

Perspective

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News from the graduate Institute for Christian Studies

ICS celebrates 15 advanced degrees and inaugurates Keesmaat

In a colorful convocation at Knox College Chapel the Institute community recognized 15 masters and doctors degrees given to its graduate students, and inaugurated Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat as the first senior member in Biblical Studies and Hermeneutics.

Kuk-Won Shin's doctorate from the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam was celebrated. He did all his study for the degree at ICS, and now has returned to a teaching position in his native Korea.

Ronald Kuipers and Brent Adkins received the Master of Philosophical Foundations degree, in which both did outstanding work. Kuipers is now studying at ICS for the Ph.D. degree, and Adkins is in the Ph.D. program at Loyola University, Chicago.

A record 12 people received the Master of Worldview Studies degree. Among them were overseas students Wisnu Tri Hanggoro of Indonesia, Phaeton Kaloterakis of Greece, Samson Makhado of South Africa, and three students from England: Jacqueline Humphreys, Anthony Lai and Graham Watts. Canadians who received the degree are Christina Belcher, Hubert Budding, Steven Durksen, Bradley Kish, Barbara Van Koot and Ike Witteveen. Professions in which these people are engaged include law, nursing, missionary work, Christian school teaching and administration, computer engineering, graphic artistry, university lecturing, and drug rehab counselling.

Bible study that bears fruit

Keesmaat gave her inaugural address under the title "Fruit in the Wilderness." Her point was that biblical studies are only faithful to the Scriptures when they bear fruit for the Christian community, and indeed for the world today. She

said that biblical studies are changing in seeing Christianity as rooted in Jewish religious history, in giving closer attention to the different types of literature that make up the Bible, and away from a rather individualistic approach to Bible study to a more communal and socially responsible reading.

A major part of Keesmaat's address was her striking study of Romans 8:18-30. She examined the influence of Paul's Jewish background by pointing out the connection of this text to various Old Testament passages. She then spoke of the fruit this passage bears for the church and the world today.

At the convocation a presentation was made to Dr. Barbara Carvill of the Institute's new book *Political Theory and Christian Vision: Essays in Memory of Bernard Zylstra*. Each year an ICS book is designated as the Robert Lee Carvill Memorial Book in tribute to Barbara's late husband, who helped build the Institute's publication program. The award is underwritten by the Carvill Memorial Fund at ICS.

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Sylvia Keesmaat receives congratulations from Redeemer's Al Wolters as well-wishers look on.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Harry Fernhout

Advent and academic freedom

“Academic freedom” is an important and volatile topic in the world of higher education. The freedom of scholars to engage in research and teaching without constraint or domination by outside authorities is an article of faith among academics.

Christian scholars, too, stress the importance of academic freedom; the Institute’s Educational Creed asserts that scholarly pursuits are to be undertaken in the freedom found in whole-hearted acceptance of God’s revelation in Scripture and creation.

The broad academic world tends to be suspicious of faith-based statements concerning academic freedom. The Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, in its membership list, places an asterisk beside the names of institutions which require faculty members to subscribe to a statement of faith. This requirement, it is assumed, unduly limits the freedom of scholars in their pursuit of knowledge.

In the Christian community academic freedom is sometimes regarded with suspicion for opposite reasons. Scholars are forever coming up with new ideas and reinterpreting old ones; they are predisposed to creativity and change. To people outside the academic arena, the exercise of academic freedom may

seem like academic licence, questioning what ought not to be questioned.

Navigating between these divergent concerns can be extremely difficult for an institution like ICS. In the academic world we must make the case that the freedom confessed in our Educational Creed is a genuine species of academic freedom. In the Christian community we must make the case that Christian scholars are not only custodians of the treasures of the past, but also explorers on the frontlines of learning, and that creativity is at the heart of scholarship.

On November 4, 1994, the ICS trustees, senators, students, faculty and administrative staff met in a plenary session to consider the topic of academic freedom. This session proved to be a wonderful time of sharing ideas and building community. It was one of those discussions which I wish every supporter of ICS could share.

As I reflected on our meeting I was struck by the importance of seeing academic freedom in the context of the “big picture” of a biblical worldview. And that brings me to the title of this column: the link between academic freedom and the events we celebrate in Advent.

In his book *The New Testament and the People of God* Tom Wright invites us to think of the biblical worldview in dramatic terms. Our worldview is rooted in a story, a drama, which unfolds in five great acts or chapters. Wright identifies the acts as Creation, Fall, Israel, Jesus, and the Church. We might suggest adding a sixth act, the New Creation. In any case, Act 4, encompassing the birth, life, death and resurrection of the long-expected One, tells about the definitive turn in the redemptive drama. God’s gift of Jesus sets the story moving toward its final fulfilment when God will once again be able to say, “This is good!”

Today we live in Act 5 of the redemptive drama, between the first and second Advents. And one of the miracles of God’s love is that God invites us, his image-bearers, to participate in improvising the script of this Act. God gives us rich resources for our improvisation. Creation itself testifies to God’s good order, and invites us to shape it to God’s glory. The Scriptures provide the full story of Acts 1 to 4, the beginning of Act 5, and a sketch of Act 6; by immersing ourselves in this story we can learn how we are to live today. And God the Spirit is with us as our Guide in this in-between time. While the final outcome of the story is guaranteed, there is still much room to improvise as we try to give expression to the redemptive claims of Act 4 in our lives in a world where the Redeemer often remains unacknowledged.

Act 5 itself tells us that we have been freed to participate as improvisers in the story: “For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Gal. 5:1).

Act 5 improvisers are guided by the Word and Spirit. This description of life between the first and second Advents of Jesus applies to academic work, too. Academic freedom is part of our Act 5 calling. Because of the first Advent, scholars who follow Jesus have been set free to explore all the amazing dimensions of God’s world, seeking all the treasures of knowledge hidden in Christ Jesus (Col. 2:3).

The freedom to explore creation in the name of Christ—what a great Christmas gift for Christian scholars!

Retirement income?

Have you or your parents/grandparents complained about low income due to exceptionally low interest rates? An excellent income for life is still possible with great tax savings and there can be a benefit for ICS as well!

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Trustees find the good, bad and the exciting

By Hilda Buisman

The November Board of Trustee meeting gladly received good reports from President Harry Fernhout, and from the Senate through Jasper Lesage. Lesage said that the Senate has considered whether to continue the position in Philosophical Aesthetics to become vacant when Calvin Seerveld retires in June, and they vigorously affirm its importance. The Trustees then conducted a very positive interview with a candidate for the position.

Also music to our ears was news about ICS publications, conferences, and a strong ICS enrolment.

But we heard grim news, too, which shows us how fragile ICS really is. The constant struggle for enough money is awesome. The media may say that the economy is now booming, but money is still not growing on the ICS tree. We pray for wisdom and blessing for our staff who solicit funds and for those who give.

We were also saddened to hear of several people with ties to ICS who have experienced illness or a death in the family in the recent past. We brought the suffering ones before our Lord in prayer.

It was exciting to elect Ed den Haan as our new chair, and to enjoy his leadership at our meeting. We had an exciting plenary discussion with Senate, staff and graduate students on academic freedom. Harry Fernhout, Jasper Lesage, Richard Middleton and Bob Sweetman gave leadership. The discussions were valuable and thought-provoking, and it is not surprising that we did not find easy answers to such a complex issue.

At the meeting John Meiboom, Director of Development, expressed his own enthusiasm for the Institute, and we concluded the meeting realizing that there is indeed cause for much enthusiasm and thanks to God, who is truly blessing the ICS.

Dooyeweerd Centre opens at Redeemer College

A special centre at Redeemer College for the study of the legacy of Herman Dooyeweerd, and the publishing in English of his writings, was formally opened on November 5. The Centre will be directed by Dr. Daniel Strauss, a foremost Dooyeweerd scholar, who left his position as professor of philosophy at the University of the Orange Free State, South Africa.

Special speaker at the opening of the Centre was Dr. H. Evan Runner, retired philosophy professor at Calvin College. Runner has been the leading exponent of Dooyeweerd's philosophy in North America. In his speech, reports Al Wolters, "He stressed the radical character of Dooyeweerd's rejection of the religious autonomy of theoretical thought, and traced its roots in the thought of Groen van Prinsterer and Abraham Kuyper, two of the most prominent leaders of the great revival of Dutch Calvinism in the 19th century."

Also speaking at the event were Dooyeweerd's oldest son Herman, who lives in Toronto, and his son-in-law Magnus Verbrugge, who came with his wife from La Jolla, California.

The event was attended by hundreds of people, including some who came great distances. There was also a large representation from the ICS.

In addition to directing the publishing program of the Centre, Strauss will be teaching one course each term in the philosophy department of Redeemer College. The Centre is supported by the Herman Dooyeweerd Foundation, whose members are the children of the late professor Dooyeweerd.

ICS President Harry Fernhout has been appointed to the Advisory Council of the Centre.

Diversity of courses offered this term at ICS

Here's a look through the window at courses offered during the first half of the new academic year:

Christian Discipleship in a Declining Culture by Brian Walsh
Postmodernity and the Biblical Worldview by Brian Walsh and Richard Middleton
Biblical Foundations by Sylvia Keesmaat

Images of God in Christian Spirituality by Stoffel Francke
Ecumenical Ecclesiology by George Vandervelde
A Genealogy of Reformational Philosophy by Robert Sweetman
"Matter," "Body" and "Gender" in Medieval Thought by Robert Sweetman
The Feminist/Postmodernist Discussion in Epistemology by Hendrik Hart
Christianity and Politics: Foundations and Issues by Paul Marshall



The late Herman Dooyeweerd, ca.1935

Liberalism and Toleration by Paul Marshall
Introduction to Philosophy of Education, by Ken Badley
An Introduction to Aesthetics and Understanding Art by Calvin Seerveld
Systematic Aesthetics by Calvin Seerveld
The Intersubjective Human Self: Agent? Effect? Gifted/Called? by James Olthuis
Interdisciplinary Seminar: Pluralism, Part III, by most faculty members and all second-year students

SENIOR MEMBERS



Shortly after delivering her ICS Inaugural Address, **Sylvia Keesmaat** gave a paper entitled "Exodus and Tradition in Galatians" at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in Chicago.

Her article "Exodus and the Intertextual Transformation of Tradition in Romans 8:14-30" was published in the *Journal for the Study of the New Testament*. The book of Advent meditations she edited last year, *The Advent of Justice*, has been reprinted by Dordt College Press and re-issued for this year's Advent season.

Brian Walsh addressed the founding convention of the Greek Christian Artists Union during October 28-30, held at the foot of Mt. Olympus in Greece. He gave three talks: "The Unfinished Drama," "A Biblical Imagination," and "Dancing in the Dragon's Jaws." He was invited by Phaedon Kaloterakis, ICS alumnus and president of the Artists Union. At the end of the meetings Brian formally presented Phaedon with his Master of Worldview Studies degree, much to the joy of the assembled artists. In turn they made Walsh an honorary member of the Union.

Brian has begun a teaching ministry at the (Anglican) Church of the Redeemer called "Sunday at the Pub." His successful book *Subversive Christianity*, initially published in England, is now being republished by Alta Vista Press of Seattle.



James Olthuis attended the Learned Societies meeting at the University of Calgary in June, and co-taught with Mary Vander Vennen a summer course on issues in Christian counseling.

He was invited to participate at a consultation on literature and theology at the Center for Christian Scholarship at Calvin College.



Hendrik Hart is publishing with Roman Catholic philosopher William Sweet a series of two exchanges about Hart's views of faith. The first installment has appeared in the latest issue of the journal *Philosophy and Theology*, and the second will come out in a later issue. Sweet is a professor of philosophy at St. Francis Xavier University in Nova Scotia.

An essay of Hendrik's has been published in an issue of the South African journal *Koers* which commemorates the life and work of philosopher H. G. Stoker, who died earlier this year in his early 90's. Hart's article is entitled "Knowing Otherwise."

Hendrik has recently been appointed to the editorial committee of the new Dooyeweerd Centre at Redeemer College.

Calvin Seerveld was invited to lecture at Calvin College in November on "Can any good come out of Heidegger for understanding art?" While there he led a class with art historians Charles Young and ICS alumnus Henry Luttikhuis on the cartographic methodology of art historiography.



Paul Marshall's speaking tour of Indonesia (where he was hosted by alumnus Iskandar Saher and ICS students Wisnu Hanggoro and Joshua Lee) resulted in his article "Cultural Context Usually an Excuse for Repression" being published in central Java's largest newspaper *Suara Merdeka* in September. It was translated into the local language by Hanggoro.

Paul continues to write a regular column for News Network International. Two articles, "Read 'em their rights," on the UN declaration on Rights of the Child, and "Going Nowhere," on refugees, were published in the newspaper called *World*. He contributed a chapter on liberalism and pluralism, and the Preface, to the

ICS book *Political Theory and Christian Vision* he co-edited with alumnus Jonathan Chaplin.

Paul gave the keynote address at an ICS/Citizens for Public Justice conference in Halifax on "Christian Political Action in an Age of Cynicism." In October he spoke on "The Universality of Human Rights" at a conference at Calvin College, and on "Human Rights and Religious Toleration" at a large international conference at Emory University, Georgia. That address is scheduled to be published as a chapter in a book.

Later in October Paul travelled to Soweto, South Africa, where he lectured on religious freedom at a conference sponsored by the World Evangelical Fellowship for Christian leaders from eight southern African countries.

In November Paul appeared on a Crossroads television program for Vision TV discussing disaster relief. He was also interviewed on radio station WMUZ (Detroit and St. Louis) on the UN statement on the rights of the child.

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada gave Paul an award for having chaired its Social Action Commission for the past seven years.



Ken Badley led workshops at two meetings of teachers in October. One was on "Teachers' Authority" at the Ontario Christian Schools Teachers Association convention, and the other

was on "Mid-career Renewal for Teachers" at a conference of the Teachers Christian Fellowship.

Ken also met with the Task Force on Education for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada November 25-26. He is a member of the steering committee of this group.



DEVELOPMENT NOTES

John Meiboom

A bequest brings beautiful freedom

Last issue, I mentioned that I would discuss "gift planning" in the next few *Perspective* editions. There are two basic types of gifts, "gifts for the present" and "gifts for the future." In this column I want to raise some points about the most popular kind of "gift for the future," the bequest.

Many people have already written their will. In this way they communicate their wishes regarding the disposition of their property after their death. Many others, not just those who are "older," still need to create a will. Even among those who have already done so there is a need to review regularly (once every five years or so) the contents of the will in view of changes in family, in assets, and the state of well-being of the named executors and beneficiaries.

At the time a will is made some persons feel free to give the most substantial gift that they have ever given. Perhaps you could consider "giving for the future" to ICS in this way! A gift to the Institute in your will can have a positive impact on the Institute for years to come. It is a very meaningful gift at the time of your death for a cause to which you have been committed during your life.

Aside from the benefit to Christian higher education, a bequest to ICS has substantial tax benefits to your estate. Donors can include ICS in their will for a specific amount, for a percentage of the residue, or as a contingent beneficiary. Whether the bequested amount may be spent in the year of receipt or instead be put away in an endowment also should be stated in the will. Lastly, someone may wish to direct the bequest to the support of a specific program at the Institute. You may think about these factors as you draw up your will or change it to create a bequest for ICS.

Christian Stewardship Services, of which ICS is a sponsor, makes its personnel available at no cost to Canadian Christians for advice regarding wills and other stewardship concerns. Its people have years of experience and have the tax knowledge to be able to help you make the best, most stewardly decisions regarding gift planning. I highly recommend that you call Harry Houtman or Adriana Pierik at (416) 598-2181 for an appointment.

In the United States, the Barnabas Foundation offers a similar service. They can be contacted at (708) 532-3444 for good quality advice. For tax purposes, ICS supporters in the US should make bequests for ICS payable to the AACCS Foundation in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The purpose of the AACCS Foundation is to gather support for the work of the Institute.

HOPE and concern about income

My column in the March issue of *Perspective*, titled "A Dilemma," asked whether people give less to an organization when the financial news about it is good. The answer may be "Yes." In my September column I joyful related the news that we already knew where \$222,000 would be coming from this year towards our needed \$762,000.

However this seemingly good news story has since turned into a concern. Though we have some pledges for support, our operating deficit for the first four months of the fiscal year is very serious. At the end of October we were \$185,000 behind. Even with the pledges of support we remain seriously behind.

While on the one hand this sounds gloomy, on the other hand I am hopeful. The ICS support community has always responded to the need. God has always been gracious. We are grateful for the support we have received to date and for the pledges of support we already have for the rest of the year.

President Harry Fernhout is sending you a letter at the end of November asking you to consider continuing as, or becoming, a partner in reaching our goal for the first six months of the year. We're stretched to

raise about \$300,000 over November and December, probably most of it in December.

As the letter from Harry states, HOPE is a proper response in light of the gospel. Jesus, God's son, came in the most humble way to be with us. He now reigns over all of creation. This is the way of hope.

New ICS book studies Christian response to Hellenism

Our third new book in three months examines how Judaism and Gnosticism shaped the response of Christians to the Hellenistic Greco-Roman culture shortly after the life of Jesus. The book, edited by Wendy E. Helleman, is titled *Hellenization Revisited: Shaping a Christian Response within the Greco-Roman World*, and largely consists of papers given at an ICS conference in 1991.

Several papers critique the dominating interpretations of Adolf von Harnack, especially his characterization of Gnosticism as "acute Hellenization of the gospel." Other papers examine themes in Hellenistic Judaism like "reason controlling the passions," which are crucial in shaping Philo's perception of the feminine. Synthesis of Old Testament with Greek philosophical themes like creation/cosmology are also treated.

Other papers deal with early Christian writers like Irenaeus, Tertullian and Clement of Alexandria. Helleman has written a significant Epilogue which gives an overview of the issues dealt with and integrates the papers.

The book of 540 pages is now available for \$49.75.

Keesmaat Inaugural Lecture Available

We have prepared the Inaugural Lecture of Sylvia Keesmaat in booklet form, which you can buy for \$3.00. Sylvia discusses recent changes in the field of Biblical Studies and then illustrates what she intends to do at ICS by exegeting Romans 8:18-30. The Lecture is very readable by a general Christian audience.

ALUMNI

In September Gary Shahinian, who received the M. Phil. F. and Ph.D. degrees in Institute programs, became the solo minister of the historic Armenian Church of the Martyrs in Worcester, Massachusetts. The original membership of the church, founded in 1881, consisted of Armenian immigrants from Ottoman Turkey who escaped the large-scale massacre of Armenians in the 19th century. Even with his Ph.D. and three masters degrees, Gary is back at school to become fluent in the Armenian language, a requirement of the minister of this congregation.

Keith Pavlischek has just had his book *John Courtney Murray and the Dilemma of Religious Toleration* published by Thomas Jefferson University Press. Keith teaches at the University of Missouri.

Clarence Joldersma recently

received his Ph.D. degree in educational foundations from the University of Toronto (OISE). His dissertation title is "The Mind of Science: A Critique of Computationalism's Scientific Approach to Mind." Clarence has just received an appointment to teach educational philosophy at Calvin College. At present he teaches at Smithville District Christian High School, Ontario.

In June we mentioned receiving a letter from Mark Pickrel. Recently he wrote from his home in North Carolina to Hendrik Hart, "I saw a red-headed woodpecker about 15 feet from my window. I was listening to Bob Dylan praising the Lord on my record player. It was intensely beautiful. I wish all you brothers and sisters peace and love in Christ Jesus. They take fairly good care of all us patients here in our apartments. My doctor is a born-again Christian and our rapport is great. I am counting all these blessings and am very thankful to Christ for my path and circumstance.

Love, Mark Pickrel"

On October 24 Mark died suddenly of a heart attack. Though he studied at ICS for only one year, about 15 years ago, Hart says, "We stayed in touch. Sometimes he called for a chat. A few times a year he would write. He often pursued his philosophical interest, or would share his joy about some bird he saw. We shared these interests. He frequently mentioned his grateful memory of ICS. He felt cared for here. And he always testified to his deep trust in God, who in Christ would make things well for him."

Mark was an emotionally troubled person, not able to hold a job. Hart adds, "The anguish sometimes present between the lines made place for new assurance, as new medicine was helping him. Now God is making all things well for Mark. I will miss his letters. ICS has lost a friend. But now he's with his most faithful friend, in whose trust he shouldered his burdens with a smile."

ICS develops Christian understanding of academic study

ICS offers graduate study programs which aim to help people develop a Christian understanding of their studies and life's work. Our approach is different from a seminary or theological college which is devoted primarily to training clergy. Our primary interest is to help people in almost any field of study, not only theology, to understand their field in a Christian way. We wish to contribute to the preparation of people for careers to which the studies offered by ICS are relevant. In this way we may help people to see their work as a Christian vocation.

Our method of developing a Christian perspective in academic studies is to concentrate on those issues in a field where theological, philosophical, and methodological questions most naturally arise. These fundamental issues in any one field tend to connect in an interdisciplinary fashion with comparable concerns in other fields. The understanding we have of these foundational and interdisciplinary matters tends to permeate our academic study at every point. If we let the basic biblical insights of Christian faith work their

way out, from the bottom up, then in a most integral manner, our Christianity can decisively affect our studies.

The biblical insights we have in mind affect the most crucial matters of life: who we are as men and women, the goodness of God's creation, the destructiveness of evil, the liberating, healing and recreating work of Jesus Christ, the nature of wisdom and truth, the integrality of history, the meaning of love, justice, and stewardship, the importance of emotional openness and aesthetic awareness, the constructive limits of scientific analysis.

A Christian approach to studies and life-work opens up alternatives to the lines of thought which dominate most of higher learning today. We constantly interact with the leading secular perspectives—Marxism, liberalism, conservatism, positivism, systems analysis, linguistic analysis, post-modernism, and many more. Because we believe that all scholarship is guided by some perspective, we also believe that genuine academic freedom is possible only when perspectives are acknowledged, as is now becoming more widely practised in the academy.

Arts in Christian Perspective

A new book published in South Africa, *A Window on the Arts*, includes the work of Calvin Seerveld and three ICS alumni. Three of Seerveld's earlier papers have been reprinted in the book, and "An Interview with Calvin Seerveld" by alumna Nancy Percy serves as the Conclusion to the book.

Papers by alumni Craig Bartholomew and Gudron Kuschke are included, as is the Manifesto, "Christians and the arts in South Africa," which was initiated by Bartholomew with Seerveld as consultant.

The book was published in commemoration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of Potchefstroom University for Christian Higher Education.

About two-thirds of the book is written in the Afrikaans language, with the rest in English. It is available from the Institute for Reformational Studies, South Africa, for 40 rand, which is about \$10 in Canadian funds.

STUDENT PROFILE

She mixes art and politics

Ruth Kerkham came from Cape Town, South Africa, to study at the Institute. She wants to understand better how to use art in a redemptive way in South Africa, how to use art to help heal the effects of apartheid.

Ruth heard about ICS from our former student, South African Craig Bartholomew. Twice she heard Calvin Seerveld speak in South Africa, and he talked with her about the Institute. So she decided to take the big step.

Ruth is working for the Christian Worldview degree, and is taking two courses from Seerveld. Indeed, like many South Africans, she is keenly interested in worldviews. "How can you deconstruct worldviews established by apartheid?" she asks.

She's especially interested in how black people in the townships might use art as a redemptive response to all the violence they have seen. You have a whole generation of people in townships who have known only violence, she says. She wants to paint in such a way that her art can help them make a worldview change from political violence to constructive life. Can art and politics mix with integrity that brings healing, she is asking.

Ruth knows that good answers are not simple. She's decided to do some solid digging for answers at ICS.



Seminar on Spirituality and Worldview

Friends in the Lower Mainland, B. C., are invited to a one-day Worldview seminar by ICS Senior Member Brian Walsh on **Spirituality and Worldview**. It is scheduled for Saturday, January 7 from 10 am to 3:30 pm at the Abbotsford Christian Secondary School, 35011 Old Clayburn, Abbotsford. Cost is \$20 and there will be a potluck lunch. Pre-registration is necessary—phone 850-5342 daytime or 852-8278 evenings.



ICS co-sponsors education conference in Regina in May

Ken Badley announces that "Heart and Mind: Faith and Learning in Canadian Higher Education," a conference co-sponsored by ICS, is scheduled for May 15-17 at the Canadian Theological Seminary in Regina, Saskatchewan.

This conference on post-secondary education in Canada will provide a national forum on the work of Christians in public and Christian education.

Badley is calling for papers, proposals for which must be sent to him at ICS by January 7. Papers should be on the quality of learning in relation to the mission of Christian higher education, healthy professional development for Christians in higher education, and the kind of social and intellectual context in which Christians will work in higher education in the next decade. Phone or fax Badley at the Institute for further information.

JUNIOR MEMBERS



Doctoral student **Matt Bonzo**, his wife Dorothe and their 4-month old son Matthias James recently visited the Institute from their home in Ludington, Michigan. Dorothe had worked in the ICS office for more than 15 years before she and Matt moved to Michigan.

Congratulations to doctoral student **Stoffel Francke** for receiving third place honours for an essay he wrote for the Dutch publisher Kok in a contest celebrating Kok's 100th anniversary. The theme of the essay contest, and of Francke's essay, was "Beyond Relativization: Thoughts about the continuation of the Christian tradition in a postmodern culture." Francke received a prize of 500 guilders, and his essay will be published in a commemorative book to be published by Kok.

Rev. **John Koster** has become pastor of the Richmond, B.C., Christian Reformed Church, where he hopes to complete his ICS master's degree work.

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Political Theory and Christian Vision edited by Jonathan Chaplin and Paul Marshall	\$36.50	\$ _____
"The Woman Will Overcome the Warrior": A Dialogue with the Christian Feminist Theology of Rosemary Radford Ruether by Nicholas Ansell	\$42.95	\$ _____
Fruit in the Wilderness: Biblical Studies in 1994 (Inaugural Address) Sylvia Keesmaat	\$ 3.00	\$ _____
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