



# THE MISSIONAL PROFESSOR

## IN UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA



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“The Three Most Influential  
Square Feet on Earth”

# Three Most Influential Square Feet

- 90% of all world leaders attend universities
- “To change a nation, teach its leaders; to teach its leaders, influence its universities; to influence its universities teach in its classrooms”! (Charles Malik)
- “The university is a clear-cut fulcrum with which to move the world. Change the university and you will change the world” (Malik)



# Three Most Influential Square Feet

## Acts 19:8–11

<sup>8</sup>Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. <sup>9</sup>But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the *lecture hall* of Tyrannus. <sup>10</sup>This went on *for two years*, so that *all* the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.



Evangelicals have long ministered well at the  
periphery of the University

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Now, Lets' also Move to the Heart of the  
University...the Podium

The Missional Professors  
Today's Plan



- Consider going!
- What a Missional Prof is Not
- What a Missional Prof Is

CONSIDER GOING!





# Consider Going!



- Long Prep (PhD) but worth it
- Why worth it?
  - 100's deep awaiting jobs in US
  - Immediate respect
  - Already existing infrastructure
  - Influence on others —————>



Now that you're convinced (!): When you go, what does it mean to be a missional professor?

# WHAT A MISSIONAL PROF IS NOT



# What a Missional Prof is Not

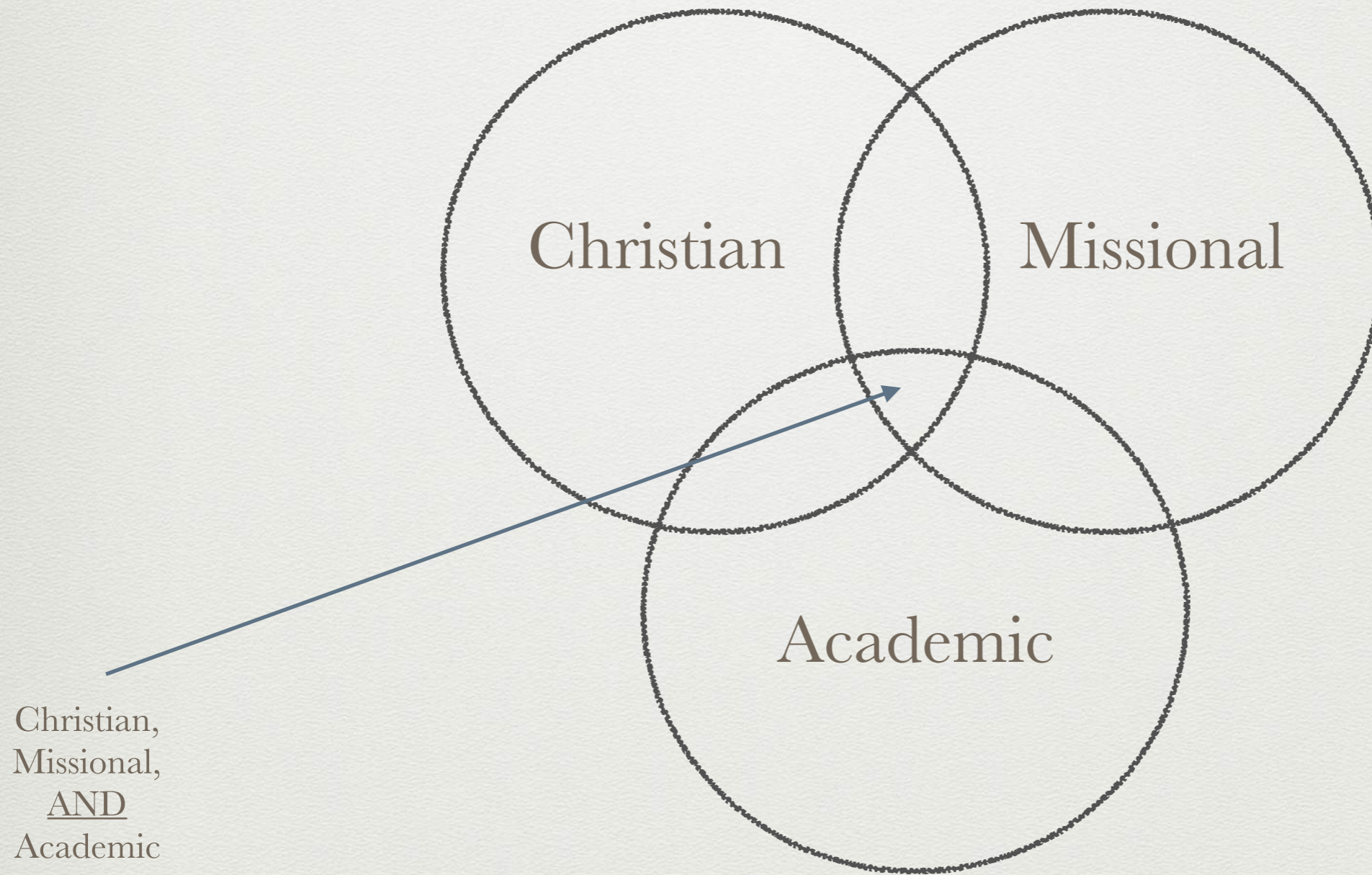
- A cover for “real/important” missions
- A campus minister in disguise
- Someone who only teaches theology



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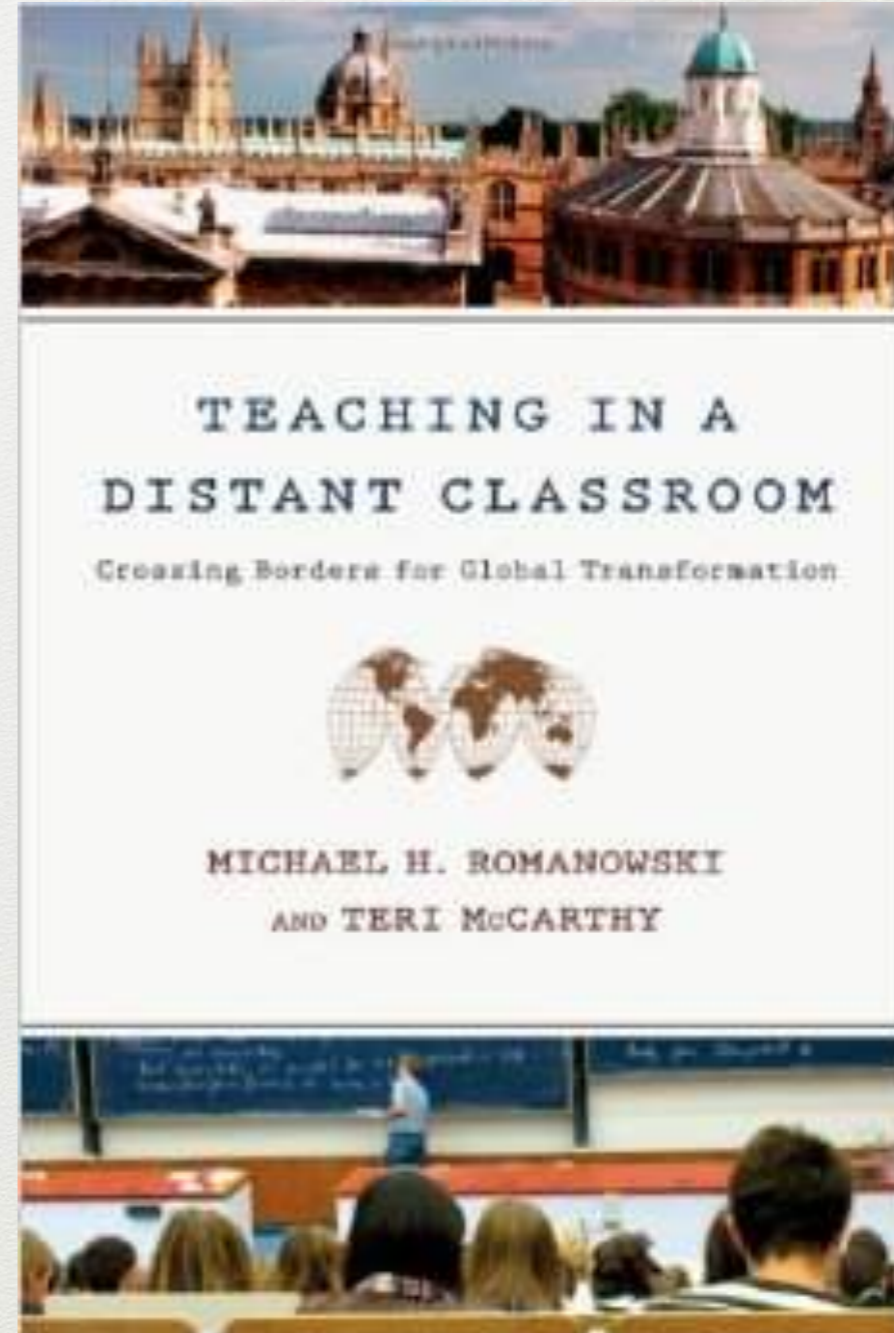


# What a Missional Prof Is



# What a Missional Prof Is Today's Focus

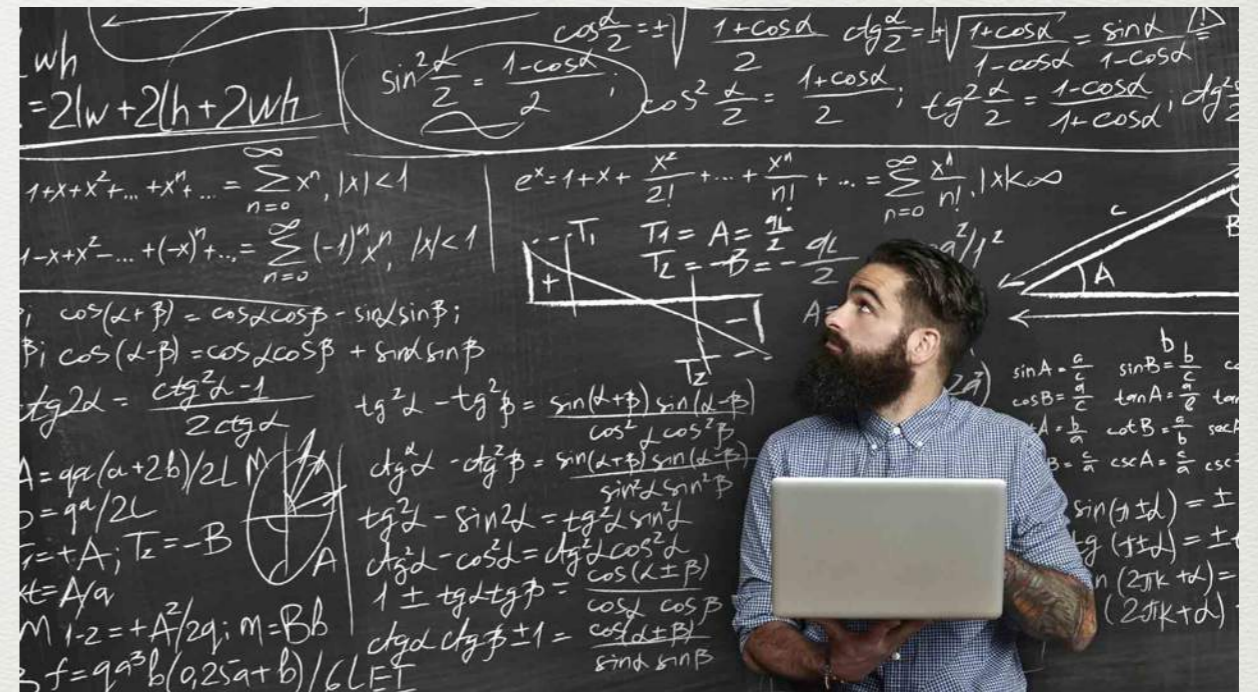
- I won't address socio-cultural dynamics in the academy (ex. Tips for teaching cross-culturally)
- Others have focused on this  
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- Today: 35,000 feet, with emphasis on global *academics*



## What a Missional Prof Is

# Many Things are Same as Unbelieving Profs

- Know your discipline
- Research at full potential
- Write at full potential
- Teach excellently



What a Missional Prof Is  
Many Things are Different from Unbelieving Profs

- Fruit of the Spirit

- Humility

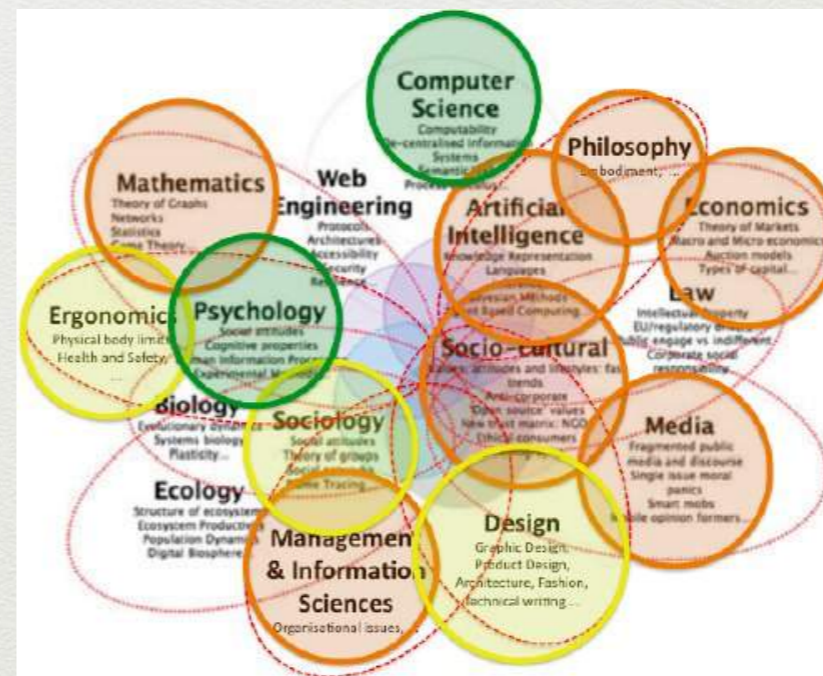
- Research, Teach, etc. “1 Cor 13 style”





# What a Missional Prof Is Different from Unbelieving Profs

- Willing to give up Western prestige, comfort, safety...
- Every Discipline a holy calling



# What a Missional Prof Is Different from Unbelieving Profs

- Integrate faith with teaching/research (Engineering as an example)
  - Not in hokey/shallow ways
  - Challenge weak worldviews/presuppositions
  - Application
  - Public reflection on how fits into larger framework of meaning
    - Example: electronic advertising sign
  - By encouraging students to use academic degrees for Christ
  - Remember: Don't be ashamed of the Gospel! Share it!
    - True from VBS to UNC

# CONCLUSION

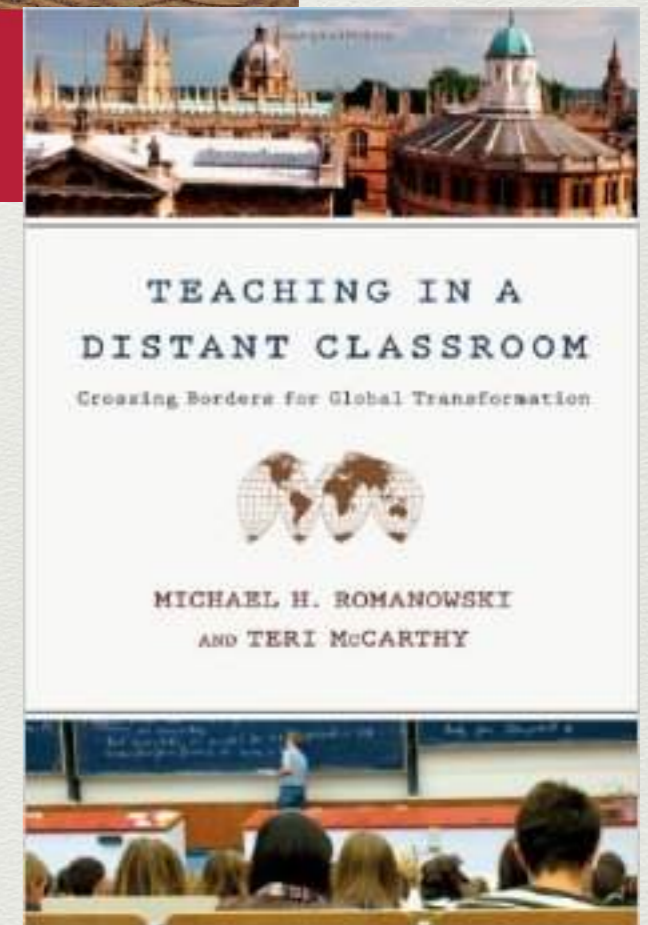
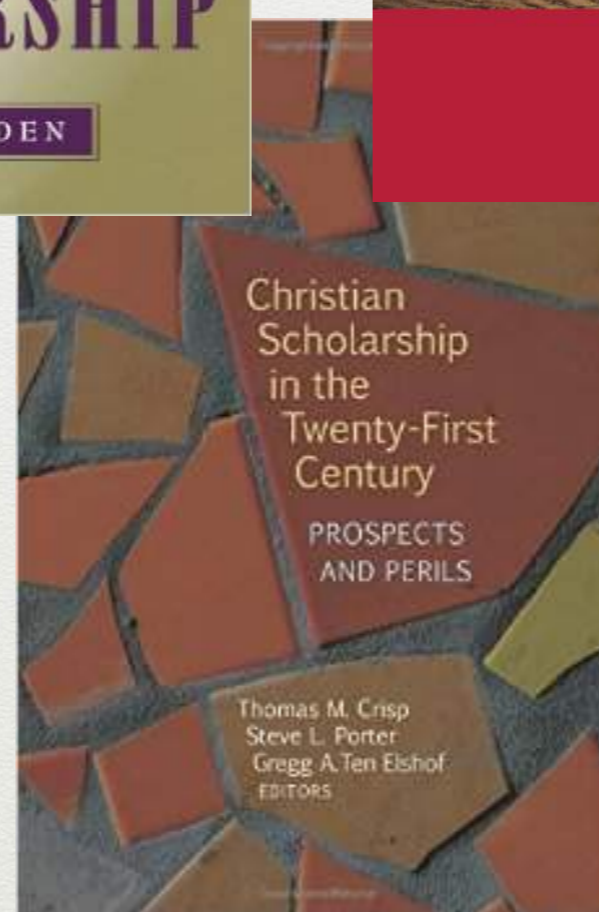
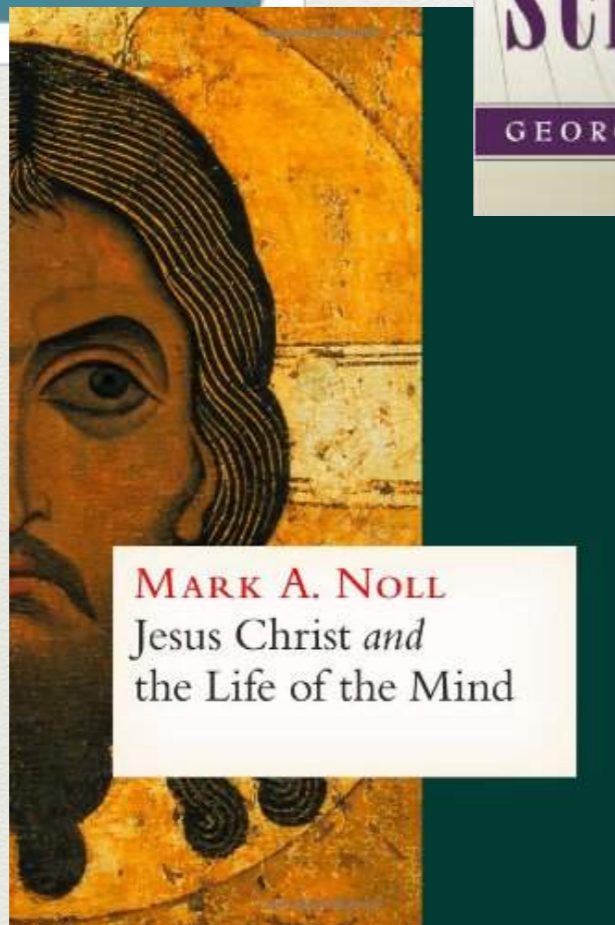
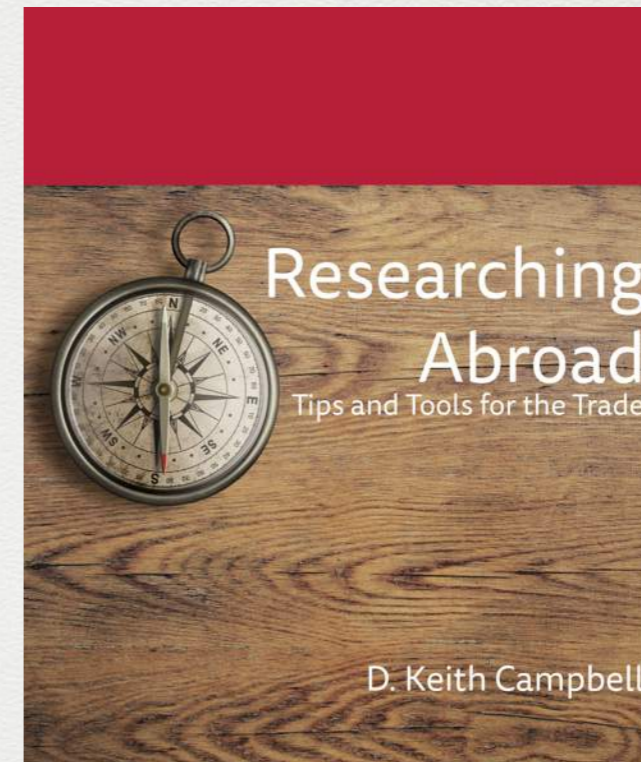
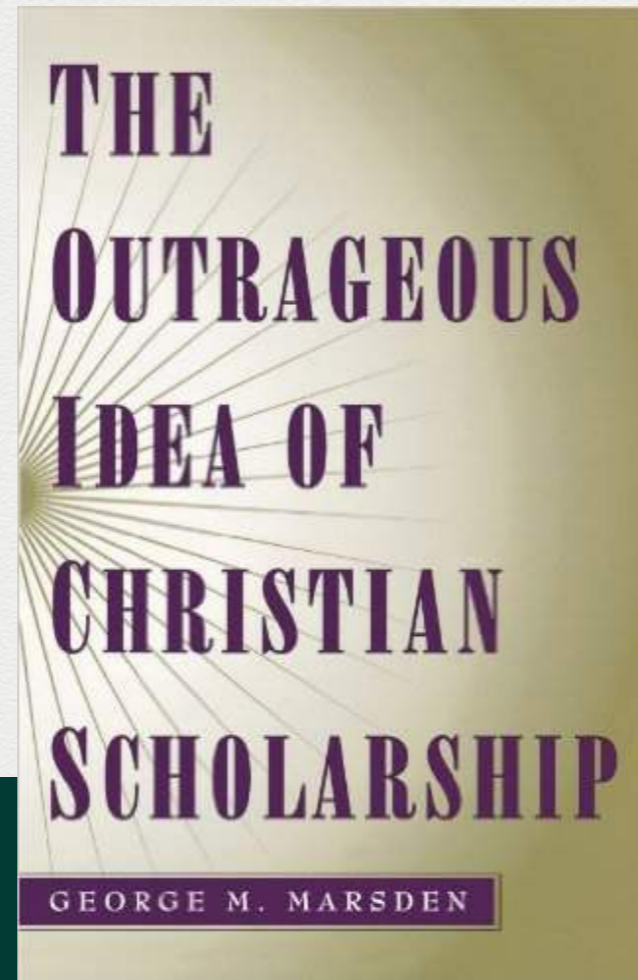
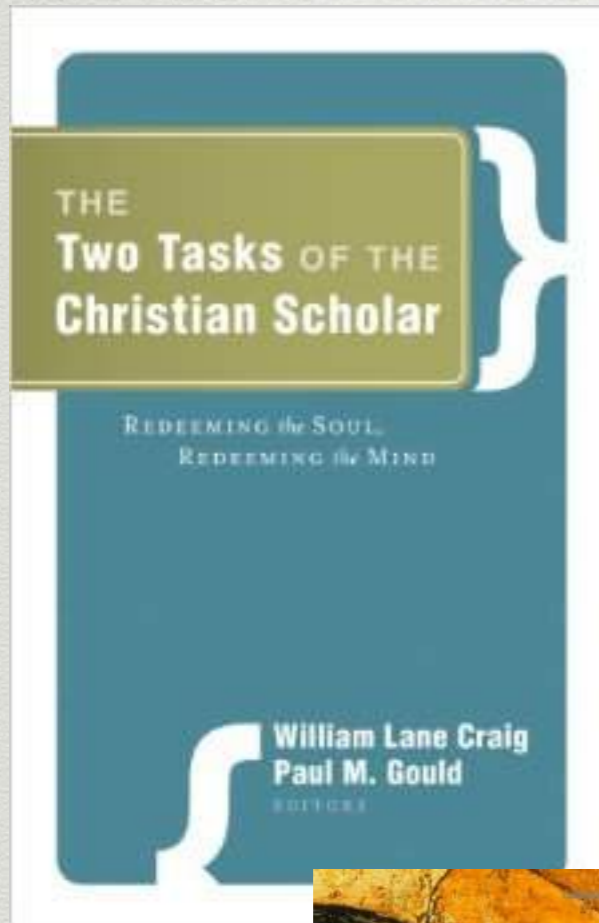


# Conclusion

- What a Missional Professor Is Not
- What a Missional Professor Is
- Consider Going: Global Scholars
  - [www.global-scholars.org](http://www.global-scholars.org)
  - Booth 329
  - [latchison@global-scholars.org](mailto:latchison@global-scholars.org)
  - IntersVarsity's Lounge...now!
- Three Square Feet: Imagine the Staggering Impact
  - John Keith Falconer



# For further Study





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Scholars

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