Seventh Biennial Symposium
on Religion and Public Life

The Henry Institute
Calvin College

April 25-27, 2013

Program Schedule

All events take place at the Prince Conference Center
Thursday, April 25

Panel 1A: Religion and American Voting Behavior

Location: Oak

Chair: Peter Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University, peter.wielhouwer@wmich.edu

The Electoral Significance of Public Opinion on Church and State
Jeremiah Castle, Notre Dame University
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Evangelicals and Support for Female Candidates
Amy Stringer, University of Florida
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Religious Traditionalism, Inequality and Vote Choice in Presidential Elections
Benjamin Toll, Indiana University-Bloomington
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Discussant: LaTasha Chaffin, Western Michigan University, latasha.y.chaffin@wmich.edu

Panel 1B: Christian Theology and the Nature of Politics

Location: Blue Spruce

Chair: Bryan McGraw, Wheaton College, btmcgraw@gmail.com

Christian Fortitude and the ‘Purification of Political Means’
Paul Cornish, Grand Valley State University
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Authority, Office and the Image of God
David T. Koyzis, Redeemer University College
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Presuppositions and the Tension of Standards: Augustine and the Limit of Politics
Matthew D. Kuchem, Indiana University
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Discussant: Bryan McGraw, Wheaton College, btmcgraw@gmail.com
Panel 1C: Religion in Post-Communist States
Location: Elm
Chair: Rebecca McBride, Vanderbilt University, rebecca.a.mcbride@vanderbilt.edu

The Social Dynamics of Desecularization in Russia, Ukraine, and Beyond
Vyacheslav Karpov, Western Michigan University
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Religious Education in Russian State Schools
Elena Lisovskaya, Western Michigan University
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Understanding the Russian Desecularizing Regime
Rachel Schroeder, Western Michigan University
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Render Unto God What is God’s: Property, Politics and the Church in Post-communist Czech and Slovak Republics
Leah Seppanen Anderson, Wheaton College
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Discussant: Rebecca McBride, Vanderbilt University, rebecca.a.mcbride@vanderbilt.edu

Thursday, April 25
3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Refreshment Break
Location: Fireside Room

Thursday, April 25
4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Panel 2A: The Role of Religious Groups in American Politics
Location: Oak
Chair: Lisa DeLorenzo, University of Missouri-St. Louis, ldelorenzo@stlcc.edu

Captured or Captor? Partisan Mobilization and the Religious Right
A. Diana Forster, University of Florida
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Religious Groups as a Force in Party Politics
Lyman Kellstedt, Wheaton College (emeritus)
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A Hard Pill to Swallow? Evangelicals’ Shifting Contraception Attitudes
Jacob Lupfer, Georgetown University
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Discussant: Lisa DeLorenzo, University of Missouri-St. Louis, ldelorenzo@stlcc.edu
Panel 2B: Book Roundtable: *Abraham Kuyper: Modern Calvinist, Christian Democrat*

**Location:** Blue Spruce

**Chair:** Paul Brink, Gordon College, Paul.Brink@gordon.edu

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**Discussants**

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Panel 2C: Evangelical Ideas in American Political History

**Location:** Elm

**Chair:** Jeff Polet, Hope College, polet@hope.edu

Evangelical Reform and the Birth of the Living Constitution

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*Christianity Today*, Race, and the Neo-Evangelical Quest for Respectability

Aaron Griffith, Duke University Divinity School  
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Jonathan Edwards and the Foundations of ‘Affectionate’ Politics

Coyle Neal, University of Wyoming  
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**Discussant:** Jeff Polet, Hope College, polet@hope.edu

**Thursday, April 23**  
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Annual Center for Public Justice Kuyper Lecture

_Prohibiting the Free Exercise Thereof: The Affordable Care Act and Other Threats to Institutional Religious Freedom_

Dr. Stanley Carlson-Thies, Founder and President of the Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance

**Location:** Oak

Receipt immediately following the lecture  
8:45 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

**Location:** Fireside Room
Friday, April 26

Friday, April 26  
8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Location: White Pine
Chair: Kurt Pyle, Michigan State University, pylekurt@msu.edu

Beyond Ideology: Belief Constraint and Moderation in Contemporary American Religious Groups  
Pär Jason Engle, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
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Muslim Labeling, Holy Words, and Objectives: Unraveling the Determinants of American Mistrust and Fear of Islamic Political Actors  
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Joshua Su-Ya Wu, Ohio State University  
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Peter Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University  
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Discussant: Kurt Pyle, Michigan State University, pylekurt@msu.edu

Panel 3B: Perspectives on Natural Law and Religion
Location: Maple
Chair: Micah Watson, Union University, mwatson@uu.edu

Impractical Reason: The Problem of Moral Absolutes in the New Natural Law  
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The Divine Command and the Natural Law: Lewis’ Critique of Calvin and Barth  
Justin Dyer, University of Missouri  
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Discussant: Micah Watson, Union University, mwatson@uu.edu
Panel 3C: Religion, Riots and Rules: Power Politics in Gujarat, India
Location: Blue Spruce
Chair: Pushpa Iyer, Monterey Institute of International Studies, piyer@miis.edu

The Politics of Religious Conversions in Gujarat
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The Politics of Justice in Gujarat
Pushpa Iyer, Monterey Institute of International Studies
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The Politics of Ideology in Gujarat
Kirill Prudnikov, Monterey Institute of International Studies
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The Politics of Natural Disaster Relief in Gujarat
Omar Salem, Monterey Institute of International Studies
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Discussant: Pushpa Iyer, Monterey Institute of International Studies, piyer@miis.edu

Panel 3D: Religion, International Affairs, and Domestic Politics
Location: Elm
Chair: Rob Joustra, Redeemer University College, rjoustra@redeemer.ca

Religion, State, and Terrorism
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The Heart and Hands of International Adoption: The Theology of Adoption and Christian Mobilization for Orphan Protection
Rebecca McBride, Vanderbilt University
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Bringing Religious Freedom Home: Lessons for American Civil Society from International Relations Theory
Jason Pudlo, University of Oklahoma
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Discussant: Rob Joustra, Redeemer University College, rjoustra@redeemer.ca

Friday, April 26

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Refreshment Break
Location: Fireside Room
Panel 4A: 8 Churches, 11 Rubrics, 9 Demographics: A Workshop on Visual Learning from the Healthy Church Survey

Location: Oak
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Panel 4B: Book Roundtable: Natural Law and Evangelical Political Thought

Location: Maple
Chair: Alex Tuckness, Iowa State University, tuckness@iastate.edu

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Panel 4C: Religion and Political Participation: Anglo-American Comparisons

Location: Blue Spruce
Chair: Corwin D. Smidt, Michigan State University, smidtc@msu.edu

“God is a Conservative”: The GOP and British Conservative Party, Failed Export or Atlantic Union?
Kit Kirkland, University of St. Andrews
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Voting with a Christian Conscience
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A Framework for the Comparative Study of Evangelicals and Politics in Anglo-American Countries
Jonathan Malloy, Carleton University
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Discussant: Corwin D. Smidt, Michigan State University, smidtc@msu.edu
Panel 4D: Public Theologies and Social Movements: Global Perspectives
Location: Elm
Chair: Tracy Kuperus, Calvin College, tlk5@calvin.edu

Beyond Prayer and Protection Relationship between Church and State: Uniting Reformed Church in South Africa Perspective
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Creating a Theology of Political Advocacy: The Case for Christians in Palestine
Aaron Tolkamp, Redeemer University College
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Black Liberation Theology as Belligerently Public Theology: Challenging the Vagueness of Public Theology in South Africa Today
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The Political Role of Evangelical Leaders in Mexican Democracy from 1991 to the Present: Lessons and Scenarios
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Discussant: Tracy Kuperus, Calvin College, tlk5@calvin.edu

Friday, April 26
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Lunch
Location: Willow
Discussion Session sponsored by the Center for Public Justice
Location: White Pine

All Symposium participants are invited to this session which will consider the role, mission and activities of the Center for Public Justice. Interested individuals should pick up their lunch in the Willow room and proceed to the White Pine room for the session, which will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, April 26
2:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Panel 5A: Religious Dimensions of the United States Legal System
Location: Oak
Chair: Jesse Covington, Westmont College, jcovington@westmont.edu

Judicial Federalism, Religious Liberty, and the Contraception Mandate: State Constitutions as a Line of Legal Attack
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Got Desert? Assessing the Importance of Religion in the Formulation of Crime and Punishment Policies
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Discussant: Jesse Covington, Westmont College, jcovington@westmont.edu
Panel 5B: Political Theories of Religion and Modernity
Location: Maple
Chair: Joshua Bowman, Catholic University of America, 60bowman@cardinalmail.cua.edu

A Post-Weber Era: The Cultural Sanctification of Economic Speculation in America
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Military, Missionary and Esoteric Models of Religions and Their Politics
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The Kingdom of God and the Origins of Modern Bureaucracy in the West
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Discussant: Joshua Bowman, Catholic University of America, 60bowman@cardinalmail.cua.edu

Panel 5C: Religion and United States Foreign Policy
Location: Elm
Chair: Elizabeth Oldmixon, University of North Texas, oldmixon@unt.edu

Religion and American Public Attitudes on War and Peace, 2012
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Attitudes about Multilateralism among American Evangelical Protestants
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If God Be For Us: The Use of Religious Rhetoric as Strategic Bargaining in Foreign Policy Crises
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Discussant: Elizabeth Oldmixon, University of North Texas, oldmixon@unt.edu
Panel 5D: Urban Churches and the Chinese State
Location: Blue Spruce
Chair: Jason Pudlo, University of Oklahoma, j pudlo@ou.edu

Remaking the Civic Space: The Rise of Unregistered Protestantism and Civic Engagement in Urban China

New Wine in Old Wineskins: Modes of Interaction between Unregistered Urban Churches and the Chinese State
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Discussant: Jason Pudlo, University of Oklahoma, j pudlo@ou.edu

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3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Refreshment Break
Location: Fireside Room

Friday, April 26
4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Panel 6A: Clergy and American Politics
Location: Maple
Chair: Laura Olson, Clemson University, laurao@clemson.edu

Strategically Prophetic Priests: An Analysis of Competing Principal Influence on Clergy Political Action
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Mark Grey, Georgetown University

LCMS Clergy in the 21st Century: Toward a More Vocal and Active Two-Kingdom Model of Politics
Jeff Walz, Concordia University Washington
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Anti-Apartheid Divestment, the Actions of Lutheran Clergy, and the Development of a Public Church
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Discussant: Laura Olson, Clemson University, laurao@clemson.edu
Panel 6B: Book Roundtable: *Pluralism and Freedom*
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Panel 6C: The Uneasy Place of Religion in the Public Square
Location: Blue Spruce
Chair: Joseph E. Hartman, Georgetown University, JoeHman@comcast.net

Askesis and Political Beliefs: A Preliminary Look at the Impact of Christian Spiritual Practices on One’s Political Outlook
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Why Religious Citizens Should Support Public Reason
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Religion’s Alter-Ego: An Analysis of the Reasons for Relegating Religion to the Private Sphere
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When God Comes Into the Equation: Academic Freedom and Christian Expression at the “University of South Amherst”
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Discussant: Joseph Hartman, Georgetown University, JoeHman@comcast.net
Panel 6D: Youth, Religion and Political Engagement
Location: Elm

Chair: Jamal Briggs, Union Institute and University, jamal.briggs@gmail.com

The Role of Politics and Political Party Preference in the Creation of ‘Nones’ Among Young American Voters
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Age, Period, and Cohort Effects on the Political Orientation of the Next Generation of Evangelical Christians
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Friday, April 26
Dinner
Location: Willow

Friday, April 26
Annual Paul B. Henry Lecture

What Does the Lord Require? The Grounds for Christian Civility in Politics
Dr. Corwin Smidt, Director Emeritus of Paul Henry Institute
Location: Oak

Reception immediately following lecture
Location: Fireside Room
Saturday, April 27

Panel 7A: Religious Faith of United States Presidents
Location: White Pine
Chair: Gleaves Whitney, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, whitneyg@gvsu.edu

Life After the Presidency: Jimmy Carter as Sunday-School Teacher
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Rethinking Kennedy 50 Years after Dallas: JFK and the Irish Catholic Political Tradition
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The Perplexing Faith of Bill Clinton
Gary Scott Smith, Grove City College
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Discussant: Gleaves Whitney, Hauenstein Center for Presidential Studies, whitneyg@gvsu.edu

Panel 7B: Catholicism in European Political History
Location: Maple
Chair: Karin Maag, Calvin College, kmaag@calvin.edu

An Orange Khaki Election: Anti-Catholicism, Church Discipline, and Erastianism in Britain’s General Election of 1900
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Fiestas and Fervor: Religious Life and Catholic Enlightenment in the Diocese of Barcelona, 1766-1775
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Discussant: Karin Maag, Calvin College, kmaag@calvin.edu
Panel 7C: The Role of Islam in Recent Political Movements
Location: Blue Spruce
Chair: Gamal Gasim, Grand Valley State University, gasimg@gvsu.edu

Moderation and Democratization: The Role of the Youth in the Islamic Parties
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Religion and Politics: A Case Study of Jamaat e Islami of Kashmir
Mushtaf ul Haq Ahmad Sikandar, Independent Writer-Activist
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Contextualizing Piety and Politics: Comparing Discursive and Organizational Strategies of Religious Movements in the “New” Middle East
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The Social Contract in Islam
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Discussant: Gamal Gasim, Grand Valley State University, gasimg@gvsu.edu

Panel 7D: Religion and Nationalism
Location: Elm
Chair: Todd Huizinga, Transatlantic Christian Council, toddhuizinga@hotmail.com

From War, Nationalism, and from Nationalism, War: Separatist Conflict and the Evolution of Religious Identity in the First and Second Chechen Wars
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Religion is Nationalism
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Religion as a Tool for Political Manipulation in Nigeria
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Discussant: Todd Huizinga, Transatlantic Christian Council, toddhuizinga@hotmail.com

Saturday, April 27
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Refreshment Break
Location: Fireside Room
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11:00 a.m – 12:45 p.m.

Panel 8A: American Congregations as Political Catalysts
Location: White Pine
Chair: Brian Calfano, Missouri State University, Brian.Calfano@missouristate.edu

Bridging Church and State: The Infrastructure of Congregational Political Mobilization
Andre Audette, University of Notre Dame
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Is Charity a Choice? An Exploratory Look at Protestant Evangelicals and Welfare Policy
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Discussant: Brian Calfano, Missouri State University, Brian.Calfano@missouristate.edu

Panel 8B: Faith and Politics in mid-19th Century America
Location: Elm
Chair: Gary Scott Smith, Grove City College, gssmith@gcc.edu

“God Bless the Methodist Church”: Lincoln, the Republicans, Methodists, and the Road to Abolitionism
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Religion and the American Presidential Election of 1844
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Discussant: Gary Scott Smith, Grove City College, gssmith@gcc.edu
Panel 8C: Religion’s Influence in European Politics
Location: Blue Spruce
Chair: Mark Royce, George Mason University, mroyce@gmu.edu

Why Brussels is neither Washington nor Berlin: Political Catholicism in Differing Political Systems
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The Influence of Religion on Voting in European Countries: Contextual and Individual Effects
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Soft Utopia: The European Union at a Crossroads
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Discussant: Mark Royce, George Mason University, mroyce@gmu.edu

Panel 8D: The Individual and Community in Political Theology
Location: Hickory East
Chair: Jonathan Fuqua, Purdue University, fuqua0@purdue.edu

Of God and Man: Friedrich Nietzsche and Reinhold Niebuhr on Philosophical Anthropology, the Will-to-Power and the Ground of Being
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Communities of Repentance: Sins of Existence and Desire in Hegel and Augustine
Geoffrey Holsclaw, Marquette University
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Eric Voegelin’s Analysis of Ideology Today: Expressive Individualism as the Last Great Gnostic Movement of the Modern Age
Murray Jardine, Auburn University
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Discussant: Jonathan Fuqua, Purdue University, fuqua0@purdue.edu
Panel 8E: Religion and Latino Party Affiliation in the United States
Location: Maple
Chair: Kevin R. den Dulk, Calvin College, krd33@calvin.edu

Religious Influences on Latino Civic Engagement and Party Identification: Are Evangelical Catholics Different?
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Political and Spiritual Migration: the Impact of Post-immigration Religious Conversion on Hispanic Partisanship
Christopher Weaver, University of Notre Dame
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Discussant: Kevin R. den Dulk, Calvin College, krd33@calvin.edu

Saturday, April 27 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Concluding Lunch
Location: Willow
Copies of papers presented at the Symposium are available in the Library of the Prince Conference Center (located behind the Registration and Breakfast Area) throughout the Symposium.