



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CHRISTIAN STUDIES

Required Reading List: General Resources

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The preparation to teach overseas in a secular university requires specialized orientation. The IICS Orientation is relatively brief in comparison with the cross-cultural orientation programs of most mission agencies, which often consist of several weeks or months. Since we are an academic organization, we rely heavily on the self-study ability of academicians and their initiative to complete these readings independently. They are designed as an integral part of your orientation to promote ongoing personal, spiritual and professional growth and understanding throughout one's IICS service overseas.

Each appointee's background and expertise will be taken into consideration and additional readings may be required or recommended, depending on your IICS assignment.

Your reading list will be developed in the following manner in conjunction with the IICS staff and your field director:

1. Together we will determine the issues and areas in which you consider yourself already well prepared through your research, professional and personal experience and your own reading.
2. We will determine which books you have read recently related to the critical knowledge and skill areas for IICS teaching fellows. You may substitute some of the required books, depending on your academic specialty.
3. You will indicate the particular issues you have an interest in pursuing in your orientation reading.
4. Together we will develop a reading plan with required and recommended readings and an agreed upon schedule for these readings.
5. All required readings must be completed before departure for your IICS university post.

Please review the General Resources List, along with the list for your region or country to determine which books are required for you and which of the recommended you plan to read.

Please report each month to the Director of Faculty Recruiting on the readings you have completed, until you have completed all those required. An reading interaction form should be filled out for each book and article read. One is attached to the back of this document.

All the books on this list, and others you deem necessary, can be purchased as a ministry expense. Some of these can be ordered through the IICS office at a small discount.



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I. The Christian Mind and Biblical Worldview

Articles

Budziszewski, Jay. "The Academic Witness: Research and Scholarship 'As Unto the Lord'." *The Real Issue*, September/October (2001): 2-9. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

Malik, Charles. "The Two Tasks." *Journal of the Evangelical Theological Society* 23/4, December (1980): 289-296. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

Naugle, David. "Renewing Integrity: A Christian Worldview and Educational Practice." *National Faculty Leadership Conference*. Washington DC, 2004.

Trevethan, Tom. "Recovering Our Christian Mind and Nerve: Graduate Student Ministry." *RTSF Bulletin* 12, Sept/Oct (1996): 3-9. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

Willard, Dallas. "Jesus the Logician." *Christian Scholar's Review* XXVIII, no. 4 (1999): 605-614. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

Books

Marsden, George M. *The Outrageous Idea of Christian Scholarship*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1998. 160 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-19-512290-9.
Masterful explanation and defense of Christian learning in secular academe.

Romanowski, Michael H. and Teri McCarthy. *Teaching in a Distant Classroom: Crossing Borders for Global Transformation*. Downer's Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2009. 223 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-8308-3743-4.

Sire, James W. *Naming the Elephant: Worldview as a Concept*. Downer's Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2004. 163 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-8308-2779-4.
Excellent resource for all who want to explore more deeply how and why worldview thinking can aid us in navigating our pluralistic universe.

Sire, James W. *The Universe Next Door: A Basic Worldview Catalog*. Downer's Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2004. 259 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-8308-2780-0/
Introduction to the basic options in worldviews including Christian theism, deism, naturalism, nihilism, existentialism, eastern pantheistic monism and others.

Stott, John RW. *Your Mind Matters: The Place of the Mind in the Christian Life* Downer's Grove: Intervarsity Press, 2006. 96 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-8308-3408-2/
Examination of the importance of logic and reason in the Christian faith in light of Scripture.



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II. Christianity and Culture

Books

Niebuhr, H. Richard. *Christ and Culture*. San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1956. 320 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-06-130003-5

Classic work demarcating five positions on the relationship of Christ and culture.

III. Cross-Cultural Living and Ministry

A. General

Articles

Elzinga, Kenneth G. "The Academy and Jesus." *Faith & Economics* 37, Spring (2001): 31-35.

Priest, Robert J. "Missionary Elencitics: Conscience and Culture." *Missiology* 22, no. 3 (1994): 291-315. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

Smalley, William A. "Culture Shock, Language Shock, and the Shock of Self-Discovery." In *Readings in Missionary Anthropology II*, 693-700. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

Walls, Andrew F. "The Gospel as Prisoner and Liberator of Culture." *Missionalia* 10, no. 3 (1982): 93-105. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

Whiteman, Darrell L. "Effective Communication of the Gospel Amid Cultural Diversity." *Missiology* 12, no. 3 (1982): 275-285. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

Books

Lingenfelter, Judith, and Sherwood Lingenfelter. *Teaching Cross-Culturally: An Incarnational Model for Learning and Teaching*. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2003. 144 Pages. ISBN13: 978-0-8010-2620-1.

McCain, Danny. *Serving God Away From Home*. Jos, Nigeria: MoreBooks and Africa Christian Textbooks, Bukuru, 2004. 255 pp.

This book is written by IICS cofounder. It contains a series of biographical studies of Biblical characters who served God in a country different from their birth.

Rogers, Charles, and Brian Sytsma, eds. *World Vision Security Manual: Safety Awareness for Aid Workers* Geneva: World Vision International, 1999.

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B. Family Life and Interpersonal Dynamics Overseas

Articles

Foyle, Marjory F. "Stress Factors in Missionary Marriages." *Evangelical Missions Quarterly*, no. 1 (1987): 20-28. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

Ward, Ted. "The Anxious Climate of Concern for Missionary Children." *International Journal of Frontier Missions* 23, no. 4 (2006): 167-170. (Available on IICS Reference CD).

C. Medicine and Health Care

Books

Warner, David B, Carol L Thuman, and J Maxwell. *Where There Is No Doctor: A Village Health Care Handbook* Berkeley, California: Hesperian Foundation, 1992. 504 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-942364-15-6.

Practical and descriptive medical guide on first aid, medicine and home remedies for overseas living. Required purchase before departure. Not necessary to read before orientation.

D. University Ministry

Books

Mellichamp, Joseph M. *Ministering in the Secular University: A Guide for Christian Professors and Staff* Carrollton, Texas: Lewis & Stanley, 1997. 149 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-929510-09-5.

Practical guide for impacting a university for Christ.

E. Missions, Discipling and the Kingdom of God

Articles

Barrett, David B, George T Kurian, and Todd M Johnson, eds. *World Christian Encyclopedia: A Comparative Survey of Churches and Religions AD 30 - AD 2200*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2001. 876 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-19-510318-2.

Professors are required to read the section describing their assigned country. We will provide a copy of the relevant section to you.

Books

Coleman, Robert E. *The Master Plan of Evangelism: The Repack* Grand Rapids: Revell, 2006. 192 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-8007-3122-9.

Classic yet simple presentation of the discipling methods of Jesus and how they can be used today.



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Winter, Ralph D, and Steven C Hawthorne, eds. *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement: A Reader. Third Edition.* Pasadena, California: William Carey Library, 1999. 944 pp. ISBN 13: 978-0-87808-228-5.

Professors are required to read the following chapters from the classic textbook for the *Perspectives* course, which is a multifaceted collection of readings on world evangelization.

1. Stott, John R. W. "The Living God is a Missionary God." Pp. 3-9.
2. Kaiser, Jr., Walter C. "Israel's Missionary Call." Pp. 10-16.
4. Stott, John R. W. "The Bible in World Evangelization." Pp. 21-26.
6. Hawthorne, Steven C. "The Story of His Glory." Pp. 34-48.
8. Blackaby, Henry T. and Avery T. Willis, Jr. "On Mission With God." Pp. 55-58.
10. Ladd, George Eldon. "The Gospel of the Kingdom." Pp. 64-71.
15. Richardson, Don. "A Man for All Peoples" and Johnstone, Patrick. "A Violent Reaction to Mercy." Pp. 104-107.
16. Hawthorne, Steven C. "Mandate on the Mountain." Pp. 108-112.
23. Wells, David. "Prayer: Rebelling Against the Status Quo." Pp. 142-144.
24. Robb, John D. "Strategic Prayer." Pp. 145-151.
26. McQuilkin, Robertson. "Lost." Pp. 156-161.
33. Winter, Ralph D. "The Kingdom Strikes Back: Ten Epochs of Redemptive History." Pp. 195-213.
34. Johnstone, Patrick. "The Church is Bigger Than You Think." Pp. 214-219.
35. Winter, Ralph D. "The Two Structures of God's Redemptive Mission." Pp. 220-230.
37. Beaver, R. Pierce. "The History of Mission Strategy." Pp. 241-252.
38. Winter, Ralph D. "Four Men, Three Eras, Two Transitions: Modern Missions." Pp. 253-261.
42. Howard, David M. "Student Power in World Missions." Pp. 277-286.
52. Winter, Ralph D and David A. Fraser. "World Mission Survey." Pp. 354-368.
54. Hiebert, Paul G. "Cultural Differences and the Communication of the Gospel." Pp. 373-383.
55. Kraft, Charles H. "Culture, Worldview and Contextualization." Pp. 384-391.
56. Hesselgrave, David J. "The Role of Culture in Communication." Pp. 392-396.
57. Richardson, Don. "Redemptive Analogy." Pp. 397-403.
58. Steffen, Tom A. "Why Communicate the Gospel Through Stories?" Pp. 404-407.
59. Kraft, Charles H. "Three Encounters in Christian Witness." Pp. 408-413.
61. Hiebert, Paul G. "Social Structure and Church Growth." Pp. 422-428.
62. Nida, Eugene A. "Communication and Social Structure." Pp. 429-438.
63. Larson, Donald N. "The Viable Missionary: Learner, Trader, Story Teller." Pp. 438-443.
68. Dye, T. Wayne. "Toward a Cross-Cultural Definition of Sin." Pp. 469-473.
71. The Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. "The Willowbank Report." Pp. 483-508.
112. Bryant, David. "What it Means to Be a World Christian." Pp. 702-704.



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Support Raising

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Dillon, William P. *People Raising: A Practical Guide to Raising Support* Chicago: Moody, 1993. 256 pp. ISBN13: 978-0-8024-6447-7.

This will be provided for you during the interview process.