



A PROFILE OF TRANSFORMATION

Name: Dr. Peter Story

Hometown: Worcester, MA

Profession: Visiting Assistant Professor, Clark University

ASA Affiliation: Member

Hobbies: Reading science-fiction, playing video games, and exploring the greater Worcester area with my wife

Favorite Pro Sports Team: Worcester Red Sox

When did you first discover American Scientific Affiliation (ASA)?

I have known about the ASA for as long as I can remember, since both my parents (Craig and Kelly Story) have been involved for many years.

Which recent ASA events have been particularly meaningful to you?

The ASA Winter Symposium, held in January, was very encouraging. It was great to hear from Francis Collins, who has been such an effective figure in public health and such a wonderful Christian witness. I remember him performing a touching song. That was around the time that we entered a more hopeful phase of the pandemic, so that event marks that time in my memory.

What field of science do you work in? How do your faith and scientific disciplines intersect?

I am a computer scientist, and I earned my PhD in Societal Computing. Computer scientists think a lot about *how* to build technology (e.g., writing software that is easy to use, maintainable, etc.). As illustrated by Grace Lew's article in the latest issue of PSCF, how we build technology does intersect with our faith. I think Christians can also contribute a unique perspective on *what* we should build. As a Christian, I feel called to build a world that embodies the Kingdom of God. As a computer scientist, that means thinking about the likely effects of the technologies I build (e.g., will my app spread shalom or division?). For more on this topic, I recommend Langdon Winner's seminal article, "Do artifacts have politics?"

How long have you been a member/donor and what has ASA meant to you?

I have been a student member of the ASA through my undergraduate and graduate studies. After earning my PhD this year, I am proud to have joined the ASA as a full member!

What do our friends and financial partners need to know about how ASA is making a difference?

The ASA does amazing work towards integrating faith and science!

Clearly, this has never been more important for our society. If you support this work, you should definitely find a way to contribute to the ASA, whether that be financially, through time, or through prayer.