



CCCU Names New Vice President for Professional Development & Research

The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) has named Dr. Ron Mahurin as vice president for professional development and research. Mahurin began his duties at the Council in October.

Mahurin succeeds Dr. Karen Longman, who became vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty at Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois this summer.

Mahurin was most recently the director of corporate and foundation relations at Gordon College in Wenham,



Massachusetts. He was also a tenured Associate Professor of Political Studies at Gordon. Prior to that, he taught Political Science at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, California.

"Dr. Mahurin brings a tremendous commitment to Christ-centered higher education," says Bob Andringa, president of the CCCU. "As a faculty member at two of our member institutions, he will bring both his scholarship and his knowledge of corporate and foundation fund-raising to the work of the Council."

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Mahurin sees the opportunity as Christian educators to prepare the next generation of Christian leaders — leaders who will live culture-transforming lives.

Mahurin believes there are three specific challenges for the CCCU and Christian higher education. First, that member institutions offer the best teaching, scholarship and service to students. Secondly, that institutions build greater bridges to both the church and the larger academy. And lastly, that the Christian higher education community demonstrate through our lives and our scholarship the power and truth of the gospel to change hearts and reclaim culture.

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Mahurin obtained a bachelor of arts degree from Gordon College. He went on to earn both a master of arts' degree and Ph.D. from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. His major fields are International Relations and Comparative Politics.

Top priorities of Mahurin's first year:


- Work with the commissions, programs and conferences with CAO's, CSDO's, CEO's, Racial Harmony, and others — to meet as many of the key leadership within these groups as possible in order to broaden and deepen the professional development programs of the CCCU.
- Develop with Gordon Van Harn, former Calvin College Provost, a new faculty development initiative. More information to come on this in the near future.

- Create a comprehensive advancement plan for the CCCU which will help meet the strategic goals which the board and staff have set for the next five years.

Mahurin has demonstrated leadership in both the public square and in Christian higher education. In addition to leading the planning effort for the launch of CCCU's Middle East Studies Program in Cairo, Egypt in 1991, Mahurin has also consulted with The John Templeton Foundation, The Center for Christian Studies, The Pew Charitable Trusts and Vision New England.

Mahurin has co-authored *Saints as Citizens: A Guide to Public Responsibilities for Christians*. Other published works include, "Civic Education in American Churches and Other Faith-based Institutions," "Religious Funders in the United States," and "Civilizations, Kingdoms and the New World Order: What does the Kingdom of God have to do with International Relations?" Mahurin is planning to write a new book with Gordon College colleague, Tim Sherratt, on the challenges and opportunities for Christians living out their faith in the public square.

Mahurin has been married to wife, Jerilyn for 17 years and is the father of two girls, Heather (ten) and Gwentyth (eight).

Mahurin's commitment and energy for Christian higher education are evident. He notes, "I look forward to working with many of our faculty, administrators and friends across the U.S. and Canada in advancing the cause of Christian higher education for the Kingdom of God." 

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December 6, 1999
 CCCU Southern Association of
 Colleges and Schools Dinner
 Atlanta (GA)

January 5, 2000
 CCCU Council of Independent
 Colleges Dinner, Tucson (AZ)

January 6-8, 2000
 CCCU Critical Concerns Conference
 - Chief Enrollment Officers
 Embassy Suites, Phoenix (AZ)

January 6-8, 2000
 CCCU Financial Aid
 Administrators Conference
 Embassy Suites, Phoenix (AZ)

January 27-29, 2000
 CCCU Chief Student Development
 Officers Conference, Shelter Pointe
 Hotel and Marina, San Diego (CA)

January 29-30, 2000
 CCCU Board Meeting
 The Washington Court, Washington,
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January 30- February 1, 2000
 CCCU Presidents Annual Conference
 The Washington Court,
 Washington, DC

February 19-22, 2000
 CCCU Quality/Retention
 Project Conference,
 Columbia (SC)

February 24-26, 2000
 CCCU Chief Advancement Officers
 Marriott Hotel - Washington, D.C.

March 26-28, 2000
 CCCU Communications
 Officers Conference, Chicago Marriott
 Downtown, Chicago (IL)

March 31- April 2, 2000
 CCCU Chief Academic Officers
 Conference, West Coast Anaheim
 Hotel, Anaheim (CA)

April 6-8, 2000
 CCCU Campus Ministry Director
 Conference, Tillicum Retreat Center
 George Fox University (OR)

April 6-8, 2000
 North American Christian Foreign
 Language Association (NACFLA)
 Point Loma Nazarene University
 (CA), Contact: Barbara Carvill,
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June 1-3, 2000
 Beyond the Impossible:
 Strengthening the Bond Between
 Urban Churches and Christian
 Universities, Boston University
 (MA), Contact: Paula Waters, (617)
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June 1-3, 2000
 Eleventh Annual Health Physical
 Education Recreational Department
 (HPERD) Conference on
 Christianity, Sport, Leisure and
 Wellness, Westmont College (CA)

CCCU 1999 Initiative Grants Announced

Three initiative grants of \$15,000 have been awarded by the CCCU and the Center for Christian Studies at Gordon College. These grants will enable teams of scholars within Christian higher education to meet, share research, critique and plan future individual or collaborative research projects related to a common theme for presentation to the larger academy.

The 1999 Initiative Grant recipients are the following:

Human Nature and Human Freedom: A Christian Response to Reductionist Versions of Materialism

- Kevin Corcoran, Calvin College
- William Hasker,

- Huntington College*
- J.P. Moreland, Biola University
 - Michael Murray, Franklin & Marshall College
 - Timothy O'Connor, Indiana University
 - Dean Zimmerman, University of Notre Dame

Coming Full Circle: Devolution of State Delivery of Human Services to Faith-Based Human Service Organizations

- Fred DeJong, Calvin College
- Diana Garland, Baylor University
- Katherine Hemert, University of Kentucky
- Beryl Hugen, Calvin College
- Lawrence Ressler, Roberts Wesleyan College

Neohumanism and the Ethical Turn in Theological Perspective

- Tony Cummins, Canadian Theological Seminary
- Alex Hawkins, Duke University
- Bruce Hindmarsh, Briarcrest Biblical Seminary
- Norman Klassen, Trinity Western University
- Jens Zimmerman, Trinity Western University


The application deadline for the 2000 Initiative Grants is March 31, 1999. Please contact Harold Heie, Director, Center for Christian Studies at Gordon College for application information: email, ccs@gordon.edu; phone, (978) 927-2306 x4365. 



CCCU Disciplinary Faculty Development Series Launched

Twelve discipline-specific faculty workshops have been developed. These workshops will provide an in-depth forum for faculty members at CCCU institutions which will foster Christian perspectives on substantive issues in their respective disciplines. In addition, the workshops will address pedagogical issues related to teaching in that related discipline.

Economics and Political Science will be the first disciplines to kick-off this series in the summer of 2000.

For more information on these workshops, see cccu.org/projects or contact Harold Heie, Director, Center for Christian Studies at Gordon College for application information: email, ccs@gordon.edu; phone, (978) 927-2306 x4365. 

Northwestern College Names New President



Northwestern College (IA) Board of Trustees named Dr. James Guy Jr. as the college's eighth president. Guy, current dean of the Graduate School of Psychology at Fuller

Theological Seminary, will begin his duties on July 1, 2000.

Guy serves as professor of psychology at Fuller in addition to his role as dean. He also has a private practice in clinical psychology. Before joining Fuller, Guy was a

psychology professor, associate provost and administrator at Biola University in La Mirada, California.

He served Biola as associate provost and vice president for university services. 

FROM YOUR COUNCIL

A Movement for the New Millennium



Several weeks ago I attended Chuck Colson's conference *The Christian Mind in the New Millennium*. A sell-out crowd of 650 heard Colson and Nancy Pearcey amplify on their brilliant new book, *How Now Shall We Live?* I think I witnessed the beginning of a movement in the Church.

In the publisher's words, the book "is a radical challenge to the church and to all Christians to go beyond salvation — to understand biblical faith as an entire worldview, a perspective on all of life. Only when we grasp this comprehensive vision can we enjoy the fullness of God's grace in every area of life. Only then can we escape from our spiritual ghettos and contend effectively for Christian truth in the world."

Wait a minute! What's so new? We in Christian higher education have focused on the "Christian worldview" for years. It's what "integration of faith, scholarship and service" is all about to us. We know that our worldview is alien to the many other worldviews gaining prominence in academia, whether flowing from naturalism, rationalism, postmodernism or some other "ism." And we get perplexed trying to understand why the broader evangelical world doesn't seem to get it.

We wonder why a Christ-follower would pay some college \$20,000 per year to get brain-battered with ideas, philosophies, attitudes and principles that are antithetical to the way our Creator designed people and the universe. The Christian worldview, as this new book

outlines so very well, *is reality* and new scientific discoveries (let alone anyone's honest observations) confirms it more every year.

I hope we will see a growing "popularization" of the concept of a Christian worldview. The hunger for wholistic truth is there. Colson and Pearcey have given the world a framework, an apologetic, a broader forum for thinking persons in the Church. The book, Colson's stimulating radio program, and their future conferences will help tens of thousands of Christians to become more confidently engaged in the marketplace of ideas. I believe that our campuses can and must be part of shaping a new conversation in the Church and in society that has intellectual depth based on biblical precepts. We can, after all, love God with our minds as well as our hearts.

Colson is a Distinguished Senior Fellow with the CCCU. We praise God for his ability to articulate so well what we want our students to learn and to do. When he says that society can change and that it will happen from the grassroots up, we hear that. Every day we are equipping 200,000 students to go into every field with their heads and hearts aligned to service from the Christian worldview. So now, let's reach out to help Chuck work with many other organizations and churches. Together we can provide the intellectual as well as the spiritual answer to our culture's deepest questions. This is a Millennium Moment for our Movement!

Christian University GlobalNet Update

Christian University GlobalNet (CUGN) currently has 68 member institutions. The member institutions are found in all six accreditation regions. As of September 1999, these schools had over 200 courses in the CUGN common catalog.

Please visit www.cugn.org under the "Catalog" button to see the full listing of the coursework offered. Five of the

member institutions were awarded \$450,000 in grants in September, 1999.

CCCU Student Programs Prepare for Y2K

The CCCU student programs have planned for Y2K. These programs will begin mid to late January, giving time for Y2K contingencies to be addressed. Only major airline carriers will be used to travel abroad. U.S. State Department warnings are


being carefully monitored and student program directors have developed plans for emergency situations, should they arise. CCCU Student Program enrollments remain strong for the spring semester.

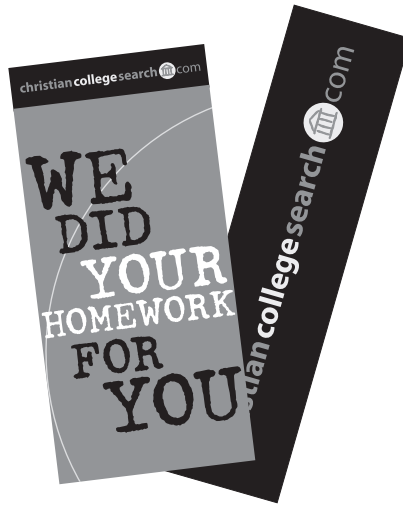


- June 5-6, 2000
CCCU Chief Financial Officers Conference, Messiah College (PA)
- June 12-17, 2000
Leadership Development Institute for Emerging Leaders, Cedar Springs (WA)
- June 17-22, 2000
Leadership Development Institute for Women, Cedar Springs (WA)
- June 25 - July 2, 2000
CCCU National Disciplinary Workshops – Political Science Gordon College (MA)
- July 2-9, 2000
CCCU National Disciplinary Workshops – Economics Calvin College (MI)
- July 13-15, 2000
Governance Institute, ServiceMaster Headquarters, Downers Grove (IL)
- July 20-25, 2000
New Faculty Workshop
Location: Greenville College (IL)
- July 21-25, 2000
ELDI 99' Reunion for CAOs Cedar Springs (WA)
- July 26-29, 2000
CCCU Alumni Professionals Conference, Westmont College (CA)
- July 29 - August 1, 2000
CCCU Board Meeting
Cross Creek, Frisco (CO)
- August 3-5, 2000
ELDI 99' Reunion for Presidents
Cross Creek, Frisco (CO)
- September 13-27, 2000
CCCU Hosts Passion Play Tour
Germany
- October 12-14, 2000
National Assessment Conference
Cedarville College (OH)
- January 11-13, 2001
CCCU Critical Concerns Conference - Chief Enrollment Officers
Embassy Suites, Tampa (FL)
- February 5-7, 2001
CCCU Board Meeting
Clarion Plaza Hotel, Orlando (FL)
- February 7-9, 2001
Forum on Christian Higher Education
Clarion Plaza Hotel, Orlando (FL)
- June 3-10, 2001
CCCU National Disciplinary Workshops – Theology
Wheaton College (IL)
- June 17 - 24, 2001
CCCU National Disciplinary Workshops – Sociology
Gordon College (MA)

For conference information, contact Denise Crum, (202) 546-8713, denise@cccu.org (unless otherwise indicated). Items in bold are CCCU sponsored or co-sponsored events.

Flyers and Bookmarks for ChristianCollegeSearch.com Now Available

The CCCU has developed print materials to market *ChristianCollegeSearch.com*. These flyers and bookmarks explain the various search options, indicate linkage to member homepages and provide phone numbers for both ordering *Peterson's Guide to Christian Colleges & Universities* and attending a college fair. Please email communications@cccu.org if you are interested in receiving copies. 




Quality/Retention Project Focuses on Affirming Student Strengths

The third year of the CCCU Quality/Retention Project will focus on "Affirming Student's Strengths in the Critical Years." This initiative is targeted toward helping freshmen and sophomores on CCCU campuses' students in the critical years of decision making about their educational careers. CCCU campuses will work toward developing programs to identify the strengths and talents of their incoming freshmen in the fall of 2000.

In preparation for this third-year focus, several CCCU campuses have been piloting various programs during the fall of 1999. These programs utilize various instruments,

methods and strategies for identifying and nurturing students' strengths.

This "Affirming Strengths Initiative" will be launched in February during a one day Forum prior to the annual First-Year Experience (FYE) Conference at the University of South Carolina in Columbia, S.C. John Gardner, Executive Director of the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition will be the keynote speaker.

For more information on the Quality/Retention Project or this specific conference, contact Becca Shopp at (202) 546-8713 or becca@cccu.org. 

CCCU Member Stats

Campuses:	95
Religious Denominations:	33
Fall 1999 Undergraduate Student Enrollment:	140,000
Fall 1999 Total Students Served:	177,000
Undergraduate Majors Offered:	324
Full-time Faculty:	7,812
Part-time Faculty:	7,093
Alumni:	1.5 million
Average Tuition - CCCU 1999-2000:	\$12,072.00
Average Tuition - National 1999-2000:	\$15,380.00
Operating Budgets, FY 1999-2000:	2.3 billion
Average Operating Budget, 1999-2000:	25 million
Total Market Value of Endowments:	2 billion

Source: CCCU Institutional Survey and the Chronicle of Higher Education

CCCU Affiliate Stats

Campuses:	36 in 11 countries
Fall 1999 Student Enrollment:	42,330

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