

Friday, February 17

Noon - 1:00 p.m. Purdue Christian Faculty Staff luncheon at PMU Anniversary Drawing Room: **Vocation: Living My Job in Light of Eternity**

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Purdue address at Loeb Playhouse: **Is God a Moral Monster? Good, Evil, and the Old Testament**

Keynote Speaker Paul Copan



Dr. Copan holds master's degrees in philosophy of religion and in divinity, as well as a PhD in Philosophy. A former lecturer, writer, and researcher with Ravi Zacharias Ministries, he has taught at a number of seminaries and divinity schools. He has authored ten books and edited about a dozen more and is published in a variety of peer review journals. His most recent book title: *Is God a Moral Monster? The New Atheists and the Strange World of Old Testament Ethics*. Currently, he is also serving as the president of the Evangelical Philosophical Society and is the Professor and Chair of Philosophy and Ethics at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Sponsoring Organizations

Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Cru (Campus Crusade for Christ), Chi Alpha, Covenant Institute, Faith Church, First Assembly of God, Harvest Chapel, InterVarsity, The Navigators, Purdue Christian Campus House, Reformed University Fellowship, Riverside Covenant Church, Salt and Light Christian Fellowship, Worldwide Discipleship Association, WTGO 'Truth Talk' radio

Saturday, February 18

Morning Sessions

at Covenant Church,
211 Knox Drive, West Lafayette

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Introduction - Covenant Church Sanctuary
- 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Session 1 (Plenary): Paul Copan
The Problem of Evil, Pain, and Suffering - Sanctuary
- 10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Break & book table review
- 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Session 2: Breakout Sessions

Afternoon Sessions

at Purdue University, Lily Hall,
915 W. State St., West Lafayette

- 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. Session 3 (Plenary): Paul Copan
The Problem of the Christian Treatment of Homosexuality: What are the Problems? - Lily 1105
There will be a panel response representing two sides on the spectrum by two university religious leaders, Mark Thomas and Linda Seiler.
- 2:15 - 2:30 p.m. Break & book table review
- 2:30 - 3:45 p.m. Session 4: Breakout Sessions

Sunday, February 19

Sermons on Sunday @ Covenant Church

Paul Copan

The Problem of Silence: Winsomely Defending the Gospel in the Marketplace of Ideas.

Saturday Breakout Sessions

Morning

Afternoon

Room 123 **Lily G126**
The Problem of God in the Qur'an and the Bible.
- Fouad Masri

Room 211-212 **Wood Rm @ Campus Hse**
The Problem of the Church: A Broken System of Religiosity & Hypocrisy. - Garrett Curry

Chapel **Lily 3102**

The Problem of Miracles: Answering Skeptics and Critics. - Robby Bradford

Conference Room **Main Rm @ Campus Hse**
The Problem of Money: Can Christianity Contribute to the Rebuilding of Business Morality in China Today?
- Joy Tong

Room 204-205 **Lily G458**
The Problem of Religious Diversity: Why All Religions Can't Be True...Or Can They? - Matt Bazemore

GP2 **Lily 3118**
The Problem of Origins: Does God know about the Big Bang? - Erica Carlson

Room 200-201 **Lily 2102**
The Problem of the Silence of God: If a Loving God Exists, Then Why isn't He More Obvious?
- Corey Miller

GP3 **Lily G420**
The Problem of Faith in Politics: Social Justice, Justice, and Worlds Colliding. - Joe Whitchurch

GP1 **Lily G401**
"The Problem of Hell: Why Does God Seem Judgmental and Intolerant?" - Dan Teehey

Room 203-204 **Green Rm @ Campus Hse**
The Problem of Skepticism about God: How Can Knowledge Claims Regarding God be Credible?
- Mike Thune

Speaker Bio Info

Matt Bazemore



Matt, his wife Deb and three girls live in Bloomington, IN. They are on staff with Faculty Commons, ministering to and working with professors at Indiana University. Matt has his MA in Philosophy from Talbot School of Theology('07)

Robby Bradford



Senior pastor of First Assembly of God, Lafayette, Robby holds a graduate degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is working on his doctorate. He served on the faculty of Continental Theological Seminary in Belgium and Azusa Theological Seminary in the Netherlands. He also planted churches in both the Netherlands and France. These experiences in secularized Europe forced him to face questions of skepticism.

Erica Carlson



Associate Professor of Physics at Purdue University. She holds a B.S. in Physics from the California Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. in Physics from University of California Los Angeles. She is a volunteer apologist with Reasons to Believe, and currently leads the college ministries at Calvary Baptist Church WL.

Garrett Curry



B.S. in Christian Ministry, Cincinnati Christian University. 16 years of experience in planting campus ministries, house churches, and intentional communities. Currently Director of Outreach for Purdue Christian Campus House and freelance designer for Raygun Print & Design. Spends his life with his wife, Julia, and their two children.

Foad Masri



Lebanese born, Foad Masri founded Crescent Project to nurture transformational relationships between Christians and Muslims. He has served as a lecturer at several universities and Christian ministries and featured in a variety of media. Holding a B.A. in Mass Communication and an M.A. from Fuller Theological Seminary in Islamic Studies, he is author of *Is the Injeel Corrupted?*

Speaker Bio Info

Corey Miller



On Faculty Commons staff, directing Purdue's Christian Faculty Staff Network. He teaches comparative religions and philosophy at Indiana University, holding graduate degrees in biblical studies, philosophy of religion and ethics, philosophy, and working on a PhD in theology from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He is published in various peer review journals.

Dan Teefey



The Senior Pastor of Riverside Covenant Church in West Lafayette. He holds a B.A. in Political Science and Speech Communication from the University of Illinois, a J.D. from the Northern Illinois University College of Law, and a M.Div. from North Park Theological Seminary. Dan and his wife, Dana, have three daughters, Adelaide, Miriam and Teshetae.

Mike Thune



Currently holds the position of Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Joliet Junior College in Joliet, IL. He earned B.A. and M.A. degrees in philosophy from California State University and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Purdue University. Mike has published articles on epistemology and the philosophy of religion in several peer-reviewed journals.

Joy Tong



Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies at Indiana Wesleyan University. She has a B.A. from Taiwan, M.A. & Ph.D in sociology from Singapore, and did post-doctoral research at Purdue's Center on Religion and Chinese Society. A Malaysian-Chinese, Joy spent a year in Shanghai doing research on Christianity and Business Ethics, soon to be published as a monograph.

Joe Whitchurch



M.A. Christian Thought: Systematic Theology and Philosophy of Religion 1988 Trinity Evangelical Divinity School with over 30 years of college ministry experience in Illinois, Wisconsin, 3 years in Africa serving in part as Acting General Secretary of the Zambia Fellowship of Evangelical Students seconded by IVCF, and this last decade with Graduate and Faculty Ministries.

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THE PROBLEM OF GOD:

IS GOD A MORAL MONSTER?

