

## 2020 Speaker Lineup - January / June



**Jan 2020 - Patrick Nurre** was trained in the secular view of geology. Over the past 40 years he has been actively involved in the Creation/Evolution issue in the field of geology. He has spoken to hundreds of college students, and is a popular speaker at many conventions and homeschool conferences. In 2005, Patrick created Northwest Treasures to provide opportunities to study geology from a Biblical perspective. In the fall of 2012, he opened the Geology Learning Center, a geology museum/educational center located in Mountlake Terrace.



**Feb 2020 - Dr. Rob Carter** earned a BS in Applied Biology from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 1992. He then spent four years teaching high school biology, chemistry, physics and electronics. Dr. Carter earned his PhD in Marine Biology at the University of Miami. He completed this program in 2003 with a dissertation on "Cnidarian Fluorescent Proteins." While in Miami, he studied the genetics of pigmentation in corals and other invertebrates, designed and built an aquaculture facility for Caribbean corals, and licensed a spin-off product of his research (a patented fluorescent protein) to a biotech company.



**Mar 2020 - Dr. Keith Swenson** is a retired medical doctor who now teaches courses in biology and geology at Multnomah University in Portland, Oregon. He also served for twenty years as President of Portland's Design Science Association and was on the board of the Seven Wonders Museum near Mount St. Helens. Keith leads field trips to Mount St. Helens, the Columbia Gorge, Northwest forests and the Grand Canyon. Keith has a B.S. in Zoology from the University of Idaho and an M.D. from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He and his wife, Connie, have four grown children.



**Apr 2020 - Chris Ashcraft** obtained a Bachelor of Science in biology from Wayland Baptist University in 1989, a Master of Science in biology from Texas Tech University in 1996, a Master of Education from the University of Washington in 2008, and a Master in Teaching Math and Science from Seattle Pacific University in 2012. Chris is a Christian educator employed as high school science teacher at Cedar Park Christian Schools, and adjunct professor at Northwest University. Chris has also worked in plant biotechnology. He was a research technician at the Cotton Fiber Production Laboratory at Texas Tech.



**May 2020 - Dr. Phil Fernandes** is the senior pastor of Trinity Bible Fellowship and the president of the [Institute of Biblical Defense](#). Fernandes founded the Institute of Biblical Defense in 1990 to help train Christians in their defense of the faith. He also teaches Bible, philosophy, and world religions at Crosspoint Academy and the Gateway School of Ministry in Bremerton, WA. He has completed doctoral work in both philosophy of religion (Greenwich University) and theological studies (Columbia Evangelical Seminary). He has authored several books dealing with the defense of the Christian faith.



**Jun 2020 - Dr. Jerry Bergman** is an author, teacher and a speaker. He has taught biology, biochemistry, anatomy and genetics, psychology and other courses for over 40 years at the University of Toledo Medical College, Bowling Green State University, and other colleges. His 9 degrees include a Doctorate from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. The 1,026 college credit hours he has earned is the equivalent to almost 20 master's degrees. Bergman fits in the website **The 10 Most Educated People on the Planet** ahead of several others, and in the science area is number one.