

“I am thrilled to discover Faculty Commons and FacultyLinc.\*

“This is my first year as a professor. I am hoping to learn more about how to approach my job on a secular campus as a ministry as well as a career.”

A math professor in Virginia



Each month, new Christian professors discover our faculty ministry through searching the internet, or through the referral of a colleague. Here is another example of what they are telling us:

“I am a new Christian, and I would like advice from fellow Christians on how they reconcile their faith in a fairly hostile environment. Would you pray for me to have strength to navigate what can be a difficult road ahead?”

A chemistry professor in Wisconsin

## \*FacultyLinc.com

Our new website where more than 1500 Christian professors are connecting for encouragement, vision and training on living for Christ on campus.



This week's essay to more than 2000 professors is by Dr. Diane Carver Sekeres, education professor at U of Alabama. I worked with her to edit her work — I thought you might like an excerpt!

“Recently my husband and I stayed overnight at Orange Beach, Alabama.

“As I always do when I am lucky enough to be near the shore, I rose early, walked for awhile on

the packed sand along the water's edge, and then hunkered down to await the sunrise.

“I watched an egret along the shoreline. He stood where each incoming wave washed up a few inches over its legs. Its feet sank just enough in the shifting sand to give it purchase. As the water drove into the shore, the bird sank to a hunting stance—legs bent, neck coiled, wings slightly extended.

“With each new wave, it sank again, exactly as before. Time and time again, it readied itself, expectant of the provision that would come. I watched for 20 minutes or more, and it made three successful strikes, yet met every wave equally ready.

“The egret's intensity made me wonder how steadily I plant myself in the Lord's word and will. How expectant am I of the opportunity to help another, to share the Gospel, to defend my faith? How confident am I of my peculiar abilities to take up those opportunities and allow others to see God through my words and actions? How consistent and untiring am I to find my own sustenance through doing His work?

“Several years in academia went by before I began to consistently disclose to my students that I am a Christian. Now that I do tell them, they have an expectation that I will respond to their needs!”

Each semester, more Christian faculty are discovering that they are not alone.  
Thanks for making this possible. — Steve & Sarah