

Growing Seasons

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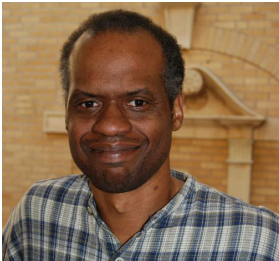
Stephen F Austin State University

Dr. Eric Jones is a professor of kinesiology (who also enjoys the outdoors). **He leads a very active Christian Faculty Fellowship** on campus that meets weekly and sponsors events. I spoke to their group last month on ways that more faculty can let students know about their relationship with Christ; on the ways they can mentor younger faculty members; and how they might better serve the university.



Louisiana Tech University

Bill Prescott works fulltime with Crusade's international student ministry here. Because of his personal connections, Bill arranged for me to speak to a luncheon with nearly a dozen Christian faculty — their first time to ever meet as a group. By phone and email, **I am following up with these professors on establishing a group**, and on developing goals for their fellowship. There are many Christian professors on campus, and much excitement about working together to have a more effective witness for Christ.



University of North Texas

Last month Dr. George Yancey of the sociology department spoke on **“Anti-Christian Bias in Academia and Beyond.”** Yancey and a fellow sociologist have discovered that being known as an evangelical Christian, more than any other religious, political or special-interest affiliation, will negatively influence and likely prevent a candidate from being hired as a professor. You can watch his 30 minute video presentation at UNT on our website: www.steveandsarahpogue.org



Texas Woman's University

Dr. Nancy DiMarco is a professor of nutrition and in her final month of being a fulltime faculty member. **She has juggled her career as a researcher and teacher** along with the demands of being a mom and a wife. I thought about her as we launched a Christian faculty group this past month with women who are both new moms and just starting their careers at TWU. This summer I am working with a steering committee of those professors to develop programs that will present the truth and love of Christ to students and colleagues.



Thank-A-Prof

This past month I spoke to several Christian student groups on the value of professors who take their commitment to teaching seriously. Many of them go out of their way to ensure ample opportunities for learning. **Students wrote thank yous to those professors**, and I dropped them off. Professors responded by email, expressing their appreciation that students had noticed their efforts!