Thursday, April 25, 2019

10:30 to 12:00

Abraham Kuyper Prize for Excellence in Reformed Theology and Public Life
Willow

Prize Recipient: Dr. John M. Perkins, Christian Community Development Association

1:30 to 3:00

Panel A-1: Disestablishment in the New American States, 1776-1833
White Pine

Carl H. Esbeck, University of Missouri, esbeckc@missouri.edu
Jonathan Den Hartog, University of Northwestern (St. Paul, MN), jdenhartog@unwsp.edu
Brian R. Franklin, Southern Methodist University, brfranklin@mail.smu.edu
Kyle Bulthuis, University of Southern Utah, kyle.bulthuis@usu.edu

Panel A-2: Trends in Evangelical Politics
Hickory Room

Chair/Discussant: James Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu

“Shifting Styles of Cultural Engagement Among Evangelical Clergy”
John W. Hawthorne, Spring Arbor University, john.hawthorne@arbor.edu

“Rust Belt Religion: Faith and Politics in Central Wisconsin”
Mark T. Mulder, Calvin College, mmulder@calvin.edu
Eleanor Vander Ark, Calvin College, ev8@students.calvin.edu

“The Heart of the Nation: Protestant Congregations in the Rural Midwest during the Cold War”
David Zwart, Grand Valley State University, zwartdav@gvsu.edu

3:00 to 3:30

Coffee Break
Fireside

3:30 to 5:00

Panel B-1: Intersections of Religion and Public Policy I
Hickory

Chair/Discussant: Katie Thompson, Center for Public Justice, kthompson@cpjustice.org

“Religious Tradition and Returning Citizens Services”
Annalane Miller, Calvin College, asm9@calvin.edu

“Reframing the Safety Net: College Students and Food Insecurity”
Shannon Que, Abilene Christian University, sbq14a@acu.edu

“Reframing the Safety Net: Returning Citizens and Access to Public Housing”
Abigail Stevens, Eastern University, astevens3@eastern.edu

Panel B-2: New Perspectives on Christian Rights Advocacy
White Pine

Chair/Discussant: Kevin R. den Dulk, Calvin College, krd33@calvin.edu

“Framing Free Exercise: How Conservative Legal Groups Understand Religious Liberty”
Daniel Bennett, John Brown University, DBennett@jbu.edu

“Reciprocity and the Politics of Religious Liberty in the U.S.: Challenges and Opportunities”
Andrew Lewis, University of Cincinnati, andrew.lewis@uc.edu
“Negotiating Religious Rights: Christian Minorities in India and Malaysia and their use of Transnational Advocacy Networks”
Kristina Teater, University of Cincinnati, teaterkm@mail.uc.edu
“A Form of Godliness? The Structure and Substance of the Christian Legal Worldview”
Jason Whitehead, California State University Long Beach, Jason.Whitehead@CSULB.edu

7:00 to 8:30
Kuyper Lecture: *Fairness for All: Does Supporting Religious Freedom Require Opposition to LGBT Civil Rights?*
Shapri LoMaglio, Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, slomaglio@cccu.org
*Great Hall East*

8:30 to 9:30
Reception
*Fireside*

**Friday, April 26, 2019**

8:30 to 10:00

**Panel C-1: Political Theology and the Challenge of Pluralism**
*Hickory*

Chair/Discussant: Bryan T. McGraw, Wheaton College, bryan.mcgraw@wheaton.edu
“*The War of All Against One: Rene Girard and the Populist Theo-Logic of Scapegoating*”
Justin Hawkins, Yale University, justin.hawkins@yale.edu
“*Anti-Judaism in a World of God’s Common Grace: When Theology Jeopardizes our Public Engagement*”
Nicholas Scott-Blakely, Fuller Theological Seminary, nickscottblakely@fuller.edu
“*Transforming ‘the World’? Universalism and Diversity in Smith’s Appraisal of Kuyperian Politics*”
Mariëtta van der Tol, University of Cambridge, mdcv2@cam.ac.uk

**Panel C-2: Evangelicals: Populists or Internationalists? I**
*Board Room*

Chair/Discussant: Kristin Du Mez, Calvin College, kkd3@calvin.edu
“A Just and Durable Peace: American Evangelicals and the Quest for Peace after WWII”
Robert J. Joustra, Redeemer University College, rjoustra@redeemer.ca
“*Populist Internationalism: Religious Freedom and the Politics of Persecution*”
Melani McAlister, George Washington University, mmc@gwu.edu
Paul S. Rowe, Trinity Western University, Paul.Rowe@twu.ca

**Roundtable C-3: Fairness for All as a Practical and Principled Way Forward**
*Willow*

Moderator: Stephanie Summers, Center for Public Justice, ssummers@cpjustice.org
Panelists:
Stanley Carlson-Thies, Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance, Center for Public Justice, stanley@irfalliance.org
Alexander Dushku, Kirton McConkie, Adushku@kmclaw.com
Shapri LoMaglio, Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, slomaglio@cccu.org
Torrey Shearer, American Unity Fund, torrey@americanunityfund.com
Panel D-1: Intersections of Religion and Public Policy II  
Hickory  
Chair: Mark Mulder, Calvin College, mmulder@calvin.edu

“Good Work and Good Jobs: Paid Family Leave and Sacred Sector Employment”
Rachel Anderson, Center for Public Justice, rachel.anderson@cpjustice.org
Chelsea Langston Bombino, Center for Public Justice, chelsea.langston@cpjustice.org

Carl H. Esbeck, University of Missouri, esbeckc@missouri.edu

“Public Health and the Mobilization of Churches”
Mikael Pelz, Calvin College, mlp23@calvin.edu

“Clinging to Guns and Religion? The Role of Religious and Gun Identity in Shaping Policy Attitudes in the U.S.”
Abigail Vegter, University of Kansas, abigailvegter@ku.edu
Kevin R. den Dulk, Calvin College, krd33@calvin.edu

Discussant: Stanley Carlson-Thies, Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance, Center for Public Justice, stanley@irfalliance.org

Panel D-2: Classifying Religion in Politics  
Willow East  
Chair: Daniel Bennett, John Brown University, DBennett@jbu.edu

“Untangling the Effects of Alternative Religious Classifications in Models of Political Behavior”
J. Tobin Grant, Southern Illinois University, grant@siu.edu
David Searcy, Southern Illinois University, searcyd@siu.edu

Lyman Kellstedt, Wheaton College, lyman.kellstedt@gmail.com
James Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu
Corwin Smidt, Calvin College, smid@calvin.edu

“Metaphysical and Theological Beliefs of the Nones”
Peter W. Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University, peter.wielhouwer@wmich.edu

Discussant: Whitt Kilburn, Grand Valley State University, kilburnw@gvsu.edu

Panel D-3: Liberalism, Pluralism and their Discontents  
Board Room  
Chair/Discussant: Paul A. Brink, Gordon College, paul.brink@gordon.edu

“Make Liberalism Great Again! The Feasibility of Manuel Vargas’s Moral Influence Theory as Pre-Institutional Desert in Political Liberalism”
Courtney A. Kane, Loyola Marymount University, ckane11@lion.lmu.edu

“Religion and the Politics of Rights: How Liberal Rights Undermine Liberty”
Matthew Kuchem, Indiana University Bloomington, mkuchem@indiana.edu

“Is the End a Cure for What Ails? Eschatology and Political Theory’s Ideal-Real Conundrum”
Bryan T. McGraw, Wheaton College, bryan.mcgraw@wheaton.edu
12:00 to 1:00
Lunch
Great Hall East

1:00 to 2:30

Panel E-1: Faith and Political Formation
Board Room
Chair/Discussant: Shirley Roels, International Network for Christian Higher Education, roel@calvin.edu
“Political Theology and Civic Education: The Warren Court’s Contributions to ‘Law-Related Education’ Regarding Church-State Issues”
Brett Bertucio, University of Wisconsin-Madison, bertucio@wisc.edu
“The Political Theorist Turned Sunday School Teacher: Imagination and Politics in Christian Formation”
Joshua Bowman, Heidelberg University, bowmanjosh@hotmail.com

Panel E-2: Evangelicals: Populists or Internationalists? II
Willow East
Chair/Discussant: John Hawthorne, Spring Arbor University, john.hawthorne@arbor.edu
“Missions Has Come Home: How Evangelicals' Refugee Work Complicates the Populism-Internationalism Binary”
Melissa Borja, University of Michigan, mborja@umich.edu
"Are Evangelicals Populists? The View from the 2016 American National Election Study”
James Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu
"Populism, Evangelicalism, and the Polarized Politics of Immigration"
Ruth Melkonian-Hoover, Gordon College, Ruth.Melkonian@gordon.edu
Lyman Kellstedt, Wheaton College, Lyman.Kellstedt@gmail.com
“ ‘Rescue Sells:’ Narrating Human Trafficking to Evangelical Populists”
David Swartz, Asbury University, david.swartz@asbury.edu

Panel E-3: Responding to Globalization
Hickory
Chair/Discussant: Tracy Kuperus, Calvin College, tlk5@calvin.edu
“Globalization’s Challenges Compounded by Christians Behaving Badly ... Again”
Fred L. Johnson III, Hope College, johnson@hope.edu
“Virtual Illusion: How Populism and Social Media Combine to Erode Political Community”
David T. Koyzis, St. George’s Centre for Biblical and Public Theology, dtkoyzis@gmail.com
“Governing Challenges in the Accordion-like Process of Globalization”
James W. Skillen, Center for Public Justice, jwskillen@gmail.com

2:30 to 3:00
Coffee Break
Fireside
3:00 to 4:30

**Panel F-1: Author Meets Critics: From Politics to the Pews**
*White Pine/Maple*
Chair/Discussant: Kevin R. den Dulk, Calvin College, krd33@calvin.edu
Participants:
- Michele Margolis, University of Pennsylvania, mmargo@sas.upenn.edu
- Andrew Lewis, University of Cincinnati, andrew.lewis@uc.edu
- Abigail Vegter, University of Kansas, abigailvegter@ku.edu

**Panel F-2: The History of the “Secular” in U.S. Public Life**
*Board Room*
Chair/Discussant: Joshua Bowman, Heidelberg University, bowmanjosh@hotmail.com
- “Protestant Secularism in the American Century”
  Mark Edwards, Spring Arbor University, mark.eduwards@arbor.edu
- “The Secularization of Western Universities in International Perspective: Toward a Historicist Account”
  Kevin N. Flatt, Redeemer University College, kflatt@redeemer.ca
- “The Man whose Americanism is Most Sincere and Intense: Uncovering the Progressive Era Transformation of American Identity”
  Kevin Walker, Vanguard University of Southern California, kmattwalker@gmail.com

6:00 to 7:00
Conference Dinner
*Willow*

7:00 to 8:30
Henry Lecture: Roundtable on **Faith, Democracy and the Media**
*Great Hall East*
- Michael McCurry, Public Strategies Washington, Inc.
- Elizabeth Dias, *The New York Times*
- Emma Green, *The Atlantic*
- Amy Sullivan, author of *The Party Faithful*
- Ken Woodward, author of *Getting Religion: Faith Culture and Politics*

8:30 to 9:30
Reception
*Fireside*

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**
8:30 to 10:00

**Panel G-1: Comparative Perspectives on Religion and Politics**
*Willow West*
Chair/Discussants: Dennis Hoover, Institute for Global Engagement, dhoover@globalengage.org
- Mary Ma, Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics, maryma9966@gmail.com
- “Religious Capital in the Search for Inclusion and Empowerment in Contexts of Violence in Peru”
  Vilma “Nina” Balmaceda, Nyack College, vilma.balmaceda@nyack.edu
“Bringing Order to Chaos and Empowering the Poor: Oscar Romero’s Role in Salvadoran Public Life”
Zachary Dehm, Duquesne University, dehmz@duq.edu

“The Rebirth of the Russian Orthodox Church: A ‘Populist’ Union of Church and State”
Steven E. Meyer, Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security, thehouseoforange@outlook.com

“The Myriad Avatars of Religion in Public Life: Evidence from India”
Badrinath Rao, Kettering University, brao@kettering.edu

“Pride and Prejudice: A Preliminary Study of the Growing Anti-Christian Sentiment in Chinese Cyberspace”
Ning Zhang, Bethel University, ningzhang04@gmail.com

Panel G-2: Evangelicals and Politics: What Have We Learned?
Willow East

Kristin DuMez, Calvin College, kkd3@calvin.edu
Marie Eisenstein, Indiana University, Northwest, maeisens@iun.edu
John W. Hawthorne, Spring Arbor University, john.hawthorne@arbor.edu
Roger Olson, Baylor University, Roger_Olson@baylor.edu

Panel G-3: Religion, Politics, and the Legacies of the Mid-20th Century
Hickory

Chair/Discussant: Kevin Walker, Vanguard University of Southern California, kmattwalker@gmail.com

Emma Long, University of East Anglia, Emma.Long@uea.ac.uk

“On the Lookout for Ironies: Reinhold Niebuhr and the New Nationalism”
Greg Ryan, Union University, gryan@uu.edu

“The Legitimizing of the Post-World War II State, Human Rights, and the Diplomacy of Seminary Professor O. Frederick Nolde”
Leslie F. Weber Jr., Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, l-jweber@sbcglobl.net

10:00 to 10:30 Coffee Break
Fireside

10:30 to 12:00

Panel H-1: Religion and Political Policy Attitudes
Willow East

Chair/Discussant: Doug Koopman, Calvin College, dkoopman@calvin.edu

“The Politics of Church Shopping”
Andre Audette, Monmouth College, aaudette@monmouthcollege.edu

“Religious Identity and the Perceived Immorality of Economic Inequality in the United States versus Other Nations”
Andrew Franks, Central Michigan University, andrew.franks@cmich.edu

“Perceptions of Justice and Violence and the 2016 Election: The Views of White Conservative Protestants”
Richard Lee Rogers, Youngstown State University, rlrogers02@ysu.edu
Panel H-2: Applications of Political Theology
Willow West
Chair/Discussant: Micah Watson, Calvin College, mw45@calvin.edu
   “Pope Benedict’s Analysis of the (Partial) Failure of Christian Theology: Implications for Political Theory”
   Murray Jardine, Auburn University, jardimu@auburn.edu
   “Augustinian Liberalism and the Problem of Localism and Internationalism”
   Paul D. Miller, Georgetown University, millerp1@georgetown.edu
   “The War of the Lord: Puritan Political Theology and the Origins of America”
   Matthew J. Tuininga, Calvin Theological Seminary, mtuininga@calvinseminary.edu

12:00 to 1:00 Lunch
   Great Hall East