Eighth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Public Life

Sponsored by the Paul B. Henry Institute

Featured Pre-Symposium Event

Wednesday, April 29

Special Lecture 3:30 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Christianity in Africa ‘On the Road to Emmaus” – a Quest for a New Political Theology

Featuring Bishop D. Zac Niringiye
Location: Calvin Theological Seminary Auditorium

Bishop D. Zac Niringiye (Church of the Province of Uganda) will take the 'road to Emmaus' as a parable of Christianity in Africa in his talk on "Christianity in Africa 'On the Road to Emmaus:' a Quest for a New Political Theology." He will explore the contradiction of increased growth in church membership alongside high rates of poverty and corruption in African countries, grappling with whether Christendom may be part of the problem. Niringiye will explore possible options for transforming Africa's journey from one of despair to hope, and searching for the possibility of rediscovering 'shalom' as the good news for Africa.

Bishop Niringiye leads a project on Religion, Rights and Peace at the Makerere University School of Law in Uganda, and is also working on a project at Uganda Christian University on Religion, Culture and Public Life. He is actively engaged in civic-political activism in Uganda.
Thursday, April 30

Panel 1A: Evangelical Morality and Liberal Democracy
Location: Elm
Chair: Dan Young, Northwestern College, young@nwciowa.edu

Natural Law in a Pluralistic Democratic Order
Jesse Covington, Princeton University/Westmont College, jcovington@westmont.edu

Law: Moral and Human
Bryan McGraw, Wheaton College, btmcgraw@gmail.com

Towards a Biblical Theology of the (Political) Community
Micah Watson, Union University, watsonianworks@gmail.com

Discussant: James K.A. Smith, Calvin College, jks4@calvin.edu

Panel 1B: RELTRAD Revisited
Location: Blue Spruce
Chair/Discussant: Ted Jelen, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, jelent@unlv.nevada.edu

What is an Evangelical? And Does it Matter?
Stephen Monsma, Henry Institute, sm24@calvin.edu

The Conceptualization and Measurement of Evangelicals: Assessing Alternative Approaches
Corwin Smidt, Henry Institute, smid@calvin.edu

"3B" or not "3B": Relative Efficiency of Open-Response Measures of Religiosity
Joshua Su-Ya Wu, Ohio State University, joshuawu@gmail.com
Yeshua Tolle, Ohio State University, yeshuatolle@gmail.com

Roundtable 1C: Responding to ISIS
Location: Oak
Moderator: Robert DeVries, Calvin College, rdevries@calvin.edu

Bert de Vries, Calvin College, dvrbi@calvin.edu
Robert Joustra, Redeemer University College, robjoustra@gmail.com
Sebastian Maisel, Grand Valley State University, maisels@gvsu.edu
Joel Westra, Calvin College, jhw3@calvin.edu
Coffee Break 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Thursday, April 30 4:15 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.

Panel 2A: Undergraduate Honors Panel
Location: Elm
Chair/Discussant: Becca McBride, Calvin College, ram38@calvin.edu
God's Women: An Analysis of a Suffrage Speech by the Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw
Kyle Dipre, Hope College, kyle.dipre@hope.edu
Religious Persecution and the Christian Reformed Church
Joshua Nederhood, Calvin College, jdn24@students.calvin.edu
Jenny Lamb, Calvin College, jml48@students.calvin.edu
Joshua VanderLeest, Calvin College, jpv26@students.calvin.edu
Does an Increase in Religious Behavior and Commitment Have an Effect on Party Identification in American Catholics?
Theodore Woodcock, Grand Valley State University, tws9110@gmail.com / woodcoct@mail.gvsu.edu

Panel 2B: Religious Attitudes on Policy and Participation
Location: Blue Spruce
Chair/Discussant: Peter Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University, peter.wielhouwer@wmich.edu
Christianity and the Politics of Minimum Wage in the United States
Skylar Covich, University of California-Santa Barbara, scovich@umail.ucsb.edu
My Brother's Keeper? Religious Violence and Support for Foreign Policy Intervention
Joshua Su-Ya Wu, Ohio State University, joshuaswu@gmail.com
Austin Knuppe, Ohio State University, knuppe.2@osu.edu
Context and Community: Volunteering in Religious and Secular Situations
Joseph Gerteis, University of Minnesota
Penny Edgell, University of Minnesota
Ryan Steel, University of Minnesota, steel158@unm.edu

Roundtable 2C: The Supreme Court Hobby Lobby Case and Religious Freedom
Location: Oak
Moderator: Carl Esbeck, University of Missouri School of Law, esbeckc@missouri.edu
Stanley Carlson-Thies, Institutional Religious Freedom Alliance, stanley@irfalliance.org
Stephen Monsma, Henry Institute, sm24@calvin.edu
Len Niehoff, University of Michigan Law School, lniehoff@umich.edu
Karen Zivi, Grand Valley State University Frederik Meijer Honors College, zivik@gvsu.edu
The Annual Paul B. Henry Lecture 7:30 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.

**The Future of American Christianity:**
*The Christian Crisis of the 20th Century and its Implications on the 21st*

Location: Recital Hall in the Covenant Fine Arts Center

Reception Immediately Following the Lecture 8:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Friday, May 1**

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**Panel 3A: The Role of the State in Creation Care**
Location: Elm

**Chair/Discussant:** Joshua Bowman, Catholic University of America, 60bowman@cardinalmail.cua.edu

*A Public Justice Conception of the Environmental Role of the State*
Jonathan Chaplin, Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics, Tyndale House, jc538@cam.ac.uk

*Re-Considering the State’s Role in Creation Care: A Case Study of Issues and Assumptions Arising from the Tar/Oil Sands Developments*
John Hiemstra, The Kings’ University, johnhiemstra@kingsu.ca

*The Role of U.S. Environmental Law in Caring for Creation*
John Copeland Nagle, University of Notre Dame, jnagle1@nd.edu

**Panel 3B: Visual Research Techniques for the Study of Religion**
Location: White Pine

**Chair/Discussant:** Roman Williams, Calvin College, rrw2@calvin.edu

*The Extraordinary Lives of Ordinary Adolescents*
Laura DeHaan, Calvin College, ldehaan@calvin.edu

*Mapping Congregational Responses to Re-Urbanization and Gentrification*
Mark Mulder, Calvin College, mmulder@calvin.edu

*Reaching Out to Those Who Don’t Come In: An Interactive Documentary Project on a Drive-In Church*
Samuel Smartt, Calvin College, srs29@calvin.edu

*Seeing Religion: Old and New Directions in the Visual Sociology of Religion*
Roman Williams, Calvin College, rrw2@calvin.edu
Panel 3C: Religious Interest Groups
Location: Maple
Chair/Discussant: Mikael Pelz, Calvin College, mlp23@calvin.edu
Secularist Politics: Evidence from the American Humanist Association
Mark Brockway, University of Notre Dame, mbrockwa@nd.edu
Mobilized Prayer: How Religious Interest Groups Use Prayer as a Political Strategy
Kimberly Conger, University of Cincinnati, kimberly.conger@uc.edu
J. Tobin Grant, Southern Illinois University
A Theory of Religious Interest Groups
Jacob Lupfer, Georgetown University, JL644@georgetown.edu
Falling from Grace: The Case of Legionaries of Christ
Dawid Tatarczyk, Western Michigan University, dawid.tatarczyk@wmich.edu

Coffee Break 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Friday, May 1

Panel 4A: Liberalism, Pluralism and Authority
Location: Elm
Chair/Discussant: Brian Dijkema, Cardus, bdijkema@cardus.ca
Taxonomy for Religion-State Relationships
Lynda Barrow, Coe College, lbarrow@coe.edu
Liberalism and the Challenge of Pluralism
Paul Brink, Gordon College, paul.brink@gordon.edu
Seeking the Peace of the Pluralistic City: Goods, Communities, and Obligations
Matthew Kuchem, Indiana University-Bloomington, mkuchem@indiana.edu

Panel 4B: Faith and Presidential History
Location: White Pine
Chair/Discussant: James Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu
Diplomacy as Christian Mission: Jimmy Carter and the People’s Republic of China
D. Jason Berggren, Georgia Southwestern State University, david.berggren@gsu.edu
The Religious Education of Hillary Rodham Clinton: motive Magazine, the Methodist Student Movement, and the Influence of Progressive Christianity on American Public Life
Kristin Kobes DuMez, Calvin College, dumez@calvin.edu
Supporters and Believers: The Transactional Leadership of John F. Kennedy to the Religious Community during the 1960 Presidential Campaign
J. Nick Pitts, Denison Forum on Truth and Culture, nick.pitts@denisonforum.org
Panel 4C: Church and State
Location: Maple
Chair/Discussant: Micah Watson, Union University, watsonianworks@gmail.com

Phoney Equivalence: Religious Liberty and Non-discrimination
Gordon Babst, Chapman University, gbabst@chapman.edu

Church-State Relations and the ‘Division of Powers’
Robert Burton, University of Notre Dame, rburton2@nd.edu

The New Executive Order Concerning Federal Contractors and LGBT Discrimination: Can Religious Organizations Continue to Staff on a Religious Basis?
Carl Esbeck, University of Missouri School of Law, esbeckc@missouri.edu

“The Separation of Church and State is Good for Religion”: The Death of a Trope?
Joseph Prud’homme, Washington College, jprudhomme2@washcollege.edu

Lunch 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, May 1 2:00 p.m. — 3:45 p.m.

Roundtable 5A: Sustainable Community Development and Christian Action
Location: Elm
Moderator: Kris Van Engen, World Renew, Christian Reformed Church in North America, kvanengen@crcna.org
Jonathan Bradford, Inner City Christian Federation, JBradford@iccf.org
Reesheda Graham-Washington, Communities First Association, rwashington@cfapartners.org
Rachel VerWys, Communities First Association, rachel.verwys@gmail.com
Ryan VerWys, Christian Reformed Church in North America, rverwys@crcna.org

Panel 5B: Faith and Politics in Comparative Perspective
Location: White Pine
Chair/Discussant: Becca McBride, Calvin College, ram38@calvin.edu

The European Union, Global Governance, and the Christian View of the Human Person
Todd Huizinga, Acton Institute, thuizinga@acton.org

Culture Wars in Latin America: Religion and Attitudes Toward Homosexuality and Abortion in Four Countries
Ted Jelen, University of Nevada-Las Vegas, jelent@unlv.nevada.edu
Danielle Roth-Johnson, University of Nevada-Las Vegas
John Tuman, University of Nevada-Las Vegas

Saints, Space and the State: A Spatial Dilemma of China’s State-Church Relationship in a Post-Communist Era
Mary Ma, Henry Institute, maryma9966@gmail.com
Panel 5C: The Public Role of Churches

Location: Maple

Chair/Discussant: Jacob Lupfer, Georgetown University, jil644@georgetown.edu

Building More Stately Mansions: Philanthropy, Self-Help and the Black Church
Winterbourne LaPucelle Harrison-Jones, Lilly School of Philanthropy-IUPUI, winterbournelanapucelle@gmail.com

Building our Houses on Sand: Cataloguing and Responding to Hostility against Christianity in the USA
Nicholas Kerton-Johnson, Taylor University, nckertonjohnson@taylor.edu

The Presbyterians Divest
Ron Stockton, University of Michigan-Dearborn, rstock@umich.edu

The Strategic Role of Culture-Making Vocations in a Missionary Encounter with American Society
Cory Willson, Fuller Seminary, cbwillson@gmail.com

Coffee Break

3:45 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.

Friday, May 1

Panel 6A: The Politics of Kuyper

Location: White Pine

Chair: Jordan Ballor, Acton Institute, jballor@acton.org

Toward a Kuyperian Political Economy: On the Relationship between Ethics and Economics
Dylan Pahman, Acton Institute, dpahman@acton.org

Kuyper and Foreign Policy: From Principled Pluralism to Track 1.5 Diplomacy
Robert Joustra, Redeemer University College, robjoustra@gmail.com

Kuyperian and Liberal Pluralism
David Koyzis, Redeemer University College, dtkoyzis@gmail.com

Abraham Kuyper’s Sphere Sovereignty: Between Political Pragmatism and Theological Dogma
Marietta van der Tol, Yale Divinity School, marietta.vandertol@yale.edu

Discussant: James Bratt, Calvin College, jbratt@calvin.edu

Panel 6B: Religion and American Political Culture

Location: Maple

Chair/Discussant: Neil Carlson, Center for Social Research, nec4@calvin.edu

Religious vs. National Identity among Muslim Americans
Kristina Bailey, Western Michigan University, kristina.r.bailey@umich.edu
John A. Clark, Western Michigan University, john.clark@wmich.edu

Not Post-Secular, not Post-Political: Support for Religious Expression in the U.S. Public Sphere
Jack Delehanty, University of Minnesota, dele0068@umn.edu
Penny Edgell, University of Minnesota
Evan Stewart, University of Minnesota, stewa777@umn.edu

Sunbelt Warriors, Gay Rights, and Evangelical Politics, 1978-1979
Matthew Hall, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, mhall@sbt.edu

Brian Steensland, Indiana University-Indianapolis, bsteen@iupui.edu
The Annual Kuyper Lecture
7:30 p.m. — 8:45 p.m.
Sponsored by the Center for Public Justice

Serving the City, Shaping the Political Culture
Featuring Rev. David Kim, Pastor of Faith and Work at Redeemer Presbyterian NYC
Location: Oak Room, Prince Conference Center

Reception Immediately Following the Lecture 8:45 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 2

Panel 7A: Political Theory and the Biblical Narrative
Location: Elm
Chair/Discussant: Jesse Covington, Princeton University/Westmont College, jcovington@westmont.edu
Hope and History: Rousseau, Kant, and Tocqueville’s Engagement with the Biblical Narrative
Zachary German, University of Notre Dame, zgerman@nd.edu
Moving from Civic to Covenantal: Reading the Natural Sense of Justice Texts in the Old Testament
D. Jeffrey Mooney, California Baptist University, jmooney@calbaptist.edu
Political Science Regained: The Study of Politics in the Light of the Creation, Fall and Redemption
David Koyzis, Redeemer University College, dtkoyzis@gmail.com

Panel 7B: Christianity and Public Life in Africa
Location: White Pine
Chair/Discussant: Mwenda Ntarangwi, Calvin College, mgn2@calvin.edu
Christianity and Grassroots Citizen Mobilization: Lessons from Faith-Based Organizations in South Africa and Zambia
Tracy Kuperus, Calvin College, tlk5@calvin.edu
The Christian Interaction with Social-Political Systems in Africa: A Focus on Uganda’s Parliamentary Legal Formulation Processes
Samson Maliisa, Uganda Christian University, maliisa216@gmail.com
Religion, Religious Identity and Democratic Transition: Challenges and Prospects for Uganda
D. Zac Niringiye, Church of the Province of Uganda, zac.niringiye@gmail.com
Panel 7C: Faith and Public Leadership  
Location: Maple  
Chair/Discussant: Jeffrey Walz, Concordia University-Wisconsin, Jeff.Walz@cuw.edu  
Religion, Political Alignments and Protestant Clergy  
  Lyman Kellstedt, Wheaton College, lyman.kellstedt@gmail.com  
  Corwin Smidt, Henry Institute, smid@calvin.edu  
  James Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu  
Public Leadership Capacity: Using Content Analysis to Examine the Relationship between Spirituality and Administrative Leadership  
  Stephen M. King, Taylor University, stking@taylor.edu  
Determinants of Clergy Political Activity  
  Jacob Lupfer, Georgetown University, JL.644@georgetown.edu

Coffee Break  
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Saturday, May 2  
11:00 a.m. — 12:45 p.m.

Panel 8A: Justice and Christian Ethics  
Location: Elm  
Chair/Discussant: Bryan McGraw, Wheaton College, btmcgraw@gmail.com  
Trajectories in Theology and Economics  
  D. Glenn Butner, Marquette University, david.butner@marquette.edu  
Justice, Charity and the Natural Law: Moral-Philosophical Reflections on the Recent Work of Nicholas Wolterstorff  
  J. Daryl Charles, John Jay Institute, dcharles@jjifellows.org  
Reinhold Niebuhr and Natural Law Theory: Inhabiting the Tension between the Demand for Justice and the “Law of Love”  
  Joseph E. Hartman, Georgetown University, jeh93@georgetown.edu  
Always Reforming: Christian Love for our Modern Age  
  Courtney Kane, VU University Amsterdam, courtneyalexiskane@gmail.com
Panel 8B: Contemporary Evangelicalism and Political Change
Location: Maple
Chair/Discussant: Jonathan Hill, Calvin College, jph27@calvin.edu

Are Evangelicals Still Distinctive? The State of the Evangelical Attitudes on Culture and Their Effect on Public Opinion
Jeremiah Castle, University of Notre Dame, jcastle1@nd.edu

The Last of the Culture Warriors? How Christian Millennials Discern Their Faith and Politics
Kit Kirkland, University of St. Andrews, kldk@st-andrews.ac.uk

Kingdom Politics: A New Evangelical Political Imagination
Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia, kmn4jj@virginia.edu
Sam Speers, University of Virginia, scs9ug@virginia.edu

Lunch 12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.