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Rekindling Christian Imagination
with David Smith

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Rekindling Christian Imagination

We tend to associate imagination with fantasy, and reality with facts, but the ways in which we picture the world to ourselves have a great deal to do with how we live in it. The Scriptures bid to shape our imaginations, weaning us away from reductive ways of seeing and towards a graced vision of the world.



Morning: THE GARDEN OF DELIGHT

The world invites us to imagine ourselves as consumers satisfying needs, as competitors in a battle for security, as computers processing information. What if instead we followed a long tradition of biblical reflection that invites us to think of ourselves as called to be pleasure gardens, gardens of delight? What if we heard in present-day talk of Kindergartens a faint echo of an older image of school classrooms as gardens of delight? What if we began to wonder, in imitation of the biblical prophets, in what ways our society is a wilderness or a garden of delight? This first lecture will explore through this lens how Christian thinkers have imagined the threads linking learning to our life together.



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Afternoon: LEARNING FROM THE STRANGER

The world invites us to imagine foreigners as competitors for resources, as exotic objects of fascination, or as dark threats to our wellbeing. Scripture calls instead for a radical love of strangers, a practice of hospitality that reaches out to embrace the outsider. This call to hospitality can help us to see how learning from other cultures can connect with nurturing a Christian identity. It also challenges a variety of basic ways in which we tend to imagine our place in the world. This second lecture will explore how learning from the stranger can be a Christian practice, and what it means for how we teach our children.

SCHEDULE

8:30 – 9:00	Registration
9:05 – 9:30	Welcome, ICS Update
9:30 – 10:50	The Garden of Delight , Keynote and First Respondent
10:50 – 11:05	Break
11:05 – 12:15	Second Respondent and Audience
12:15 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 2:20	Learning from the Stranger , Keynote and First Respondent
2:20 – 2:35	Break
2:35 – 3:40	Second Respondent and Audience
3:40 – 4:00	Final Reflection, Speakers and Audience



The Garden of Delight: FIRST RESPONDENT



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The Garden of Delight: SECOND RESPONDENT



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Learning from the Stranger: FIRST RESPONDENT



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Learning from the Stranger: SECOND RESPONDENT



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graduate work in Comparative Religion at the Hebrew University. While in Israel he participated in the Ecumenical Fraternity of Jerusalem, a group dedicated to bringing Christian and Jewish Leaders together for dialogue and academic purposes. Kent leads pilgrimage tours to Israel and has been featured in Biblical programs for both the History and Discovery Channels.