

**Christian Education in a Secular Age Conference
Briercrest College and Seminary
October 28-29, 2021**

Please note, all times listed are in Central Standard Time (CST).

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Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021		
	Zoom Link 1	Zoom Link 2
9:00-10:00 am	<p>Panel Title: Stories, Dreams, and Allegory: A Secular Age in the English Classroom Chair: Doug Sikkema Papers:</p> <p>Arlette Zinck King’s University “Teaching Allegory in a Secular Age”</p> <p>Paul Dyck Canadian Mennonite University “Dream Worlds: Post-Secular Christian and Indigenous Stories in the English Curriculum”</p> <p>Luann Hiebert Providence University College “The English Literature Syllabus: Creating a Christian Narrative through Student Readings” or “How Milton and Bakhtin changed the way I teach English Literature within a Christian perspective”</p>	<p>Panel Title: Christian Education and Secular Society Chair: Darren Dahl Papers:</p> <p>Neal DeRoo King’s University/Institute of Christian Studies “A Spiritual Task for Christian Education in a Secular Age”</p> <p>Joel Hubick Institute of Philosophy (Leuven, Belgium) “Question Preservation in <i>A Secular Age</i>: How Christian Education can benefit from Phenomenology”</p>

10:00-10:15 am	Break	
10:15-11:15 am	<p>Panel Title: Past, Present, and Future Times in the Study of History Chair: Brian Froese Papers:</p> <p>Eric Bateman Queen’s University “Medieval Studies in a Secular Age: Cultivating Disconcertment”</p> <p>Joy Demoskoff Briercrest College and Seminary “History and the Apocalypse in an Open Frame”</p> <p>Ken Draper Ambrose University “Higher Time, Memory and Canadian History”</p>	<p>Panel Title: Human Flourishing in Christian Educational Institutions Chair: Cal Macfarlane Papers:</p> <p>Richard Hovey Renovaré Canada and Briercrest Seminary “Becoming Places of Incarnation: An Invitation to Our Institutions”</p> <p>Mark Halvorson Trinity Western University “Christian Leadership as Being Responsible for Human Flourishing”</p> <p>Alex Cheing Briercrest College and Seminary “Information search among prospective Chinese students seeking Christian higher education in Canada”</p>
11:15-11:30 am	Break	
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<p>Roundtable: Teaching Troublesome Texts in the Literature Classroom Chair: Matthew Zantingh Participants:</p> <p>Rhoda Cairns Briercrest College and Seminary</p> <p>Melanie East Tyndale University</p> <p>Tina Trigg King’s University</p> <p>Matthew Zantingh Briercrest College and Seminary</p>	<p>Roundtable: Educating Clergy Towards Wholeness Chair: Margaret Clarke Participants:</p> <p>Margaret Clarke Briercrest College and Seminary</p> <p>Jason Mills University of St. Michael’s College</p> <p>Beth Anne Fisher Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto</p>

12:30-1:15 pm	Lunch Break	
1:15-2:15 pm	<p>Panel Title: Testing Taylor: Poetic Language, Narrative, and Transcendence Chair: Grant Poettcker Papers:</p> <p>Brian Gregor California State University, Dominguez Hills “Religious Language in a Secular Age: Charles Taylor and Paul Ricoeur”</p> <p>Robert Piercey Campion College at the University of Regina “The Secularist’s Progress: Interrogating Taylor’s View of Narrative”</p> <p>Darren Dahl Briercrest College and Seminary “Testing Transcendence: Selfhood between Morality and Metaphysics in <i>A Secular Age</i>”</p>	<p>Panel Title: Human Perspectives: Self-Care, Significant Relationships, and Counselling Chair: Joyce Bellous Papers:</p> <p>Betty Bacon University of West Florida “The Footpath to the Gospel: Significant Relationships”</p> <p>Danielle Fluit ACTS Seminary/Trinity Western University and Ester Boldut ACTS Seminary/Trinity Western University “Beyond Bubble Baths: How Christian Humanism Can Transform the Secular Concept of Self-Care for Therapists-in-Training”</p>
2:15-2:30 pm	Break	
2:30-3:30 pm	<p>Panel Title: Learning Locations: Visions of Place in Christian Higher Education Chair: Darren Gordon Papers:</p> <p>L. M. Ratnapalan Yonsei University (Korea) “A Secular Age in the non-West? Christian higher education in South Korea</p> <p>Jim Cresswell Ambrose University and</p>	

	<p>Mark Chapman Tyndale University “Responding to Buffered and Disenchanted Learners: Educational Theory, Theology, and Research in Community-Based Research</p>	
3:30-4:00 pm	Break	
4:00-5:30 pm	<p>Keynote Address Dr. Jens Zimmermann J. I. Packer Chair of Theology Regent College “The Challenge and Promise of Christian Humanism”</p>	

Friday, Oct. 29, 2021		
	Zoom Link 1	Zoom Link 2
9:00-10:00 am	<p>Panel Title: Secular and Post-Secular Narratives: A Historical and Literary Approach Chair: Rhoda Cairns Papers:</p> <p>Doug Sikkema Redeemer University “Marilynne Robinson: Hope for a (Post?)Secular Christian Humanism”</p> <p>Johanna Lewis Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Kevin Flatt</p>	<p>Panel Title: Scripture and Practice in a Secular Age Chair: Joshua Coutts Papers:</p> <p>Susan Wendel Horizon College and Seminary “‘Who Is My Neighbour?’: Re-reading The Good Samaritan Story”</p> <p>John Van Maaren Ruprechts-Karls-Universität Heidelberg (Germany)</p>

	<p>Redeemer University “Narratives of Secularization in Leading Western Civilization Textbooks”</p>	<p>“Teaching the Bible in the 21st Century: Depth of Analysis as Antidote for Polarization”</p> <p>Ray Yeo Prairie College “The Attitude of Faith as an Intellectual Virtue and Vice in a Secular Age”</p>
10:00-10:15 am	Break	
10:15-11:15 am	<p>Panel Title: Communities, Classrooms, and Faith Education Chair: Erin Gordon Papers:</p> <p>Craig Allin Grace Christian School (PE) “The Immanent Classroom: Applying Taylor’s Explanation of Perspective and Discussion in the Secondary Classroom”</p> <p>Joyce Bellous Taylor Seminary “Christian Faith Education in a Spiritual Age”</p> <p>Ted Newell Crandall University “The Power of Concentrated Christian Community: Augustine’s Monastic Community in the Late Roman Empire”</p>	<p>Panel Title: Theological Reflections on Science and Technology Chair: Joel Houston Papers:</p> <p>James Ungureau University of Wisconsin-Madison “The Theological Origins of the ‘Modern Self’: A New History of Science and Christianity”</p> <p>Truitt Wiensz Briercrest College and Seminary “On the Theological Origins of Laplace’s Demon”</p> <p>Grant Poettcker Briercrest College and Seminary “The Nova Effect, Technology, and Community: Charles Taylor, Albert Borgmann, and Ivan Illich”</p>
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<p>12:30-1:15 pm</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>	
<p>1:15-2:15 pm</p>	<p>Panel Title: Learning Assessment in a Secular Age Chair: Chris Kayler Papers:</p> <p>Philip Mingay Kings University “Teaching Evaluations: Assessing Faith and Learning in a Secular Age”</p> <p>Katie Steeves Trinity Western University “Teaching Sociology 101 in a Secular Age”</p> <p>Emily G. Wenneborg Independent Scholar “Educating for Faithful Presence in the Midst of Pluralism”</p>	
<p>2:15-2:30 pm</p>	<p>Break</p>	

<p>2:30-3:30 pm</p>	<p>Panel Title: Teaching Islam in Christian Colleges Chair: Tenyia Miller Papers:</p> <p>F. Volker Greifenhagen Luther College at the University of Regina “Teaching Jewish, Christian and Muslim Scripture in a Secular Age”</p> <p>Fachrival Halim St. Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan “Teaching about Islam and Muslims in A Secular Canada: A Reflection from a Catholic College”</p> <p>Alan Guenther Briercrest College and Seminary “The History of Evangelicals Teaching Islam in an Increasingly Secular Age”</p>	<p>Panel Title: Crisis and Opportunity in Modern Contexts Chair: Truitt Wiensz Papers:</p> <p>Jason Mills University of St. Michael’s College “Dredging <i>The Shallows</i> for Charles Taylor’s ‘Fullness’: Nicholas Carr, Human Flourishing, and Online Theological Education”</p> <p>Brian Froese Canadian Mennonite University “Angels, Demons, and Bible Schools: Christian Humanism and the Fertility Crisis”</p>
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