

Formation: A Symposium on Living as a Christian in Economics

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In the Fall 2017 issue, *Faith & Economics* published the symposium “Translations: A Symposium on Readings for Christians in Economics.” It consisted of essays by economists late in their careers who have made a sustained contribution to the project of connecting the Christian intellectual and cultural tradition to the work of economists. They reflected on the readings and other influences that were foundational to their work.

For this issue, *F&E* has commissioned a complementary group of essays by Christian economists who are still (roughly) in the first half of their careers. The participants were asked to participate in the same project of addressing the connections between the Christian tradition and their work as economists: What things have been influential and helpful to them? What potentially worthwhile things have been missing? How would they want the conversation about economics and the Christian tradition to be shaped? What are emerging fruitful areas for further work? What would be most helpful to them and their peers as Christian scholars? What conversations would they like to see initiated among Christian economists?

Both symposia are pastorally strategic. They are pastoral in giving us thoughtful scholars’ insights and advice about the art of forming a professional life with meaning. And they are strategic by, cumulatively, helping the community of like-minded economists chart a course of effective service to the profession and the culture at large.



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I appreciate this opportunity to reflect on how the conversation about economics and the Christian tradition might be shaped in the future. It’s humbling to consider how much literature, and how many life-