



SUMMIT MINISTRIES ALUM PAUL LEWER LEADS JUSTICE FOR ALL AT CU

“During the summer of 2002 I spent two weeks in Manitou Springs, Colorado for Summit Ministries’ summer seminar (www.summitministries.org). It was there I first met JFA director, David Lee. He described what Justice For All does at public universities. I was immediately intrigued. I knew right away that I wanted to help if JFA came to the University of Colorado in Boulder (CU).

Almost a year later David had a proposal for me. “Would you like to help bring JFA to Boulder?” came the challenge. I jumped at it. The whole process of bringing JFA’s exhibit to a public university is not easy. CU was no exception.

Mounds of paperwork and interviews awaited me. David Lee and Jim Spencer were awesome and made the whole process as easy as they could. The university made the whole process as tedious and cumbersome as they possibly could. In the end, a new student group was formed: Justice For All: Students For Bio-Ethical Equality. The exhibit was approved and scheduled to come.

The night before the first day I slept little. I couldn’t wait. The way hearts and minds would be changed was as limitless as our Creator. The next morning a dose of reality hit CU’s campus. The opposition was ready. Signs of protest and slogans written all over the sidewalk detested our presence. A collection of ardent pro-choice students began a long three days. I knew as little as they did about what was in store.

I saw amazing things during those three days the exhibit was at CU and I continue to hear about amazing things that went on. After hearing David speak previously I knew what amazing things could happen at a JFA exhibit. But it is one thing to know something cool is going to happen and it is another thing to actually witness something so powerful.

I saw the ardent pro-choice contingent completely turn face. On the first day they refused to speak to us at all. By the third day, the groups of pro-choice students were approaching us! I had tears in my eyes as I watched....

The clown I am talking to above right was quite the guy. I recognized him because he was an RA in a building close to one I lived in my freshman year. I think he is a grad student. He seemed to like the idea of death and thought the world needed more of it.

The girl (above in blue—left) was fairly honest intellectually. What she realized at the end of our conversation was that the whole question of abortion rested on what the unborn is and how it is defined. She posed excellent and tough questions.

The power of the Lord was very evident to me through JFA coming to CU...there are students at CU who think differently, children who are alive today, and people who have come to Christ because of the exhibit. All this was not possible with a large display alone but with the power of our Lord. Praise be to our Lord!” --

Paul Lewer, CU Junior

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JFA has now surveyed 3 universities on students’ reaction to the JFA Exhibit. While the CU results cannot be considered statistically significant, they do hint at the impact a JFA Exhibit has on campus.

408 surveys were taken on the 2nd and 3rd day of the Exhibit, in 15 different campus locations (none near the exhibit), from about 9 AM to 3 PM each day; 77% of students indicated they knew about the Exhibit when surveyed, of which 82% said they saw it in person, and another 8% said they saw it via the exhibit brochure. Only 4 students (1.5%) of those who said they saw the exhibit didn’t know the basic message of the exhibit; 44 (15.7%) students said seeing the exhibit made them less in favor of abortion, while 23 students (8.2%) said seeing the exhibit made them more in favor of abortion (the highest of any campus we’ve surveyed).