

Twelfth Biennial Henry Symposium on Religion and Public Life

April 4-6, 2024

The Paul B. Henry Institute will hold its twelfth biennial Symposium on Religion and Public Life from April 4-6, 2024, at the Prince Conference Center on the campus of Calvin University. The Symposium provides opportunities to present research, foster personal and professional collaboration, and learn from thoughtful practitioners. Symposium attendance is open to anyone interested in the intersection of religion and public life. We invite you to join us at the Symposium and in Grand Rapids and West Michigan, featuring a vibrant art scene, brewery culture, and lakeshore attractions.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Symposium will feature four plenary sessions and several breakout sessions. Keeping with our recent tradition, the Symposium follows the Kuyper Conference held at Calvin April 2-4. The Kuyper Conference and the Henry Symposium share a “hinge” event, in this case the Pruis Rule of Law Lecture which will feature Dr. Anthony Bradley of the Acton Institute. Dr. Bradley’s lecture scheduled for 11:00 am on April 4 will be the last event of the Kuyper Conference and the first event for the Henry Symposium. Discounted registration for both events will be available at the conferences’ websites.

The Symposium is open to all scholars and practitioners and will include the annual Henry Lecture, featuring Dr. Michelle Kirtley, Senior Research Analyst in the Department of Molecular Genetics & Microbiology, Duke University, and Co-Chair of the Association for Public Justice. We will also host a special plenary session recognizing Corwin Smidt and the “gang of four” (Smidt, John Green, James Guth, and Bud Kellstedt) for their contributions to the study of religion and politics. Finally, we’re delighted to continue partnering with the Center for Public Justice which will host their annual Kuyper Lecture on Thursday evening.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Participation at the Henry Symposium is open to scholars across the disciplines, including but not limited to political science, sociology, history, economics, international relations, philosophy, geography, religious studies, and development studies. If you’re interested in presenting a paper or organizing a panel, **submit a maximum 500-word proposal by January 15, 2024**. The proposal should include a paper/panel title, a brief description of the focus of the presentation (one to three paragraphs), your institutional affiliation, and your contact information, including an email address. Notification of accepted proposals will be no later than

February 1, 2024. **Submit proposals to henry@calvin.edu**. Please note that no funding is available through the Henry Institute to subsidize travel, housing, or registration fees.

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Symposium registration and hotel reservation information and links will be available soon on the [Henry Institute website](#).