

## Speaker Biographical Information



**Brent Aucoin**

Pastor of Seminary and College Ministries at Faith Baptist Church (FBC), Lafayette IN. Brent holds a B.S. in Engineering from Oklahoma State University; M.S. in Aerospace Engineering from Purdue University; M.Div. from Central Baptist Theological Seminary; Th.M. in the Old Testament from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; PhD candidate at Baptist Bible Seminary. Brent oversees the Purdue College ministry of FBC and is the President and Old Testament instructor for FBC's local church based seminary-Faith Bible Seminary.



**Matt Bazemore**

Matt, his wife Deb and three girls live in Bloomington, IN. They are on staff with Faculty Commons. Matt has his MA in Philosophy from Talbot School of Theology ('07)



**Erica Carlson**

Associate Professor of Physics at Purdue University. She holds a B.S. in Physics from the California Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in Physics from University of California Los Angeles. She is a volunteer apologist with Reasons to Believe, and currently leads the college ministries at Calvary Baptist Church WL.



**Ed Hoskins**

A physician at Purdue University and also on Associate Navigator Staff. He has lived and worked in three different Middle East countries over the past three decades. Ed's passion is to share Christ with Muslims and to encourage other Christians in doing the same. Ed is the author of *A Muslims Heart*.



**David Iles**

Dave is a graduate of PFM's Centurions Program – a year long biblical worldview distance learning program led by Chuck Colson. He is a past Elder of Covenant Church where he has taught several college and adult learning communities. He has a burden to equip and encourage others to think and live the Christian faith and to be God's image bearers in a lost and dying world.

Covenant Institute is an outreach of Covenant Church. The Institute facilitates forums where truth-based learning is shared with the community.

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**Corey Miller**

On staff with Faculty Commons/Campus Crusade at Purdue and has served on staff at various churches. He teaches comparative religions and philosophy at Indiana University (Kokomo), holding graduate degrees in biblical studies, philosophy of religion and ethics, philosophy, and working on a PhD in theology from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He is published in various peer review journals.



**Leonard (Dai Yongfu)**

Leonard is an Indonesian-born Chinese, who has studied Chinese literature and worked in China for six years. His family members and parents were born in or are originated from Fujian and Guangdong provinces in southern China. He assisted in some Templeton projects on Chinese ancient religion and philosophy, and he is currently a Ph.D student in philosophy at Purdue University.



**Paul Simms**

Retired Professor of Physics at Purdue University and Director of the Purdue Nuclear Accelerator Laboratory. He retired in 2001 to develop a ministry that investigates the harmony between Faith and Science. He is a fellow of the American Physics Society.



**Mike Thune**

Currently holds the position of Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, IL. He earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in philosophy from California State University and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Purdue University. Mike has published articles on epistemology and the philosophy of religion in several peer-reviewed journals.



**Joe Whitchurch**

M.A. Christian Thought: Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion 1988 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with over 30 years of college ministry experience in Illinois, Wisconsin, 3 years in Africa serving in part as Acting General Secretary of the Zambia Fellowship of Evangelical Students seconded by IVCF, and this last decade with Graduate and Faculty Ministries.

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## Covenant Institute Spring Symposium



# Jesus, the Controversy

## Friday, February 4

Noon  
Purdue Christian Faculty Staff luncheon at PMU:  
**Why the Resurrection Matters and a Word on Our Calling as Christian Professors.**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Purdue address at Loeb: **The Resurrection Evidence that Changed a Generation of Scholars.**

## Keynote Speaker Gary Habermas



Dr. Gary R. Habermas is the Distinguished Professor and Chair of the Dept. of Philosophy and Theology at Liberty University. He holds a Ph.D. and has authored nearly 40 books, well over 100 articles, and has spoken at over 100 universities in the states or abroad.

During his earlier years, he went through a period of deep skepticism and discontent with various viewpoints, including Christianity. Indeed, it was what drove him to the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, which occupied him during his dissertation and now over the last 30 years. He is recognized as one of the world's leading experts in Resurrection of Jesus Research and he has dedicated his professional life to the examination of the relevant historical, philosophical, and theological issues surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus. He's debated some of the world's most notorious atheists, including the late philosopher Antony Flew who renounced atheism prior to his death in 2010. They were personal friends. For Dr. Habermas, the resurrection is not merely academic, but concerns our hope now and in the life beyond. Finally, don't mess with him because he's also been an aggressive hockey coach for many years!

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## Saturday, February 5

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Praise - Covenant Church Sanctuary  
9:00 – 10:15 a.m. Session 1 (Plenary): Gary Habermas  
10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break & book table review  
10:30 – 11:45 a.m. Session 2: Breakout Sessions  
12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch provided by Covenant  
1:00 – 2:15 p.m. Session 3 (Plenary): Gary Habermas  
2:15 – 2:30 p.m. Break & book table review  
2:30 – 3:45 p.m. Session 4: Breakout Sessions  
3:45 - 5:00 p.m. Session 5: Gary Habermas - Q&A

## Saturday Plenary Sessions

Session 1 **The Historical Jesus: Ancient Extra-biblical Data for the Life of Christ**  
Session 3 **Doubt and the Silence of God**

## Saturday Breakout Sessions

Gathering Place 1 **More than Proof-Texting** - *How does all of the Old Testament point to Jesus Christ? See how a cohesive reading of Isaiah 40-48 naturally leads to the redemptive patterns found only in the man, Jesus of Nazareth, the Christ* - Brent Aucoin  
Rooms 204-205 **The Soul that Jesus Came to Save: Introduction to the existence of the Soul** - Matt Bazemore  
Gathering Place 2 **Is Faith Reasonable?** *The relationship between Biblical faith and the scientific method.* - Erica Carlson  
Rooms 200-201 **Comparing Jesus: Ancient pagan writings and other newly discovered, "More Accurate," Gospel accounts** -Corey Miller  
Rooms 203-204 **Historical Knowledge and Historical Skepticism: How we know that a historical event really took place** - Mike Thune  
Room 123 **Islam and Jesus** - *What Muslims really believe about Jews, Jesus, and Christianity* - Ed Hoskins  
Rooms 211-212 **I Will Be Your God: How Jesus fulfills Old Testament promises and covenants** -Dave Iles  
Chapel **Jesus and Chinese Culture/Religion** -Leonard (Dai Yongfu)  
Conference Room **Science Now Confirms That the Creation of the Universe Was Supernatural** -Paul Simms  
Gathering Place 3 **Jesus and His Resurrection POWER Today: Are some Christians guilty of "functional deism" (saying they believe in God's intervention, but not really believing it). Power encounters, healing, and changed lives today.** -Joe Whitchurch