

# Summer Studies in Christian Thought

*Are You Ready to Engage Your Culture?*



**We believe that ideas have consequences**, and that an understanding of the relationship between ideas is highly beneficial in combating worldly ideas and building a Christian culture. Four years of college studies often amounts to four years of bombardment from worldly teaching and lifestyle. Are our children prepared to counter the ideological battle that awaits them, whether in college or the workplace? Will a day of lectures, or even two weeks be enough? It is our hope not only to provide opportunity for students to form the knowledge base they need through engagement in in depth discussion with men and women who have studied our faith and the culture deeply, but also to foster both peer and mentor relationships that extend beyond their summer studies.

**Gain a Vision for the Christian Life**  
*through in-depth discussion and personal exploration of the believer's relationship with God's world.*

## **Segment 1**

June 11-29

**Responsible Engagement, *The Christian and Culture*:**

Explore the relationship between the church and culture through a study of the arts. Delve into art history, tour museums, and experience a live Shakespeare play, under the guidance of Dr. Charlene Thomas, with thirty years of experience in teaching humanities at the college level, and Mr. John Hodges, a fascinating speaker with practiced expertise in apologetics and music.

## **Segment 2**

July 9-27

**Truth and the Christian Life:**

How should Christians communicate truth to the wider culture? Learn how great Christian thinkers of the past like Bahnsen, Clark, and Schaeffer have answered this question, and discuss with Rev. Doug Douma and Pastor Patrick Hines how to apply scripture to our lives in the area of apologetics.

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## **Our faculty is committed:**

- to prepare students to enter college or a career with a Biblical worldview.
- to give students the opportunity to have one-on-one discussion and mentorship with Christian professors.
- to train students to think Biblically and critically by giving them a deep understanding of the Christian worldview in relation to culture.
- to equip students to transform the culture for Christ.
- to provide a learning environment which encourages critical thinking and wisdom.

## **Tuition:**

Segment 1. Responsible Engagement: \$1290.00  
(Includes live Shakespeare play and trip to Washington D.C.)

Segment 2. Truth and the Christian Life: \$390.00  
Discounted combined package: \$1590.00

## The student does not live by lecture alone

There are many programs and conferences available that implement lecture oriented studies. While there is nothing wrong with these systems of study, this program goes beyond what they are intended to do. It is the belief of the Institute that knowledge is most effectively imparted through personal mentorship. The students are not only able to go deeper into subject matter but are also able to explore personal areas of interest or difficulty. It is the small group aspect and one-on-one mentorship that facilitates knowledge that molds the core and forms conviction for Christian thought.

### A Week with the Institute

#### Monday:

4:00 Lecture  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Lecture

**Tuesday:** Tutorial meetings with professor(s):  
Project assignment. Group discussion. 7:00 Lecture.

**Wednesday:** Mentorship meetings with professor:  
project assignment. 7:00 Keynote lecture on second week only.

#### Thursday: Discussion (small group)

1:00 Prayer  
2:30-4:30 Discussion  
6:00 Dinner  
7:00 Evening discussion

**Friday:** Reading and study

**Weekends:** Occasional lecture, play, or concert.

Maximum of eight students per year to facilitate discussion.

*Host families are available for out of town students.*

### Book List\*

*He is There and He is Not Silent* Schaeffer  
*The Creative Gift* Rookmaaker  
*Art and the Bible* Schaeffer  
*Modern Art and the Death of a Culture* Rookmaaker  
*Six Great Ideas* Adler  
*The Nature of True Virtue* Jonathan Edwards  
*What to Listen for in Music* Copland  
*Always Ready* Bahnsen  
*Van Til's Apologetic* Bahnsen  
*Truth and Love* Follis  
*Essays from Tradition and Authority* Thomson  
*The Certainty of the Faith* Ramsay  
*Religion, Reason and Revelation* Clark  
*Excerpts from the Presbyterian Philosopher* Douma  
Shakespeare play. To be determined.

\*Tentative

### Faculty

**Mr. John Hodges**, from The Center for Western Studies.  
**Dr. Charlene Thomas**, Associate Professor of Humanities/Art History, Milligan College.  
**Rev. Doug Douma**, Sola, ([www.discover sola.com](http://www.discover sola.com))  
**Pastor Patrick Hines**, Bridwell Heights Presbyterian Church.  
**Mr. Dean Walker**, Executive Director, The Geneva Institute of Christian Thought.

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