

## Boston Faculty Fellowship Academics as Salt & Light in the University January Retreat 2017 Schedule

## **Conveying Scholarship**

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We turn to faith perspectives on what to do with our research.

Here we confront persistent issues:

- Publication ethics who gets authorship? What kind of recognition is appropriate for various contributors to a piece of scholarship?
  - A different Christian way?
     Cf. the senior U of Virginia economist who always gave younger colleagues first authorship
  - Senior scholar (for whom senior authorship less consequential) versus a junior scholar (for whom it is highly consequential).

## Audiences

How do we think Christianly about reaching:

 University constituencies – wonder, application, curiosity, fresh readings of literature, history, self

Inside our universities

- Choices about where we seek to publish, where we publish, with the various trade-offs involved? And in some disciplines, how we convey our findings, ideas?
- Scholarly audiences our disciplinary fields/networks advancing frontiers
- Publics are we called to inform wider publics? Who are the most salient publics for our research? How do we reach them? What are trade-offs in allocation of effort to scholarly v. public audiences? (cf. here the increasingly strong emphasis of the National Science Foundation to convey results meaningfully to broad audiences
  - I am finding myself increasingly doing it our primary funders expect it Twitter advertising
- The church
  - Christians on campus faculty with grad students/ugs
  - The local church Cf. the experience with First Faculty, First Presbyterian Church of Evanston
  - The church universal ---

- InterVarsity and IFES worldwide signaling that Christian academics in disciplinary areas
- Idioms of communication
  - o Within discipline academic prose?
  - o Cross-disciplinary academic prose?
  - o Educated audiences?
  - o Christian audiences?
- Communication outlets
  - Conventional journals/presses
  - o New academic media SSRN, Google Scholar, open source journals
  - o General print media
  - o Social media Twitter

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