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New Fellows Elected to the ASA

ASAers who were honored as Fellows at the 2006 Annual Meeting at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI, are:

• **John A. Bloom**, who has a PhD in physics (Cornell University) and a PhD in Ancient Near Eastern Studies (Annenberg Research Institute) has been a prof. of physics since 1993 at Biola University where he founded and directs their MA program in Science and Religion. John joined the ASA in 1975 and is very active in writing and presenting in science and religion, including three years at the John Templeton Oxford Seminars on Science and Christianity.



John A. Bloom

• **Francis S. Collins** joined the ASA in 1983 and was a plenary speaker at our latest annual meeting. The Director of the Human Genome Project, he has a PhD in chemistry from Yale University as well as an MD from the University of North Carolina. His latest book is *The Language of God: A Scientist Presents Evidence for Belief*. Since 1993 he has been employed by the National Institute of Health. See the next issue for more on his significant journey.



Francis S. Collins

Check out our newly designed website at www.asa3.org

Organizing an ASA Chapter

This past summer, **Lynn Braband**, an extension associate with the New York State Integrated Pest Management Program of Cornell University, approached our Executive Director, **Randy Isaac**, about the possibility of obtaining contact information of ASA members in the Rochester, NY, vicinity to arrange a local get-together. Randy sent him information on fourteen members listed by the postal zip codes of Rochester county. Lynn e-mailed these individuals asking if they would be interested in a local gathering. Enough responded yes (or maybe) that he organized an informal event at his church, Trinity Covenant, the evening of Monday, Sept. 25. The “draw” (besides fellowship with other ASA members) was a discussion of an article (**George Murphy’s** “Roads

to Paradise and Perdition: Christ, Evolution, and Sin”) from the June 2006 issue of *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*. The event was marketed by e-mail to the original list of ASA members plus eleven other members in central and western New York State.



Lynn Braband

Six individuals contacted Lynn stating that, although they could not make that evening, they were interested in being kept “in the loop.” Three met (**Paul Mauer**, Lynn, and Janice White, a member of his church) and had a stimulating discussion on the article.

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• **Robert Kaita**, an ASA member since 1977, has been Principal Research Physicist in the Plasma Physics Laboratory at Princeton University since 1978. He has a PhD in nuclear physics from Rutgers University. Robert has done research on plasma heating with neutral beams and radio frequency waves on major facilities including the Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor, the most powerful fusion device of its kind. He is a Fellow of the Center for Renewal of Science and Culture of the Discovery Institute and the International Society for Complexity, Information, and Design. He has been a leader with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.



Robert Kaita

• **David Snoke** has a PhD in physics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Presently he is an associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh where he has taught since 1994. He joined ASA in 1984 and has been employed by the Aerospace Corp. (El Segundo, CA) and was a visiting scientist and Fellow at the Max Planck Institute in Stuttgart, Germany. David has received numerous research grants from the National Science Foundation and other sources totaling over \$1.5 million. He has published two books and has another under contract.



David Snoke

The ASA is honored to have these Fellows as a part of our community.

The Executive Director's Corner

Randall D. Isaac

This is a good time of the year to contemplate financial issues such as budget planning and tax strategies. This issue of the newsletter includes an article on financial planning by Ray Randall, the financial adviser who manages our endowment account and handles all non-cash contributions. He would be happy to work with any of you who may be interested in charitable trust annuities or other financial instruments that are of mutual benefit to you and to the ASA. He can also help with any questions your estate planner may have in considering the ASA.

We have begun to distribute selected mailings electronically in addition to the normal postal service. As we gain confidence in our email address list validity and our software, we hope to reduce our postage and handling costs. If all goes well, in the future you may be able to select whether to receive only electronic versions of any mailings. For now, regional or local section mailings will be done exclusively by email while mailings to the full membership will be done both ways.

Planning for the 2007 annual meeting in Scotland is in the final stages, and you should soon be receiving more specific information. Edinburgh is a his-

toric city and it promises to be a most appropriate place for our discussion of "Frontiers in Science and Faith." We will be offering a tour of Scotland after the meeting. Space is limited, so make plans now to attend.

Take a look at our new website design at www.asa3.org. **Terry Gray** is our website guru and he has worked with a graphics designer to give us a new look. We aim to make the website useful for you as members as well as those who are browsing the Internet. It should be a dynamic place of resource materials and of active dialogue. Visit the site frequently and let us know what we could do to make it more useful and informative. There are links for renewing your membership online. If you renew now rather than waiting for us to send you a notice, you can save the ASA time and money. Consider giving a gift of \$200 or more a year to become a Sustaining Member or Sustaining Fellow.

The Templeton Foundation has long been a close partner with ASA. Many of you have enjoyed a seminar sponsored by the Templeton/ASA Lecture Series a few years ago. The Templeton Foundation is interested in working with us on other projects. Help us identify the highest priority projects to pursue by sharing your feedback of "Expanding ASA's Reach" on our website.

Financial gain is not the ultimate goal of a non-profit like the ASA. It is a means to an end. Our focus must always be on clarifying and understanding the key issues of science and Christian faith. Funds are the enablers, but ultimately all of us must personally be involved in reaching out to the communities around us.

As we look forward to the coming holiday season, all of us at the ASA office wish you and your family a deep enduring sense of gratitude at Thanksgiving and of profound awe and worship of the incarnate Son at Christmas.



ASA Chapter, from p. 1.

Lynn will be contacting those who have expressed interest about the possibility of another get together in late November. He will also poll them on their preference: discuss an article, arrange a guest speaker, or attend a local science/philosophy/faith event followed by a discussion.

Lynn is married to Jane, a clinical dietitian, and they have two daughters and a son. He joined ASA while in graduate school at Iowa State University. **Walt Hearn**, who had the Inter-Varsity chapter for a social at his house, introduced him to ASA. We really encourage ASA members to take leadership in establishing local ASA chapters and supporting each other in this exciting journey. We look forward to hearing about this group's future activities. Thanks, Lynn, for your leadership and for informing us of this model.

Welcome, New Members! August–September 2006

- Abraham, John –W Lafayette, IN
- Adams, Enoch B –San Antonio, TX
- Anderson, Erica L –Cambridge, MA
- Barker, Kaleb S –Mulvane, KS
- Barnes, Nicholas R –Reading, Berkshire UK
- Breuker, Christine L –Hudson, OH
- Cho, Soochin –Ann Arbor, MI
- Crowe, Paul D –Encinitas, CA
- Ermer, Gayle E –Grand Rapids, MI
- Foster, Katherine –Tigard, OR
- Gray, Gary O –Bolivar, MO
- Halver, John E –Lake Forest Park, WA
- Haynes, Michelle A –Madison, WI
- Jetter, Daniel A –East Brunswick, NJ
- Kidder, James H –Knoxville, TN
- Koekemoer, Anton M –Baltimore, MD
- Kunz, Sandra C –Princeton, NJ
- Lund, Travis –Crescent City, CA
- Morrow, John A –Grand Rapids, MI
- Neill, Holly A –Beaverton, OR
- Parreco, Joshua P –Upper Marlboro, MD
- Phillips, David –Meghalaya, India
- Rowland, Clark –Berrien Springs, MI
- Tant, John B –Virginia Beach, VA
- Tribble, David B –Chicago, IL
- Watson, Randall A –Loveland, OH
- Wedemeyer, Gary A –Seattle, WA
- Wistey, Mark –Tempe, AZ
- Wymer, William H –North Potomac, MD
- Yoon, OhKyu –Stanford, CA

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Write Before You Cannot Speak: Estate Planning

There is a new law allowing people age 70½ or over to donate directly from IRA's to a charitable organization. Our impact on ASA's ministry can go on and on. ASA's financial adviser, Ray Randall put the following together for our information:

From spider web to bridge spans, design appears everywhere. Everyday we design our lives according to what matters to us. We continue to the moment of our final breath when our making and executing plans ends. Or does it? If we write our goals in legal statements, we declare what we want done when health fails or life ends. Our will certifies that our life design remains intact.

If you don't declare your intentions when able, a disinterested judge will implement the *intestate succession statutes* of your state. A probate judge will distribute your "stuff" or assets to family members. You have no control over who receives what or when they receive it. Retain control by writing your "advanced directives." When it comes to estate planning, write before you cannot speak.

The jurist Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. said, "The greatest thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in which direction we are moving." A qualified estate planning attorney makes sure you move "things" and intentions in the *right* direction. Every estate, no matter what the size, qualifies for estate planning.

When considering the disposition of your estate (you can't take it with you), recognize that every estate planning attorney or financial planner presumes you want to avoid taxes while taking care of your family. Robert Esperti and Renno Peterson (*Love, Money, Control: Reinventing Estate Planning*, Quantum Press LLC, 2004) provide additional first steps.

1. Blow the dust off your legal documents. Gather your will, living trust, powers of attorney, durable health

care proxy, retirement plan, insurance policy, beneficiary forms, and charitable remainder trust and put them in one place.

2. Spread out a sheet (the Excel type) with all your assets and liabilities.
3. Write out your mission statement. What are you all about? What matters to you?
4. Keep the end in mind: who gets what? Do you want to pay for your grandchild's education? Take care of an incapacitated family member? The "Pension Protection Act of 2006" allows charitable distributions up to \$100,000 from an IRA trustee when the donor is over age 70½ and the charitable organization(s) qualify. ASA welcomes your tax-deductible charitable contributions as a recipient of your charitable donation. Always check with your tax specialist to determine tax benefits.
5. Bring everything to a qualified estate planning attorney to be certain your documents are consistent with the current estate succession laws in your state. Begin your estate planning by speaking with an estate planning specialist; do not presume that all attorneys can write an estate plan.

Every year, sit down and peruse your estate planning documents. See if anything during the previous year changes your opinions or goals. Your birthday is one of the best days to review your estate plan.

ASAers Moving On

• **Martin Price** says he had "a mid-life crisis in his 20s" when he wondered what impact his life would have on others. He fast-forwarded past the stage where many people pursue career or financial success before realizing in their 40s that they want to do something more altruistic and fulfilling. President of ASA in 2004 and an ASA Fellow, Martin retired as Executive Director of

ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) in North Fort Myers, FL, on June 19. That was the very day ECHO celebrated Martin's 25th year of service to the organization. He is a co-founder of ECHO and will continue to serve as Senior Research Scientist, Director of the Agricultural Resources Dept. until his retirement a few years from now.



Martin Price, left, congratulates Stan Doerr, right, ECHO's new executive director.

ECHO's vision is to "bring glory to God and a blessing to mankind by using science and technology to help the poor." Martin and his wife Bonnie say that ECHO has developed beyond what they ever dreamed was possible. ECHO is on a 50-acre demonstration and training farm used for training overseas agricultural development workers. It houses a team of scientists and researchers who work to solve critical farming problems that arise overseas and specializes in growing and distributing seeds and plant material from food crops around the world. Staff is dedicated to finding sustainable hunger solutions for peasant farmers struggling to grow their own food under harsh conditions in developing countries.

More than 3,000 agricultural workers in 140 countries receive *ECHO Development Notes*. Many people volunteer at ECHO and college students have done internships there. It also provides training opportunities for agricultural missionaries. It has an agricultural reference and research library. More than 10,000 visitors a year take advantage of the free guided educational tours. Our thanks to Martin and Bonnie for their steadfast leadership at ECHO. For more details visit www.echonet.org or call (239) 543-3246.

• **Sara Joan Miles**, ASA Fellow, member of the ASA Advisory Council and Editorial Board of *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, president of



Sara Joan Miles

the ASA in 1998, and co-program chair of the 2002 ASA Pepperdine University annual meeting, retired recently from Eastern University in St. Davids, PA, and has moved to Kenosha, WI, to be near family. She has a PhD in history of science from the University of Chicago, an MS in biology from the University of Illinois, and a BA in biology from Ball State University in Muncie, IN. In addition, Sara has a Master of Religious Education from Texas Christian University and a Diplome in African Studies from Ecole d'Administration in Brussels, Belgium. She has also studied anthropology at Hartford Seminary. She is an active member of the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith.

While at Eastern, Sara, among other things, was Founding Dean of the Nueva Esperanza Center for Higher Education (a Hispanic junior college), Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, and Dean of Undergraduate Arts and Sciences. Prior to going to Eastern, she taught at Wheaton College from 1974 to 1994. She has held several other positions in biology and the history of science and has had numerous articles published in these areas. She is presently a delegate to the AAAS Council from the History of Science Society.

In the mid 1960s, Sara was a missionary teacher in biology at the *Institute Cretien Congolais* in the Democratic Republic of Congo for three years. It was during that time that she questioned why we see the world in the way we do, and it motivated her to pursue studies in the history and philosophy of science.

Sara would like to write a book aimed at high school students, their

parents, and youth pastors which deals with science and the Christian faith. We thank Sara for her leadership and look forward to learning of how God will use her in the future.

• **Edwin M. Yamauchi** retired last spring after 35 years at Miami University in Oxford, OH. Dr. "Y," as his students called him, specialized in Ancient History, Biblical Archaeology and Early Church History. Originally from Hawaii, he obtained his PhD in Mediterranean cultures from Brandeis University.



Edwin M. Yamauchi

He is a highly respected author, having written many books including *Persia and the Bible*, *Greece and Babylon*, *The Archaeology of New Testament Cities in Asia Minor* and *Edwin M. Yamauchi Harper's World of the New Testament*. Edwin also assisted in the translation of the New International Version of the Bible. He has written numerous chapters in books and reference works, dozens of reviews in journals and composed over 80 articles in 42 journals. He served as student advisor for over 20 master's theses and 16 PhD dissertations.

At his retirement banquet, former students recalled how Dr. "Y" not only advised them in academic matters, but also showed genuine care and concern for his students, keeping in touch with them long after they had completed their studies at Miami. One student said, "He expects high quality work, and he helps them reach that goal." A true scholar, Dr. "Y" never sacrifices academic excellence for his faith, and he never sacrifices his faith for academic excellence. A colleague said, "He's a model of a Christian scholar in an academic world."

In honor of Dr. "Y" and his service to Miami, a Lectureship Fund was established to receive charitable donations to pay for the expenses to sponsor speakers as part of the Dr. Edwin M. Yamauchi lecture series at Miami University in Oxford, OH.

ASAers Honored

• The American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) has honored **Thomas S. Jones**, quality manager and senior development engineer for Howmet Research Center in Whitehall, MI, with an International Award of Merit and the accompanying title of Fellow. ASTM International was established in 1898 and is one of the largest standards development and delivery systems in the world. Jones is a member of their Board of Directors and was honored for his technical and administrative contributions and for his leadership in advancing standards for nondestructive testing. Jones has a BS in engineering science and mechanics and an MS in engineering mechanics from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He is a Fellow of the American Society for Nondestructive Testing and serves on the Aerospace, Infrared, and Ultrasonics Committee. He has published numerous papers, given presentations, and reviewed papers for industry journals.

• **Donald Yerxa** was recently given the ENC (Eastern Nazarene College) 2006 Professional Achievement Award. He is now a three-time recipient of the honor. He continues to be very active in science and religion, doing reviews for the ASA journal and undertaking many speaking engagements.

Our congratulations to both Thomas and Donald for earning these significant awards.

ASAer In Ministry

Kevin Nelstead recently became an ASA member. He is a missionary with the Evangelical Free Church International Mission serving as a science teacher at Bucharest Christian Academy, a school for missionaries' children in Romania. He teaches all of the sciences for grades 7–12 but particularly enjoys teaching geology. He received degrees in geology from Montana State University (BS) and Washington State University (MS). Kevin is enjoying being part of the Association of Christian Geologists.

He and his wife, Shirley, are on home assignment in St. Louis, working on raising support to return to Romania. One of Kevin's long term objectives is to write textbooks in earth science, astronomy, and environmental science for Christian high school students. Kevin may be contacted at (314) 270-3434 or email him at Kevin@nelstead.org. To learn about his work or read his science blog, see: www.nelstead.org

Opportunity for Partnership in China

Mark Strand (PhD in Health and Behavioral Science, University of Colorado) and his family have worked in China with the American NGO Shanxi Evergreen Service since 1991. He has been a member of the ASA since 1990. Mark has been Medical Programs Officer for Shanxi Evergreen Service since 1994 with work and research experience in areas such as children's health and nutrition, rickets prevention, tuberculosis (TB) among migrant workers, health beliefs of TB patients in China, and training methods appropriate to China. This work has produced peer-reviewed publications.

Mark is looking for a Christian college with a program that would like to partner with their work in China. This is an opportunity to collaborate in grass-roots research and send students on global internships (requires minimum of one year of Mandarin study). They have hosted six student interns since 1999. The best fit would be a program involving the health field such as nursing, health education or public health and potentially in some way integrated with an international development program. Mark is also interested in adjunct teaching courses such as Infectious Disease, Health Care in the Developing World, Epidemiology or Global Health Issues. For more information, email MARKSTRAND3@aol.com

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We encourage institutions to inform us of available positions.

ASA Pioneer Turns 100

Russell L. Mixer went to Wheaton College intending to major in Greek



Russell L. Mixer

and become a preacher. His future changed when he was asked to teach biology while working as a lab assistant. He went on to earn a BA in literature from Wheaton in 1928, an MS in genetics from Michigan State University in 1930, and a PhD in anatomy from the University of Illinois in 1939. He was the program chair for the very first ASA annual meeting in 1946!

Russell spent more than 50 years at Wheaton inspiring students with a Christian witness on science and religion. On Aug. 6, surrounded by three of his children, six grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, generations of students and others, Mixer celebrated his 100th birthday at Windsor Park Manor, Carol Stream, IL.

He was the 1969 Wheaton College Teacher of the Year and he is known for his wit, discerning wisdom, thorough resolve to discover the truth and dedication to his Christian faith. He was chair of Wheaton's biology department from 1947–1972 and chair of the science division for 19 years. He also served on the faculty of Trinity College, Barat College, Judson College, and West Suburban Hospital School of Nursing.

A nationally recognized speaker on evolution and the origin of humans, Mixer spoke at many colleges and universities. In 1959, at the centennial of the publishing of Darwin's *Origin of Species*, Mixer wrote and edited *Evolution and Christian Thought Today*. The dialogue inspired by the publica-

tion and his subsequent articles and presentations clarified the position of a scientist who is a Christian on this subject.

Russell served as president of the ASA and editor of the *Journal of the ASA* from 1964–1968.

Our congratulations to Russell and we thank him for his example of a scholarly and devoted Christian in science.

✉ *Colette Claxton and Liz Shayani*

Korean Christian Forum in Science and Engineering

Hyun Hoon Song, prof. in the Dept. of Advanced Materials at Hannam University in Korea, attended the ASA annual meeting. He is on the Steering Committee of the Korean Christian Forum in Science and Engineering. This is a Christian network of scientists and engineers which embed and practice Christian values in science and technology and reach out to neighbors in serving God within their professional discipline. This Forum was launched in October 2005 and has about 100 regular members. They are researchers, college professors, teachers, and business and industry people. Some students have also joined. Several churches and nongovernmental organizations are also cooperating. They have forums and meetings, online activities, fellowship and support activities and inform each other on literature and resources. See their website at: <http://csef.cafe24.com/>

CTNS Celebrates 25th Year

On Sept. 14–16 the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) celebrated 25 years of "bridging theology and science" at the Graduate Theological Union (GTU) in Berkeley, CA. The program honored its founder, Robert J. Russell, Christian physicist turned theologian who established the center in 1981. The annual J. K. Russell Fellowship, in honor of his father, was established. It was announced that a new professorship, the Ian G. Barbour Chair in Theology and Science, had

been endowed by a gift from the University of California Berkeley physics Nobelist Charles Townes, a CTNS board member. Bob Russell will be the first person to hold that chair.

The 2006 J. K. Russell Fellowship was a doubled appointment: Lutheran theologian Ted Peters and Catholic virologist Martinez Hewlett, authors of *Evolution From Creation to New Creation* (Abingdon, 2003). **Walter Hearn** and **William Dembski** were among the endorsers of that book.

Walt has participated in many CTNS events, and during the celebration he was an invited commentator on Peters and Hewlett's defense of "theistic evolution" and scholarly papers responding to it. One of those papers was presented by Ian Barbour himself, author of the classic *Issues in Science and Religion* (1966). Barbour, awarded the 1999 Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion, gave one million dollars of the prize money to CTNS.

A new book, in honor of Bob Russell, *God's Action in Nature's World* (Ashgate, 2006) was available at the celebration. Walt hasn't read it yet but was pleased to see the following paragraph in Chapter 1, by Ted Peters, one of the book's editors:

As already mentioned, what we know today as the field of Science & Religion gained its present definition during the 1960s. There were antecedents, of course. In 1941 the American Scientific Affiliation was founded by evangelical scientists. Since the 1960s, however, an evolution in our intellectual environment has made possible lavish advances in the dialogue between natural science and religious faith.

✉ **Walt Hearn**

Newsletter Disclaimer

As a newsletter, this publication presents news spanning a spectrum of activities, reports, and publications in order to keep readers abreast of a variety of events and views. Just as newspapers report statements made by people of various viewpoints and opinions without endorsing them, inclusion in this newsletter does not constitute or imply official ASA endorsement.

Of Interest

• Peter M.J. Hess is joining the National Center for Science Education (NCSE) as its new Faith Project Director, a position previously filled on a part-time basis by **Phina Borgeson**. Educated at Oxford University and the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, CA, Hess previously worked for the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences in Berkeley. He has published widely in the science/religion literature and is presently working on a book with Paul Allen titled *Catholicism and the Sciences in the Modern World, 1400–2000*. His duties will include developing materials pertaining to evolution and religion, representing NCSE to the faith community in print and in person, and serving as liaison between NCSE and professional theological societies and religious organizations, including ASA.

• **Owen Gingerich** was one of the speakers at a seminar on October 8 at Caltech in Pasadena, CA, titled "Science, Religion, and Politics: A Conversation."

• Aug. 4–6, the University of San Francisco Philosophy Dept. with the Institute for Interdisciplinary Research and the International Christian Studies Assoc. co-sponsored the symposium, "Virtue Ethics: Interdisciplinary Perspectives." Scholars from the US, Canada, and New Zealand addressed the ethical challenges across a broad range of disciplines, including professional and public concerns. **Oskar Gruenwald**, *Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies* Editor, was a coordinator of this event. A major ethical dilemma emerged as the focus of several papers: the moral constraints of professional roles, which raise the question whether a narrow, if not compromised, definition of ethics as a function of roles is but another secular argument for ignoring the hard demands of ethics which contain universal moral imperatives ultimately grounded in a transcendent Lawgiver, Creator-God.

✉ **Oskar Gruenwald**

• The Metanexus Institute hosted its annual international conference on science and religion June 3–7 on the campus of the University of Pennsyl-

vania. The conference was titled "Continuity and Change: Perspectives on Science and Religion." Scholars were present from more than 30 countries. **Jeffrey P. Schloss**, along with John Haught and Stephen Post, presented "Unselfish Love and the Pursuit of Happiness."

• Within the past year, Michael Zimmerman of the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh (who has moved to Butler University in Indianapolis, IN) organized The Clergy Letter Project. He amassed more than 10,000 signatures of Christian clergy supporting Evolution Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006. Almost 500 congregations sponsored some event, such as adult education seminars, lunch discussions, or sermons designed to improve the understanding between religion and science. The Second Annual Evolution Sunday will be Feb. 11, 2007. Visit: www.evolutionsunday.org or contact Michael at mx@butler.edu. To read some of the sermons, see the resources page at: www.uwosh.edu/colleges/cols/rel_resources.htm.

• Unfortunately, as of July/August the informative newspaper *Science and Theology News* will no longer be published because of the discontinuation of funding support. **Karl Giberson** served as the acting editor. We will very much miss receiving this significant material.

• "Discovering the Dead Sea Scrolls" is on exhibit at the Pacific Science Center, 200 Second Ave., N., Seattle, WA, through Jan. 7, 2007. For information on tickets and lectures, call 877-377-1947 or go to www.pacsci.org. The *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* has a guide to the exhibit at: goto.seattlepi.com/285572 "The exhibit is a rare event that crosses denominational lines," said Tony Bollen, the head of development at a Seattle-based Christian ministry called CHRISTA. "The fragments validate the Bible that we hold in our hands. That's what gets non-scholars like me jazzed."

ASA Annual Meetings

August 2–5, 2007: University of Edinburgh, Scotland

August 1–4, 2008: George Fox University, Newberg, OR

Congratulations, Long-time ASAers!

Celebrating 30 years of membership

John D. Buckwalter	Kathleen E. Lewis
Joel W. Cannon	Marvin L. Lubenow
R. David Cole	Esther M. Martin
Peter W. Corfield	Paul Palmberg
Forest C. Deal, Jr.	Douglas L. Phinney
William C. Duke, Jr.	Carl C. Reading
Thomas G. Harrison	Curtis N. Rhodes, Jr.
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Celebrating 25 years of membership

Elizabeth P. Clay	Donald C. Morton
Stephen E. Cloutier	Charles E. Reece
Gary Colwell	Alan N. Stockton
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Johannes J. De Vries	Judith A. Toronchuk
Otto J. Helweg	Donna F. Tucker
Kenneth Hermann	Dennis P. Vik
Allen G. Hiebert	Kurt P. Wise
John W. McConkey	

Coming Events

- Sept. 20–Dec 4.** The Center for the Study of Science and Religion at Columbia U. is hosting a seminar series. All events are free and open to the public but registration is required. For more information, visit www.columbia.edu/cu/cssr
- Oct. 6–Dec. 31.** Darwin Exhibit at the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, PA
- Nov. 2–5.** Joint meeting of Philosophy of Science Assoc. and History of Science Society, Vancouver, BC. Details at www.hssonline.org and <http://philsci.org/PSA06/program.html>
- Nov. 3.** "Chemical Self-Organization, Complexification & Process Metaphysics," Washington Theological Consortium, Washington DC. Speaker: James Salmon, S.J. Details from wimmer@wtu.edu_joseph_wimmer
- Nov. 8.** E. O. Wilson will lecture on "The New Darwin" at DePauw U's Performing Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public. This is in Indiana. Visit: www.depauw.edu/news/index.asp?id=17828
- Nov. 9–11.** The Redemption of Reason Conference, U. Chicago. "A Conference for International Christian Scholars in Conversation with the Sciences and Scientists Today," Speakers: **Henry F. Schaefer III, Ian Hutchinson,** Alvin Plantinga, and Ard Louis. Details at www.redeemingreason.org/2006/index.html
- Nov. 11.** Reasons to Believe, Chicago chapter, 2:00–3:30, Room 138, Billy Graham Center, Wheaton C. "DNA vs. the Book of Mormon." DVD examines the Mormon claim that the "lost tribe" is the American Indians, followed by Q & A. Contact bobclapper@yahoo.com

- Nov. 17–19.** Bible and Archaeology Fest IX, sponsored by the Biblical Archaeology Society, Washington DC, at the Washington Court Hotel. Two dozen Bible and archaeology scholars will be speakers. For more information or to register, call 800-221-4644, ext. 208 or visit: www.biblicalarchaeology.org.
- Dec. 9.** Reasons to Believe, Chicago chapter, 2:00–3:30, Room 138, Billy Graham Center, Wheaton C. Speaker: Mike Strauss, associate prof. of physics at U. of Oklahoma and researcher at Fermilab, followed by Q & A. Contact bobclapper@yahoo.com
- Jan. 4–8, 11–15, and 18–22, 2007.** The Science and Transcendence Advanced Research Series (STARS) administered by CTNS is conducting three seminars on science and religion topics on the Mexican Riviera.
Jan. 4–8: "Cosmology, Physics, and the Possibility of Life," **Jan. 11–15:** "Evolution, ET, and the Significance of Life in the Universe," and **Jan. 18–22:** "Complexity Theory, Emergence, and the Influence of Life on Matter." Visit: <http://ctnsstars.org/conferences/>
- Jan. 18.** "Stem Cells, Embryos and Ethics: Is There a Way Forward?" William B. Hurlbut, Canyon Institute for Advanced Studies, Phoenix, AZ. Visit: www.CanyonInstitute.org; 602-639-6206
- Feb. 11.** Second annual Evolution Sunday. Congregations sponsor some event designed to improve the understanding between religion and science. Organized by The Clergy Letter Project. Visit: www.evolutionsunday.org or contact Michael Zimmerman at Butler U. in Indianapolis, IN, at mx@butler.edu
- Feb. 15–19.** "Science and Technology for Sustainable Well-Being," Annual Meeting of American Association for the Advancement of Science, San Francisco, CA. See: www.aaas.org/meetings/Annual_Meeting/
- Feb. 22.** "Beyond the 'Evolution vs. Creation Debate,'" **Denis O. Lamoureux,** Canyon Institute for Advanced Studies, Phoenix, AZ. www.CanyonInstitute.org; (602) 639-6206
- March 1.** "Themes in Wesleyan and Catholic Thought," Bourbonnais, IL. Contact **Thomas Jay Oord** at tjoord@nnu.edu
- March 1–3.** "Suffering and the Holy Life," Bourbonnais, IL. This is the annual meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society and will address our understanding of suffering and the problem of evil. Contact **Thomas Jay Oord** at tjoord@nnu.edu
- May 11.** The Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton U. is hosting a symposium "What is Prayer?" at 3 p.m. Contact csrelig@princeton.edu
- June 2–6.** The Metanexus Institute will have its 8th annual conference on "Transdisciplinarity and the Unity of Knowledge: Beyond the Science and Religion Dialogue." This will be at the U. of PA in Philadelphia. The deadline for abstracts is **Dec. 15, 2006.** Visit: www.metanexus.net/metanexus_online/show_article2.asp?id=9573 or www.metanexus.net/conference2007.

With the Lord

A very active ASA Fellow, **John M. Vayhinger**, went to be with the Lord at age 90 on June 11, 2006, after a long illness. He was involved in depth in the Rocky Mountain ASA chapter. Born in Upland, IN, John earned his BA, BD, and MA in philosophy, in addition to an MA in experimental psychology and a PhD in clinical psychology from Columbia. Following ordination into the Methodist Church, he served parishes in Indiana, New York, Connecticut and Colorado. After retiring, he taught the Odds and Ends Sunday School class at First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs for 20 years.

His greatest passion was training pastors in counseling and whole-person care, including many positions as professor at Columbia University; Indiana University; Drew, Garrett and Asbury Theological Seminaries; and Iliff and Anderson Schools of Theology.

In his quest to serve and help others, John always maintained a private practice, often late into the night, as counselor/therapist and led many seminars and workshops. He was an active member and leader of many professional organizations. He served his country in WWII as a chaplain on Army transport ships in the Pacific Theatre reaching the Philippines, Okinawa, Iwo Jima, Australia, and Italy.

Vayhinger truly lived his philosophy of "you can do anything you are willing to work hard enough to do." He was a consummate educator who found joy in serving people, both as a life profession and a life walk, sharing with others a joy of life and the hope of salvation through Christ.

Clarification:

In my coverage of statements made by Steve Meyer at Biola's "Intelligent Design Under Fire" event ("ID Proponents Face ID Critics," [Jul/Aug 2006]: 6), I was not precise enough when I wrote that "the journal editor had been fired and harassed for allowing his [Meyer's] article to be published." Meyer spoke only of Richard Sternberg's harassment, not about his employment status. Those interested in the full details of Sternberg's treatment may find them at <http://rsternberg.net/index.htm>. A video recording of the evening will soon be available at www.biola.edu/id. ☒ **John Bloom**



Johnny Lin helps Gwen Schmidt transition to her new role as Students and Early Career Scientists representative to the ASA Executive Council.

New Representative Appointed

Gwen Schmidt, who received her PhD in psychology last May from Colorado State University, and who was given a post-doctoral fellowship to work at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, has become the new Students and Early Career Scientists representative. We thank Johnny Lin for his service these past two years to this significant group of ASAers and appreciate Gwen’s willingness to take on this leadership role.

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