Call for Papers

“Science and Faith Dialogue for Christian Vocation, Discipleship, and Witness”

The 2015 Winter Day Conference of
The Southern California Christians in Science
Local Chapter of the American Scientific Affiliation

9:00 AM – 5 PM on Saturday, February 7th, 2015
Segerstrom Science Center, Perry Lecture Hall, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

Plenary Talks and Events:

“Reframing Original Sin: A New Frontier in Science and Theology”
Joel Green, Professor and Dean in the School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary

“The Lesson of Grace in Teaching”
Francis Su, Professor of Mathematics, Harvey Mudd College

“Science, Scientists, and the Church” A Moderated Panel of Scientists and Pastors
Discuss Science-Faith Dialogue, Discipleship, and the Church

Call for Contributions:

Southern California Christians in Science invites contributed 20-minute talks, posters, and panel discussions. Submissions may address any topic dealing with the intersection between Christianity and science and technology, although sessions on the following topics related to the conference theme are especially encouraged:

- Faith and learning in the Classroom, Faith and Learning for the Church. Christian educators and students in science, theology, and other disciplines share their best classroom lessons on science and faith.
- New Science, Ancient Faith. Contributions should explore the relevance of developments in astronomy, genomics, neuroscience, and other research frontiers for Christians.
- Views from the pulpit, Views from the Lab. Contributions will examine how science’s picture of the cosmos can inform, enrich, and create tensions for Christian discipleship and church life.
- Science, Origins, and the Church: Approaches, Opportunities, Developments, and Pitfalls. This session will seek to clarify the state of debate over issues related to the origin of the cosmos, Earth, life, and humanity; suggest new approaches and directions; offer warnings; and otherwise explore the impact and relevance of the origins discussion for the church in North America.

Undergraduates and beginning graduate student contributions are welcome and instructors that address science and religion issues in their courses are especially encouraged to invite their students to participate. Submissions from pastors interested in the role science-faith dialogue plays in the life of the church are also encouraged.

Submissions should be sent to Stephen Contakes at scontakes@westmont.edu by Monday, December 8th. Fuller details about the submission process and the American Scientific Affiliation are given on the reverse.
Instructions for Authors of Contributed Presentations

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1) Presenting contributor’s full name, contact information (mail, phone, and email), and, as appropriate, organization and job title.

2) Full names of all co-authors, and if appropriate, their titles and institutions/organizations

3) Preference for a poster, 20-minute oral presentation, or panel discussion

4) Title and 200-350 word abstract

All submissions will be evaluated based on their significance, appropriateness, and intellectual merit. Authors will be notified of the acceptance status of their papers by Friday, December 19th.

The American Scientific Affiliation (ASA) (network.asa3.org) was founded in 1941 as an international network of Christians in the sciences. Members of the ASA are united by a belief in orthodox Christianity, as defined by the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds and a commitment to excellence in science. The ASA is not an advocacy organization. Where there is honest disagreement on an aspect of science, Christian faith, or the relationship between the two, the ASA strives to create a safe environment in which dialogue can flourish and diverse, even contrasting, ideas can be discussed with courtesy and respect.

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1 A copy of the merit review criteria is available on request.