

Year-In-Review



New Doctor of Ministry Cohort at MIT Media Labs



Oxford University Theology Summer School



Dr. Barnes with Doctor of Ministry Graduate Rev. Dr. Mark Bartel

As each of us reflects upon current events, we are reminded of the famous words of American Patriot Thomas Paine (1776): “these are the times that try men’s souls”. From the ongoing war in Ukraine and violent conflicts and destruction across the Middle East, to disruptions in global trade and economic uncertainty, to challenges to international law and toxic domestic politics, and extreme natural disasters, the previous year has been marked by conflict, social upheaval, and rising uncertainty.

Yet, there is much to marvel at. Tremendous advances are being made in technology, business, and medical research, such as: improved cancer survival rates, dramatic gains in diagnostic testing efficacy, the development of affordable and readily available treatments for serious diseases like HIV, malaria, and dengue fever. For the first time in history, global investment in renewable energy has eclipsed investments in fossil fuels. The potential for business and technology to improve the human condition is unparalleled, but so are the risks.

Tracking these rapid changes, such as the rise of Artificial Intelligence, economic injustice, climate change, and global migration, the Mockler Center Fellows along with our special guests from our partner organizations (Oxford, Harvard, MIT, Faith in Business, etc.) have been exploring how Christians can engage with a complex, changing, pluralistic society in ways that are built upon sound biblical and theological frameworks. This year’s Mockler Center themes: Sabbath as Resilience, Responsible Leadership, the Future of AI, A Christian Response to Immigration, AI,

Imago Dei, and Human Flourishing, and The Ultimate Sabbath: Rest (and Work?) in the New Heavens and New Earth, have all tried to tackle the very real challenges facing what it means to be human in the current age and what it means to be a bible-believing Christian in the public square.

From these thoughtful and deeply grounded Livestreams, to the groundbreaking research of our Doctor of Ministry students, to the diverse perspectives of our many partners from around the globe, and to our own seminary students and the local church, we are constantly reminded that responsible Christian leadership should reflect the *being, nature and character* of God as embodied in our Lord Jesus Christ who, sides with the marginalized, challenges power, heals the wounded, and seeks reconciliation.

We hope that you’ll enjoy this Year End Report, and that you will continue to stay in contact with us. Lastly, we would like to sincerely thank our founder, Mrs. Joanna Mockler, for her generous and unwavering support of our work. I also want to thank our Associate Director, Dr. Sara Minard, our Center Fellows, and our Board of Advisors, who inspire us to think critically, love unconditionally, and always respond with humility and curiosity to our ever-changing, broken, yet always beautiful world around us.

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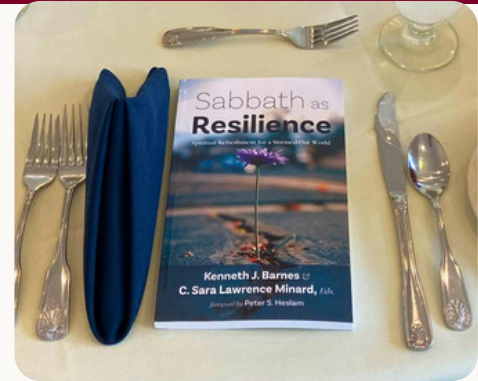
Dr. Ken Barnes



Sabbath As Resilience: Spiritual Refreshment for a Stressed-Out World



In our book, **Sabbath as Resilience** (Wipf & Stock), Mockler Center Directors and Fellows show how Sabbath is a gift, freely available in this life, and to accept this gift is an act of faithful resistance, trusting we are more than what we produce; that time is not just a resource; and that in rest we remember who we are *and whose* we are, as children of God. The book is an exploration of Sabbath that encourages both deep contemplation and action.



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Livestream Events with Mockler Center Fellows and Special Guests

MOCKLER CENTER LIVESTREAM

AI, the Imago Dei, and Human Flourishing

March 24 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (ET)
Free | Online

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The Future of AI and the Future of the Church

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Christians and Immigration:

A Roundtable Discussion on the Bible, Theology, and Immigration Policy

Wednesday, December 3 | 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (ET)
Facebook Live

MOCKLER CENTER LIVESTREAM

THE ULTIMATE SABBATH:

Rest (and Work?) in the New Heavens and New Earth

April 14 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (ET)
Free | Online

HOW LEADERS HEAL FROM WOUNDEDNESS AND TRAUMA

Christian Practices for Building Emotional, Physical and Spiritual Resilience

March 10 | 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (ET)
Free | Online

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Activities Snapshot

May 2025

- Launch of Sabbath as Resilience (Wipf & Stock, 2025)
- Two DMin graduates (Mark Bartel and Scott Morrison)
- Love in Business Seminar (Oxford Centre for Religion and Culture) - online

June 2025

- OCTET Collaborative Retreat (Endicott House) – w/ K. Barnes, S. Minard, S. McDonough, A. Ridenour and G. Butner

July 2025

- Start of new DMin Cohort (12)
- Charissa Bulos receives Joanna Mockler Scholarship
- The Good Life radio interview with Dr. Danny Yamashiro (on Sabbath as Resilience)

August 2025

- Oxford Theology Summer School (“Community Based Theological Education from Benedict to Bonhoeffer and Beyond”)

September 2025

- Faith in Business (Cambridge) “Power and Influence in Responsible Leadership” - online
- Mockler Fellows Fall Meeting

October 2025

- Faith in Business (Cambridge) “Power and Influence in Responsible Leadership” - online
- Dinner w/ Randy Alcorn, Finny Kuruvilla and Michael Hammond (discussion about the future of Christian higher education)
- Centre for Enterprise, Markets and Morality (Oxford) – met new leadership to discuss future collaboration
- Emanuel University Oradea (Romania) – preached in chapel, met local FWE leaders
- Bucharest University of Economic Studies International Management Conference – lectured on Redeeming Capitalism (see translation)
- George Buhnici podcast (1.3M subscribers) on Redeeming Capitalism

November 2025

- Faith in Business (Cambridge) “Power and Influence in Responsible Leadership” - online
- Love in Business Seminar (Oxford) - online
- ETS Conference (Boston) w/ S. McDonough, A. Ridenour, G. Butner (K. Barnes, GCTS event only)

December 2025

- Faith in Business (Cambridge) “Power and Influence in Responsible Leadership” - online
- Mockler Livestream (Christians and Immigration: A Roundtable Discussion on the Bible, Theology, and Immigration Policy) w/ G. Butner, S. Minard and K. Barnes (Guests: J. Martinez-Oliviere and P. Wilson)

January 2026

- Faith in Business (Cambridge) “Power and Influence in Responsible Leadership” - online

February 2026

- Faith in Business (Cambridge) “Power and Influence in Responsible Leadership” - online
- Kingdom Advisors Conference (Orlando)

March 2026

- Faith in Business (Cambridge) “Power and Influence in Responsible Leadership” - online
- Mockler Livestream (“How Leaders Heal from Woundedness and Trauma”) w/ J. Longhurst, S. Minard and K. Barnes (Guest: N. Rowe)
- Griffiths Center Podcast w/ Sebastian Vaduva (“Levites of the 21st Century”) - online
- Mockler Livestream (“AI, Imago Dei and Human Flourishing”) w/ N. Gantt and A. Ridenour (Guests: Mia Chung-Yee and Jonathan Teubner)
- Business for the Common Good Conference (Denver) – “Christian Leadership and Ordo Amoris”

April 2026

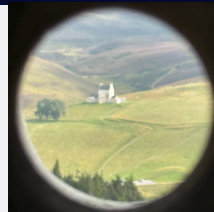
- Faith in Business (Cambridge) “Power and Influence in Responsible Leadership” - online
- Faith in Business Retreat (Cambridge) w/ K. Barnes and S. Minard
- Mockler Livestream (“The Ultimate Sabbath: Rest and Work in the New Heavens and New Earth”) w/ S. McDonough (Guest: Euntaek Shin)

May 2026

- Bruce Kennedy Annual Lecture (Seattle Pacific University) – “Ethical Leadership in Business and Economics” (w/ Jay Jakob, Oxford Mutuality Labs)
- Five DMin graduates (David Wohlers, Chad Erb, Cathy Njoya, Andrew Eis and Scott Morrison)
- Mockler Annual Strategy Session (w/ Mockler Board of Advisors and Mockler Fellows)

Mockler Center 2026-27 Future Course Offerings:

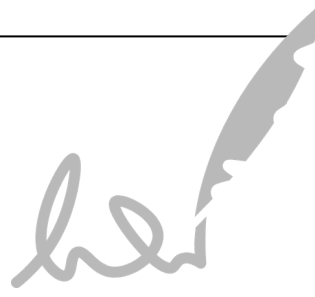
- Fall '26 ET642 Workplace Theology (Digital Live)
- J-Term (1) '27 AP/MC612 Practical Apologetics (Digital Live)
- Spring '27 SE630 Redeeming Capitalism (Digital Live)
- Spring '27 CL503 Foundations of Leadership (Digital Live)



Full List of Publications:

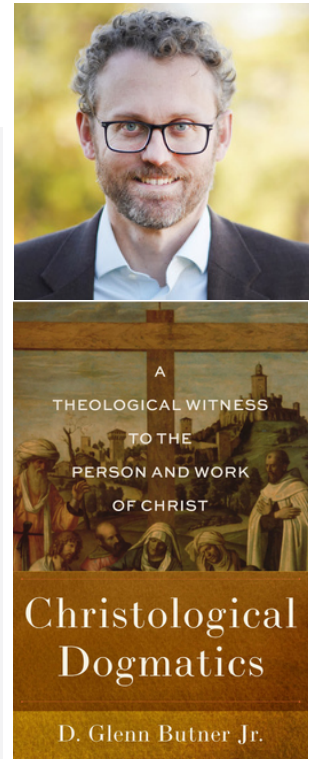
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AUTHORS SPOTLIGHT



Mockler Center Fellow **D. Glenn Butner, Jr.**, Associate Professor of Theology, has published a sequel volume to *Trinitarian Dogmatics*, titled ***Christological Dogmatics*** which aims to supplement the many great existing works of Christology by expanding the breadth of content engaged to include lesser known historical, contemporary, and global contributions. The work also aims to be more synthetic, combining insights on the person and work of Christ while blending systematic, historical, and moral theology. The book defends central evangelical convictions such as the virginal conception, deity of Christ, substitutionary atonement, and bodily resurrection while also introducing evangelicals to other perspectives across the theological spectrum.

In a context where Christianity is increasingly a global religion and where a considerable breadth of newly translated historical texts are available, *Christological Dogmatics* seeks to integrate these new contributions into longstanding approaches to Christology. Dr. Butner does so under the firm conviction that all parts of the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12) have an important contribution to make to systematic theology. The book is written for seminarians, clergy, and academics, although it is also very accessible to curious laity and upper level undergraduate classrooms.



Dr. Ken Barnes toured Romania speaking with businesses, churches, and academic leaders about the need for “virtuous capitalism”. His trip ended with an address to the *19th International Management Conference* in Bucharest where they launched the Romanian translation of his book *Redeeming Capitalism*.

Dr. Barnes reflected on his trip: “It’s quite unusual for “secular” business leaders to invite theologians to speak on economic issues, but thanks to **Prof. Sebastian Vaduva** (who spoke at GCTS last spring) we were able to get *Redeeming Capitalism* translated into Romanian just in time for the conference!”



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Looking Ahead

Check our website for upcoming **Livestream Events** with Mockler Fellows, special guests, and other Gordon-Conwell faculty and practitioners from the business, science, technology, and social sectors.

The Mockler Center will co-sponsor again the Faith in Business Leadership Retreat to be held at Westminster College in Cambridge, UK from April 24-25, 2026.