2016 Annual Meeting Will Celebrate 75th Anniversary of ASA

ASA looks forward to celebrating its 75th anniversary at our Annual Meeting, with a special appreciation dinner, a great lineup of speakers, and a wonderful setting at Azusa Pacific University. Randy Isaac says, “For 75 years the ASA has provided fellowship and resources for Christians in the sciences, reflecting the great importance of the way in which scientific understanding relates to our faith. As our knowledge of the universe expands, we continue to see the awesome way in which our Creator has made us. What a privilege it is to have a personal relationship with such a magnificent God.” Plan to join us July 22–25, 2016!

PLENARY SPEAKERS

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<th>JUSTIN BARRETT</th>
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<td>Professor of Developmental Science and Psychology at Fuller Graduate School of Psychology</td>
<td>Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering and Director of the Biomedical Optics Group at Stanford University</td>
<td>Professor of the History of Science at Messiah College</td>
<td>Professor of Neurobiology at Stanford University</td>
<td>Los Alamos National Laboratory, Principal Investigator for the ChemCam Instrument, Mars Curiosity Rover</td>
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MORE DETAILS COMING SOON AT ASA3.ORG
Emotions run deep as I search for words to convey my sentiments in this my last newsletter column as ASA executive director. ASA has been part of my life since I was a student at Wheaton College. Throughout my career, ASA has been there for me, providing insights through the journal and any annual meeting I was able to attend. Local section meetings in the metropolitan NY area, ably organized by the late Jim Neidhart, provided me with personal connections with leading figures in science and Christian faith.

In the eleven years that I have had the privilege of serving as executive director, I have sought to extend the value that I received from the ASA to others. I hope that in some measure, all of you have received support and encouragement in your faith through the ASA.

The joys of serving ASA as executive director are manifold. Far at the top of the list is the opportunity to meet so many of you, mostly electronically but often in person. Of the current ASA membership, 69% joined during my tenure. I made the effort to write a welcome letter to each new member and thereby made many fascinating connections. Your responses gave me encouragement and inspiration as I saw your commitment to God and your desire to serve him through your scientific vocation. I shared and prayed with many of you in your struggles to be accepted in your churches as a scientist and in your scientific vocation as a Christian. I heard and learned much from many of your voices as you expressed your sincere pursuit of integrating your faith and science. What a privilege it has been to meet with so many leading minds who have guided us in our faith.

Admittedly, the challenges of operating a small non-profit organization, funded primarily by member dues and donations, are not easy. During the last decade, ASA has transformed its computer infrastructure and has now outsourced member management in a way that helps our staff be more efficient. Electronic communication and social media have enabled much more rapid exchanges of ideas, although new forms of communication have also complicated the various diverse ways in which our membership prefers to receive information. Obtaining funding from large foundations is a great opportunity, yet it is also a challenge in aligning the interests of the donors and our organization.

Most of all, the biggest challenge, and the most rewarding when it works, is to help Christians, especially our members, with diverse views on science and faith to accept one another with love and respect in the body of Christ. ASA is at its best when such fellowship is expressed. Conversely, it is sad when differences of opinion drive us to dissension and alienation.

As ASA celebrates its 75th anniversary this year, I am confident that the organization is ready to move forward to expand its reach and support many more Christians in the sciences as they serve Christ. The great opportunities before us will be met to the extent that all of us as members participate in this ministry.

I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve ASA in a volunteer role, and I will keep my email address at randy@asa3.org. Please feel free to write me as I look forward to keeping in touch with you. Finally, I thank God and I thank all of you for these stimulating years of fellowship.

**We are so encouraged by your active participation in our annual fund and capital fund campaigns.** Thank you for your commitment and generosity in supporting the important, life-changing work of the ASA. We are confident that God’s hand of provision will sustain us as we seek to finish funding both of these campaigns.

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**Annual Fund Campaign—by 3/31/16**

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**Capital Fund Campaign—by 3/31/18**

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31,500 Left to Fundraise
Premeeting Workshops
at the 2016 ASA Annual Meeting

Want to support your church with a faith and science Sunday school class, but not sure how to get started? Not sure what to make of fast-paced changes in biotech? Come a few hours early to the Annual Meeting for these workshops, offered on the morning and afternoon of July 22, 2016, just before the Annual Meeting begins.

Five Online Sunday School Lessons on Science and Religion
Denis Lamoureux, Facilitator
Associate Professor of Science & Religion
St. Joseph’s College, University of Alberta

This morning workshop is an overview of introductory topics in science and religion that can be used in Sunday schools. Lessons include (1) Beyond the “Evolution” vs. “Creation” Debate, (2) Ancient Science in the Bible, (3) Intelligent Design: Delusion or Divine Revelation? (4) Galileo the Theologian, and (5) Darwin’s Religious Beliefs.

Genomic Biotechnologies in Medicine—What Can Be Done, and What Should be Done?
Douglas Lauffenburger, Facilitator
Professor of Biological Engineering, MIT

This afternoon workshop will describe the state of, and expectations for, biotechnologies aimed at addressing medical problems in the post-genomic era; examples include CRISPR-based genome editing, stem cell programming, and personalized cancer therapeutics. Ethical, social, and spiritual implications of these continually advancing capabilities will be discussed.
Interview with Vicki Best  
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

ASA: What does your role involve? Can you briefly share with us what you hope to accomplish as ASA’s Director of Business Development?

Vicki: The needs of a small ministry organization are many and diverse and often times, one person wears multiple hats. Over time, my involvement and engagement has grown fairly rapidly and steadily. With my extensive background and experience, I saw that my skills/talents matched well with the organization’s needs. The first opportunity I observed was the ability to reduce our occupancy expenses (by 50%) and put ASA in a stronger financial position. We did so by purchasing the office condos (and moving out of rental mode) while simultaneously launching a capital campaign. My role as Director of Business Development is quite expansive and diverse which makes the job so rewarding to me. I handle many business functions including development (fundraising), accounting and budget, finance and tax, business operations, member engagement and much more. I chair both the development/membership and finance/budget committees and work closely with Randy and the Executive Council. My desire is to partner with the new Executive Director, to bring ASA to a new level of ministry effectiveness.

ASA: What are you especially looking forward to in this year with ASA?

Vicki: As I’ve had the opportunity to travel the country and meet with local chapters and many ASA members, I’m in awe of the meaningful ministry work of ASA. It is truly a network of Christians in the sciences who share a common bond in the word of God and an integrity to the practice of science. As I listen to people’s personal testimonies of what ASA means to them, there is a common thread that exists—the fellowshipping, connecting, networking aspect as well as a safe place to engage in the faith and science dialogue. I feel as if ASA has a real opportunity before us—to stimulate and engage our 1,000+ student members (our next generation of ASA members), and it starts at the local chapter level. I believe we have a strategic opportunity (starting at the top) to better stimulate, encourage and partner with the local chapters and then systematically work down to the student/campus level. In summary, I’m looking forward to continued local chapter and member cultivation and engagement as well as celebrating ASA’s 75th anniversary.

ASA: What is one thing you wish more people knew about ASA?

Vicki: I like to think of ASA as a best-kept secret. Yes, we have 2,700 members (including 1,000 student members) but there are so many more people that need to know about ASA. Being a people person, I love interacting with people, sharing with people about ASA and engaging people in the ministry of ASA. I’ve really enjoyed the opportunity to meet many of you and look forward to meeting many more of you in the coming days.
ASA: Tell us a little bit about the rest of your life: family, church, what you do in your free time.

Vicki: My husband and I have been married for 25 years and we have three children; Taylor is 23, graduated from Biola University, and lives in Southern California, Caleb is 21 and is a senior international business major at Gordon College, Skylar is 18 and is working at our church and taking a Gap year.

My professional background is business, accounting, and finance. I spent the first half of my career in the corporate world and then migrated to the not-for-profit sector about 20 years ago. Most recently, I spent 18 years as the Business/Property Manager for Covenant Christian Academy, a PK–12 Christian Classical school near Boston where my three children attended. In addition, I have served as the Treasurer of our church (where Phil and I met and were married) for 20 years. Due to my expansive and diverse work experience, I currently work with several faith-based organizations in a consulting role helping in the areas of finance, accounting, tax, business operations, development, budgeting, strategic planning, debt financing, property management, etc. At this point in my life, I’m committed to serving faith-based organizations and making a difference for the sake of the Kingdom.

My passions and interests are many including several athletic endeavors. Having played collegiate softball and met my husband on the church softball team, I really love the sport. In fact, I have coached the varsity softball team at Covenant Christian Academy for seven years and really enjoy working with and mentoring high school students. Also, I’m an avid runner (having completed my second half marathon last fall) and enjoy swimming, skiing, cross-fit training, basketball, etc. Another interest of mine is serving on the board of Wazee Foundation, an organization that ministers to the elderly poor in Kenya. I’m traveling to Nairobi in April with my daughter and several board members to serve in the Kibera slum. Finally, my family and I enjoy our beach house in Maine as well as traveling and outdoor adventures and do so whenever we are able.

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ASA Presence at the AAAS Conference

By Vicki Best

I was delighted to be part of ASA’s presence at the Ecumenical Roundtable on Science, Technology, and the Church booth. We have shared a booth at the AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) conference with this group for several years. It’s been a great partnership and witness opportunity to have a presence there. I met and interacted with many diverse people engaged in the sciences and was able to share the ministry of ASA. In fact, most of our materials were passed out which was wonderful! In addition, Tim Helble (ASA member) helped at the booth promoting his recent book, Grand Canyon: Monument to an Ancient Earth, cowritten by him and several other ASA members.

At left: Vicki Best, Tim Helble, Bob Keefer
The DC Chapter welcomes ASA members every year at the AAAS conference. This year ASA members attended the DoSER (the Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion) reception, and then gathered for a dinner hosted by the DC chapter at a local restaurant. Among the 22 people sharing dinner were ASA members involved in DoSER, ASA members living in DC, and several friends. Sy Garte and Keith Furman, two leaders of the DC chapter, coordinated the evening. Vicki Best attended and reports that it was a great time of networking, connecting, and fellowship.

DC Chapter Feature: DoSER Reception and Dinner

CSCA Hires Officer for New Local Chapters Project

The CSCA is pleased to announce that we have recently hired a Project Development Officer, having received a grant from the Templeton World Charity Foundation, Inc.

This is part of our “Local Chapters Project” which seeks to answer the big question held by the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation: Given the unique challenges of the Canadian context, how can we foster and deepen people’s understanding of the integrity of science and Christian faith? The project aims to address the major problem of a small population living in a vast geographical landscape and the challenges such separation presents.

The intended audience is, in the first instance, student and professional scientists interested in the Christian faith, and in the second instance, the wider Canadian public. Outcomes include a changed perception of the compatibility of science and Christian belief among participants, increased membership in the CSCA, greater public awareness of the compatibility of science and faith, growth for students in the science and religion conversation, academic interest in the particularities of the Canadian science and religion context, and long-term sustainability in the local chapters.

Each output of the project seeks to enhance the national conversation, either by strengthening local expressions, or by facilitating interaction between different groups.

For more information, and to get in touch with us about this project see this link.
Welcome, New Members! October–December 2015

We are thrilled to welcome a record-breaking 375 new members. Due to space constraints, we’ve had to split the list between this newsletter and the next. Our apologies if you’re among those waiting to see your name, and a hearty welcome to all!

Agatsuama, Trevor
New York, NY

Alekshun, Caitlyn
Wenham, MA

Alexander, Ryan
Siloam Springs, AR

Allex, Shawn
Cedarville, OH

Anderson, Laurelyn
Uxbridge, MA

Andujar, Daruenie
Fitchburg, MA

Aramouni, Daniel
Goshen, IN

Aramouni, Fadi
Manhattan, KS

Arellano, Joseph
Wenham, MA

Arnold, Lucas
Langley, BC

Asbeck, Emilie
Ozark, AR

Askvig, Braden
La Mirada, CA

Asselin, Ellen
Sunnyvale, CA

Atlas, Lian
Wenham, MA

Bahorich, Michael
Houston, TX

Baker, Virginia
Charleston, SC

Baldwin, Isaac
Lakewood, CO

Bandeira, Nuno
San Diego, CA

Bannan, Deborah
Palmer, AK

Barauna, Rodrigo
Mount Vernon, OH

Beaulieu, Joseph
Wenham, MA

Beavis, Zachary
San Diego, CA

Bender, Justin
Rochester, NY

Bent, Stephanie
New York, NY

Beveridge, Rebecca
Belville, OH

Biedebach, Jacob
Allen, TX

Blackwood, Rian
Murrieta, CA

Blom, Amy
Wheaton, IL

Bloodworth, Kathryn
Annandale, NJ

Boettiger, Kristin
Wenham, MA

Bohner, Amy
Jackson, MI

Borden, Rose
Knoxville, TN

Bowles, Carol
Pikeville, NC

Bradley, Spencer
Riverside, CA

Branche, Jacquelin
Virginia Beach, VA

Braun, Nathanael
Columbus, OH

Bresnaham, Drew
Plano, TX

Brotto, Ariane
New York, NY

Brown, Alicia
Shaker Heights, OH

Brown, Tessa
Rancho Cucamonga, CA

Bughiu, Flavia
Coquitlam, BC

Buitron, Guadalupe
Colton, CA

Burke, Rachel
Barrington, NH

Bushnell, Miaiah
Hubbardston, MA

Cameron, Sarah
Aurora, CO

Camillone, Nina
Wheaton, IL

Campbell, Raymond
Tyler, TX

Canagarajah, Phoebe
State College, PA

Cantin, Joshua
Vancouver, BC

Capone, Gabrielle
Wenham, MA

Carey, Steven
Williamsport, PA

Carr, Benjamin
Walnut Ridge, AR

Cartularo, Brian
Wenham, MA

Chan, Christopher
Redlands, CA

Chang, Kuo-Fu
Wenham, MA

Charlton, Julia
Newton, NJ

Chechowitz, Taylor
Haverhill, MA

Cheng, Karsten
Delta, BC

Chicas, Andrew
Ontario, CA

Chisum, Melissa
Fulham, AB

Chlam, Jennifer
Brunswick, OH

Cho, Joseph
Salt Lake City, UT

Chovanes, Anna
Wheaton, IL

Chung, Eunice
Riverside, CA

Cislo, Valery
Wayne, IL

Clemens, Taylor
Wheaton, IL

Clements, Alyssa
St. Paul, MN

Cochran, Joshua
Wheaton, MA

Colacchia, Samuel
Citrus Heights, CA

Colwell, Claire
Wheaton, IL

Comboni, Lucy
Lakewood, CO

Comp, Matthew
Old Hickory, TN

Constante, Jenna
Riverside, CA

Cook, Lindsey
Saint Louis, MO

Corbett, Becca
Westford, MA

Cui, Jian
Wenham, MA

Cunard, Molly
Orange City, IA

Cusato, Victor
Wenham, MA

Cutillo, Mary
Pottstown, PA

Dagher, Jessica
Boone, NC

Daly, Zachary
Pearl River, NY

Darke, Christopher
Groveland, MA

Davidson, Charlotte
Warren, OR

Davis, Zoe
Williamsport, MA

Davis, Kathleen
Cambridge, MA

Davis, Jeffrey
Belgrade, ME

Davis, Emily
Hixson, TN

Davis, Tyler
Mount Vernon, OH

de Oliveira, Catherine
Wheaton, IL

Delatorre, Tony
Springfield, MO

Dik, Dal
Tulsa, OK

Downing, Seth
Lebanon, NH

D’Souza, Ryan
Philadelphia, PA

Dubien, Michael
Nashua, NH

Dumeny, Leanne
Gainesville, FL

Earle, Josh
Springfield, MO

Easterling, Madison
Philadelphia, PA

Edwards, Cristina
Lakewood, CO

Engle, Jonathan
Grand Rapids, MI

Fales, Nicholas
St. Davids, PA

Farley, Jessica
Wenham, MA

Ferris, Kathryn
Glens Falls, NY

Flanagan, Kendrick
Mount Vernon, OH

Flom, Savannah
Chino, CA

Folse, Sarah
Quincy, MA

Francois, Edline
Sarasota, FL

Frantz, Savannah
San Diego, CA

Gallucci, Dayna
Garwood, NJ

Gaudette, Pauline
Wenham, MA

Gerdes, Elisabeth
Natick, MA

Gerstenberger, Carlin
Tulsa, OK

Gesell, Arianne
Orange City, IA

Gestig, Paul
Louisville, KY

Gilbert, Megan
Portland, MI

Giles, Adam
San Antonio, TX

Gil-Mazariagos, Gabriela
Riverside, CA

Gilstrap, Sydney
Yuccaipa, CA

Girgis, Cherry
Wyncote, PA

Glnskas, Julianna
Longview, TX

Godbolt, Geraldine (Geri)
Atlanta, GA

Gomez, Kathy
Riverside, CA

Gordon, Brad
Minneapolis, MN

Gouthro, Kathryn
Green Bay, WI

Graber, James
Lakewood, CO

Granados, Irene
Corona, CA

Gray, Austin
Glade Hill, VA

Greidanus, Paul
Sioux Center, IA

Greidanus, Adriana
Granum, AB

Griffin, Jonathan
Wheaton, IL

Grigg, Malorie
Denton, TX

Gross, Jordan South
Hamilton, MA
It’s not every day that three different science and faith organizations from around the world come together in mutual pursuit of questions at the intersection of theology, society, and the natural world. This summer’s ASA/CSCA Annual Meeting is one of the special occasions in which our American and Canadian sister organizations will come together with our friends across the pond, the English group Christians in Science.

As with every ASA/CSCA Annual Meeting, we will enjoy lectures from top scholars in a wide range of disciplines, from psychology to ethics to physics and biblical interpretation. This synthesis of science and the spiritual, so important to being a Christian in the sciences, is also quite rare, as conference themes go. Our Annual Meeting is a special time of...