

***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**

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**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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Faithful Citizenship, 2004-2008: U.S. Catholic Bishops' Evolving Engagement  
with American Politics

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gbabst@chapman.edu)

**Thursday, April 24**

**9:00 – 9:45 p.m.**

**Reception**

**Location: Fireside Room**

**Friday, April 25**

**Friday, April 25**

**8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**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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Discussant:

Chris McHorney, California Baptist Univ., [cmchorney@calbaptist.edu](mailto: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 Ozyilmaz, 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:

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**Panel 2C: An Agenda for Evangelical Political Thought**

**Location:** Hickory

**Chair:** Paul Brink, Gordon College

Panelists:

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Bryan McGraw, Emory University (beginning Fall 2008; Wheaton 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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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**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](mailto: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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Kristen Deede Johnson, Hope College  
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**Friday, April 25**

**Lunch**

**Location: White Pine/Maple**

**12:45p.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](mailto: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:

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## **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:

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## **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  
[sarah.vester@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.vester@gmail.com)

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:

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**3:45p.m. – 4:15 p.m.**

**Refreshment Break**

**Location: Fireside Room**



**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:  
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**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:  
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## **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:

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**Friday, April 25**

**6:15 – 7:45 p.m.**

**Dinner**

**Location: White Pine/Maple**

## Saturday, April 26

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**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:

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### **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:

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**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](mailto: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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Discussant:

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto:mmendham@nd.edu)

**Saturday, April 26**

**12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**Location: White Pine/Maple**

**Saturday, April 26**

**1:45 p.m. – 3:00 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

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The Irony of Methodist Conflict: Northern Methodists and the Civil War

Douglas Montagna, Grand Valley State University

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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**

**3:00 p.m.**

**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.**