Thursday, April 4, 2024

11:00 am-12:00 pm  Plenary Session—Pruis Rule of Law Lecture

"Justice as Vengeance: Unpacking Kuyper's Antirevolutionary Ideals in Modern Law Enforcement," Dr. Anthony Bradley, Acton Institute.

12:00 pm  Symposium Registration open

1:30-3:00 pm  First Session (A)

Panel A1:  *Africa’s Urban Youth: Challenging Marginalization, Claiming Citizenship*, a book discussion with author and political scientist Tracy Kuperus (Calvin) and historian Eric Washington (Calvin).

Panel A2:  Christian Nationalism and Civil Religion in the U.S. and South Korea


J. Matthew Wilson (Southern Methodist), chair and discussant.


3:00-3:30 pm  Refreshment Break

3:30-5:00 pm  Second Session (B)


3. “From Incarceration to Integration: A Critical Analysis of Reentry Care in Prison Education Programs in West Michigan,” Emily Steen (Calvin), with Mark Mulder (in absentia).

Emily Crouch (Center for Public Justice), chair.

Panel B2: Political Engagement on Campus


Michael Dirksen (Calvin), chair and discussant.

Panel B3: Faith and Film: Confronting Radical Evil

1. “Christ and Captain America: Revolutionary Ideology in the Marvel Cinematic Universe,” Jordan Ballor (Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy; Calvin).

7:30-8:45 pm Plenary Session—Center for Public Justice Kuyper Lecture featuring Hans-Martien ten Napel, Associate Professor of Constitutional and Administrative Law at Leiden University

9:00 – 9:30 Reception

Friday, April 5, 2024

7:30 am Registration open

8:30-10:00 am Third Session (C)

Panel C1: Religious Rhetoric and Opinion: Congress, Military, Israel

1. “Faithful Leadership: Analyzing the Influence of Speaker Mike Johnson’s Religious Identity in the House,” Julianna Thomson (George Mason), and Alena Smith (Stanford, in absentia).

Joel Westra (Calvin), chair and discussant

Panel C2: Just War and Just Voting

2. “Making Every Vote Count,” David Koyzis (Global Scholars Canada).

Matthew Lundberg (Calvin), chair and discussant.

10:00-10:30 am Refreshment Break

10:30 am-12:00 pm Fourth Session (D)

Panel D1: Issues Related to the Measurement of Religion in National Surveys


Panel D2: Ethics, Governance, and Interpretation

2. “God above Government: Reinterpretation of Political Governance in the Age of Reactionary Populism and Religious Legitimization of Autonomy in Debates about Social Inequality,” Aleš Hodes (Masaryk University, Czech Republic; University of Cincinnati).

Andrew McGinnis, (Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy; Calvin), chair and discussant.

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch

1:00-2:30 pm Fifth Session (E)
Panel E1: Calvin Prison Initiative Discussion in Honor of Sid Jansma: Reflections on Abraham Kuyper’s *Wisdom & Wonder*. A panel conversation with Calvin students CJ Strausbaugh, Ivan Bechtol, and Grady Hudson.

Todd Cioffi (Calvin), chair.

Panel E2: Politics and Congregations

2. “Big Tents or Cultural Redouts? Congregations in a Polarized Age,” Jason Lantzer (Butler).

Chair and discussant:

Panel E3: Predicting and Describing Religious Identity and Behavior in Public Life

1. “Christ and Culture Beliefs as a Predictor of Attitudes and Behaviors in Public Life: Developing a Measure,” Jessica Clevering (Trinity Christian College).

Andre P. Audette (Monmouth), chair and discussant.

2:30-3:00 pm Refreshment Break

3:00-4:30 pm Plenary Session: The Gang of Four, A Retrospective


Micah Watson (Calvin), chair.

6:00-7:00 pm Dinner

7:15-8:30 pm Plenary Session—The 2024 Paul Henry Lecture, "A Common Good Framework for Bioethics and Public Policy" by Dr. Michelle Kirtley, Duke University.

8:30-9:15 pm Reception
Saturday, April 6, 2022

7:45 am  Registration open

8:30-10:00 am  Sixth Session (F)

Panel F1: Russell Kirk’s *Roots of the American Order* at Fifty


   Jason Duncan (Aquinas), chair and discussant.

Panel F2: Campus Speech and Classroom Culture Wars:

1. “Classroom Culture Wars: Experimental Evidence of the Influence of Religion on Educational Content Regulation and Punishment,” Brady Arrenius (Monmouth), Cameron Shook (Monmouth), and Andre P. Audette (Monmouth).

   Julianna Thomson (George Mason), chair and discussant.

10:00-10:30 am  Refreshment Break

10:30 am-12:00 pm  Seventh Session (G)

Panel G1: *All the Kingdoms of the World: On Radical Religious Alternatives to Liberalism*,

   Book discussion with author Kevin Vallier (Bowling Green) and panelists David Koyzis (Global Scholars Canada), Jeff Polet (Ford Fellows Program), and Miles Smith (Hillsdale).

   Chair: Awaiting confirmation.

Panel G2: Religious Liberty in the States, Progress Report. A panel discussion featuring Mark David Hall (Regent, Center for Religion, Culture, and Democracy), Joe Toly (Calvin), and Micah Machiela (Calvin, in absentia).

12:00 pm-1:00 pm  Lunch and Adjournment