Fourth Biennial Symposium
on Religion and Politics

The Henry Institute
Calvin College

April 24-26, 2008

Program Schedule

All events take place at the Prince Conference Center
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Thursday, April 24  

Thursday, April 24  
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
Welcome and Light Buffet  
Location: Blue Spruce/Elm  

Thursday, April 24  
7:15 – 9:00 p.m.  
Panel 1A: Religion and Contemporary American Politics  
Location: White Pine  
Chair: Neil Carlson, Calvin College  

Competing Frameworks: The American Catholic Bishops, the Catholic Media, and the Politics of Immigration  
Todd Scribner, The Catholic University of America  
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Steven Millies, University of South Carolina Aiken  
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Evangelicals in the Iowa Caucuses: Issue Voting and the Iraq War  
Kimberly Conger, Iowa State University  
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Discussant:  
Neil Carlson, Calvin College, nec4@calvin.edu
Panel 1B:  Religion and the Politics of Human Rights
Location:  Hickory
Chair:  Amy Edmonds, Baylor University

The Lullaby of Argus Panoptes: Toward a Conversation on Cosmology in Universal Human Rights
Rob Joustra, Redeemer University College
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Church-State Ties and Democratization: Catholic Human Rights Advocacy during Latin American Civil Wars
Nick Rowell, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque
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The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Rhetorical War on Human Rights Violation
Amanada Stek, Calvin College
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Discussant:  Amy Edmonds, Baylor University, amy_edmonds@baylor.edu

Panel 1C:  Philosophical Reflections on Religion and Public Life
Location:  Maple
Chair:  Gordon Babst, Chapman University

Resentment and Transcendence
Nathan Colborne, Nipissing University
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The Popular English Reformation
Tim Perenich, Andrews University Theological Seminary
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Dimensions to Understanding ‘Natural Law’ in the Writings of Thomas Aquinas
Weiwei (Daisy) Zhang, Tsinghua University, Beijing
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Discussant:  Gordon Babst, Chapman University, gbabst@chapman.edu

Thursday, April 24
Reception
Location:  Fireside Room

9:00 – 9:45 p.m.
Friday, April 25

Panel 2A: Religion and Civic Engagement

Location: Willow East
Chair: Chris McHorney, California Baptist University

Powerful Benevolence: Reflections on Religious Humanitarian Aid and its Consensus with the State
Amanda Napoli, Baylor University
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The Impact of Church-based Politicized Social Capital on Black Political Activism
R. Khari Brown, Wayne State University
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Faith as a Political Resource: Investigating Congregational Motivations for Engagement in Faith-based Community Organizing
Kristin Geraty, Indiana University
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(Note: Unable to attend)

Discussant:
Chris McHorney, California Baptist Univ., cmchorney@calbaptist.edu

Panel 2B: Religion and the Perception of Others

Location: Willow West
Chair: Joel Westra, Calvin College

Islam: The Other World on the Fringe of Fear
Galip Beygu Isen and Ozge Ozyilmas, Istanbul Bilgi University
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Evil or “Evil”? Morality, Threat and American Foreign Policy
Mary Manjikian, Regent University
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Discussant:
Joel Westra, Calvin College, jhw3@calvin.edu
Panel 2C: An Agenda for Evangelical Political Thought
Location: Hickory
Chair: Paul Brink, Gordon College

Panelists:
Jesse Covington, Westmont College
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Micah Watson, Union University
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Discussant:
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Friday, April 25
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Refreshment Break
Location: Fireside Room

Friday, April 25
11:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Panel 3A: Clergy and Contemporary American Politics
Location: Willow East
Chair: Christine Brickman, Catholic University of America

Political and Social Action among American Clergy: A Study of Twenty American Christian Denominations
James Guth, Furman University
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Lutherans in the 21st Century: Theology, Politics, and Worship Practice
Jeff Walz, Concordia University Wisconsin
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Faith and Politics: Political Engagement among Pastors in Wilmington, Delaware
Brian Coleman and Ram Cnaan, University of Pennsylvania
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Discussant:
Christine Brickman, Catholic Univ. of America, 63brickman@cua.edu
Panel 3B: Democratic Life and the Incorporation of “Minority” Religious Groups

Location: Blue Spruce
Chair: Bert de Vries, Calvin College

Hamas’s Incentives: Violent & Religious Markets in Gaza
Amy Underkofler, University of Washington
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Embracing a Common Destiny: Toward a One-State Solution in Israel-Palestine”
Phil Jackson, Calvin College
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Christian Responsibility for International Peace: A Case Study of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon
Kristine Tuinstra, Calvin College
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Discussant:
Bert de Vries, Calvin College, DVRB@calvin.edu

Panel 3C: Author Meets “Critics”: Discussion of Theology, Political Theory, and Pluralism by Kristen Deede Johnson (Cambridge)

Location: Hickory
Chair: Jonathan Chaplin, Kirby Lang Institute for Christian Ethics

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Chris Miller, Institute for Christian Studies
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Kristen Deede Johnson, Hope College
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Friday, April 25
Lunch
Location: White Pine/Maple

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Friday, April 25
2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Panel 4A:  Issues Related to Church and State in the American Setting
Location:  Willow East
Chair:  Kathryn Lee, Eastern University

A Holy Secular Institution
Perry Dane, Rutgers University School of Law—Camden
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Federalism, Church-State Relations, and the Significance of State Blaine Amendments
David Ryden, Hope College
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Religiosity and Tolerance in the Public Square: Attitudes toward the Relationship of
Church and State in the United States
Traci L. Nelson, University of Pittsburgh
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Discussant:
Kathryn Lee, Eastern University, klee@eastern.edu

Panel 4B:  Religion, Economic Life, and Political Development
Location:  Willow West
Chair:  Kurt Schaefer, Calvin College

Max Weber and Islam: The Paradox of Economic Development in Islamic Societies
Ayman Reda, Grand Valley State University
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Religion and Life Satisfaction among Nations
Lauren Deschamps, University of Notre Dame
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Public Religion and Its Application in China
Yinghua Liu, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
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Discussant:
Kurt Schaefer, Calvin College, schk@calvin.edu
Panel 4C: Religion, Authority, and Tolerance

Location: Hickory
Chair: J. Daryl Charles, Princeton University

The Dawn of the Age of Toleration: Samuel Pufendorf and the Road Not Taken
Nicholas Miller, Andrews University Seminary
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On the Legal Toleration of Belief and Behavior
Kyle Swan, National University of Singapore
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Understanding Authority: Exploring its Relationship to Power and Office
David Koyzis, Redeemer University College
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Discussant:
J. Daryl Charles, Princeton University, jdcharle@princeton.edu

Panel 4D: Religion and Public Policy

Location: Blue Spruce
Chair: Paul Cornish, Grand Valley State University

The Common Good and Education Policy in a Religiously Pluralist Society
Sarah Vester, Calvin College
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And Who is My Neighbor? Religion and Attitudes toward Immigration Policy
Benjamin Knoll, University of Iowa
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The Public Value of Religion
Craig Engelhardt, Baylor University
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Discussant:
Paul Cornish, Grand Valley State University, cornishp@gvsu.edu

Friday, April 25
Refreshment Break
Location: Fireside Room

3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
**Friday, April 25**  
4:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Panel 5A:  Religion and American Political Institutions**

**Location:** Willow East  
**Chair:** Jim Guth, Furman University

- Religious Adherence and Equality in American Political Representation  
  Kasey Swanke, University of Notre Dame  
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- The Role of the Solicitor General in Church-State Cases within the Clinton and Bush Administrations: A Case Study Supporting the Politicization of the Solicitor General  
  Andrew Lewis, American University  
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- Religion and Government Corruption in the American States  
  Pat Flavin and Richard Ledet, University of Notre Dame  
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  **Discussant:**  
  Jim Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu

**Panel 5B:  Religion and Politics in Latin America**

**Location:** Willow West  
**Chair:** Amy Patterson, Calvin College

- The Dissident Cross: Catholicism and Political Confrontation in Cuba  
  Robert A. Portada, University of Notre Dame  
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- Protestantism and Radicalism in Mexico from the 1860s to the 1930s  
  Daniel Miller, Calvin College  
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- One Church, Two Paths: Explaining the Divergent Responses of the Chilean and Argentine Churches to Military Repression  
  Amy Edmonds, Baylor University  
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  **Discussant:**  
  Amy Patterson, Calvin College, apatters@calvin.edu
Panel 5C: **Religion and Social Issues**
**Location:** Hickory
**Chair:** Steven Millies, University of South Carolina Aiken

The Social Teaching of Benedict XVI  
Michael Coulter, Grove City College  
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Buyer Beware: Alexis de Tocqueville's Warning and Consumer Culture  
Brandon Wentworth, Auburn University  
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Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Political Truth and the Intimate Consequences of American Murder and Capital Punishment  
James D. Slack, University of Alabama at Birmingham  
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Discussant:  
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Panel 5D: **Islam and Democratic Life in the West**
**Location:** Blue Spruce
**Chair:** Tracy Kuperus, Calvin College

The Politicization of Religion in the West: Assessing the Effects of Policy Legacies and Government Construction on European Islam  
Kathryn Gardner, University of Notre Dame  
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Israel, the Arabs, and the Middle East in Presidential Memory: Carter in Comparative Perspective  
D. Jason Berggren, University of Georgia  
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Discussant:  
Tracy Kuperus, Calvin College, tlk5@calvin.edu

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**Friday, April 25**
**Dinner**
**Location:** White Pine/Maple
Saturday, April 26

Saturday, April 26 8:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Panel 6A: Religion and the American Civil Rights Movement
Location: Willow East
Chair: Doug Koopman, Calvin College

Identification and Prophetic Rage: Leadership in the Civil Rights Movement
James M. Patterson, University of Virginia
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The Jericho Road and the Beloved Community: The Radical Vision of James Lawson
Stephen Shaw, Northwest Nazarene University
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Discussant:
Doug Koopman, Calvin College, dkoopman@calvin.edu

Panel 6B: Religion and Politics in Orthodox Settings
Location: Willow West
Chair: Vyacheslav Karpov, Western Michigan University

Russian Orthodoxy under Putin: ‘Managed Democracy’ and the New Symphonia
John Anderson, University of St. Andrews, Scotland
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Religious Affiliation and Its Implications for Political Orientations in Romania
Claudiu Herteliu, Alexandru Isaic-Maniu, and Bogdan Vasile Ileanu
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Discussant:
Vyacheslav Karpov, Western Michigan University, v.karpov@wmich.edu
Panel 6C: Philosophical Reflections on Religion and Politics
Location: Hickory
Chair: Murray Jardine, Auburn University

Is “Religion” a Good Idea?
Gary Glenn, Northern Illinois University
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The Theological-Political Problem: An Arendtian Response
Gordon Babst, Chapman University
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Discussant:
Murray Jardine, Auburn University, jardimu@auburn.edu

Saturday, April 26
10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Refreshment Break
Location: Fireside Room

Saturday, April 26
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Panel 7A: Evangelicals and American Politics
Location: Willow East
Chair: Kim Conger, Iowa State University

From William Jennings Bryan to Jerry Falwell: The Evangelical Discovery of Conservatism
Christine Brickman, The Catholic University of America
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Are Evangelicals an Ethnic Group?
Ron Stockton, University of Michigan-Dearborn
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The Religion of Fear: The Politics of Fright in Conservative Evangelicalism
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
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(Note: Unable to attend; paper to be available at session and in Paper Room)

Discussant:
Kim Conger, Iowa State University, conger@iastate.edu
**Panel 7B: Religion and Politics in the United States**  
**Location:** Willow West  
**Chair:** Andrew Schlewitz, Albion College

Religious Identity and Political Participation in the Mennonite Church USA  
Kyle Kopko, Ohio State University  
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Explaining Citizen Support for Teaching Creationism in Public Schools  
John Clark, Western Michigan University  
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Race, Faith, and the ‘New’ Republican Party  
Kenya Davis-Hayes, California Baptist University  
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Discussant:  
Andrew Schlewitz, Albion College, aschlewitz@albion.edu

**Panel 7C: Religion and Democratic Theory**  
**Location:** Hickory  
**Chair:** Matthew Mendham, University of Notre Dame

The Virtue of Obedience and the Civil Conversation in Aquinas: Some Convergence with the Contemporary Trends in Democratic Theory  
Paul Cornish, Grand Valley State University  
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Real Reasons for Publicizing Religion  
Louis Benjamin Rolsky, Claremont School of Theology  
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At a Distance to the State: Radical Democracy and Religion  
Geoffrey Holsclaw, Marquette University  
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Discussant:  
Matthew Mendham, Univ. of Notre Dame, mmendham@nd.edu

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**Saturday, April 26**  
**Lunch**  
**Location:** White Pine/Maple

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12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Panel 8A: Religion and Political Issues in Historical Perspective

Location: Willow East
Chair: Jason Duncan, Aquinas College

The New England Society for the Suppression of Vice and Late Nineteenth-Century Moral Reform
Paul C. Kemeny, Grove City College
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The Irony of Methodist Conflict: Northern Methodists and the Civil War
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Discussant:
Jason Duncan, Aquinas College
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Panel 8B: Religion and Civic Responsibility

Location: Willow West
Chair: Corwin Smidt, Calvin College

A Report on the Findings of
Pews, Prayers, and Participation: Religion and Civic Responsibility in America

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Saturday, April 26
Closing Refreshment Break
Location: Fireside Room

For Saturday Overnight Guests (Optional Activities)
Visit to Ford Presidential Museum
Dinner Downtown
Copies of papers presented at the Symposium are available in the Library of the Prince Conference Center during the Symposium.