

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

1. "The Meaning and Measurement of Christian Nationalism," Quin Monson (Brigham Young).
2. "The Protestant Right and Civil Religion in South Korea," Chan Shin (Gordon).
3. "Christian Nationalism versus Civic Republicanism in Contemporary American Politics," Corwin Smidt (Calvin).

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

Panel A3: "Leading on Lead Pipe Removal: A Cross-Municipal Evaluation of Michigan's Novel Lead Service Line Replacement Program," a panel discussion with Michael Dirksen, Benjamin Enos, Adham Rishmawi, and Micah Machiela (Calvin).

3:00-3:30 pm Refreshment Break

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

Panel B1: Center for Public Justice, Hatfield Prize, "Pursuing Public Justice: What Does Justice Require for Immigrant Families, Human Trafficking Survivors, and Returning Citizens?"

1. "Nourishing Communities: Promoting Equitable WIC Participation for Immigrant Women and Children in Oregon's Rockwood Community," Kailani West (Multnomah) with Greg Burch (in absentia).
2. "Pathways to Restoration: A Holistic Approach to Preventing Human Trafficking and Supporting Survivors in East Texas," Adriana Cisneros Emerson (LeTourneau) with Isabella Cavalcanti Junqueira (in absentia).

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

1. “Religiosity, Media Use, and Political Engagement During the 2020 and 2022 Campaigns: A View from a Christian Campus,” Wayne Thompson (Concordia, Wisconsin), Jeff Walz (Concordia, Wisconsin).
2. “Effects of Community on Shifts in Politics and Religion,” Caleb Hall (John Brown).

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).
2. “Tradition, Demonic Evil, and Despair in *No Country for Old Men*,” Carson Holloway (Nebraska, Omaha).
3. “Radical Evil and Redemption in the Dark Knight Trilogy,” Micah Watson (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).
2. “Religious Americans’ Views on the Use of Military Force,” James Guth (Furman).

3. "Religion, Partisanship, and American Attitudes Toward Israel," J. Matthew Wilson (Southern Methodist).

Joel Westra (Calvin), chair and discussant

Panel C2: Just War and Just Voting

1. "Golden Rule Ethics and the Politics of Rescue," Daryl Charles (John Jay Institute).
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

1. David E. Campbell (Notre Dame) and John C. Green (Akron, in absentia), "The Measurement of Religious "Nones" in American National Surveys."
2. James L. Guth (Furman), "The Measurement of Religion in European Surveys."
3. Lyman A. Kellstedt (Wheaton) and Corwin E. Smidt (Calvin), "The Measurement of Religious Affiliation in American National Surveys."

Panel D2: Ethics, Governance, and Interpretation

1. "God's First Dialogue with Moses: A Political Analysis," Carl Dibble (Michigan, Dearborn).
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).
3. "Working for the Public Good: Lutheran Ethics and Modern Social Democracy," Leslie F. Weber (ELCA).

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

1. “Understanding the Political Influence of Women Leadership Within Churches,” Emma Beagle (John Brown).
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).
2. “Aggregate Religiosity in the United States 1952-2023,” J. Tobin Grant (Southern Illinois).
3. “The Changing Political Alignment of American Catholics,” Stephen Mockabee (Cincinnati).

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 James L. Guth, Lyman A. “Bud” Kellstedt, and Corwin E. Smidt. John Green in absentia. 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

1. "The Need for Roots: Russell Kirk and the Problem of Order," Darrell Falconburg (Russell Kirk Center).
2. "Russell Kirk and the Virtue of Prudence: Renewing and Improving Upon the Existing Order," David Urban (Calvin).
3. "The Need for a Virtuous Aristocracy: Russell Kirk and the Dangers of True Democracy," Daniel Urban (Calvin).

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).
2. "Framing the Conversation: Patterns and Policies in Campus and Classroom Speech Policies Around Controversial Issues in Selected Private Colleges and Universities," Douglas L. Koopman (Calvin), Rosalind Niemeier (Calvin).

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

