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Zac Benson

Assistant Professor of Studio Art

Topic:

How do Christians fit into the arts?

Art can serve a purpose. Art can navigate current events, personal beliefs, and anthropological perspectives. Most artists already do this, even ones without faith. We in the faith should take our art seriously and repurpose it for the glory of our Lord. Learning how art can do this is a long and tedious process, but one that all believers in the arts should ascribe to.



Jim Cato

Associate Vice President of Christian Ministries

Topics:

How To's for Your Music Ministry

Has preparing music for Sunday become a chore? This seminar will take a look at helpful topics from rehearsal techniques to developing flow that will help you recharge your ministry.

What Makes a Music Ministry Work?

In many of our churches, music has become a divisive issue. This seminar will take a look at some of the absolutes from God's Word that will guide you to unity in your church's music ministry.

Planning to Worship

Starting with a definition of worship, we will work through some practical ideas that will help you develop patterns of worship in your church.

What Is Worship Anyway?

Have the terms music and worship become interchangeable? This seminar will take a practical look at what God's Word has to say about worship.

So You Wanna Have a Rock Band?

Training music teams for more than 30 years, Jim Cato has seen teams transition from 10 singers and a boom box to rock bands. Cedarville University understands the need to train leaders for the ever-changing climate of today's church. This seminar will give you practical tools for developing worship bands.



Sharon Christman

Professor of Nursing

Topic:

Nursing: Engage the World for Christ

Learn how nurses share the love of Christ to hurting and vulnerable people.



Dan DeWitt

Dan DeWitt (Ph.D., The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary) is Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Apologetics and Director of the Center for Biblical Apologetics and Public Christianity at Cedarville University. He is the author of *Jesus or Nothing* (Crossway, 2014), *Christ or Chaos* (Crossway, 2016,) and *Life in the Wild* (The Good Book Company, 2018). He posts regularly on his blog *Theolatte.com*.

Topics:

Apologetics, Theology, Evangelism, C.S. Lewis, Developing a Biblical Worldview



Carlos Elias

Professor of Music; Director of the Orchestra

Topic:

Faculty and Student Orchestra Workshops and Masterclasses

Carlos can coordinate with the different orchestra directors in an area and work with the high school students that participate in the ensemble. Carlos can also rehearse the orchestra or give sectionals on the pieces that they are working on at that time.



Patrick Estep

Head Men's Basketball Coach

Topic:

Leadership Development, Teamwork, and Biblical Character Learned Through Team Sports

Discover how team sports can teach leadership and teamwork, and build biblical character.



Mark Gathany

Associate Professor of Biology

Topics:

Biblical Earthkeeping

Much has been made in the last decade about being “green,” “sustainable,” and “environmentally friendly.” But what does this all mean in practical and biblical terms? I look forward to sharing with you several key principles offered in Scripture that address our responsibility and role as stewards of the earth.

The Current State of Climate Change

In this presentation I will layout the basic science behind climate. Then I will seek to address the questions: Could climate change? Are humans responsible for climate change? and Do I have anything to do with it?



Steve Gollmer

Professor of Physics

Topics:

Climate Modeling for Challenging Questions

With the availability of inexpensive computing resources, modeling has become an accepted means of studying the world around us. Climate modeling is at the core of predictions related to climate change. What are the strengths and limitations of this way of studying the world and how does that impact highly politicized topics such as global warming?

Meeting Future Global Demand for Careers in Science

What does Cedarville University have to offer in preparation for a future in a technological world? Information about available facilities, faculty, and programs in the Department of Science and Mathematics is provided along with students' performance beyond their degree.

What Is the Eternal?

Answering the question "Where did everything originate?" leads to a faith in something eternal. Science may inform the question, but cannot answer the question. Therefore, Christians can have confidence that their belief in an eternal, self-existent God is no less scientific than other answers to this question.



Derrick Green

Chair, Department of Communication; Assistant Professor of Communications

Topic:

Becoming a Godly Professional

With the necessary materials, I will share how Cedarville's Christ-centered education is a great opportunity for young people not only to develop professional skills, but godly ones as well.



Evan Hellwig

Chair, Department of Kinesiology and Allied Health; Professor of Athletic Training

Topic:

Choosing the Right Career in Allied Health

An overview of the allied health career options and the educational pathways to becoming credentialed.



Nelson Henning

Chair, Department of Social Work; Professor Social Work

Topic:

The Influence and Significance of the Social Work Profession in Healthcare and Beyond

In this presentation the distinctive features of Cedarville University's Social Work program will be discussed. Included are its two-year internship, international opportunities, preparation for an M.S.W. (graduate degree), and its biblical worldview approach to the profession.



Aaron Huffman

Interim Chair of the Department of Art, Design, and Theatre; Assistant Professor of Graphic Design

Topic:

Graphic Design: Influencing Our World Through Visual Communication

Communicating with visuals is a powerful and influential way to spread an idea, persuade or educate, and ultimately to affect change. Learning to recognize and evaluate the potential positive or negative impact a design may have, designers can create compelling design solutions that have the potential to positively influence our world.



Austin Jaquith

Associate Professor of Music Theory and Composition

Topic:

Composition and Film Scoring for High School Music Students

Students are introduced to basic concepts of musical composition. Students then create their own compositions using a template. During this time, professor observes student progress and offer suggestions where needed. When students have completed their examples, professor records several of them right into a film score, and students watch a film clip that features their new melodies in the soundtrack.



Kim Jenerette

Executive Director of Financial Aid

Topic:

How to Afford a College Degree

Information on financial aid programs: scholarships, grants, and other forms of aid. This presentation will also educate attendee's on the sources of various forms of financial aid, as well as completing the FAFSA.



Jeremy Kimble

Assistant Professor of Theology

Topics:

That His Spirit May Be Saved: The Importance of Church Membership and Discipline

Most churches today have church membership processes, but seldom is the theology behind such practices considered in great detail. Many churches also are confused or intimidated by the notion of church discipline though they know Scripture clearly teaches such a practice. This talk is intended to inform an audience regarding the theology that undergirds the practices of church membership and discipline.

The Supremacy of Scripture: Meditating on God's Word Day and Night

This presentation will focus on the spiritual benefits of reading, studying, memorizing, and meditating on God's Word.

Worldview Formation: How the Bible Transforms Our Practices in Church, Work, and Home Life

This talk will focus on guiding people into an understanding of the overall storyline of Scripture, all with a view to impact their application of the worldview that emerges from the Bible to their everyday lives.



Barbara Loach

Senior Professor of Spanish

Topic:

Should They Stay or Should They Go? What Does the Bible Say About Immigration?

This presentation discusses the concept of "welcoming the stranger" and the differences between immigration enforcement and comprehensive immigration reform policies. We will discuss Implications of and biblical responses to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).



Tom Mach

Vice President for Academics; Professor of History

Topic:

U.S. History, Christians and Politics, Worldview

Examine the Christian's role in history and how our biblical worldview should cause us to respond to politics.



William Marsh

Assistant Professor of Theology

Topics:

A Pilgrim Life: Christian Living as Faith Longing for a Better Country

This study focuses on Hebrews 11:13-16, where the author of Hebrews describes the “heroes of the faith” as those who lived on earth as “strangers and exiles” desiring a “better country.” Believers will be encouraged to meditate upon their identity as “pilgrims” or “sojourners” as one of the Bible’s most fundamental identifying characteristics of the Christian life.

Christ in All the Scriptures

An overview of how to read and understand the Bible as a Two-Testament (OT/NT) witness to Jesus Christ.

Christian Worldview

This presentation will discuss the main components of what constitutes a Christian “worldview.” Features of this discussion will include how to use the Bible and theology in Christian decision-making, the relationship between Christ and culture, and the life of the mind in Christianity.



Jeff Reep

Director of Career Services

Topics:

Choosing a Major/College/Career

Statistics show that 66% of college students change their majors more than once, and on the day of graduation 40% of college graduates wish they had a different major. It's important to start early and take this decision seriously. There are five activities that students can do before and during that will pay big dividends in the future. Come learn about some practical steps to help parents and students make decision that could affect the rest of their lives.

Boys to Men – The Goal: Not Well Behaved Boys but Godly Men

Firmly rooted in the belief that God gives instruction in Scripture on child training and the Holy Spirit empowers parents by His grace to carry out the instructions, you will hear a biblical perspective on parenting. You'll learn two keys for successful parenting and four basic principles with 18 practical applications.

Survive or Thrive? Being a Leader in the Workplace

In our competitive workplace, we see people maneuver to promote themselves and will walk on others to gain authority. Often times, the individual without the title or position of authority can still have a tremendous influence. Many times the person making decisions will listen to someone they respect. In this practical presentation, we will discuss basic principles that will be helpful in earning an audience in today's work environment for the purpose of making an impact for Christ.

Priority Management

This practical session will cover the importance of setting goals, having a plan, and establishing priorities. We all have the same 168 hours per week. The question is how we are using this time. We'll discuss some tips that could be helpful in maximizing the minutes of each day to accomplish your priorities.



Loren Reno

Senior Advisor to the President

Topic:

Character and Integrity ... the Foundation for Leadership, Transformational Leadership, and Leaders as Visionaries

Leadership actions that I have seen successful leaders use, their biblical basis, and military stories that illustrate them.



Sam SanGregory

Professor of Electrical Engineering

Topic:

Engineers: What We Study and What We Do

This presentation is designed to help high school students understand the various fields of engineering. The goal is to provide information to assist the students to prepare for engineering education by guiding their choices in selecting high school courses. The talk will also present a variety of fields of engineering and discuss career opportunities available to engineering professionals. While geared primarily for high school students, the content is also valuable for parents of students who may be considering careers in engineering.



Mark Smith

Chair, Department of History and Government; Professor of Political Science; Director, Center for Political Studies

Topic:

God and Government, The Cost of Discipleship, and other topics

What role does God play in our government today? What does it cost to truly follow Christ? What does the Bible teach us about politics and what are responsibilities as we strive to be in the world but not in it? Examine a biblical perspective on the Christian's relationship with the political world and to the culture at large.



Jim Stevenson

Supporting Instructor of Industrial and Innovative Design

Topic:

Christian Design Thinking: Being God's Creative Image Bearers

Industrial designers are the largest group of "working artists" in the field of creative studies. Industrial designers work in the third dimension of design and are very often the cohesion point of the manufacturing and engineering of products, the aesthetic appeal of products and the business component of successful products. But it is also more than just products. Industrial Design (ID) professionals create the vision and use of interior and exterior spaces, landscapes, transportation methodologies (planes, trains, automobiles, trains, bicycles, etc.). However, the field has been devoid of an intentional Christ-centered approach until the industrial and innovative design major was collaboratively created. And at its core, if you don't know, love and respect the Creator, it is very difficult to be truly creative. This presentation explores the methodologies, mindset, skills, and tactics to apply design thinking to creative problem-solving of all types.



Dennis Sullivan

Professor of Pharmacy Practice; Director, Center for Bioethics

Topic:

Bioethics/Medical Issues: Seeing Life Through Christ's Eyes

Various discussions including limiting medical treatments, the ethics of birth control, stem cell research, human cloning, social justice in healthcare, and more.



Marc Sweeney

Dean and Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Topic:

Managing Pain

By utilizing a number of drug and non-drug strategies, people can manage various aspects of pain without depending upon opioids or utilizing low doses of opioids. From the common backyard injury to complex cancer pain, everyone will learn best strategies of pain management.

Reducing Prescription Drug Costs

Whether you are a CFO or an individual managing his or her own drug costs, you can become much more strategic in how to maximize opportunities to have medications reimbursed, minimize unnecessary costs, and reduce overall costs of prescription drug costs.

Herbs and Dietary Supplements

Some areas of health may be managed through herbs, dietary supplements or other natural remedies. Learn how to choose therapies wisely and how to avoid making poor choices when purchasing or using natural remedies.

Entrepreneurial Leadership

Biblical-based leadership embraces innovation and entrepreneurship. Learn how to foster innovation within any organization by applying biblical principles, maximizing generational differences, and conducting a gap analysis. This is a fun, innovative presentation that will enhance the morale of any audience.



Luke Tse

Chair, Department of Psychology; Professor of Psychology

Topic:

Transforming the World for Christ through a Psychology Major

The goal of psychology is to study and understand the human condition: how we think and why we behave the way that we do. At Cedarville University, our goal is to understand psychology from a biblical worldview, which puts psychological knowledge within the framework of God's truth—to know our humanity and to know how God can bring about change.



Doug Walters

Head Coach, Women's Volleyball

Topic:

Desire the Prize

Based on 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, Desire the Prize highlights the five keys to striving for excellence as a follower of Jesus Christ. These keys are explained through the view of a believer and how they can be applied to multiple facets of life. Whether in athletics, at a job, at home, in a classroom, or just through everyday interaction with others, the desire is for others to get to experience the "prize" of spending eternity in heaven with Christ Jesus our Lord!



Mark D. Weinstein

Executive Director of Public Relations

Topics:

How to Deal with a Media Crisis

This presentation will talk about best practices on how to deal with a crisis in your church, ministry, or organization when the media learns about the situation. What are the best ways to handle such a situation? What do you say to the media so that your organization can move past the crisis and continue its work or ministry?

Managing the Media: How to Share Your Stories to the World

Learn how you can benefit from sharing your news and stories with local and regional media to positively impact your region. Best practices in media relations will help you achieve your goals and introduce people to your ministry and, most importantly, the Gospel.



Mike Weller

Associate Professor of Athletic Training

Topic:

Athletic Training Education at a CAATE Accredited Institution

A presentation designed to give a broad overview of the athletic training profession and how the educational process is delivered at Cedarville University. I will also share how athletic training education can and is used as a ministry platform to reach a broken and hurting world.



John Whitmore

Senior Professor of Geology

*Dr. Whitmore has been teaching geology at Cedarville University since 1991, where he helped begin a geology program that teaches geology from a young-earth perspective. He regularly helps guide raft trips in the Grand Canyon for Answers in Genesis and Canyon Ministries, where he has been doing research on the Coconino Sandstone since 1998. He has published many lay and scientific articles and is co-author of a college-level earth science text *The Heavens and the Earth*. In 1994, he and Buddy Davis discovered parts of one of the largest dinosaurs yet known from Alaska. They published an account of their journey in *The Great Alaskan Dinosaur Adventure*. Dr. Whitmore is available for Sunday and midweek services, youth groups, special series, and guided field trips.*

Topics:

Genesis and Geology (good for Sunday mornings)

How should Christians think about dinosaurs and the Bible?

Geology, Scripture, and the age of the Earth

The importance of fossils in thinking about the Bible, rocks, and time

Do the rocks of Grand Canyon support an old earth or young earth?

The story of the Coconino Sandstone, Grand Canyon

The geological evidence for Noah's Flood