

## Purpose Statement

### **INTERVARSITY CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP'S GRADUATE AND FACULTY MINISTRIES' FOUR COMMITMENTS**

We believe that God has called and equipped Christian graduate students and faculty to be a redeeming influence among the people, ideas, and structures of the university and professions. In the power of the Spirit, we share the following commitments:

#### **Spiritual Formation Evangelism & Service Community Integration of Faith, Learning, & Practice**

These communities will grow in love for God, God's Word, God's people of every ethnicity and culture, and God's purposes in the world.

### **THE CHRISTIAN STUDY CENTER OF GAINESVILLE**

The Christian Study Center of Gainesville exists to encourage the university community in the exploration of a biblical view of life by fostering an academic environment for dialogue that is friendly, open, honest, and reflective in considering questions of truth, faith, life, and culture. The Center seeks to embark on this endeavor through a variety of educational programs, courses, lectures, reading groups, and open forums.

## Schedule

- 9:00 AM Reception and Registration  
9:30 AM Welcome & Opening Worship  
10:00 AM The Theme Stated:  
**Faithful Stewards or  
Terrestrial Gods: Christianity  
and the Chief End of Science**  
Ken Myers  
President and Executive  
Producer,  
Mars Hill Audio  
11:00 AM Break  
11:15 AM Faculty Response  
11:45 AM Small Groups  
12:45 PM Luncheon (provided)  
1:45 PM Artistic Interlude  
2:15 PM The Theme Revisited:  
**The Church and the Arts:  
Restoring a High View of  
Aesthetic Life**  
Ken Myers  
3:15 PM Break  
3:30 PM Q&A with Ken Myers & Grad  
Student/Faculty response  
panel  
4:15 PM Small Groups  
5:00 PM Concluding thoughts and  
closing worship  
6:00 PM (Optional) Dinner in Gainesville  
w/ other Colloquium attendees

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's  
Graduate & Faculty Ministries in  
partnership with the  
Christian Study Center of Gainesville  
Present:

## **Knowing God, Knowing Creation: Science and Art in Christian Perspective**

**with Ken Myers**

*March 4, 2006*

**The 2006 Gulf States  
Colloquium on Faith  
And Scholarship**

## Program Purpose and Summary:

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*The modern research university often casts the search for knowledge in terms of effectiveness. Knowledge increasingly is measured in terms of the usefulness it brings, or the power it bestow. Our theme, Knowing God, Knowing Creation assumes the Christian scholar cannot be content with that.*

Our theme also assumes that there is no ultimate knowledge or creativity without the knowledge of God, and a principle way we know Him is in what He has made. We also reflect His image in what we make. This conference is for graduate students and faculty who want to explore this theme and how it might apply to their own discipline.

Ken Myers will sound out the theme in two plenary addresses. Faculty and graduate student panelists will then reflect on and develop the theme and interact with attendees in an open question and answer format.

Between and after these sessions Interdisciplinary small groups will discuss the biblical foundations and practical implications of our theme, while fostering community among our participants. Finally, this colloquium is a great opportunity to meet Christian colleagues.

Saturday, March 4, 2006  
9:00 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

Christian Study Center of Gainesville

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Register online at: <http://gmse.org>. Go to the "Conferences" link; this will take you on to the Colloquium Page. Registration deadline: March 1, 2006. \$25 per attendee, payable day of the Colloquium. Make checks payable to: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

### PLENARY SPEAKER: Ken Myers – President, Mars Hill Audio

Ken Myers is president and executive producer at Mars Hill Audio, a nonprofit organization devoted to helping Christians think wisely about modern culture through a variety of audio resources. He was formerly the editor of *This World* (forerunner of the monthly journal *First Things*). Prior to his tenure at *This World*, he was executive editor of *Eternity*, the evangelical monthly magazine.

For eight years he was a producer and editor for National Public Radio (NPR), working for much of that time as arts and humanities editor for the two news programs, *Morning Edition* and *All Things Considered*.

Mr. Myers is a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he studied film theory and criticism, and of Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He is married and has two children, and lives in central Virginia.

## Directions & Contact Info:

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From I-75, exit at the Gainesville Newberry Rd Exit (Exit #387). Go east for approximately 4 miles, at which time the road turns into University Avenue.

Stay on University Avenue until you come to the University of Florida campus. Look for the Ben Hill Griffin football stadium on the right and proceed about a half-mile to 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left onto 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Go two blocks, and the Christian Study Center will be on your left (Call 352-379-7375 or 352-871-1661 if you get lost).

Limited parking is available in the side lot of the Study Center. Additional parking is available on the streets and in the lot to the south of the building. (DO NOT PARK IN THE LOT BEHIND THE STUDY CENTER, AS YOU MAY BE TOWED.)

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