

Campus Gleanings

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Welcome to Campus Gleanings! What are you reading? What are you watching? What would be helpful to share with other Campus Ministries? Please send us your great resources so we can include them in our next issue and post them on the new Google Site. Send to: mdrenth@crcna.org

Where are they now?

I am trying to locate campus ministry alumni – students and chaplains – to gather their stories. These may be used as part of Campus Ministry anniversary celebration initiatives. If you know of alumni who have interesting stories to share, please contact me. mdrenth@crcna.org

CRCMA Annual Conference:

Living God's Vision for Shalom in the World of Campus Ministry

April 28 @ 4 pm - May 1, 2011, 2 pm At Dalhousie University in beautiful Halifax!!!

At this year's conference we will explore God's kingdom vision for shalom and how God's Spirit is leading us to act out/embody that vision in the world of campus ministry, while our ministries work in partnership with local churches and the larger community. Along with great workshops, plenary sessions will feature the Keynote Speakers, Sylvia Keesmaat, Richard Middleton, Brian Walsh. The conference will culminate with worship on Sunday, followed by an outdoor feast/celebration at a park in Halifax.

Please pass this information on to pastors, church planters and community development workers in your region who you think may be interested in attending. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect and learn with one another.

More details, including registration information, will be sent out soon. If you require additional information now, please contact Dalhousie Campus Minister Brad Close brad.close@dal.ca.

Other Upcoming Conferences:

[2011 Campus Ministry Directors' Conference](#) – This probably comes too late to catch this year, but you may want to keep an eye on it for next year.

Calvin Conferences and Seminars - You probably are aware of these, but here are the links just in case you've missed them: <http://www.calvin.edu/scs/2011/seminars/>

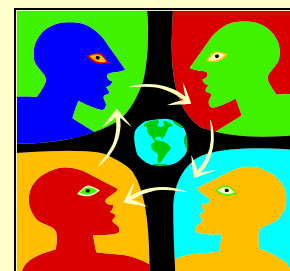
Wheaton Theology Conference (April 7-9, 2011):

Global Theology in Evangelical Perspective. The list of speakers looks quite good and the conference promises to be challenging and helpful. http://www.wheaton.edu/Theology/theo_conf/schedule.html

[The Path of Discovery: Science, Faith and the Academy](#) (June 16-18 2011) – Looks like a good conference with some excellent speakers and topics

The National Campus Ministry Association Annual Conference (June 22-25, 2011): **No longer Jew or Greek: Creating Multicultural Communities of Faith on Campus**

<http://www.campusministry.net/annual-conference/>



From the Campus Ministry Forum on The Network

"For several years we have been hearing that there is a new generation of students at the university. We have been told that they are very relational and friendly. This does not mean, however, that they have been easy to reach with either the gospel or to engage in discipleship."

Rev. Ron De Young, Campus Pastor at Western Michigan University

To read the entire article and share in the discussion go to <http://network.crcna.org/node/2802>

What is The Network and how do you join? Go to: <http://network.crcna.org/about>

On-line Resources:

These have been contributed by Peter Schuurman, Syd Hielema and Ben Becksvort.

[The Arduous Community](#)

[A Tough Season for Believers](#)

[Profs should foster students' spiritual growth: study](#)

['Spiritual' university students more successful: Study](#)

['Academic freedom' turns to religious persecution](#)

[Navigating Past Nihilism](#)

Also of Note:

[Faith and Learning Resources from Regent University](#)

[Association for Christians in Student Development](#)

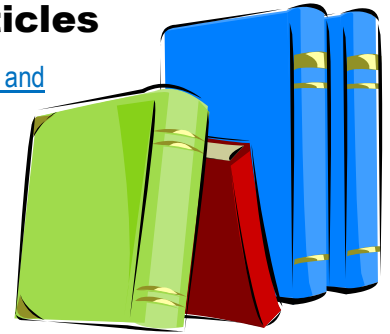
[The Well](#) - *The Well* is a virtual gathering place for graduate and professional women to receive wisdom, care, challenge, and inspiration as they seek to follow Christ in the academic or work world. This site is published by [Women in the Academy & Professions](#), a ministry of [InterVarsity's Graduate & Faculty Ministries](#)

Other

I was speaking with Richard Middleton, one of the speakers at the CRCMA Conference in April, and he mentioned that he is President Elect for the Canadian Evangelical Theological Association. You can check out their website [here](#).

Books and Articles

[Think: The Life of the Mind and the Love of God](#) – by John Piper. Peter Schuurman suggested this one. I confess I am not much of a Piper fan, but this looks like a book to be at least familiar with.



[Sabbath in the City: Sustaining Urban Pastoral Excellence](#) – Bryan P. Stone & Claire E. Wolfeich. Coming out of a project at the Boston University School of Theology, this book has some helpful insights on both friendship and the development of Sabbath rhythms within the city.

[The Relevance of the Radical: Simone Weil 100 Years Later](#) – A. Rebecca Rozelle-Stone & Lucian Stone, eds. If you've never dipped into Simone Weil, or haven't ventured beyond "Gravity & Grace" or "Waiting For God" this collection of essays would be a good starting point. It may connect well with a variety of people in the campus community.

Also on the bookshelf:

[Common Prayer: A Liturgy for Ordinary Radicals](#) – Shane Claiborne, Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove & Enuma Okoro

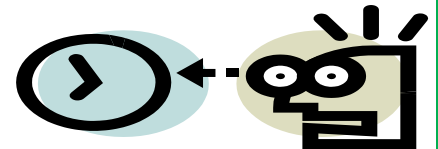
[A Sword Between the Sexes: C.S. Lewis and the Gender Debates](#) – Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen

[The Mission of God's People: A Biblical Theology of the Church's Mission](#) – Christopher Wright

[Making Room for Leadership: Power, Space and Influence](#) – MaryKate Morse

[The Leadership Ellipse: How We Lead by Who We Are](#) – Robert Fryling

Upcoming reporting deadlines:



Emerging Leaders final report:

Deadline is March 31. Applicable Campus Ministries will receive reporting guidelines soon.

Home Missions funded Campus Ministries:

Annual Review Form (F1-12 EM) and Financial Statement (F1-16) deadline: May 15. Forms will be sent out in April. They will also be posted on the Google Site (see below)

Look for more resources: visit the Campus Ministry Google Site. To join the site contact Margaret: mdrenth@crcna.org