

**Illinois Wesleyan University
Department of Religion
1998-1999 Colloquium Series**

September 28
Department Open House Pizza Party

October 26
Presenter: Brian Hatcher, Department of Religion
Topic: "No Religion beyond Giving": The Expression of Philanthropy in Colonial Calcutta

December 11
End of the Semester Holiday Party

January 25
Presenter: April DeConick, Department of Religion
Topic: Rediscovering Ancient Christian Gospels

February 22
Presenter: Jim Simeone, Department of Political Science
Topic: Daniel Parker and the Politics of Primitive Baptist Theodicy

March 29
Presenter: Dan Terkla, English Department
Topic: The Will to Architecture: Medieval Metaphor, Memory and the Process of Intellection

April 9
Student Research Symposium in Henning Room
Special Lecturer: Alan Segal, Department of Religion
Barnard College & Columbia University
Topic: Paul and Jewish Mysticism

**4:00 p.m. - CLA 100
Refreshments will be served.**

1999-2000 Student-Faculty Colloquium on Religion

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February 28 (Monday)
Presenter: Chris Callahan, Modern and Classical Languages Department, IWU
Topic: Monastic Approaches to Medicine in the Middle Ages

March 27 (Monday)
Presenter: Rebecca Gearhart, Anthropology Department, IWU
Topic: The Sufi Influence on the Coast of East Africa

April 14 (Friday), Student Research Symposium, 3 p.m., Henning Room
Special Lecturer: Philip Lutgendorf, Department of Asian Languages and Literature, University of Iowa
Topic: On Missing Links: Hanuman, Academic Scholars, and the Study of Hinduism

September 29 (Wed.)
Meet the New Faculty Party

October 25 (Monday)
Presenters: April De Conick, Religion Department, IWU, and the Religion Majors, J. Allen, P. Aylward, J. Fuller, M. Mitchell, and S. Stowe
Topic: From the IWU Classroom to the Ruins of Greece: A Travel Log

November 29 (Monday)
Presenter: David Fryer, Religion Department, IWU
Topic: Post-Humanist Ethical Subjectivities: Reading Lévinas and Lacan

December 7 (Tuesday)
Holiday Party

January 24 (Monday)
Presenter: Chris Lee, Religion Department, IWU
Topic: "Urdu is a woman without support": Benarsi Muslim Poets' Thoughts on Urdu in India

**4-6 p.m., CLA 100
Refreshments Served**



**2000-2001
Student-Faculty
Colloquium on Religion**



Illinois Wesleyan University Department of Religion

October 23, Monday
Topic: Roundtable Discussion with Faculty & Students
"What is the Study of Religion?"

November 27, Monday
Presenters: Minor Myers, Jr., President, IWU
Topic: "Printing and Human Development"

December 8, Friday
Presenters: Religion Faculty - "Breaking the Canon"

January 22, Monday
Presenter: Joy Calico, School of Music, IWU
Topic: "Whose Reality? Socialist Realism in the GDR, 1945-1961"

February 26, Monday
Presenter: Paul Bushnell, History Department, IWU
Topic: "Historians Confront Religious Revivals: America's 'Great Awakenings', 1730-1830"

March 26, Monday
Presenter: Bob Bray, English Department, IWU
Topic: "He will be Good! But God Knows When - Lincoln and the Evangelicals"

April 20, Friday
Turfler Room
Student Research Symposium, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Special Presenter: Karen King, Harvard Divinity School, 4:30 p.m.
Topic: "Reading the Apocryphon of John as Social Critique"



**4:00-5:30 p.m., CLA 100
Refreshments Served**



2001-2002 Student-Faculty Colloquium on Religion

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, PRESSER HALL 258, 7:00-9:00 P.M.

Topic: Panel and Discussions: "Dialogue and Reflections on September 11: Islam and Politicized Spirituality"

Panel: Fred Donner, Professor of Near Eastern History, University of Chicago
 Mohamed Torokh, Associate Professor of History, ISU
 Casie Myscicki, Professor of Religion, IWU
 Moderator: Brian Hatcher, Associate Professor of Religion and Humanities, IWU

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "St. Radegund of Poitiers and the Politics of Early Medieval Monasticism"

Presenter: Martha Jorda, Assistant Professor of History, IWU

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "Breaking the Canon: Heretics, Dissidents and Deviants"

Presenters: Roundtable Discussion with Faculty and Students

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "Sex and the Soul in Early Christianity"

Presenter: April DeConick, Assistant Professor of Religion, IWU

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "Sex, Gender and the Human Spirit in Contemporary Africana Philosophy"

Presenter: David Fryer, Assistant Professor of Religion, IWU

MONDAY, MARCH 25, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "Reading the Male in Homeric Tradition"

Presenter: Nancy Sultran, Associate Professor of Humanities and Classical Studies, IWU

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, ROOM TBA, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Student Research Symposium (4:00-4:30 p.m.)

Keynote Address: "Philosophical and Religious Thought in an Age of Disciplinary Decadence"

Presenter: Lewis Gaskin, Professor and Chair of Africana Studies, Brown University (4:30 p.m.)



2002-2003 Student-Faculty Colloquium on Religion

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "Amazons in the . . . Amazon: Images of Native Brazilian Women"

Presenter: Casie Myscicki, Professor of Religion, IWU

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "Sleeping With My Mind's Eye Open" - Autobiography As Spiritual Journey

Presenter: Jerry Stone, Professor Emeritus, Religion Department, IWU

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "Wrestling with Angels and Demons"

Presenter: Kevin Sullivan, Visiting Assistant Professor, IWU

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "King James, the Archbishop, and the Merry Boys"

Presenter: Michael Young, Professor of History, IWU

MONDAY, MARCH 10, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Topic: "Gender and Violence in Religion"

Roundtable discussion with faculty and students

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, BECKMAN AUDITORIUM, AMES LIBRARY, 4:00-6:00 P.M.

Student Research Symposium (4:00-4:30 p.m.)

Topic: "Oshun's Altars: Representing an African Goddess in the Americas"

Presenters: Joseph M. Murphy, Associate Professor of Theology, Georgetown University (4:30)



2003-2004 Student-Faculty Colloquium on Religion

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 PM

Topic: "Caesar, Son of God"

Presenter: Bob Mowery, Professor Emeritus, IWU

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, CLA 205, 4:00-6:00 PM

Topic: Screening of the short film: "King of the Jews" (18 minutes) followed by discussion

Presenter: Religion Department Faculty and Students, IWU

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 PM

Topic: "Sanctification in Late Antiquity"

Presenter: Jason Moralee, History Department, IWU

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 PM

Topic: "The Clash of Feminism in the Muslim World: Women, Islam, and State in Turkey"

Presenter: Emine Evered, Instructor, History Department, ISU

MONDAY, MARCH 22, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 PM

Topic: "Translation and the Hermeneutics of Hindu Reform"

Presenter: Brian Hatcher, Religion Department, IWU

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, BECKMAN AUDITORIUM, THE AMES LIBRARY, 4:00-6:00 PM

Student Research Symposium (4:00-5:00 PM)

Special Lecturer: Jeffrey J. Kripal, Lynette S. Autry Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Rice University (5:00 PM)

Topic: "The Powers of Professor X: Some Reflections on the Forbidden Knowledge of Religious Studies"





Department of Religion

Student-Faculty Colloquium on Religion 2005



Monday, January 31, Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library, 4:00-6:00 PM

Topic: "Thomas Merton and the Just War Theory"
Presenter: Cristóbal Serrán-Pagán, Visiting Assistant Professor, Religion Department, IWU

Monday, February 21, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 PM

Topic: "Negro Spirituals — More Than Just the Religious Ramblings of Slaves"

Presenter: Carren D. Moham, Associate Professor, School of Music, IWU

Friday, March 4, CNS C101, 4:00 PM

Please join us for the IWU Faculty Colloquium

Topic: "What The Gospel of Thomas Can Tell us about Early Christianity"

Presenter: April DeConick, Associate Professor, Religion Department, IWU

Friday, April 1, Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library, 4:00-6:00 PM

Student Research Symposium (4:00-4:50 PM)

Special Lecturer: Jorunn Jakobson Buckley, Bowdoin College

Topic: "The Last Living Gnostics: the Mandaeans of Iraq and Iran" (5:00 PM)



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Religion Colloquium 2005-2006



BROWN BAG SERIES Wednesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 PM in CNS E102

Senior Colloquium and Special Presentation

Friday, March 31

4:00 - 6:00 PM Beckman Auditorium, Ames Library

4:00 - 4:50 PM Student Research Symposium

5:00 - 6:00 PM Special Lecturer

John Stratton Hawley Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Religion Barnard College, Columbia University

"Inventing the Eternal Religion: Hinduism at the Cusp of the 20th Century"

Wednesday, September 28 Welcome Back Session

Wednesday, October 26 "A Vow, a Statue, and a Beast-Hunt" Robert Mowery, Professor Emeritus, Ames Library, IWU

Wednesday, November 30 "Hinduism in Search of Experience: Proofs for Religion in Colonial Bengal" Brian Hatcher, Professor, Religion Department, IWU

Wednesday, January 25 Stories from the Field of Research: A Discussion with Religion Faculty Religion Department Faculty

Wednesday, February 22 "Spreading the Word: The Challenges Faced by the First Christian Missionaries" Kevin Sullivan, Assistant Professor of New Testament, Marquette University

Wednesday, March 15 "Sanctuary and Scandal: Women in Convents in Colonial Brazil" Carole Myscowski, Professor, Religion Department, IWU

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Friday, April 13, 2007 Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library 4:00 - 5:00 PM Student Research Symposium

5:00 - 6:00 PM Eugene V. Gallagher Rosemary Park Professor of Religious Studies Faculty Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, Connecticut College

"When Is a Religion Not a Religion? The Contemporary Discussion of 'Cults'"

Religion Colloquium 2006-2007 Wednesdays from 4:00 - 5:00 PM in CLA 105

October 11, 2006 "Russian Jews in Azerbaizdhan: Film and Discussion"

Valery Dymshits, Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence, The Judaica Center, European University, St. Petersburg Russia His Film "Come my Beloved to Greet the Bride" will be shown.

November 8, 2006 "Jonathan Edwards's Big Book: (Re)Writing Theology in Early America" Robert E. Brown, Visiting Professor, IWU

March 14, 2007 "New Confucianism" Xiaofei Tu, Visiting Professor, IWU



Come hear a special presentation on April 13 by Eugene V. Gallagher, co-editor of History and Controversies: Introduction to New and Alternative Religions in America



Religion Colloquium

2007-08

Mondays from 4:00-5:00pm in CLA 105

Friday, April 11, 2008
Davidson Room

4:00-5:00 P.M.
Senior Students'
Research Presentations

5:00-6:00 P.M.
Deirdre Dempsey

Associate Professor/Assistant Chair
Theology Department,
Marquette University

**"A Tale of Two Tells: The
Intersection of Biblical
Studies and Archaeology"**

October 15, 2007

Hope Luckie, Chaplain, IWU
"Deep and Wide: University Chaplaincy on a Liberal Arts Campus"

November 12, 2007

Robert Erlewine, Religion Department, IWU
"On Being an Object for the Divine Subject: A.J. Heschel's Monotheism"

January 14, 2008

Jason Moralee, History Department, IWU
"Talk about Suffering: Roman Religion, Romantic Dangers"

February 11, 2008

Kevin Sullivan, Religion Department, IWU
"The Thirteenth Demon: Anthropology in the Gospel of Judas"

March 10, 2008

Valerie Hoffman, Program for the Study of Religion, UIUC
"Islam and Muslim Scholarship in Nineteenth-Century Zanzibar"



Religion Colloquium

2008-09

March 30, 2009
Beckman Auditorium

4:00-5:00 P.M.
Student Research Symposium

5:00-6:00 P.M.
Shaul Magid

The Jay and Jeannie Schottenstein
Professor of Jewish Studies
Department of Religious Studies
Indiana University

**"Reclaiming Jesus or
Defending Judaism?:
Coming to Terms (once again)
with a Jewish Jesus"**

October 13, 2008

4:00 P.M., CLA 205
Robert Brown
Visiting Assistant Professor
Religion Department, Illinois Wesleyan University
"Hair Down to There: Nature, Culture and
Gender in Cotton Mather's 'Biblia Americana.'"

November 17, 2008

4:00 P.M., CLA 205
Molly Robey
Visiting Instructor
English Department, Illinois Wesleyan University
"Citizens of the New Jerusalem: Mapping the
U.S. Frontier and the Land of the Bible"

January 26, 2009

4:00 P.M., CLA 205
Robert Mowery
Professor Emeritus
Library, Illinois Wesleyan University
"God in the New York Times — Another Look"

February 9, 2009

4:00 P.M., CNS C101
Darshan Mehta, MD, MPH (IWU '97)
Associate Director of Medical Education
Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine
Massachusetts General Hospital
Instructor in Medicine Harvard Medical School
"Can Spirituality be Healthy?"

March 9, 2009

4:00 P.M., CLA 205
Walter Mead, Professor Emeritus
Department of Politics and Science
Illinois State University
"Michael Polanyi's Exploration of the
Tacit Dimension"



Religion Colloquium

2009-2010

Mondays from 4:00 - 5:00 PM in CLA 205

Friday, April 9, 2010
Beckman Auditorium,
The Ames Library

4:00 - 5:00 PM
**Senior Research Projects,
Part II**

5:00 - 6:00 PM
SPECIAL LECTURE
Paul Courtright
Professor, Department of Religion
Emory University
**"Irony and Satire
in Colonial India"**

October 19, 2009

Tao Jin, Assistant Professor
Religion Department,
Illinois Wesleyan University
"The Confucian Reading of Buddhist
Teaching"

November 16, 2009

Alexander Mayer,
Associate Professor
East Asian Languages and Civilizations
and Religious Studies
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
"Is There a Dharma of History?"

January 25, 2010

Senior Research Projects, Part I


February 15, 2010

Jason Fuller, Assistant Professor
Religious Studies, DePauw University
"Hinduism's 'Eastern Savior': the Rehabilitation
of Chaitanya in Colonial Bengal"

March 8, 2010

Silviu Bunta, Assistant Professor
Department of Religious Studies,
University of Dayton
"Whose Son was Cain Anyway? Genesis 4:1
as a Case of Textual Insinuation"





2010-2011

Religion Colloquium

Mondays from 4:00 – 5:00 PM in CLA 205

March 25, 2011
Beckman Auditorium,
The Ames Library
4:00 – 5:00 PM
Senior Research Projects.


5:00 – 6:00 PM
SPECIAL LECTURE
Terry G. Wilfong
Associate Professor, University of Michigan
"Anxious Egyptians:
Divine Guarantees in Personal
Oracles as Indices of Anxieties
in Ancient Egypt"

September 27, 2010
Chris Keith
Assistant Professor of New Testament
and Christian Origins,
Lincoln Christian University
▷ "How Do We Really Know What Jesus
Said and Did?"

January 31, 2011
Jared Calaway
Visiting Assistant Professor, IWU
▷ "Moses on the Mount: Visions of the
'Pattern' of the Tabernacle in Jewish
and Christian Literature"

February 28, 2011
Maura Toro-Morn
Associate Professor, Sociology Department
and Latin American Studies, ISU
▷ "Women and the New Sanctuary Movement"

October 18, 2010
Bruce Rosenstock
Associate Professor of
Religious Studies,
University of Illinois
▷ "Revelations in the Flesh: Jews,
Germans, and the Body of the Nation"



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2011-2012

Religion Colloquium

March 30, 2012
Beckman Auditorium,
The Ames Library
4:00 PM
Student Research Projects


5:00 PM
SPECIAL LECTURE
Robert Gimello
Research Professor of Theology and of East Asian
Languages & Cultures, Department of Theology
The University of Notre Dame
"Philosophers and Goddesses:
Doctrinal Discourse and Occult
Practice in Chinese Buddhism"



September 23, 2011
4:00 PM, CNS 101
Kevin Sullivan
Associate Professor and Chair,
Religion Department, IWU
"Ten if by Land, Less if by Sea:
When were the Gospels Written?"
(IWU Faculty Colloquium)

November 7, 2011
4:00 PM, CLA 105
Kay Read
Professor of Religious Studies,
DePaul University
"The Feathered Serpent and the
Transformative Powers of Aztec
and Spanish Images"

February 20, 2012
4:00 PM, CLA 205
Amy Coles
Visiting Assistant Professor of History,
IWU
"Worshiping Locally: The Creation
of Community in Ancient Roman
Colonization"


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