



Networking Grants for Christian Scholars

A Five-Year Report

2017 - 2021

COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Both as a recipient (and project director) of a CCCU Networking Grant and as provost at an institution enriched by multiple other CCCU Networking Grants, I have a unique perspective on the program, the opportunities it frames, the results it delivers, and the benefits it provides. The grant for “Between Pandemic and Protest: Exploring the Future of Liberal Arts in Higher Education” resourced a collaboration that has now extended from the six original collaborators to dozens of others, resulting in a podcast (*The Liberating Arts*), book project, and planned conference that promises to cement enduring partnerships and further expand the influence of this scholarly collaboration. In the course of this project, I joined Calvin University as provost – a move that has given me additional institutional perspective on the importance of the Networking Grant, as both Initiative Grants awarded in 2018 were directed by Calvin faculty (Kevin den Dulk and Tracy Kuperus). These have not only provided important opportunities for faculty development, but they have supported scholarly research on timely matters of significant consequence to the church and society worldwide.

In short, the CCCU Networking Grants are an incredible resource to member institutions and their faculty, supporting important collaborations that result in enduring partnerships and high-impact outcomes. I am grateful for the work the grants have supported in the past and, especially given pressures on individual institutions, I believe support from these grant programs will be even more important to Christian scholarship in the future.

Noah Toly

Provost, Calvin University; Principal Investigator at Wheaton College, “Between Pandemic and Protest: Exploring the Future of Liberal Arts in Higher Education” (2020 grantee)



Letters From Our Leaders



The vision that Walter and Darlene Hansen had for faculty scholarship 20 years ago still reverberates each year because of their generous gift that began this endowed program. Decades later, in a meeting in the United Club in Denver International Airport, Marji Hughes and the Christian Community Credit Union decided to make a substantial gift to faculty scholarship because it advanced their corporate values. Their continued generosity, together with the Hansens’ endowment, became an investment in deeply creative ideas that advance the kingdom of God. As the president of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities (CCCU), a first priority I have is to support Christ-following faculty who are teaching and mentoring students whose lives enrich the world. Great teaching comes from fresh scholarship. I love seeing gifts to the CCCU bear such tremendous fruit. To God be the glory.

Shirley V. Hoogstra

President, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities



“Funding from the Christian Community Credit Union, complementing and substantially expanding the yearly pay-out available from the original endowment provided by Walter and Darlene Hansen in 1998, enabled the CCCU to revise and enhance the Networking Grants given to promising teams of scholars. We are deeply grateful for the opportunities the donation enabled and sustained.

The CCCU engages the whole life cycle of educational formation, which includes teaching, formative care for the students and their communities, and the investment in research. While research alone does not ensure good teaching, we know that the best tertiary learning happens in a research-rich environment. Research is a necessary ingredient toward enabling our campuses to best serve their constituencies.

We join together faith and scholarship for the common good with an understanding that we are part of a larger educational fabric and need to engage the broader range of scholarship well. Our research efforts, like our commitment to service, need to be developed in a meaningful way to serve, communicate to, and engage in meaningful discussions with the larger academic academy. We are grateful to both sets of donors for helping us spur even higher levels of excellence in research, teaching, and service at our member colleges.”

Stanley P. Rosenberg,

Vice President for Research and Scholarship,
Council for Christian Colleges & Universities



Overview

Networking Grants for Christian Scholars seek to encourage collaborative scholarship among faculty members serving through Council for Christian Colleges & University member institutions and to connect these scholars with broader networks. The goal of the program is to support high quality scholarship that brings Christian voices into contemporary academic conversations.

- Thus, Networking Grants may support any research project that is both:
- Significantly informed by Christian practices, perspectives, or purposes
 - Demonstrating potential for dissemination and influence in the larger academy

Applicants may choose from two options:



Planning Grants

Up to three one-year grants of up to \$5,000 to networking teams to plan research projects.

The CCCU Networking Grants are made possible by the significant endowment of Walter and Darlene Hansen, in memory of his parents, Ken and Jean Hansen, and Christian Community Credit Union, whose generous donation allowed the expansion of the grant funding in 2020.



Initiative Grants

Up to three three-year grants of up to \$30,000 to networking teams to implement research projects.

Grant Recipients

Grants awarded in the past five years:

2020-2021: Grants with funding from both the Hansens’ endowment and the Christian Community Credit Union donation

2017-2019: Grants with funding from the Hansens’ endowment

2021 AWARDS

Three \$30,000 3-year initiative grants awarded:

1. “Who ‘Belongs’ at Uncle Sam’s Thanksgiving Table? Research and Dialogue on American History, Identity, and Immigration,” directed by Dr. Ruth Melkonian-Hoover (Gordon College).

This project explores the complex relationship between three interrelated strands: colonial history, Christianity, and attitudes toward immigrants. As this project aims to demonstrate, the ways people use the past often speaks volumes about their hopes and fears in the present. Team members are Dr. Soong-Chan Rah (Fuller Theological Seminary), Dr. Matthew Rowley (University of Leicester, UK), and Dr. Judd Birdsall (Georgetown University).

2. “Developments and New Directions in Religion and Contemporary Art: A Curious Accord,” directed by Dr. Rachel Hostetter Smith (Taylor University).

This project will first identify and examine theoretical frameworks and interpretive strategies for exploring the reemergence of religion in the making, exhibition, and discussion of contemporary art. Second, it will examine common strategies contemporary artists employ in the interface between religion and contemporary art practice with a significant number of specific case studies. The work proposed would produce important new resources in this developing field of study and spawn new collaborations and projects for the future. Team members are Dr. Ronald R. Bernier (Wentworth Institute of Technology), Dr. Linda Stratford (Asbury University), Dr. James Romaine (Lander University), and Prof. Jonathan A. Anderson (Duke Divinity School).

3. “The Sexual & Gender Identity Project+,” directed by Dr. Mark Yarhouse (Wheaton College).

The debate around the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other (LGBTQ+) students in religious settings has intensified this past year. The project research will reflect Christian perspectives in care for underserved and marginalized populations, as well as a Christian view of persons whose health is related to a cohesive view of self in relation to God and others. Team members are Dr. Janet Dean (Asbury University) and Dr. Stephen Stratton (Asbury Seminary).

One \$5,000 1-year planning grant awarded:

1. “Patristic Christianity and Contemporary Immigration: An Integrative Exploration of the Tradition for the Present,” directed by Dr. George Kalantzis (Wheaton College).

This project will investigate doctrinal and moral writings within the Christian tradition from the 3rd-8th centuries, asking what light these texts and movements shed on contemporary questions of immigration. Bringing together ethicists who are attuned to the patristic traditions of Christianity, with patristic scholars who are sensitive to the moral concerns of the era, this project will produce a volume, popular publications, and other forms of scholarly production that draw out the riches of the patristic world for one of the most pressing moral questions of our time. Team member: Dr. Myles Werntz (Abilene Christian University).

Grant Recipients

2020 AWARDS

Three \$30,000 3-year initiative grants were awarded:

1. **“Between Pandemic and Protest: Exploring the Future of the Liberal Arts in Higher Education,”** directed by Dr. Jeffrey Bilbro (Spring Arbor University).

This project will advance the public to think and talk about the enduring value of the liberal arts for the particular concerns and challenges of our time. Team members are Dr. Kristin Kobes du Mez (Calvin University), Dr. David Henreckson (Valparaiso University), Dr. Noah Toly (Wheaton College), Dr. Jonathan Tran (Baylor University), and Dr. Jessica Hooten Wilson (University of Dallas).

2. **“Flourishing Congregations in Canada,”** directed by Dr. Michael Wilkinson (Trinity Western University).

This project will allow researchers to consider and evaluate the contribution congregations make to the flourishing of individuals in urban settings, small towns, families, and alongside other important civil society groups including social and human service agencies that partner with local congregations. Team members are Dr. Mark Chapman (Tyndale University), Dr. Catherine Holtmann (University of New Brunswick), Dr. Sam Reimer (Crandall University), Dr. Kathleen Steeves (Trinity Western University), and Dr. Joel Thiessen (Ambrose University).

3. **“Does Grace to the Undeserving Have Social Costs? Investigating the Prevalence and Observer Perceptions of Benevolent Responses to Offensive or Toxic Comments in Online Discourse,”** directed by Dr. Alison Young Reusser (Houghton College).

This project is aimed at exploring the impact of an online commenter’s expressions of benevolence (e.g., empathy, forgiveness, understanding, love, etc.) in response to online conflict on observers’

evaluations of that commenter. Team members are Dr. Lisa Gassin (Olivet Nazarene University) and Dr. Kristian Veit (Olivet Nazarene University).

Two \$5,000 1-year planning grants were awarded:

1. **“The Christian Home in Global Protestant Mission Thought and Practice, 1800-2000,”** directed by Dr. Anneke Stasson (Indiana Wesleyan University).

This project will debunk the notion of Victorian normativity that has hitherto dominated academic discourse about Christian mission and domesticity by highlighting non-Western perspectives on the Christian home. Team members are Dr. Leanne Dzubinski (Biola University) and Dr. Soojin Chung (California Baptist University).

2. **“The Gender Identity & Faith Project,”** directed by Dr. Mark Yarhouse (Wheaton College).

The project will build upon researchers’ experience in LGBTQ+ studies and their reputation beyond the Christian academy to generate and disseminate models for improving dialogue in which gender identity, religious identity, and the relationship between these two are taken seriously. Team members are Dr. Stephen Stratton (Asbury Seminary) and Dr. Janet Dean (Asbury University).

2019 AWARDS

Two \$18,000 3-year initiative grants were awarded:

1. **“Religion and the Pueblo in the Aftermath of Hurricane María,”** directed by Dr. Julianne Bryant (Biola University).

This project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of spiritual and emotional care intervention that mitigates distress and promotes emotional health and well-being. Team members are Dr. Melanie Nyhoff (Northwestern College), Dr. Jennifer Abe (Loyola Marymount University), and Dr. Eundria Hill-Joseph (Biola University).

Grant Recipients

2. **“The Music of Social Protest: An Intersection of Politics and Faith in Latin America,”** directed by Dr. Nestor Quiroa (Wheaton College).

This project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of faith elements in Latin American social protest songs. Team members are Dr. Wilfredo Canales (Olivet Nazarene University), Dr. Lindy Scott (Whitworth University), and Gretchen Abernathy, translator and editor freelance consultant.

Two \$3,000 1-year planning grants were awarded:

1. **“Ethnographic Field Research on Women Who Have Been Displaced and Relocated to Europe,”** directed by Dr. Jamie Sanchez (Biola University).

The project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of themes of human agency and the role of worldview in crisis, identity, and human flourishing. Team members are Dr. Mandy Baraka (Huntington University) and Dr. Laura Dryjanska (Biola University).

2. **“Experiencing the Sacred,”** directed by Dr. Adam Green (Azusa Pacific University).

The project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of rigorous philosophical Christian theological approaches for addressing the universal human longing for experiencing God. Team members are Dr. Sameer Yadav (Westmont College) and Dr. James Arcadi (Evangelical Divinity School).

2018 AWARDS

Two \$18,000 3-year initiative grants were awarded:

1. **“South Asian Christianity in Transition: Identity, Theological Education, and the Plight of the Marginal,”** directed by Dr. Chandra Mallampalli (Westmont College).

This project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of religious and social change in this

important region of the world. His team member is Dr. Dyron Daugherty (Pepperdine University).

2. **“Shaping Citizenship: Christian Institutions and Youth in Africa,”** directed by Dr. Tracy Kupe-rus (Calvin College).

This project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of how a sense of evangelical international engagement and of the relationship between Christian institutions and youth citizenship in Africa. Team members are Dr. Megan Hershey (Whitworth University) and Dr. Amy Patterson (University of the South).

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2. **“Creative Dance to Foster Resilience in K-12 At-Risk Youth,”** directed by Dr. Emily Wright (Belhaven University).

The project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of how to cultivate childhood resilience through a creative dance intervention. Team members are Dr. Sally Schwer Canning (Wheaton College), Dr. Merry Lynn Morris (University of South Florida), Dr. Laura Morton (Belhaven University), and Dr. Bradford Smith (Belhaven University).

One additional \$3,000 1-year supplemental grant was awarded:

“Multi-institutional Campus Safety and Preventing Misconduct Project,” directed by Dr. Nathan Tintle (Dordt College).

Grant Recipients

This project will develop a campus-based, multi-level violence prevention program that builds on unique Christian approaches. Team members are Dr. Kristin Van De Griend (Dordt College) and James R. Vanderwoerd (Redeemer University College).

2017 AWARDS

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2. **“Informed Compassion: How Faith Shapes Decisions in Christian Relief,”** directed by Dr. Michael Veatch (Gordon College).

This project will examine the interplay of faith perspectives and humanitarian logistics as decisions are made in planning and implementing disaster relief projects. Team members are Dr. Danilo Diedrichs (Wheaton College), Dr. Jarrod Goentzel (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), and Dr. Paul Isihara (Wheaton College).

NB: This was a Planning Grant in 2016.

Three \$3,000 1-year planning grants were awarded:

1. **“Religious Communities as a Social Support Source for Children and Families Experiencing Stressful Life Events,”** directed by Dr. Robert Crosby (California Baptist University).

This project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of the role of churches in providing social support to children and families. Team members are Dr. Erin Smith (California Baptist University), Dr. Leon Blanchette (Olivet Nazarene University), and Dr. Gregory Palardy (University of California Riverside).

2. **“Effectiveness of Approaches to Exposing Engineering Students to Service,”** directed by Dr. Michael Foster (George Fox University).

This project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of service learning, which is a rapidly growing area of engineering education. Team members are Dr. Gary Spivey (George Fox University), Dr. Justin Vander Werff (Dordt College), Dr. Gayle Ermer (Calvin College), Dr. Brian Swartz (Messiah College), Dr. Norman Reese (LeTourneau University), and Dr. William Jordan (Baylor University).

3. **“Christianity, Youth, and Democratic Citizenship in Africa,”** directed by Dr. Tracy Kuperus (Calvin College).

This project will advance the scholarly community’s understanding of how a sense of democratic citizenship can be advanced in Africa. Team members are Dr. Megan Hershey (Whitworth University) and Dr. Amy Patterson (University of the South).



IN THEIR OWN WORDS

We have been able to collect data from much larger samples of participants (> 700) than we would be able to afford otherwise. In psychology, larger samples are becoming more and more the norm, and conferences and journals tend to be more likely to accept research for presentation and publication with larger samples. We have also been able to do a lot of work with machine learning than we would have been able to afford otherwise. This Networking Grant has been key to doing this research.

Alison Young Reusser

Principal Investigator, “Does Grace to the Undeserving Have Social Costs? Investigating the Prevalence and Observer Perceptions of Benevolent Responses to Offensive or Toxic Comments in Online Discourse” (2020 grantee)



Application Data

| APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021* |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Planning Grant Applications | 12 | 9 | 6 | 10 | 5 |
| Initiative Grant Applications | 11 | 9 | 4 | 18 | 6 |
| CCCU Members | 42 | 29 | 19 | 50 | 20 |
| Non-CCCU Members | 15 | 9 | 6 | 13 | 7 |
| Total Number of Institutions | 57 | 38 | 25 | 63 | 27 |
| Number of Principal Investigators | 95 | 66 | 66 | 109 | 46 |
| Number of Disciplines Represented | 19 | 30 | 22 | 45 | 21 |

| SUMMARY APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED | 2017-2019 | 2020-2021 | 2017-2021 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Planning Grant Applications | 27 | 15 | 42 |
| Initiative Grant Applications | 24 | 24 | 48 |
| CCCU Members | 90 | 70 | 160 |
| Non-CCCU Members | 30 | 20 | 50 |
| Total Number of Institutions | 120 | 90 | 210 |
| Number of Principal Investigators | 227 | 155 | 382 |
| Number of Disciplines Represented | 71 | 66 | 137 |

2017-2019 summaries reflect funding and activity based on the original endowment by the Hansens; 2020-21 reflects both the Hansen endowment and the Christian Community Credit Union donation.

*2021 Applicant pool: With the intense pressures on campuses and faculty due to COVID and the pivots made to address student learning, the applicant pool was clearly smaller. Academic leaders indicated faculty struggled to plan grants and research during that time.



The ability to network with scholars across Canada is enhanced by this grant. We have shared resources, funds, findings, and research interests in what makes a flourishing congregation.

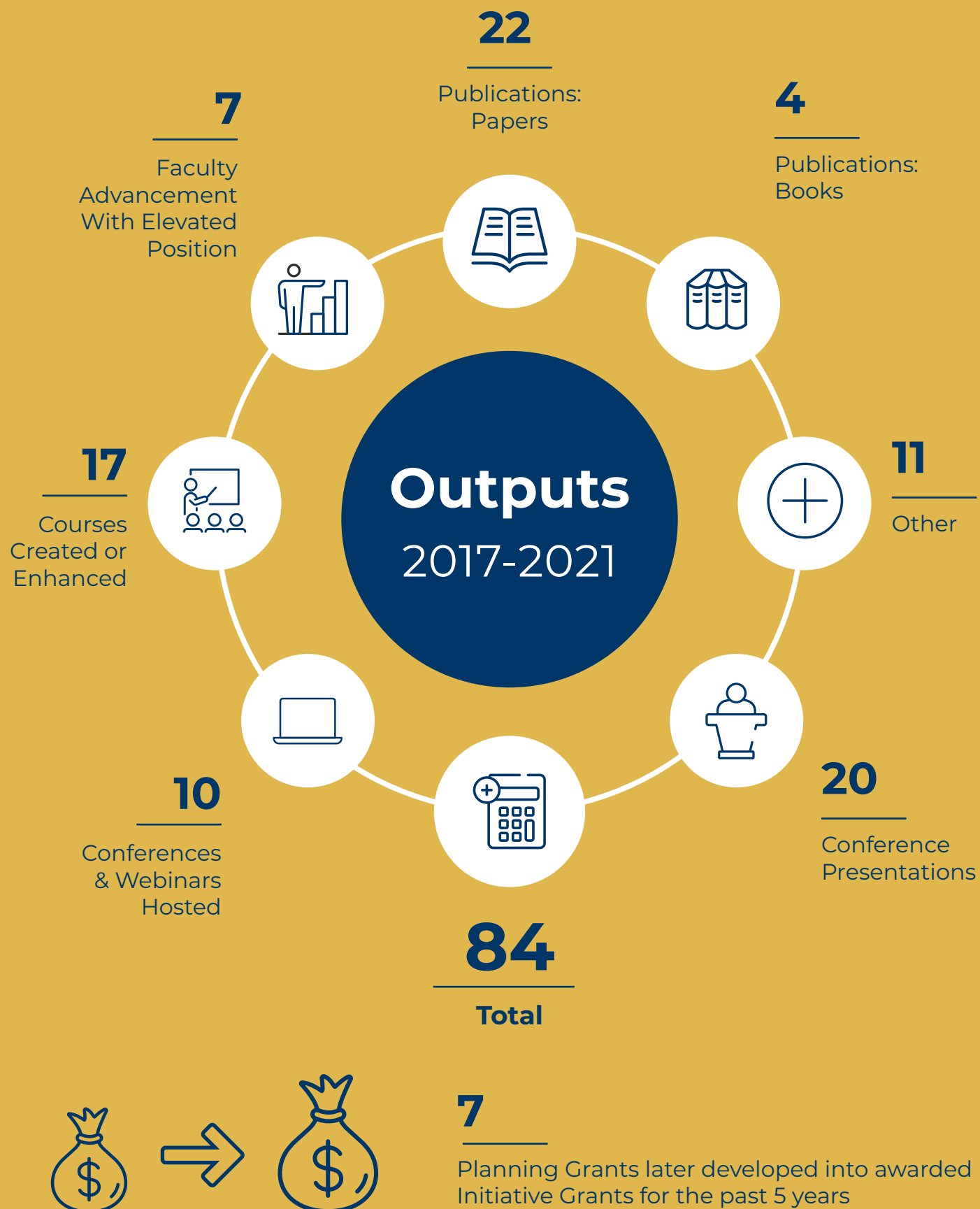
Michael Wilkinson
Principal Investigator, “Flourishing Congregations in Canada” (2020 grantee)

Award Data

The expansion of the funds available for the Networking Grants project in 2020 enabled a substantial increase in:
a. the size of the Initiative Grant award, from \$18,000 to \$30,000
b. the number of Initiative Grant awarded from 2 to 3 grants

| APPLICATIONS FUNDED | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Planning Grant Applications | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Initiative Grant Applications | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Supplemental Grant | | 1 | | | |
| CCCU Members | 14 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 7 |
| Non-CCCU Members | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Total Number of Institutions | 16 | 10 | 10 | 17 | 12 |
| Number of Principal Investigators | 20 | 16 | 14 | 21 | 14 |
| Number of Disciplines Represented | 8 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 4 |
| Funds Awarded | \$45,000 | \$45,000 | \$42,000 | \$100,000 | \$95,000 |

| SUMMARY APPLICATIONS FUNDED | 2017-2019 | 2020-2021 | 2017-2021 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Planning Grant Applications | 7 | 3 | 10 |
| Initiative Grant Applications | 6 | 6 | 12 |
| Supplemental Grant | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| CCCU Members | 31 | 21 | 52 |
| Non-CCCU Members | 5 | 8 | 13 |
| Total Number of Institutions | 36 | 29 | 65 |
| Number of Principal Investigators | 50 | 35 | 85 |
| Number of Disciplines Represented | 23 | 14 | 37 |
| Funds Awarded | \$132,000 | \$195,000 | \$327,000 |



Outputs

GRANT TITLE

Who “Belongs” at Uncle Sam’s Thanksgiving Table? Research and Dialogue on American History, Identity, and Immigration

2021 Initiative Grant

OUTPUTS:

- “Thanksgiving at 400: Reflections on American History, Identity, and Immigration.” *The Review of Faith & International Affairs*. Volume 19, Number 3 (Fall 2021)
- Two academic panels (in person attendance 125 & 100, with 50 more livestreaming). Thereafter, there have been 200 and 500 views of videos of the panels respectively: <https://youtu.be/UVG2liQsACo>, <https://youtu.be/zx4GQL8NUTI>
- Georgetown University’s Berkley Forum Blogs and Berkley Forum Webinar: <https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/posts/who-belongs-at-the-thanksgiving-table-christianity-history-and-immigration>
- London School of Economics & Political Science Blog: <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/religiousglobalsociety/2021/12/what-is-the-moral-of-the-thanksgiving-story-toward-a-pluralist-national-origin-narrative/>

GRANT TITLE

The Gender Identity & Faith Project

2020 Planning Grant

OUTPUTS:

- The launch of a pilot study at one CCCU private Christian university and one public university to help determine protocol, identify measures, develop an interview, and so on. This involved quantitative data collection through an online survey and qualitative data collection through in-depth interviews. Across the two institutions, 122 student participants completed the surveys and six student participants completed interviews. The interviews were subsequently

transcribed and analysed using consensual qualitative research (CQR).

- Presentations were informed in part by the pilot study data along with other research findings from The Sexual and Gender Identity Institute.

Publications

- Stratton, S. P., Dean, J., Yarhouse, M. A., Reed, J., & Keefe, H. (2021, March). “The intersection of gender identity and faith in Christian higher education: A consensual qualitative research analysis.” Presentation conducted at the Christian Association for Psychological Studies National Conference.
- Yarhouse, M. A., & Dean, J. B. (2021, April). “The mental health and well-being of students navigating sexual or gender identity on Christian college campuses.” Webinar conducted for the multi-academic division of CCCU member institutions on behalf of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, April 21, 2021.
- Yarhouse, M. A. (2021, April). “Emerging gender identities & the Christian college campus.” Webinar conducted for presidents of CCCU member institutions on behalf of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, April 7, 2021.

GRANT TITLE

The Christian Home in Global Protestant Mission Thought and Practice, 1800-2000

2020 Planning Grant

OUTPUTS:

- Chung, Soojin. “Civilization of Christianization: Female Missionaries’ Controversies and Contributions in Korea.” *Fides et Historia: The Journal of the Conferences on Faith & History*, Fall 2020.
- Dzubinski, Leanne. “Print Culture and Baptist Missionary Messages of Temperance in Myanmar.” Digital conference presentation at Yale Edinburgh meeting on World Christianity, Fall 2021.

Outputs

- Stasson, Anneke. “Revolutionary Christian Attitudes Towards Women and Family in Late Qing and Republican-era China.” Digital conference presentation at Yale Edinburgh meeting on World Christianity, Fall 2021.
- Stasson, Anneke. “The Christian Home and Gender Construction in 20th Century China.” Digital presentation at the American Society of Church History, January 2022.

GRANT TITLE

Between Pandemic and Protest: Exploring the Future of the Liberal Arts in Higher Education

2020 Initiative Grant

OUTPUTS:

- *The Liberating Arts*: <https://www.theliberating-arts.org/>
- At the site, presenters hosted content organized into four channels, each pursuing different questions about the liberal arts: definition, formation, institutions, and liberation.
- They also partnered with publications (*Breaking Ground*, *Comment*, *The Hedgehog Review*, *The Point*, *The New Atlantis*, and *Plough Quarterly*) and other organizations (Brazos Fellows, the Gaede Institute, The King's College, and Degrees of Change/Act Six) to produce content and promote the liberal arts.
- 35 conversations were released (each as a video and audio podcast).

Publications

- Bilbro, Jeffrey. “Going Dark.” *Breaking Ground* (September 2020).
- Bilbro, Jeffrey. “Wendell Berry and Zoom.” *Front Porch Republic* (May 5, 2020). <https://www.frontporchrepublic.com/2020/05/wendell-berry-and-zoom/>

- Henreckson, David, & Lamb, Michael. “Character in Crisis: The Challenges of Moral Formation in Higher Education.” *Comment* (Spring 2021), 58-64.
- Toly, Noah. “Vocation in a Time of Unprecedented Uncertainty: If it’s worth doing at any time, it’s worth doing now.” *Comment* (May 2020).
- Hooten Wilson, Jessica. “Through a Looking Glass Darkly: How (and how not) to be certain of yourself.” *Comment* (Fall 2020), 43-50.
- Hooten Wilson, Jessica. “Bodying Forth the Classics: A Manifesto.” *Church Life Journal* (May 25, 2020): <https://churchlifejournal.nd.edu/articles/bodying-forth-the-classics/>

GRANT TITLE

The Music of Social Protest: Politics and Faith in Latin America

2020 Initiative Grant

OUTPUTS:

- These grantees are in the writing phase of their project, expecting to complete their book project in 2023.
- November 17, 2018: Grantees shared their project at a biannual session of the Latin American Theological Fellowship (FTL).
- 2019: Presentation of content in two different undergraduate World Music courses at Wheaton College (IL).
- 2019: Prof. Lindy Scott used project analyses as part of a Latin American Studies course at Whitworth University
- Currently, many of the songs included in this study have been incorporated into several of Dr. Nestor Quiroa’s Spanish courses at Wheaton College (IL).

Outputs

GRANT TITLE

Does Grace to the Undeserving Have Social Costs?

2020 Initiative Grant

OUTPUTS:

- Pilot Project: In their first year, grantees met as a team roughly biweekly with several goals.
- Primary tasks completed this year were a) to operationally define “benevolence” in the context of online discourse, b) to complete an analysis of a large Reddit corpus in preparation for machine learning classification, and c) to collect qualitative interview data regarding individual experiences of online toxicity and benevolence in various social media platforms.

Publication

- Young Reusser, A., Veit, K., Gassin, L., Case, J. & Reusser, G. (2021). “Assessing the prevalence of benevolence in response to online toxicity on Reddit: A first step,” in proceedings of the American Psychological Association’s Technology, Mind & Society 2021 Conference.

GRANT TITLE

Understanding the Impact of Displacement on Women Refugees in Europe

2019 Planning Grant

OUTPUTS:

- Sanchez, J. and Dryjanska, L. (September 2019). “Impact of Displacement on Women Refugees: A Review of Relevant and Recent Literature.” Evangelical Missiological Society, Dallas, TX.
- Sanchez, J. N., Dryjanska, L., & Parke, J. (2020, in press). “Understanding Resilience in Women Refugees: A Review of Literature.” In A. Sue Russell, R. Scheuermann, & A. Allen (Eds.), *Not Forgotten: Mission to Women Amidst Global Crisis*. Wipf & Stock
- Dryjanska, L., Sanchez, J. N., & Parke, J. (2020, in press). “Forced Migration, Modern Slavery, and

the Evil of Shattered Dreams.” In G. Pacifici (Ed.), *Evil in the Modern World: International & Interdisciplinary Perspectives*. Lexington Books.

GRANT TITLE

Re-examining Evangelical Populism and Evangelical Internationalism

2018 Initiative Grant

OUTPUTS:

The Henry Symposium on Religion and Public Life, an international conference held April 25-27, 2019 at Calvin University, included two panels featuring a highly distinguished array of political scientists, sociologists, and historians examining the project’s themes. The discussions were video-taped and can be accessed through the embedded links included below.

- “Evangelicals: Populists or Internationalists?”, Session I, April 26, 2019
 - Joustra, Robert J. “A Just and Durable Peace: American Evangelicals and the Quest for Peace after WWII.”
 - McAlister, Melanie. “Populist Internationalism: Religious Freedom and the Politics of Persecution.”
 - Rowe, Paul S. “The Global – and Globalist – Roots of Evangelical Action.”
- “Evangelicals: Populists or Internationalists?”, Session II, April 26, 2019
 - Borja, Melissa. “Missions Has Come Home: How Evangelicals' Refugee Work Complicates the Populism-Internationalism Binary.”
 - Guth, James. “Are Evangelicals Populists? The View from the 2016 American National Election Study.”
- “Populism, Evangelicalism, and the Polarized Politics of Immigration”
- “‘Rescue Sells:’ Narrating Human Trafficking to Evangelical Populists” David Swartz (Asbury University)

Outputs

- Ruth Melkonian-Hoover (Gordon College) and Lyman Kellstedt (Wheaton College)
- “Populists or Internationalists? Globalization and Evangelical Tribes.” *Public Justice Review* is the journal of the Center for Public Justice, an independent, nonpartisan, Christian think-tank devoted to policy research and civic education. Volume 9, Issue 2 (2019) of Public Justice Review was devoted entirely to our project theme. Edited by project co-lead Kevin den Dulk, the issue was titled “Populists or Internationalists? Globalization and Evangelical Tribes.”
- *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* is published quarterly by Routledge (Taylor & Francis). Volume 17, Number 3 (Fall 2019) was a theme issue devoted entirely to the project. Titled “Evangelicals: Populists or Internationalists?”, the issue is comprised of revised versions of papers originally presented at the April 2019 Henry Symposium on Religion and Public Life, along with one separately commissioned article by Jessica Joustra (professor of Reformed ethics at Redeemer University College).

GRANT TITLE

Shaping Citizenship: Christian Institutions and Urban Youth in Africa

2018 Initiative Grant

OUTPUTS:

- Asante, R., Hershey, M., Kajubi, P. et al. “What Motivates Young African Leaders for Public Engagement? Lessons from Ghana, Tanzania, and Uganda.” *Int J Polit Cult Soc* 34, 309–333 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10767-020-09364-6>
- Kuperus, Tracy. “Democratization, Religious Actors, and Political Influence: A Comparison of Christian Councils in Ghana and South Africa.” *Africa Today* (March 2018)
- Kuperus, Tracy. “Christianity, Citizenship, and Political Engagement among Ghanaian Youth.” *African Studies Quarterly*, 20:1, May 2020, 37-61.

- Asante, R., Hershey, M., Kajubi, P., Kuperus, T., Msoka, C., and Patterson, A. “What Motivates Young African Leaders for Public Engagement? Lessons from Ghana, Tanzania, and Uganda.” *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*. Forthcoming, in print. Available online now.
- Kuperus, Tracy. “Democratization, Religious Actors, and Political Influence: A Comparison of Christian Councils in Ghana and South Africa.” *Africa Today*, 64:3, Spring 2018, 29-51.

GRANT TITLE

Religious Communities as a Social Support Source for Children and Families Experiencing Stressful Life Events

2017 Planning Grant

OUTPUTS:

- Crosby, Robert G., Smith, Erin, LaChausse, Robert G., Blanchette, Leon, Palardy, Gregory J. (June 2020). “Practices of Supportive Church Children’s Ministries: An Exploratory Multilevel Investigation of Church of the Nazarene Congregations in the United States,” *Review of Religious Research* (June 2020).
- Crosby, Robert G., Smith, Erin, Gage, Jeffrey, Blanchette, Leon. (Nov 2020). “Trauma-Informed Children’s Ministry: a Qualitative Descriptive Study.” *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*. Nov 2020.
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2017 Initiative Grant

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2017 Initiative Grant

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

Although the grant was small, it funded several key interdisciplinary meetings that have shaped the trajectory of a robust and vibrant research program. This program meets critical scholarly standards and has direct relevancy and is applicable to the life of local churches. Among its many (ongoing) outputs, the opportunities afforded by this research program have included the appointment of a Co-PI (E. Smith) to an endowed professorship designed to equip and elevate faculty research at California Baptist University.

Erin Smith

*Principal Investigator, “Religious Communities as a Social Support Source for Children and Families Experiencing Stressful Life Events”
(2017 grantee)*

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Our research brought together scholars from Gordon College, Wheaton College (IL), Hope College, and M.I.T., including three mathematicians, an economist, and a disaster relief lab director. We also connected with a number of faith-based organizations such as World Relief and Covenant World Relief & Development. Our projects included a good number of undergraduate students doing summer research. Joint work has been published in three different journals.

Paul Isihara

Principal Investigator, “Informed Compassion: How Faith Shapes Decisions in Christian Relief” (2017 grantee)

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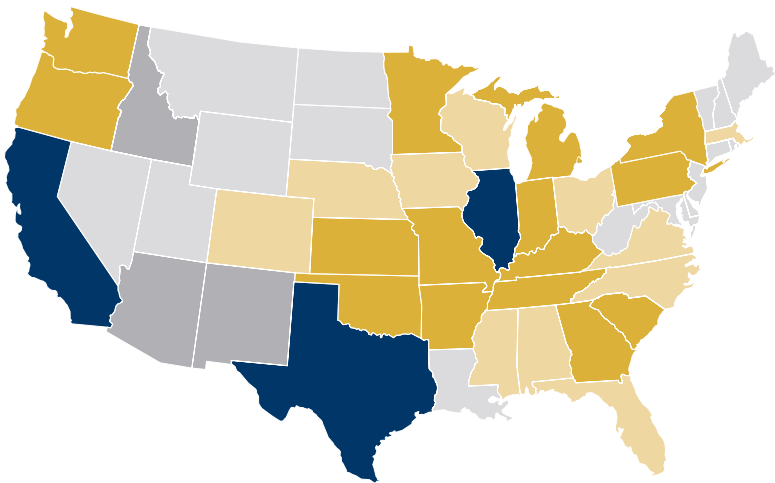
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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

The opportunities created by the Networking Grant have enhanced my research in several ways. First, it has opened new areas for research inquiries, particularly regarding the history of Latin America. Many of the themes that the artists address in their songs requires researchers and educators to cross multiple disciplines, including music, history, literature, and theology, all of which has broadened the scope of inquiry. Second, analysing social protest music and particularly its intersection with faith has been an incentive to intentionally create and implement class material that seeks not only to teach about justice, but to teach for justice as well. Finally, the Networking Grant has provided the opportunity for meaningful scholarly interactions with other colleagues in the field. Such sharing of information and knowledge has been an enriching experience.

Nestor Quiroa

Principal Investigator, “The Music of Social Protest: An Intersection of Politics and Faith in Latin America” (2018 grantee)

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