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*Dr. Black at Colloquium*



*The Kyes Family at UF*



*The Cameron Family*



*Our kids with friends on Easter*

# Engrossing News

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## Bearing the Image of God in the Academy

This was the title of our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Gulf States Colloquium. Our presenter, Dr. Amy Black, spoke on how her faith shaped her experience through her life in academia. Her background includes experience in Christian (Wheaton) and secular institutions (she did her PhD at MIT and was on faculty at Franklin and Marshall College. She encouraged students and faculty to pursue their work and relationships to the glory of God.

## Life as an Area Director

Sign expense reports. Answer email. Return calls. Email. Make calls. Email. Develop budgets. Read financial statements. Email. Website. Book Travel. Travel. Mail merge. Train staff on mail merge. Explain financial report. Go to the bathroom. Write recommendation. Write evaluation. Read application. Read reference. Email. Call speaker. Be speaker. Submit expense report. Plan a meeting. Lead a meeting. Attend meeting.

On darker days, it is hard to see beyond the above tasks that now define much of my days. To be honest, I struggle with playing a “support role” to other staff who get to do the frontline work of campus ministry. I do feel God has called me and gifted me to this role as Area Director. At the same time, however, it often feels removed from the “action.” My role is to help staff do their jobs well. Some days I am more of a coach. Other days I am more of a water boy. Please pray that I will have God’s perspective on all I do. So, on brighter days, I see it as . . .

Pray for staff. Plan with staff. Listen to vision. Pray. Offer vision. Encourage. Counsel. Trust. Listen. Pray. Communicate. Help. Serve. Plan. Seek. Pray. Care. Invite. Free. Build. Love. Develop. Shepherd. Lead. Follow. Pray.

## University of Florida

In January, Allyn Kyes and his family moved from Idaho Falls, Idaho, to begin staffing a fledgling graduate fellowship at the University of Florida. When you get called from Idaho to Florida, January is a nice time to move. Allyn was able to get his feet on the ground quickly enough to help host the Gulf States Colloquium. I enjoyed their warm hospitality when I attended the Colloquium.

## University of Miami, Nova Southeastern, Florida International University

In January, Gary Cameron, began full-time ministry at these three campuses. All three schools are in the Miami metro area. Seeds of ministry are springing up in different ways at the different schools. At UM, a faculty group is in the early stages of forming. At NOVA, graduate students and faculty are inviting Gary to make the long drive to come and encourage them. At FIU, Gary continues work with an Asian Scholars Bible Study as well as pioneering ministry to other graduate students and faculty.



## Serving

(and hoping to serve)

Auburn University

Atlanta University  
Center

Emory University

Florida International  
University

Florida State University

Georgia Tech

Louisiana State  
University

University of Southern  
Mississippi

University of Alabama –  
Birmingham

University of Florida

University of Georgia

University of Kentucky

University of Louisville

University of Miami

University of Mississippi

University of South  
Florida

University of Tennessee

Tulane University

Vanderbilt University

## Emerging Scholars Network Launched

InterVarsity's Graduate Student and Faculty Ministries has just launched the Emerging Scholars Network. The network seeks to identify, encourage, and support the next generation of Christian scholars at all stages of their academic careers. Specifically, the network is looking for Christian scholars who seek to have a redeeming influence among the people, ideas, and structures of the university. If you know of an undergrad interested in a career in academia, or a graduate student currently perusing a career in academia, or a faculty member in academia, please encourage them to go to [www.emergingscholars.org](http://www.emergingscholars.org) to find out about resources available to them.

## On a Task Force with Attorneys, for Attorneys?

The Christian Legal Society and InterVarsity Graduate Student Ministries think we can, through combined effort, do a far better job ministering to Christian law students and young attorneys. Because of my six years of experience ministering to law students at Vanderbilt, I've been asked to be on the task force which is exploring ways to better serve and equip this important group of future leaders in our society<sup>1</sup>. Pray that God will grant me wisdom. It requires conference calls, projects, and occasional travel for meetings.

## On the Home Front

? Though Ginger claims she "doesn't do much," many days she offers free child care to friends. And, most days there are more kids are our house after school than I know the names of. We have become the neighborhood hangout, which is good. I think. Other days I am not sure.

? We got a new dog – a beagle. Her name is Lucy. We are finding that a four-month-old beagle has a lot more energy than a twelve-year-old Yorkshire Terrier!

? We have gotten a little busier at church. I (Don Paul) have been team teaching our adult Sunday School class and Ginger has been spearheading a Scripture memory program for the children's ministry.

### Financial Contributions can be sent to:

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<sup>1</sup> I originally had a cheap joke about lawyers thrown in right here but my wise wife told me to take it out