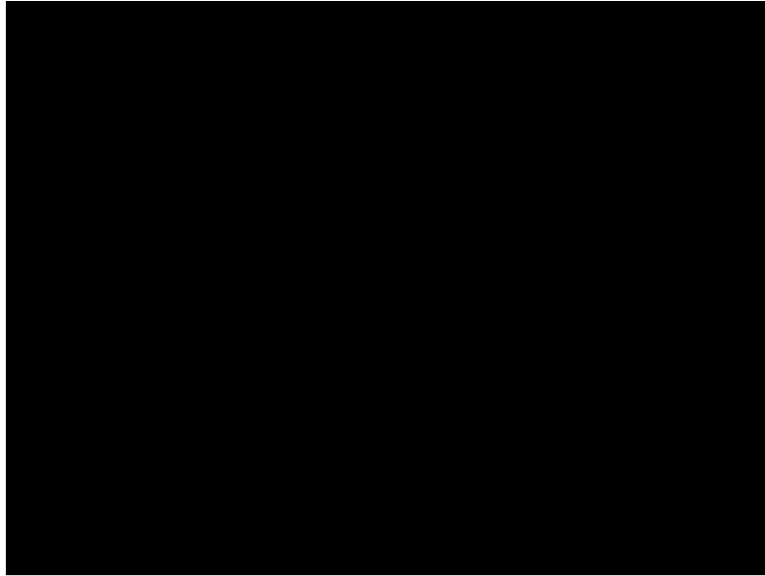
## Equip



**Christian Medical & Dental Association Winter Retreat:  
Delegates from Messiah College and PSU-Hershey**

And Equip missional Christians. The daily life of missional Christians and the ministries which they develop on campus, extends the Way, Truth, and Life ... calling some to Christ for the first time , calling others to grow in Christ-likeness in deeper ways, and offering to others the call to return to the Father, as the prodigal son and his older brother. Let me share who is in this mix (undergrads, medical students, physician family. Story of Bryan Hollinger, Esperanza Health Care, Philadelphia). What ideas/practices do you have to recommend? Article/book recommendations and debrief/discussion, large group topics , retreats/conferencing. Handout: ESN brochure w/website and blog address: <http://blog.emgeringscholars.org>. Handout: “First Steps to Renewing the Campus “(Mike Hickerson, [mike@emergingscholars.org](mailto:mike@emergingscholars.org)).

## Offering “Head, Heart, & Hands”



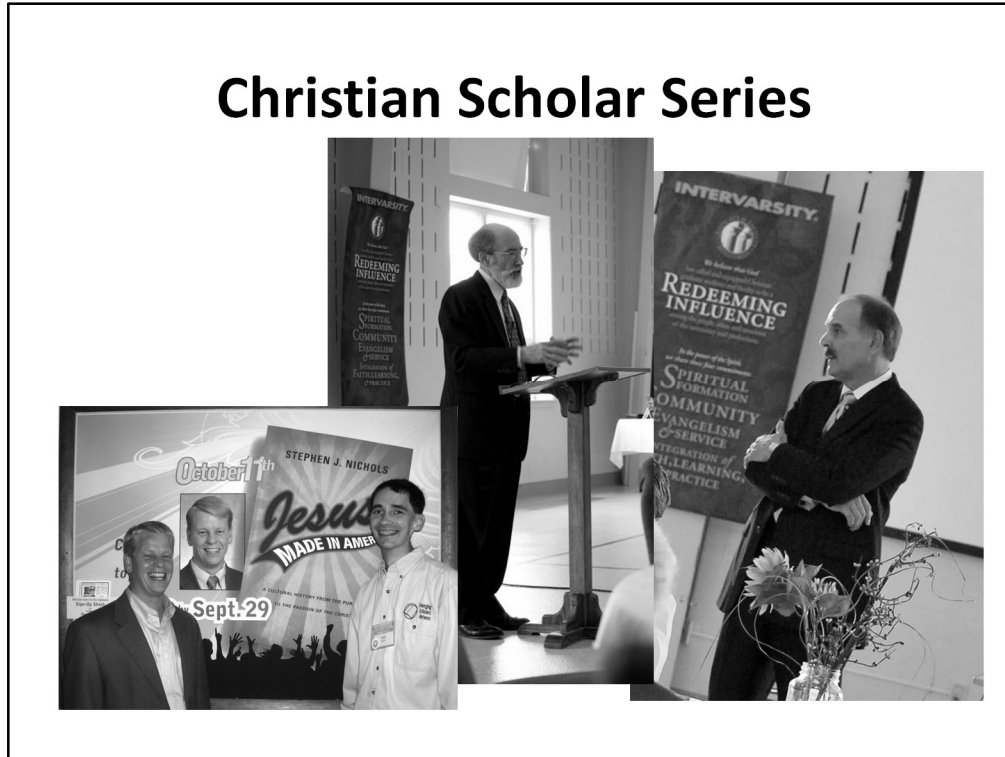
The academic journey of Cynthia Lo, Assistant Professor in Dept. of Energy, Environmental & Chemical Engineering, Washington U in St. Louis,  
<http://media.intervarsity.org/mp3/SC11-CynthiaLoSunday.mp3> (5:45)

## Christian Scholar Series Launch



Over the past two years I've partnered with Elizabethtown Brethren in Christ in developing the Christian Scholar Series. The vision is for followers of Christ in higher education to share with the people of God and provide opportunities to gather together for the encouragement of one-another over lunch. We kicked off the series with Andy Crouch, author of *Culture Making: Recovering our Creative Calling* (InterVarsity Press, 2008), <http://www.culture-making.com/>. Draw from <http://www.intervarsity.org/gfm/esn/news/central-pennsylvania-christian-scholars-network-launched> and <http://www.etownbic.org/christianscholar>.

## Christian Scholar Series



Brief stories regarding Stephen Nichols (Lancaster Bible College, author of IVP's "Jesus Made in America: A Cultural History from the Puritans to 'The Passion of the Christ'"), Donald Kraybill (Amish Scholar. How to share faith on campus, in scholarship, in relationship to tragedies such as Nickel Mines shooting. Upcoming conference on Forgiveness/"Amish Grace" – comment on the cable film. Author of "The Upside Down Kingdom."), Dennis Hollinger (President of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Author of IVP's "Head, Hearts & Hands: Bringing Together Christian Thought, Passion and Action").

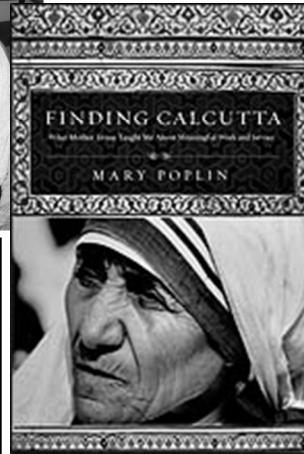
## Christian Scholar Series Elizabethtown Public Library



**C.S. Lewis scholar David C. Downing, Elizabethtown College, on his Inklings novel**

An amazing new opportunity in the community is a partnership with the Elizabethtown Public Library , Elizabethtown, PA, to host three Christian authors this winter and spring. Scholars in the community sharing their faith. Audience included mix of library regulars, scholars, and those with particular interest in the Inklings. Handout: Article on David C. Downing’s “Looking for the King: An Inklings Novel,” <http://articles.lancasteronline.com/local/4/325518>. Downing is author of two IVP books on C.S. Lewis.

**Christian Scholar Series: Spring 2011**  
**Mary Poplin, Education, Claremont**



**2/27: EBIC**  
**2/28: Messiah College,**  
**Etown Public Library**  
**3/1: PSU-Hershey, F&M**

In February we'll host Mary Poplin, a professor of education who Christ called out of Radical Feminism and Marxism to Radical Christianity. Outline the various topics Mary will speak on in Pittsburgh, Central PA, and Baltimore.



**Christian Scholar Series: Fall 2011**  
**Phil Thuma, Malaria Institute, Macha**



In the fall Ebic will host Phil Thuma, Johns Hopkins Malari Institute. Video on getting rid of Malaria in Macha, [http://malaria.jhsph.edu/news/malaria\\_web\\_summit2009/macha\\_video.html](http://malaria.jhsph.edu/news/malaria_web_summit2009/macha_video.html). HIV/AIDS Research Funding. Messiah Commencement Presentation. Exploration of speaking opportunity at PSU-Hershey.3

## Offering “Head, Heart, & Hands”



2011 Christian Medical & Dental Association Winter Retreat

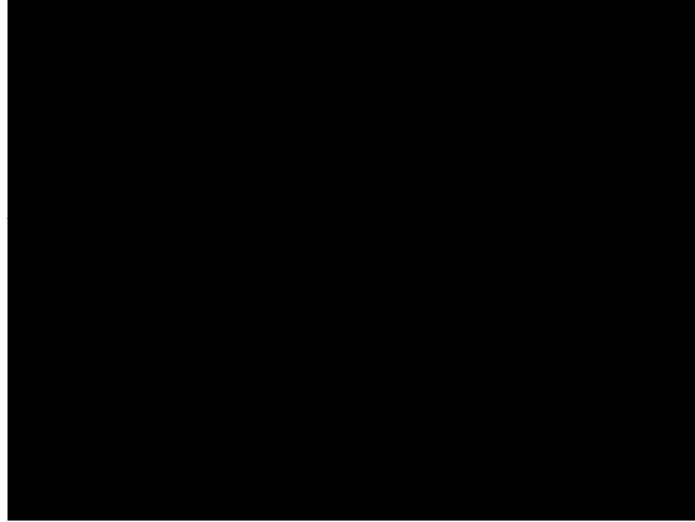
What is the end goal? For Christ to be declared and worshiped across Penn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the United States, and the earth. Lord, come quickly. Let's hear some testimonies as to how head, heart, and hands are being offered to God.

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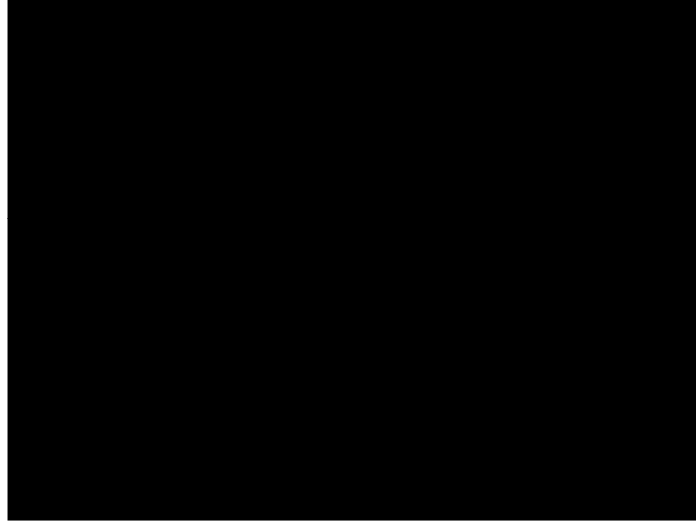
Dr. Terry Gustafson, Professor of Chemistry at The Ohio State University, integrates science and faith, with great care for his students, <http://vimeo.com/channels/160445#17833409> (3:10)

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Carol Swain, Professor of Political Science and  
Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University,  
[http://vimeo.com/channels/160445#177842  
05](http://vimeo.com/channels/160445#17784205) (3:02)

## Offering “Head, Heart, & Hands”



Dr. Austin Busch, an English professor at SUNY Brockport, shares how academic rigor springs from his faith, even when looking at the Bible, <http://vimeo.com/17784162> (3:13)

## Offering “Head, Heart, & Hands”



**2011 Mid-Atlantic Grad Student Winter Retreat: February 11-13  
Living Water ... True Worship (John 3 – 4)**

What is the end goal? For Christ to be declared and worshiped across Penn, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the United States, and the earth. Lord, come quickly. Join me for the 2011 Mid-Atlantic Grad Student Winter Retreat, <http://www.gfmma.org/retreat/>. Handout: postcard invitations.

## New Heavens & New Earth



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Then Aslan turned to them and said: “... you are – as you used to call it in the Shadowlands – dead. The term is over: the holidays have begun. The dream is ended: this is the morning ...” And for us this is the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after. But for them it was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on earth has read: which goes on for ever: in which every chapter is better than the one before. – C.S. Lewis. *The Last Battle*. Chapter 16. Looking forward to joining you and our first born in dancing on the streets that are golden.