



## Professors of Faith

Evangelical Christian professors live with discrimination. As UNT sociologist George Yancey (*left*) told Kristof in the above article:



“Outside of academia I faced more problems as a black. But inside academia I face more problems as a Christian, and it is not even close.”

George researches and writes about bias against Christians in academia. He has been involved with our monthly meetings, prayer groups, and speaking at all-campus events. Now he has a national stage. His work reminds us of why we do what we do.

We work with Christian faculty at many universities to encourage them to not grow weary in doing good – even though they are the minority. They are the salt and light to nonChristian students who won’t go to Christian student meetings, or to church -- but who will try to figure out “what makes my prof tick” once they discover he or she is a Christian. Students notice their attitudes and life. Our involvement can help these Christian professors be more effective.

### Gary-Texas A&M



I visit A&M several times a year. Gary is in a department that is not friendly to Christians; after his first few years there his chances of staying permanently (i.e. tenure) looked very remote. At the time, we prayed for his very uncertain future; a move to another school seemed imminent. And now? These past three years have been both productive and fruitful -- and he is tenured! “Now I can write not only for academic journals, but also on topics that directly help struggling Christian students,” he told me.

### Roger-Sam Houston State



I keep in touch with several Sam Houston professors: they lead Christian student groups there. Roger is a professor in the sciences. He started and advises a group that is reaching out to nonChristian international students. “God put this group on the heart of my wife and me because so many of my own graduate students are internationals. We want to show Jesus’ love to them by opening our home to them and let them know about the message of Christ in investigative Bible studies.”



20 million collegians,  
1.2 million professors in 2016



### John – University of North Texas:

John has been involved with our ministry since he came to UNT. He is a young professor who has been wanting to share his faith more with students. After the semester ended, three students told him they wanted to meet for coffee to hear about his faith and consider Christianity for themselves. \*Please pray that the seeds planted from their conversations will lead to faith in Christ.



### Sarah - Texas Woman's University

TWU is a student-led ministry of Cru; there are no fulltime Cru undergrad staff here. In March Sarah began meeting their student leaders weekly to provide direction to them. She recently hosted a group of students at our house for a graduation brunch (*left*). Sarah has also spoken at their weekly meetings several times.

Next fall she will meet with their leadership team weekly—to shepherd, encourage and guide these student leaders as they trust God to further deepen ministry on their campus.

## LSU -- THANKS FOR PRAYING

We asked you to pray for our faculty conference in April on the LSU campus in Baton Rouge (*left*). A few highlights:



- Professors came from 7 different universities
- One couple drove 9 hours to attend
- They heard talks on confronting fears, asking students good questions, and ministry in their homes
- Undergrad staff of Cru and Chi Alpha came to learn how they can help professors
- Each campus left with a “toolkit” of talks, videos and articles to use with their local groups



*YOU make all of this possible!  
Thanks.*

*---- Steve & Sarah*