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
Session #1
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, esv8@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

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

3:00 to 3:30
Coffee Break
Fireside

3:30 to 5:00
Session #2
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

New Perspectives on Christian Rights Advocacy
White Pine

Chair/Discussant:

“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  Session #3

**Political Theology and the Challenge of Pluralism**

Board Room

Chair/Discussant:

“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

**Evangelicals: Populists or Internationalists? I**

Hickory

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 of 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

10:00 to 10:30  Coffee Break

North Hallway

10:30 to 12:00  Session #4

**Intersections of Religion and Public Policy II**

Hickory

Chair/Discussant:

“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

**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, searcy@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. Welhouwer, Western Michigan University, peter.wielhouwer@wmich.edu

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

**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

**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

**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.edu

“‘Rescue Sells’: Narrating Human Trafficking to Evangelical Populists”
  David Swartz, Asbury University, david.swartz@asbury.edu

**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

Session #6

**Author Meets Critics: From Politics to the Pews**

**White Pine/Maple**

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

Participants:
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  Jonathan Hill, Calvin College, jph27@calvin.edu
  Andrew Lewis, University of Cincinnati, andrew.lewis@uc.edu
  Abigail Vegter, University of Kansas, abigailvegter@ku.edu

**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**
Comparative Perspectives on Religion and Politics

Willow West

Chair/Discussant:

“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

Evangelicals and Politics: What Have We Learned?

Willow East

Kristin DuMez, Calvin College, kkd3@calvin.edu
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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@sbcglobal.net
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

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