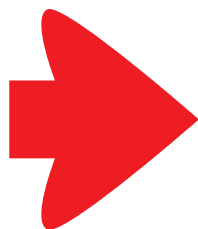
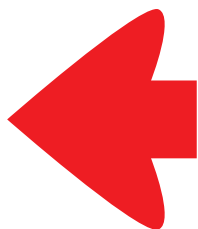


# FOR LOVE OR MONEY?



**VOCATIONAL WAYFINDING**  
I.S. CONFERENCE, JANUARY 22 – 23  
FEATURING DR. GIDEON STRAUSS

# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Wednesday, January 22

8:30	Welcome Table and Coffee/Tea outside Gym	
9:00-9:15	Opening	
9:15-10:15	<b>Fierces Loves, Deep Fears, and Big Enough Dreams</b> <i>Dr. Gideon Strauss and Panelists</i>	ROOTS/STEM
10:15	Break	
10:45-12:00	Breakout Sessions	LEAVES
12:00-1:15	Lunch	
1:15-2:15	<b>Large Group Sessions</b> <i>(see list and room locations on page 9)</i>	LEAVES
2:30-3:30	Meet with faculty markers <i>(see lists at welcome table for room assignment)</i>	
EVENING PUBLIC LECTURE (OPTIONAL FOR STUDENTS)		
7:00	<b>For Love &amp; Money: Life Designs Maladies and Methods</b> <i>Dr. Gideon Strauss (see page 4 for more details)</i>	N102

## Thursday, January 23

8:30	Welcome Table and Coffee/Tea outside Gym	
9:00-9:15	Opening	
9:15-10:15	<b>Life Craft: Possible Selves, In-Between Selves, and Flirting with Your Future</b> <i>Dr. Gideon Strauss and Panelists</i>	ROOTS/STEM
10:15	Break	
10:45-12:00	Breakout Sessions	LEAVES
12:00-1:15	Lunch	
1:15-2:15	<b>Large Group Sessions</b> <i>(see list and room locations on page 9)</i>	LEAVES
1:15-2:15	<b>At Home and on the Journey: World-Viewing and Vocational Wayfinding</b> <i>Dr. Gideon Strauss and Panelists</i>	ROOTS/STEM
2:30-3:30	Discussion Sections	

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout sessions are from 10:45-12:00, with all sessions repeated each day.  
For full session descriptions, see pages 5-8.

<b>1</b>	<b>Why Do These Liberals Want to Take My Job?</b> <i>Neal DeRoo and Mark Gurnett</i>	<b>N109</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Engaging God through the Parable of Your Job</b> <i>John Van Sloten</i>	<b>N111</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Navigating Employment as a BIPOC or International Student</b> <i>Karis Nsofor</i>	<b>N108</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Working in Nature</b> <i>Kevin Van Tighem</i>	<b>N102</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Proactive Provision: Juggling You Calling With the Need for Cash</b> <i>Zahory Zapata</i>	<b>N118</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Sustainable Business Practices</b> <i>Stacey Toews</i>	<b>N210</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Living With the F-words: Fear, Failure, and the Future</b> <i>Sonia Zimmerman</i>	<b>N219</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Introduction to Resume Building</b> <i>Nancy Burford</i>	<b>N209</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Are They a Jerk, or Am I Just Tired?</b> <i>Loralee Williams</i>	<b>N208</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Navigating Life's Journey: From Changing Your Major to Changing Careers</b> <i>Kathleen Busch</i>	<b>L116</b>

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



## DR. GIDEON STRAUSS, PHD

**Dr. Gideon Strauss, PhD**, is Academic Dean and Associate Professor of Worldview Studies at the Institute for Christian Studies, a graduate school of philosophy in Toronto, and a senior fellow with the Center for Public Justice in Washington, D.C. Gideon also facilitates vocational discipleship in churches in his native South Africa. He was the editor of *Comment* magazine from 2000 to 2010.



## FOR LOVE & MONEY: LIFE DESIGNS MALADIES AND METHODS 7:00 P.M. IN ROOM N102

Dr. Gideon Strauss

The poet David Whyte has suggested that work is, for all of us, a “pilgrimage of identity.” How might we negotiate our pilgrimages? In this lecture, Gideon Strauss (Academic Dean at the Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto), explores the meaning and mystery of our callings, some of the obstacles that trip us up as we respond to these callings, and some of the approaches available to us as we try and overcome these obstacles.

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## Why Do These Liberals Want to Take my Job?

N109

Many people today find a criticism of the oil industry (say, on environmental reasons) to be a direct challenge to their livelihood, and hence as a personal attack. In this session, we will talk with someone who works in an oil-related industry and hear their approach to living and working for God in that industry. We will also talk about different to improving the environment, to making social and political change, and to understanding how one’s work fits in with one’s relationship to God.

**Dr. Neal DeRoo** is a Canada Research Chair in Phenomenology and Philosophy of Religion and Professor of Philosophy at the King’s University in Edmonton. He is the author of many publications on religion and contemporary European philosophy, including *Futurity in Phenomenology* (2013). He currently lives with his wife and two kids in the woods east of Sherwood Park.

**Mark Gurnett (C.E.T.)** is a Journeyman Machinist and Mechanical Engineering Technologist, Mark has been employed in oilfield related work for the past 25 years. Currently, he is Chairman for the Program Advisory Committee for the CNC Machinist Technician Program at NAIT, Chairman of the Leadership team at Ministik Community Church, and the Owner of Shepherd Machine Inc. He lives with his wife and four children on a small farm near South Cooking Lake, where he keeps sheep, chickens, and a garden in his spare time.

## Engaging God through the Parable of Your Job

N111

You are made in the image of a working God. In this breakout session you’ll learn how to unpack your unique vocational image bearing nature so that you can experience God at work more.

**John Van Sloten** is a Calgary-based pastor, teacher and writer. He’s written two books: *The Day Metallica Came to Church: Searching for the Everywhere God in Everything* (2010) and *Every Job a Parable: What Walmart Greeters, Nurses and Astronauts tell us about God* (2017). John is currently part of an Ambrose Seminary team working on a Science for Seminaries grant.

## Navigating Employment as a BIPOC or International Student

N108

*Disclaimer: This session will prioritize and centre the experiences of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour) students as well as those who are newcomers to Canada (arrived here in the last 0-15 years). All students are invited to attend.*

Getting a job in your field as a university student/graduate is already a hard task. Add on to that the realities of being a person of colour and/or a newcomer to Canada with very little to no “relevant” experience and no connections, makes things even harder. Join us to learn how this Black and international alumna has navigated the system and supported others to do the same.

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**Karis Nsofor** graduated from King's in 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. She has worked for over 5 years with African, Caribbean, and Black youth, and other ethno-cultural communities, to build their capacities and support their access to resources, networks and opportunities. She currently works with the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers as the Community Empowerment and Facilitation Specialist.

## Working in Nature

N102

Conservation activist, writer and former National Park Superintendent Kevin Van Tighem shares some insights about building a career in the world of biology, based on his many years with the Canadian Wildlife Service and Parks Canada — first as a job hunter with a degree and, later, as someone doing the hiring. He will also share a few war stories.

**Kevin Van Tighem** was born and raised in Calgary. He graduated with a degree in plant ecology from the University of Calgary in 1977 and worked in parks and wildlife for over 30 years. In his career he served at Jasper, Yoho, and Waterton Lakes National Parks, and served as superintendent at Prince Albert National Park, Elk Island, and Banff. Kevin has written extensively about wildlife and conservation. His most recent book is *Our Place/ Changing the Nature of Alberta*.

## Proactive Provision: Juggling Your Calling with the Need for Cash N118

Whether you've been asked "what can you even do with [insert degree here]?" or you're at least somewhat certain that your degree could possibly (maybe . . . hopefully?) land you a decent job, the bottom line is that nothing makes a person more anxious than the idea their ambitions won't be enough to get by. What are you supposed to do when you feel like you're passionately called to something you're not certain will pay the bills? Through sharing her experiences, realizations — and even some practical and proven financial tips — Zahory hopes to encourage students to stick with God — or stick with their gut — without gutting their wallet.

**Zahory Zapata** is a 3rd year Theology major at King's. Born and raised in Edmonton by beautiful immigrant parents, this very loud Afro-Latina is a bubble of pure extroverted energy (and a bit of edge) that holds Jesus, her faith, her health and personal growth, and each and every one of her relationships very close to her heart.

## Sustainable Business Practices

N210

Stacey will speak from his experience, starting out as a volunteer in Asia, on a journey that led him to build his family through adoption and then start a profit Fair Trade Company that sources products annually from 5,000 farms in 8 countries. Stacey has a passion for the gospel and justice in the marketplace. He will talk about 'shopping as worship, the impact of global trade, integrity of practice throughout a company's supply chain, stewarding a healthy planet and eating like your life depends on it!

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**Stacey Toews** is a co-founder of Level Ground Trading. Level Ground sources everything from coffee and tea to dried fruit, cane sugar and spices. For 23 years, the company has focused on sustainability and making connections between farmers and consumers. An avid cyclist and runner, Stacey lives on a hobby farm on Vancouver Island with his wife Laurie and their four children.

## Living with the F-words: Fear, Failure, and the Future

N219

Failure is one of the biggest F-bombs many of us experience. It's like food poisoning from a local burger chain on the last day before they close up shop for good. We'll never get another chance at the drippy goodness of their burgers without the stomach mayhem that followed, and never get to "unfair" or eradicate the existence of the blunder that did indeed happen. Unlike food poisoning, the aftermath of failure often sticks around for a really long time. Fear is not that different. One might give up on burger joints altogether due to fear of another digestive episode. In this breakout session, we'll consider the role these F-words play in the way we shape our future and how we might influence that role.

**Sonia Zimmerman** is a registered psychologist who splits her time between the role of lead psychologist at The King's University and working in private practice. While she works with a variety of mental health issues, she specializes in the field of trauma. She also has a background in education and earlier career endeavors included teaching drama, fine arts and mathematics. Her own wayfinding has led her to rural Alberta, the Northwest Territories, New Zealand, and Massachusetts.

## Introduction to Resume Building

N209

Develop a basic resume and prepare for your summer job searches in this resume-building workshop with Nancy Burford. Within this interactive workshop, Nancy will show students how to construct a basic resume that can best showcase their skillsets and work experience. There will also be some discussion about the cover letters and online applications and job searches. Can you get a good job in today's economy? Yes! Be prepared, be professional and get your foot in the door, beginning with strong application material!

**Nancy Burford** is the Internship Program Coordinator for the Environmental Studies (ENVS) Program at The King's University. As a Certified Career Development practitioner, she has been supervising the ENVS Internship Program and working directly with students in career development for over 10 years at King's.

## Are They a Jerk, or Am I Just Tired?

N208

Everyone has a time in their life when they deal with challenging circumstances, challenging people or are just confronted with a wall of questions. This can be especially true of those that work with vulnerable communities and in service-oriented careers. Lorelee will share her experience working in the humanitarian and development sectors, encountering

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

events and stories of trauma, struggling with privilege and identity while working in under-served communities, and staying true to who we want to be, rather than conforming to our environments.

**Loralee Williams** graduated from King's in 2011 with a degree in PHE and the Micah Certificate. Her passion for social justice and drive to create sustainable change led her to work with the Mennonite Central Committee and the Canadian Red Cross in a number of countries in Africa and the Americas including Burkina Faso, Mali, Chad and Haiti. She is currently living in Ottawa where she working to help internationally-educated pharmacists become integrated into the Canadian healthcare system.

## **Navigating Life's Journey: From Changing Your Major to Changing Careers** **L116**

"Perhaps art just isn't your calling" was what a favourite professor kindly suggested when he encouraged me to explore a new minor in university. Those words changed my whole trajectory for life. Come hear from King's alumni manager about changing career goals and following God's calling through listening to others, self and ultimately God to find one's calling, vocation, and passions. Social media might have us believe that life is a series of great events and with nothing but successes, but what about life's detours? How do you navigate real life when you fail a course, get laid off, enter a recession or downturn in the economy? How do build a life of resiliency, faithfulness, and contentment no matter what the circumstance?

**Kathleen Busch** is King's Alumni Manager. She was once an aspiring artist and then discovered that God and life had different directions for her. She has navigated career changes through her vocation from retail, to professor, from pastoring to teaching overseas, from breeding dogs to running an Airbnb. Kathleen has done it all and it seems like every 3-4 years a new challenge unfolds.

# LARGE GROUP SESSIONS

## **Perspectives from a Career in Conservation** **N102**

You're an idealist who loves the natural world and would love to work in conservation, but you're also terrified you won't be able to pay your student loans. Will the government shut down funding for jobs in this field? What kind of jobs even ARE there in conservation and how do you get one? Join Kevin Van Tighem, who will share real-life stories and perspectives from his own career and give you the "real deal" on how you can love nature, get a job, and yes, still pay your student loans.

**Kevin Van Tighem** spent years working for the Canadian Wildlife Service and Parks Canada. See full bio on page 6.

## **The Funny Thing About Me Is . . . I Never End Up Where I Planned** **N108**

Where do I fit? Where do faith and my career intersect? I'm questioning my field of study! How do I get the job I want? Everyone has questions about career, identity, and how to get there. Loralee Williams, a graduate of the PHE program, will discuss with Dr. Michael DeMoor life after King's, the challenges of entering the workforce, the excitement of landing a job, and trying to sort out identity, calling and faith in the professional sphere, and the surprises that happen along the way.

**Loralee Williams** is a King's PHE alum. See her full bio on page 8.

## **Pathway to Presidency: Lessons Along the Way** **Knoppers Hall**

Is there really a career pathway to being a university president? In this workshop participants will hear some stories from Dr. Humphreys about her path to being President of The King's University. Survey data show that Canadian university presidents come from diverse academic and professional backgrounds. We will also take a brief dive into what university senior leadership looks like across Canada.

**Dr. Melanie Humphreys** is in her seventh year as President and CEO of The King's University. A Canadian, Dr. Humphreys spent much of her professional career prior to her current role outside of Canada. She served as a Dean and adjunct faculty member at Wheaton College in Illinois. Prior to her time in the USA, she served ten years as Vice President Student Life and Dean of Students at LCC International University, a liberal arts university in Lithuania, Eastern Europe. Dr. Humphreys holds a PHD in higher education from Azusa Pacific University (APU) and her undergraduate and master's degrees from Trinity Western University in BC. While completing her doctorate, she taught in APU's Masters of Global Leadership program teaching in Brazil, Chile, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mexico, Singapore, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Dr. Humphreys is a member of the Council of Post-Secondary Presidents of Alberta, serves on the Education Committee and Women's Leadership Advisory Committee to Universities Canada, and is a Trustee and current Board chair for Los Angeles Pacific University.

# LARGE GROUP SESSIONS

## Grad School Do's and Don'ts

L116

If you're curious about or considering applying to graduate school, come hear some King's alumni from both the sciences and the arts talk about their experiences with the application process and their current studies.

**Aubry Poulin** is a BA English alumnus from King's currently completing his MA in English literature with The University of Victoria.

**McKenzie Tilstra** is a BSc alumna from King's. She is currently a MSc candidate in epidemiology at the University of Alberta.

## Business as Mission (BAM) - Bridges that WORK!

N109

As you pursue your education and potential career options, what is the path ahead, and what bridges will you cross? Explore the landscape and BAM's quadruple bottom line of Social, Economic, Environmental and Spiritual development, bridging into new regions with real results.

**Jim Ewing** is Co-Founder, Pro-Vision Solutions Inc. With more than 40 years in entrepreneurial development and the financial industry, Jim enjoys helping people and organizations succeed. Within Marketplace Ministries and BAM he works collaboratively with individuals and key stakeholders interested in "Shaping Businesses that Honour Christ."

# I.S. ALUMNI & PASTORS DINNER JANUARY 22, 2020 5:30 TO 7:30 P.M. THE KING'S UNIVERSITY – N101

Join us for a free dinner to celebrate our pastors and alumni, followed by the *For Love & Money: Life Design Maladies and Methods* lecture from Dr. Gideon Strauss. See description and information on page 4.

# ASSIGNMENT FOR STUDENTS

All students will meet with faculty markers on Wednesday, January 22 at 2:30 p.m. See the list at the welcome desk for your room assignment. You will write a short reflection at that time. Students completing the paper assignment will receive their assignment, which is due on Moodle by **Friday, January 31 at NOON**. Students in discussion section will go to the same room on both Wednesday and Thursday at 2:30 p.m. to participate in the discussion.

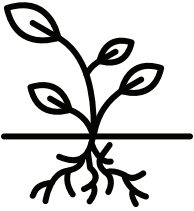
## Remember, to pass IS, you must do all of the following:

- Attend the conference both days, all day.
- Attend your discussion section on Thursday for the whole time (if registered in D section), OR complete the paper assignment by January 31 at NOON (if registered in P section).

If you have special circumstances or concerns, you **must** fill out the Exception Form on Moodle and submit with appropriate documentation to **Madison Holzmann**, Administrative Assistant for Interdisciplinary Studies (madison.holzmann@kingsu.ca, A121 in The Level, 780-780-465-3500 EXT 8107). Forms that do not have accompanying documentation will not be accepted.

# A Visual Guide to Interdisciplinary Studies

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This plant symbolizes the learning goals the IS faculty committee has for students attending the Interdisciplinary Studies conferences. You will see these labels in different places in the program events to help you see how all the pieces fit together.

- **ROOTS** What’s going on “beneath the surface” of an issue; the soil and nutrients that go into how people view things; this helps you learn to see the world as shaped by various values/commitments
- **STEM** How the root shapes the surface appearance of the issue; this helps you make connections between the root issues and how this actually plays out in the world and how we live
- **LEAVES** The various disciplinary approaches that show the complexity of the issue; you can see how different people in different areas are working to engage this issue, and gives you a “real-life” example of how you might participate in transforming the world

## Mission

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**THE KING’S UNIVERSITY** exists to provide university education that inspires and equips learners to bring renewal and reconciliation to every walk of life as followers of Jesus Christ, the Servant-King.

## Vision

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Our vision is to be widely known as a Christian university serving to build a more humane, just, and sustainable world.



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