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Economics and Theology in Creative Partnership: Toward a Thriving Society

The [Center for Integrity in Business](#) (CIB) and the [Center for Biblical and Theological Education](#) (CBTE) are pleased to co-host a conversation in partnership with the [Acton Institute](#) on the intersection of business, economics, and Wesleyan theology. This **April 10-12, 2013**, series of seminars will examine how Wesley's theology, with its focus on the complete and practical integration of life and faith in holiness, can speak to marketplace and church leaders alike about building a flourishing workplace.

Speakers include **Bob Doll**, chief equity strategist for Nuveen Asset Management; **Sondra Wheeler**, professor of Christian ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary and author of *Wealth as Peril and Obligation: Possessions in the New Testament*; **David Wright**, provost at Indiana Wesleyan; **Stephen Grabill**, research scholar in theology at Acton Institute; and **Chris Armstrong**, professor of church history at Bethel Seminary.

Check the [CIB website](#) or contact Stacey O'Farrell (ofarrells@spu.edu or 206-378-5415) or Tom Lane (tlane@spu.edu or 206-281-2054) for more details and registration information.

Visiting Scholar on "Organizing With the Spirit"

CIB and SPU's [School of Business and Economics](#) are pleased to host **Dr. Kent Miller** as our Bruce R. Kennedy Endowment for Ethical Leadership visiting scholar. Dr. Miller is a professor of management in the Eli Broad Graduate School of Management at Michigan State University, and has taught at Purdue, New York University, and the University of Minnesota. While he is on campus **May 15-17**, Dr. Miller will speak to students and business leaders and interact with faculty on "Organizing With the Spirit," the focus of his current research and writing.

Kiros Seattle Breakfasts

Thomas Osborn ([Slalom Consulting](#)) will be featured speaker on **February 28**, and Margo Engberg ([PinkaBella Cupcakes](#)) will speak at the **March 28** breakfast. Join us for practical steps in understanding how your calling to business is ministry. Additional details are forthcoming on the [CIB website](#).

2013 Summer Institute for Seminarians, Pastors, and Business Leaders

CIB ([School of Business and Economics](#)) and CBTE ([School of Theology](#)) are collaborating to offer classes in the summer of 2013. The Summer Institute will offer topics related to workplace theology, economics, and the purpose of business:

June 17-20 **The Role of Spiritual Capital in Enabling a Thriving Society/Economy**
taught by [Bruce Baker, assistant professor of business ethics](#).

June 24-28 **Theology of Work**
taught by [Jeff Van Duzer, SPU provost](#); and [Daniel Castelo, associate professor of theology](#).

These courses may be taken for personal enrichment, continuing education, or graduate degree purposes. Contact Kelsey Rorem (krorem@spu.edu or 206-378-5415) at CBTE for more information.

Urbana 12 Update

The CIB hosted the 800-person "Business Changing the World" track at InterVarsity's 16,000-person Urbana Missions Conference on December 27-31 in St. Louis ([view photos](#)). The track's focus was to help students and business leaders more fully understand their work in the marketplace as a sacred calling aligned with God's purposes for the world. Participants were offered:

- Three general sessions, four dedicated manuscript studies in the Gospel of Luke, and 19 supporting seminars;
- The opportunity to meet one-on-one with the track's prayer team (approximately 150 responded) and with vocational coaches (approximately 240 responded).

Some representative comments from business track participants:



- "Changed how I think about business and my career."
- "I went for prayer on the first day, and what came out from that time became the foundation of my ideas and thoughts for the rest of the week."
- "I had never thought about how important business is to God."

We have already heard dozens of stories like these:

- "We connected with someone who recently moved to our city from another state and was having some difficulty working remotely from home. Today he came to work out of our office and probably will be here through the end of the month, if not longer."
- One student wasn't sure how God could use a business major to make a difference in the world. *Business Changing the World* convinced the student that this is the right way to make a difference.

We Invite Your Input: Our Search for a New Dean

Jeff Van Duzer, who so capably served as dean of the School of Business and Economics since 2001, officially assumed his responsibilities as SPU's new provost on February 1. SBE is on solid footing and well positioned to take the next steps in its growth and development. The search has begun for a new dean to lead the school forward, and these are some of the important characteristics being sought:

- A person of mature Christian faith and spiritual commitments who possesses a genuine sense of calling to Christian higher education.
- A person with clear understanding and support of management-related scholarship.
- A person with a successful track record of cultivating and maintaining relationships in the business community, and in other academic and marketplace contexts.

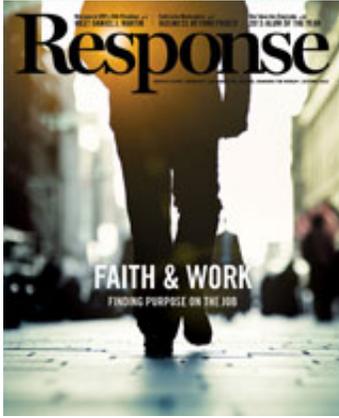
The complete [job description](#) has been posted. If you know people who might be a candidate themselves or who may know others who might be good candidates, please contact Denise Daniels (acting dean) at ddaniels@spu.edu. The Search Committee will begin reviewing résumés on February 28.

February Issue of *Ethix*

[Ethix Issue 83](#) features an interview with **Steve Tourek**, senior vice president and general counsel of [The Marvin Companies](#), renowned manufacturer of windows and doors. He discusses how purpose and values have shaped his journey from a 27-year career in commercial litigation to his current role in a business owned and operated by the third and fourth generations of the same family.

Featured Articles

Response is a print and online magazine rooted in the people, life, and mission of Seattle Pacific University. The magazine's [current issue](#) is devoted



to faith and work, and features several thoughtful articles, including contributions from [Jeff Van Duzer](#); [Kenman Wong](#), professor of business ethics; [John Terrill](#), director of CIB; and [Al Erisman](#), SPU executive in residence and editor of *Ethix* journal.

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