

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

David Benson

After starting out as a high school teacher, Dave moved into Christian youth work, engaging and equipping teens to live and share their faith in a post-Christendom context. Dave has previously pastored at Kenmore Baptist Church and has lectured part-time at Malyon since 2009 in the area of worldview, evangelism and apologetics. As Director of Malyon Traverse, he is passionate to see the reconnection of Church and culture, faith and everyday life. Dave is also a PhD candidate in Practical Theology, studying the place of sacred texts in secular education.



Paul Berkman

Paul Berkman is a follower of Jesus, husband, father of two rambunctious boys and Postdoctoral Researcher in plant genomics. As a young research scientist, he has been musing for the last few years over how science and God fit together. Paul relishes the daily opportunity to get to know Jesus more and discover the natural beauty of this broken world.



Steve Drinkall

Steve has spent the last ten years trying to experiment with alternative forms of church that would be viable in Australian culture. He is currently working on a project with Churches of Christ (Qld) that is attempting to seed and grow new churches in unpredictable places. Steve is married with two kids and spends his weekends playing gigs at local pubs in order to feed his snowboarding addiction.



Ann Farrell

Ann is Professor of Education and Head of the School of Early Childhood at Queensland University of Technology (QUT). She earned a PhD from The University of Queensland in 1996 and was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from The University of Gothenburg, Sweden in 2012. Authoring more than 100 scholarly publications, Ann has presented her work in 25 countries. Ann is passionate about the culture and ethics of leadership in education settings.



Lindsay Farrel

Lindsay has been a lecturer at the Australian Catholic University for over 20 years. Lindsay's work involves practice, teaching and research in the visual arts in marginalized communities. His work engages the social, ethical and religious dimensions of life and includes collaborative projects with the Queensland Art Gallery and art projects with refugees, the homeless, people in prisons and hospitals. In 2012 he was a Smithsonian Scholar in Washington DC working with art on the margins. He works at the Australian Catholic University and is an active member of a number of networks of artists that include Christians.



Liam Glover

Liam began paid ministry in 2000 after working in the field of commerce and law in both the corporate and not for profit sectors. During the years serving as the founding church leader of a suburban church in southwest Brisbane, he also worked as a church and not-for-profit organisational consultant, specialising in leadership, organisational health and effecting change. Liam currently serves as Executive Director of Arrow Leadership and Chairman of Natural Church Development Australia. Liam has qualifications in commerce, law, finance and divinity, and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Fuller.



Glenn Hohnberg

Glenn works as an evangelist with city professionals in the CBD of Brisbane, starting and directing the Brisbane City Bible Forum. He is married to the lovely Kathryn and has four young boys. His work enables him to indulge in good coffee and his wonderful wife allows him to risk his limbs rock climbing. His great love is to see Christians lovingly and boldly speak about Jesus to everyone.



Graham Hooper

Graham Hooper is an independent consultant and former Senior Executive with a global infrastructure company. He began his career living in a tent in the Selous Game Reserve in Tanzania and went on to work in some twenty countries, living for extended periods in Mauritius, Papua New Guinea, UK, UAE and Australia, where he now based. He is the author of *Undivided: Closing the Faith-Life Gap* (IVP, 2013), which explores how to close the gap between the discipleship we long for and the reality of our everyday lives.



Andrew Laird

Andrew has a background in radio journalism, holding degrees in media and theology. He first developed an interest in what the Bible has to say about work when he entered the workplace and realised that he had no idea how his daily labour connected with his Christian faith! He lives in Melbourne where he works for City Bible Forum, directing a program called *Life@Work*. He is currently undertaking research for a Master's thesis in Missional Ethics.



Wesley Leake

Wes Leake is the CEO at Business Blessings, an organisation committed to equipping those in business to be who God has called them to be in business. He is married to Pam and has four children. He is an accountant, an educator and a 'people builder'. He has worked with Guide Dogs for the Blind, Scripture Union Queensland, Scripture Union Australia, Crown Financial Ministries and Martin College.



Kara Martin

Kara is the Associate Dean of the new Marketplace Institute, and also coordinator of the online Ridley Certificate for Ridley College. She has worked in media and communications, human resources, business analysis and policy development roles, in a variety of organisations and as a consultant. She was Director of the School of Christian Studies for three years and has lectured with Macquarie Christian Studies Institute and Wesley Institute. Kara has a particular passion for training a new generation of ministers who have a holistic view of work, as well as helping churches connect with the workers in their congregations.



Lindsay McMillan

With over 25 years business experience leading not-for profit organisations, commercial and social enterprises, Lindsay brings a high degree of entrepreneurial leadership to these roles as Chief Executive and Managing Director. He has recently concluded a role as Managing Director of Converge International. His current role is to provide an understanding of the future of work & faith. He is examining the impact of the current tensions at work, purpose and meaning of work, the secular-sacred conundrum, the future of work and what our responses as believers could be. He is also a non-executive director on a number of boards.



Geoff & Anne Mitchell

Geoff Mitchell is a GP Academic with the University of Queensland School of Medicine. His roles have included leading a small research team and heading the Ipswich operations of the Medical School. His research interests are in the areas of general practice, palliative care and the GP management of complex medical problems. He is a partner in an Ipswich general practice.



Anne Mitchell is a physiotherapist who was a founding partner in Physioactive, Ipswich in 1988. It has since grown to be one of the largest providers of allied health services in the city. Her main clinical interests are in musculoskeletal physiotherapy and physiotherapy for prostate and gynaecological problems.

Richard Morris

Since his radical conversion on the first of January 1979, Richard has sought to serve and witness for Jesus through a variety of ministries: accounting, bookshop mailing, management with Lifeline, Homecare sales, pastoral leadership and, in the last 4 years, running a painting business as a sole (or is it soul?) trader. He has always sought to encourage others to discover what God has been up to in their work; to assume their present work is God's calling unless He guides otherwise, and to see work as ministry. Rubbing shoulders with fellow tradies has led to new discoveries and questions about what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the ministry of the market place.



Rod St Hill

Rod is Academic Director and Dean of Business at CHC Higher Education in Brisbane. He has published over 40 papers and book chapters in economics, learning and teaching and theology of business, and was one of the leaders at the Global Business as Mission Congress in Chiang Mai in 2013. He mentors Christian leaders and sits on the boards of a number of not-for-profit organisations. He is an Academic Advisor for the global Third Path Initiative, focused on raising up a new generation of Business as Mission (BAM) entrepreneurs. Rod is passionate about teaching business from a Christ-centred, Bible-based worldview in which, among other things, work is ordained, sustained, inspired, and required by God.



Murray Wright

Murray is currently Director of Malyon Workplace. His background as a secondary school teacher, Scripture Union staff worker, secondary school principal and senior local government executive has given him a broad perspective on working life and a strong desire to equip and empower Christians in workplace settings.

