

Science, Faith, and the Media: Communicating beyond Books

Point Loma Nazarene University
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San Diego, CA
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*Therefore each of you must
put off falsehood and
speak truthfully to your neighbor,
for we are all members of one body
(Ephesians 4:25, NIV).*

**The 2012 Conference will bring
ASA members together with leaders
in various communication industries.**

**These leaders will share their thoughts and
ideas about ways of using modern media
to communicate with the general public
regarding issues of science, faith, and
the interaction between the two.**

Another major meeting theme will address how the media, in general, currently portrays Christians, scientists, and scientists who are Christians, and, to the extent that misconceptions exist, how they can be changed.

Plenary Speakers



Jack Johnson

Professor, Department of
Molecular Biology
Lab of Structural Virology
The Scripps Research Institute
La Jolla, CA



Dean Nelson

Journalism professor, Point Loma and
author of *Quantum Leap: How John
Polkinghorne Found God in Science
and Religion*



Chris Perez

Public relations and interactive
marketing counselor and
educator



Rebecca Ver Straten- McSparran

Philosopher, theologian, instructor, and
director of the Los Angeles Film Studies Center



Ralph Winter

Producer of 4 *X-Men*, *Star Trek III, IV, V & VI*,
2 Fantastic Fours, *Cool It*, *Left Behind*, and
Mother Mary of Christ

Friday Morning Workshop



8:30 AM–12:00 PM

WORKSHOP 1: Christianity and the Scientific Revolution

Ted Davis, Leader

This workshop consists of two lectures, profusely illustrated with slides, covering key aspects of Christianity and the Scientific Revolution of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. According to the traditional view, the Scientific Revolution involved profound secularization, as the new science challenged the old religion and drove it out of the center of European life and thought. Recent scholarship in the history of science has led to fundamental changes to this picture. Although modern science did challenge Christian beliefs at several points, we now realize more fully that religious beliefs and attitudes were instrumental to the construction of modern science.

Davis reviews the main components of the Scientific Revolution and relates each to specific aspects of Christianity, showing that religion and science interacted in fascinating ways during the Scientific Revolution.

Friday Afternoon Workshop



1:00 PM–4:30 PM

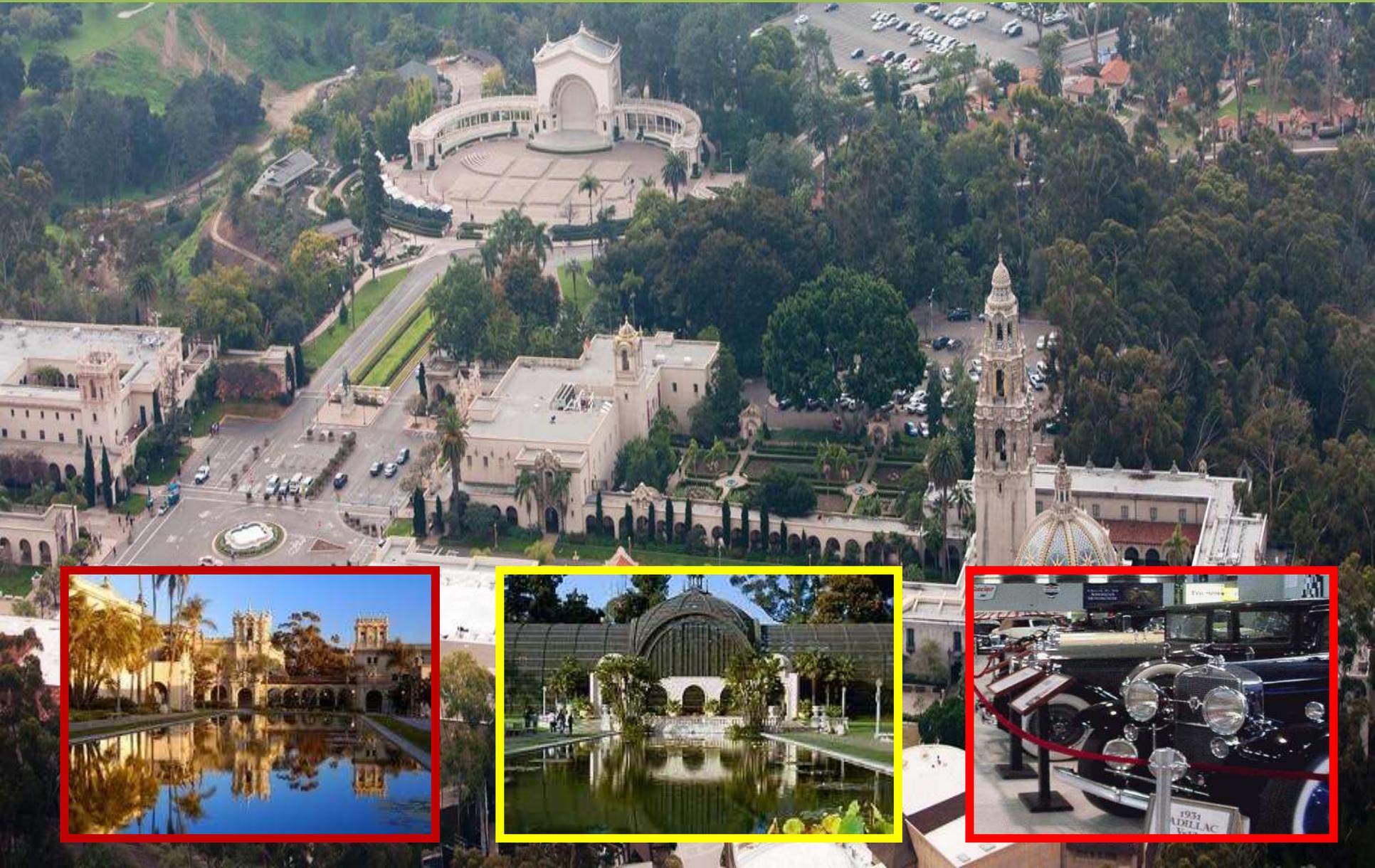
WORKSHOP 2: Coming Out Christian Online
Pamela Gay, Leader

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Friday Field Trips

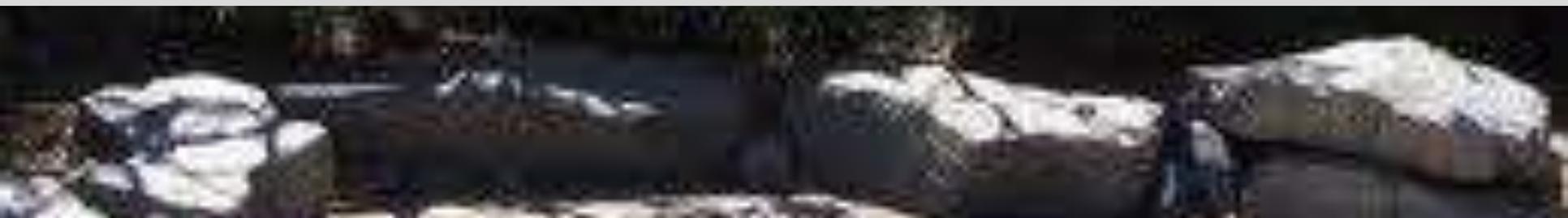
Balboa Park Museums and Gardens

Your one-day pass entitles you to visit any four of the park's 14 museums





Home to more than 4,000 exotic, rare, and endangered animals and a botanical garden that contains more than 4,500 species of exotic plants.



Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve

The reserve features 2,000 acres of land as they were before San Diego was developed—with the chaparral plant community; the rare and elegant Torrey pine trees; miles of unspoiled beaches; a lagoon that is vital to migrating seabirds; and steep cliffs, some of which reveal 45 millions of years of geological history.

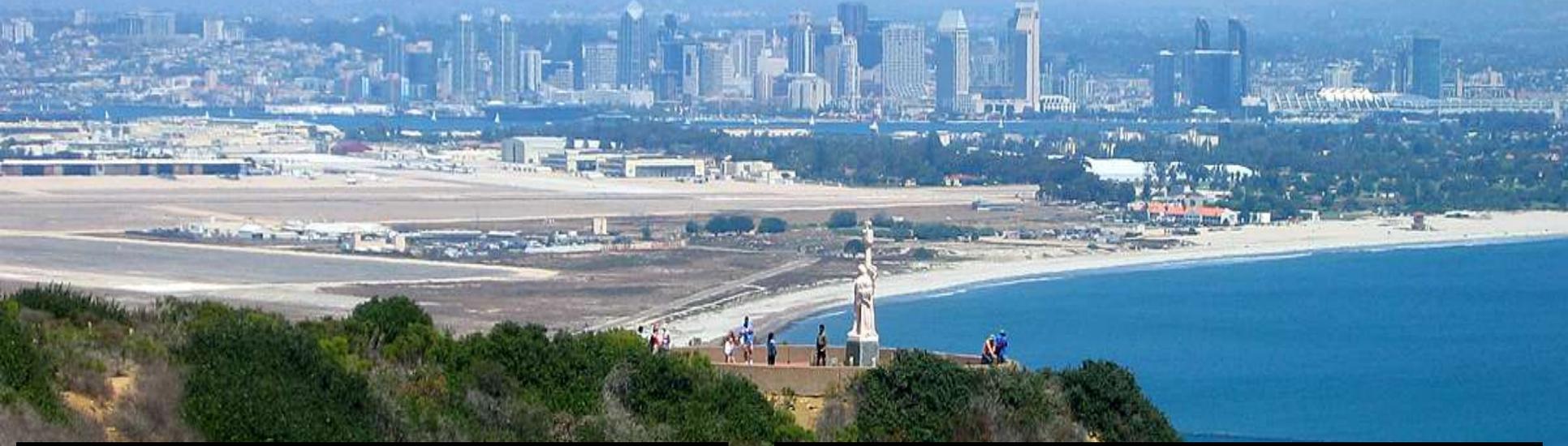


USS Midway and Seaport Village

Experience for yourself what it was like to be part of a “city at sea” through a self-guided audio tour of the *USS Midway* that includes 60 exhibits, 25 aircraft, flight simulators, movies, climb-aboard aircraft, and more. Then take a short stroll along the harbor to Seaport Village, where you can explore quaint shops and (usually) be entertained by street performers.



A trip to nearby Cabrillo National Park at the tip of the Point Loma peninsula. Take a guided walking tour with a Park Ranger, and then explore the Cabrillo tide pools.



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Many other interesting destinations are all within a 15–20 minute drive from the PLNU campus, including the following:

Coronado Island ... where Presidents stay when they visit San Diego

Hotel del Coronado



Scripps Institute of Oceanography, Birch Aquarium and the Salk Institute

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**And if you still need another reason to attend,
then just come for San Diego's great July weather!**



Average nightly temperature of 66°F

Average daytime temperature of 76°F

Average daytime humidity of ~65%