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, 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

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
“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. Vielhouver, Western Michigan University, peter.vielhouver@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
Session #5

Faith and Political Formation
Board Room

Chair/Discussant:

“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”
Responding to Globalization

Hickory

Chair/Discussant: Tracy Kuperus, Calvin College, tk5@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:
Michele Margolis, University of Pennsylvania, mmargo@sas.upenn.edu
Jonathan Hill, Calvin College, jph27@calvin.edu
Andrew Lewis, University of Cincinnati, andrew.lewis@uc.edu

The History of the “Secular” in U.S. Public Life

Board Room

Chair/Discussant:

“Protestant Secularism in the American Century”
Mark Edwards, Spring Arbor University, mark.edwards@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
Session #7
**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
“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
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

**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
Session #8
**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

Applications of Political Theology
   Willow West
   Chair/Discussant:

   “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