Thursday Sessions

Eighth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Public Life
Sponsored by the Paul B. Henry Institute
April 30 — May 2, 2015

Thursday, April 30  2:00 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.

Panel 1A: Evangelical Morality and Liberal Democracy
Location: Elm
Chair: Dan Young, Northwestern College, young@nwciowa.edu

Natural Law in a Pluralistic Democratic Order
Jesse Covington, Princeton University/Westmont College, jcovington@westmont.edu

Law: Moral and Human
Bryan McGraw, Wheaton College, btmcgraw@gmail.com

Towards a Biblical Theology of the (Political) Community
Micah Watson, Union University, watsonianworks@gmail.com

Discussant: James K.A. Smith, Calvin College, jks4@calvin.edu

Panel 1B: RELTRAD Revisited
Location: Blue Spruce
Chair/Discussant: Ted Jelen, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, jelent@unlv.nevada.edu

What is an Evangelical? And Does it Matter?
Stephen Monsma, Henry Institute, sm24@calvin.edu

The Conceptualization and Measurement of Evangelicals: Assessing Alternative Approaches
Corwin Smidt, Henry Institute, smid@calvin.edu

“3B” or not “3B”: Relative Efficiency of Open-Response Measures of Religiosity
Joshua Su-Ya Wu, Ohio State University, joshuaswu@gmail.com
Yeshua Tolle, Ohio State University, yeshuatolle@gmail.com

Roundtable 1C: Responding to ISIS
Location: Oak
Moderator: Robert DeVries, Calvin College, rdevries@calvin.edu

Bert de Vries, Calvin College, dvrub@calvin.edu
Robert Joustra, Redeemer University College, robjoustra@gmail.com
Sebastian Maisel, Grand Valley State University, maisels@gvsu.edu
Joel Westra, Calvin College, jhw3@calvin.edu

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

Thursday, April 30  4:15 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.

Panel 2A: Undergraduate Honors Panel
Location: Elm
Chair/Discussant: Becca McBride, Calvin College, ram38@calvin.edu

Religious Persecution and the Christian Reformed Church
Joshua Nederhood, Calvin College, jdn24@students.calvin.edu
Jenny Lamb, Calvin College, jml48@students.calvin.edu
Joshua VanderLeest, Calvin College, jjv26@students.calvin.edu

Does an Increase in Religious Behavior and Commitment Have an Effect on Party Identification in American Catholics?
Theodore Woodcock, Grand Valley State University,
tws9110@gmail.com / woodcoct@mail.gvsu.edu
Panel 2B: Religious Attitudes on Policy and Participation
Location: Blue Spruce
Chair/Discussant: Peter Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University, peter.wielhouwer@wmich.edu

Christianity and the Politics of Minimum Wage in the United States
Skylar Covich, University of California-Santa Barbara, scovich@umail.ucsb.edu

My Brother's Keeper? Religious Violence and Support for Foreign Policy Intervention
Joshua Su-Ya Wu, Ohio State University, joshuasu@gmail.com
Austin Knuppe, Ohio State University, knuppe.2@osu.edu

Context and Community: Volunteering in Religious and Secular Situations
Joseph Gerteis, University of Minnesota
Penny Edgell, University of Minnesota
Ryan Steel, University of Minnesota, steel158@unm.edu

Roundtable 2C: The Supreme Court Hobby Lobby Case and Religious Freedom
Location: Oak
Moderator: Carl Esbeck, University of Missouri School of Law, esbeckc@missouri.edu

Stanley Carlson-Thies, Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance, stanley@irfalliance.org
Stephen Monsma, Henry Institute, sm24@calvin.edu
Len Niehoff, University of Michigan Law School, lniehoff@umich.edu
Karen Zivi, Grand Valley State University Frederik Meijer Honors College, zivik@gvsu.edu

The Annual Paul B. Henry Lecture
7:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Location: Recital Hall of the Covenant Fine Arts Center

The Future of American Christianity: The Christian Crisis of the 20th Century and its Implications for the 21st
featuring:
Ross Douthat
New York Times Op-Ed Columnist

After-Lecture Reception 8:45 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Location: West Lobby of the Covenant Fine Arts Center

There is no dinner scheduled for Thursday evening. For nearby restaurant options, please see the list included in the Symposium folder materials.
Friday, May 1 8:45 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

Panel 3A: The Role of the State in Creation Care
Location: Elm
Chair/Discussant: Joshua Bowman, Catholic University of America, 60bowman@cardinalmail.cua.edu
A Public Justice Conception of the Environmental Role of the State
Jonathan Chaplin, Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics, Tyndale House, jc538@cam.ac.uk
Re-Considering the State’s Role in Creation Care: A Case Study of Issues and Assumptions Arising from the Tar/Oil Sands Developments
John Hiemstra, The Kings’ University, john.hiemstra@kingsu.ca
The Role of U.S. Environmental Law in Caring for Creation
John Copeland Nagle, University of Notre Dame, jnagle1@nd.edu

Panel 3B: Visual Research Techniques for the Study of Religion
Location: White Pine
Chair/Discussant: Roman Williams, Calvin College, rrw2@calvin.edu
The Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Adolescents
Laura DeHaan, Calvin College, ldehaan@calvin.edu
Mapping Congregational Responses to Re-Urbanization and Gentrification
Mark Mulder, Calvin College, mmulder@calvin.edu
Reaching Out to Those Who Don’t Come In: An Interactive Documentary Project on a Drive-In Church
Samuel Smartt, Calvin College, srs29@calvin.edu
Seeing Religion: Old and New Directions in the Visual Sociology of Religion
Roman Williams, Calvin College, rrw2@calvin.edu

Panel 3C: Religious Interest Groups
Location: Maple
Chair/Discussant: Mikael Pelz, Calvin College, mlp23@calvin.edu
Secularist Politics: Evidence from the American Humanist Association
Mark Brockway, University of Notre Dame, mbrockwa@nd.edu
Mobilized Prayer: How Religious Interest Groups Use Prayer as a Political Strategy
Kimberly Conger, University of Cincinnati, kimberly.conger@uc.edu
J. Tobin Grant, Southern Illinois University
A Theory of Religious Interest Groups
Jacob Lupfer, Georgetown University, JL644@georgetown.edu
Falling from Grace: The Case of Legionaries of Christ
Dawid Tatarczyk, Western Michigan University, dawid.tatarczyk@wmich.edu

Refreshment Break 10:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Location: Fireside Room

Friday, May 1 11:00 a.m. — 12:45 p.m.

Panel 4A: Liberalism, Pluralism and Authority
Location: Elm
Chair/Discussant: Brian Dijkema, Cardus, bdijkema@cardus.ca
Taxonomy for Religion-State Relationships
Lynda Barrow, Coe College, lbarrow@coe.edu
Liberalism and the Challenge of Pluralism
Paul Brink, Gordon College, paul.brink@gordon.edu
Seeking the Peace of the Pluralistic City: Goods, Communities, and Obligations
Matthew Kuchem, Indiana University-Bloomington, mkuchem@indiana.edu
Panel 4B: Faith and Presidential History
Location: White Pine
Chair/Discussant: James Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu
Diplomacy as Christian Mission: Jimmy Carter and the People’s Republic of China
D. Jason Berggren, Georgia Southwestern State University, david.berggren@gsu.edu
The Religious Education of Hillary Rodham Clinton: motive Magazine, the Methodist Student Movement, and the Influence of Progressive Christianity on American Public Life
Kristin Kobes DuMez, Calvin College, dumez@calvin.edu
Transactional Leader, Charismatic Followers: Religion and Kennedy’s 1960 Presidential Campaign
J. Nick Pitts, Denison Forum on Truth and Culture, nick.pitts@denisonforum.org

Panel 4C: Church and State
Location: Maple
Chair/Discussant: Micah Watson, Union University, watsianworks@gmail.com
Phoney Equivalence: Religious Liberty and Non-discrimination
Gordon Babst, Chapman University, gbabstchapman.edu
Church-State Relations and the ‘Division of Powers’
Robert Burton, University of Notre Dame, rburton2@nd.edu
The New Executive Order Concerning Federal Contractors and LGBT Discrimination: Can Religious Organizations Continue to Staff on a Religious Basis?
Carl Esbeck, University of Missouri School of Law, esbeckc@missouri.edu
“The Separation of Church and State is Good for Religion”: The Death of a Trope?
Joseph Prud’homme, Washington College, jprudhomme2@washcollege.edu

Lunch
Location: Willow Room
12:45 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Friday, May 1
2:00 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.
Roundtable 5A: Sustainable Community Development and Christian Action
Location: Oak
Moderator: Kris Van Engen, World Renew, Christian Reformed Church in North America, kvanengenscrcna.org
Jonathan Bradford, Inner City Christian Federation, JBradford@iccf.org
Reesheda Graham-Washington, Communities First Association, rwashington@cfapartners.org
Rachel VerWys, Communities First Association, rverwys@gmail.com
Ryan VerWys, Christian Reformed Home Missions, rverwys@crcna.org

Panel 5B: Faith and Politics in Comparative Perspective
Location: White Pine
Chair/Discussant: Becca McBride, Calvin College, ram38@calvin.edu
The European Union, Global Governance, and the Christian View of the Human Person
Todd Huizinga, Acton Institute, thruizinga@acton.org
Culture Wars in Latin America: Religion and Attitudes Toward Homosexuality and Abortion in Four Countries
Ted Jelen, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, jelent@unlv.nevada.edu
Danielle Roth-Johnson, University of Nevada-Law Vegas
John Tuman, University of Nevada-Las Vegas
Saints, Space and the State: A Spatial Dilemma of China’s State-Church Relationship in a Post-Communist Era
Mary Ma, Henry Institute, maryma9966@gmail.com
Panel 5C: The Public Role of Churches
Location: Maple
Chair/Discussant: Jacob Lupfer, Georgetown University, JL644@georgetown.edu
Building More Stately Mansions: Philanthropy, Self-Help and the Black Church
Winterbourne LaPucelle Harrison-Jones, Lilly School of Philanthropy-IUPUI, winterbournelapucellejones@gmail.com
Building our Houses on Sand: Cataloguing and Responding to Hostility against Christianity in the USA
Nicholas Kerton-Johnson, Taylor University, nckertonjohnson@taylor.edu
The Presbyterians Divest
Ron Stockton, University of Michigan-Dearborn, rstock@umich.edu
The Strategic Role of Culture-Making Vocations in a Missionary Encounter with American Society
Cory Willson, Fuller Seminary, cbwillson@gmail.com

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

Friday, May 1 4:15 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.
Panel 6A: The Politics of Kuyper
Location: White Pine
Chair: Jordan Ballor, Acton Institute, jballor@acton.org
Toward a Kuyperian Political Economy: On the Relationship between Ethics and Economics
Dylan Pahman, Acton Institute, dpahman@acton.org
Kuyper and Foreign Policy: From Principled Pluralism to Track 1.5 Diplomacy
Robert Joustra, Redeemer University College, robjoustra@gmail.com
Kuyperian and Liberal Pluralism
David Koyzis, Redeemer University College, dtkoyzis@gmail.com
Abraham Kuyper’s Sphere Sovereignty: Between Political Pragma and Theological Dogma
Marietta van der Tol, Yale Divinity School, marietta.vandertol@yale.edu
Discussant: James Bratt, Calvin College, jbratt@calvin.edu

Panel 6B: Religion and American Political Culture
Location: Maple
Chair/Discussant: Neil Carlson, Center for Social Research, neqc@calvin.edu
Religious vs. National Identity among Muslim Americans
Kristina Bailey, Western Michigan University
John A. Clark, Western Michigan University, john.clark@wmich.edu
Not Post-Secular, not Post-Political: Support for Religious Expression in the U.S. Public Sphere
Jack Delehanty, University of Minnesota, dele0068@umn.edu
Penny Edgell, University of Minnesota
Evan Stewart, University of Minnesota, stewa777@umn.edu
Sunbelt Warriors, Gay Rights, and Evangelical Politics, 1978-1979
Matthew Hall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, mhall@sbts.edu
Brian Steensland, Indiana University-Indianapolis, bsteens@iupui.edu

Dinner 6:00 p.m. — 7:15 p.m.
Location: Willow Room
The Annual Kuyper Lecture 7:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
Sponsored by the Center for Public Justice
Location: Oak Room
Serving the City, Shaping the Political Culture
featuring:
David Kim
Executive Director
Pastor of Faith and Work
Redeemer Presbyterian NYC

After-Lecture Reception 8:45 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Location: Fireside Room
Panel 7A: Political Theory and the Biblical Narrative  
Location: Elm  
Chair/Discussant: Jesse Covington, Princeton University/Westmont College, jcovington@westmont.edu  
Hope and History: Rousseau, Kant, and Tocqueville’s Engagement with the Biblical Narrative  
Zachary German, University of Notre Dame, zgerman@nd.edu  
Moving from Civic to Covenantal: Reading the Natural Sense of Justice Texts in the Old Testament  
D. Jeffrey Mooney, California Baptist University, jmooney@calbaptist.edu  
Political Science Regained: The Study of Politics in the Light of the Creation, Fall and Redemption  
David Koyzis, Redeemer University College, dtkoyzis@gmail.com

Panel 7B: Christianity and Public Life in Africa  
Location: White Pine  
Chair/Discussant: Mwenda Ntarangwi, Calvin College, mgn2@calvin.edu  
Christianity and Grassroots Citizen Mobilization: Lessons from Faith-Based Organizations in South Africa and Zambia  
Tracy Kuperus, Calvin College, tlt5@calvin.edu  
Religion, Religious Identity and Democratic Transition: Challenges and Prospects for Uganda  
D. Zac Niringiye, Uganda Christian University Religion, Culture and Public Life Project, zac.niringiye@gmail.com

Panel 7C: Faith and Public Leadership  
Location: Maple  
Chair/Discussant: Jeffrey Walz, Concordia University-Wisconsin, Jeff.Walz@cuw.edu  
Religion, Political Alignments and Protestant Clergy  
Lyman Kellstedt, Wheaton College, lyman.kellstedt@gmail.com  
Corwin Smidt, Henry Institute, smid@calvin.edu  
James Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu  
Public Leadership Capacity: Using Content Analysis to Examine the Relationship between Spirituality and Administrative Leadership  
Stephen M. King, Taylor University, stking@taylor.edu  
Determinants of Clergy Political Activity  
Jacob Lupfer, Georgetown University, jL644@georgetown.edu

Refreshment Break  
Location: Fireside Room  
10:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

Panel 8A: Justice and Christian Ethics  
Location: Elm  
Chair/Discussant: Bryan McGraw, Wheaton College, btmcgraw@gmail.com  
Trajectories in Theology and Economics  
D. Glenn Butner, Marquette University, david.butner@marquette.edu  
Justice, Charity and the Natural Law: Moral-Philosophical Reflections on the Recent Work of Nicholas Wolterstorff  
J. Daryl Charles, John Jay Institute, dcharles@jjifellows.org  
Reinhold Niebuhr and Natural Law Theory: Inhabiting the Tension between the Demand for Justice and the “Law of Love”  
Joseph E. Hartman, Georgetown University, jeh93@georgetown.edu  
Always Reforming: Christian Love for our Modern Age  
Courtney Kane, VU University Amsterdam, courtneyalexiskane@gmail.com
Panel 8B: Contemporary Evangelicalism and Political Change

Location: Maple

Chair/Discussant: Jonathan Hill, Calvin College, jph27@calvin.edu
- Are Evangelicals Still Distinctive? The State of Evangelical Attitudes on Culture and Their Effect on Public Opinion
  Jeremiah Castle, University of Notre Dame, jcastle1@nd.edu
- The Last of the Culture Warriors? How Christian Millennials Discern Their Faith and Politics
  Kit Kirkland, University of St. Andrews, kldk@st-andrews.ac.uk
- Kingdom Politics: A New Evangelical Political Imagination
  Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia, kmn4jj@virginia.edu
  Sam Speers, University of Virginia, scs9ug@virginia.edu

Lunch

Location: Willow Room

12:45 p.m. — 2:00 p.m.

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Johnny’s Café, located in the Commons (ground level)
7:30 am — 11:00 pm (weekdays)
11:00 am — 11:00 pm (Saturday)

Calvin College Ecosystem Preserve, North of Prince Conference Center
Trails and restrooms open 7 am — dusk (daily)

Bunker Interpretive Center, North of De Vos Communication Center, by the Ecosystem Preserve
9:00 am — 5:00 pm (weekdays)
10:00 am — 4:00 pm (Saturday)

Hekman Library
7:30 am — 12:00 am (Monday through Thursday)
7:30 am — 7:00 pm (Friday)
10:00 am — 2:00 pm (Saturday)

Calvin Campus Store, located in Commons (ground level)
8:00 am — 5:00 pm (weekdays, and til 7:00 pm on Thursday)
10:00 am — 2:00 pm (Saturday)

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Prince Center Guest Information

Check-in time is at 3:00 pm; check-out time is at noon.

Complimentary deluxe continental breakfast is available each day for Prince Center overnight guests in the break area behind the Symposium registration desk.

Hours: 6:30 to 10 (Monday — Friday); 7:00 to 10:30 (Saturday — Sunday)

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About the Institute

The Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics was created in 1997 to continue the work of integrating Christian faith and politics advanced by its namesake, educator and public servant Paul B. Henry.

The Institute is dedicated to providing resources for scholarship, encouraging citizen involvement and education, structuring opportunities to disseminate scholarly work, seeking avenues to communicate and promote information about Christianity and public life to the broader public, and motivating and training future scholars and leaders.

About Paul B. Henry

Paul Henry was a leader of Christian vision and action. After earning his undergraduate degree at Wheaton College and his Ph.D. at Duke University, Henry taught political science at Calvin College from 1970 to 1978.

While at Calvin, Henry served as a member of the Michigan Board of Education. Leaving Calvin in 1978 to pursue public office full-time, Henry was elected to the Michigan State House and, later, to the State Senate. He was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 1984, where he served until his untimely death in 1993, at the age of 51, of brain cancer.

Henry was known as a person of conviction, credibility and courage. His book, Politics for Evangelicals, provides a blueprint for his own involvement in public service. His academic and political careers were characterized by a constant search for justice, providing powerful evidence that politicians can be principled and effective.

Serving the Claims of Justice: The Thoughts of Paul B. Henry (edited by Douglas Koopman) celebrates the life and work of Paul through the words of people who knew him well.