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: "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 Simmons, Department of Political Science
Topic: The Politics of Primitive Baptists

March 25
Presenter: Dan Turkel, English Department
Topic: The Will to Architecture: Medieval Metaphors, Memory and the Process of Intelegence

April 9
Student Research Symposium in Henry Room
Special Lecturer: Alan Segal, Department of Religion
Barnard College & Columbia University
Topic: Paul and Jewish Mysticism
4:00 p.m. - GLA 100
Refreshments will be served.

1999-2000 Student-Faculty Colloquium on Religion

February 28 (Monday)
Presenter: Chris Leek, Religion Department, IW
Topic: "Religion in the United States - A Woman without Support? - Personal Mennonite Poet’s Thoughts on Urdu in India"

March 27 (Monday)
Presenter: Rebecca Shearert, Anthropology Department, IW
Topic: "The Self Influence on the East and West"

April 14 (Friday), Student Research Symposium, 3 p.m., Henry Room
Special Lecturer: Philip Longworth, Department of Asian Languages and Literature, University of Iowa
Topic: "Religion in the University: Hemons, Academic Scholars, and the Study of Hinduism"

April 29 (Monday)
Presenter: April DeConick, Religion Department, IW
Topic: "Religion beyond Giving: The Expression of Philanthropy in Colonial Calcutta"

September 25 (Wednesday)
Meet the New Faculty Party

October 25 (Monday)
Presenters: April DeConick, Religion Department, IW
Topic: "Religion beyond Giving: The Expression of Philanthropy in Colonial Calcutta"

November 20 (Monday)
Presenter: David Fries, Religion Department, IW
Topic: "Religion beyond Giving: The Expression of Philanthropy in Colonial Calcutta"

December 7 (Tuesday)
Holiday Party

January 24 (Monday)
Presenter: Chris Leek, Religion Department, IW
Topic: "Religion in the United States - A Woman without Support? - Personal Mennonite Poet’s Thoughts on Urdu in India"

February 26 (Wednesday)
Presenter: Paul Shearert, Anthropology Department, IW
Topic: "Religion in the United States - A Woman without Support? - Personal Mennonite Poet’s Thoughts on Urdu in India"

March 26 (Monday)
Presenter: April DeConick, Religion Department, IW
Topic: "Religion beyond Giving: The Expression of Philanthropy in Colonial Calcutta"

April 29 (Monday)
Presenter: April DeConick, Religion Department, IW
Topic: "Religion beyond Giving: The Expression of Philanthropy in Colonial Calcutta"

4:00-5:30 p.m., GLA 100
Refreshments Served.
2001-2002
Student-Faculty Colloquium on Religion

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, PRUESS HALL 258, 7:00-9:00 P.M.
Topics: Panel and Discussion: "Buddhism and Reduction on September 11: Issues and Political Implications"
Panels: Panel Discussion: Members: Professor of Buddhist Studies, University of Chicago, Members: Members: Department of History, OSU
Moderator: Brian Walden, Associate Professor of Religion and Humanities, OSU

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "The Reduplication of Politics and the Politics of Early Medieval Monasticism"
Presenter: Mark A. I. Undergraduate Professor of Religion, OSU

MIDWINTER, DECEMBER 3, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Breaking the Censer: Heretics, Schismatics, and Devotees"
Presenter: Donald L. G. Associate Professor of Religion, OSU

MONDAY, JANUARY 19, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Sex and the Sex in Early Christianity"
Presenter: April D. C. Associate Professor of Religion, OSU

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Sex, Gender, and the Human Spirit in Contemporary African Philosophy"
Presenter: David H. P. Associate Professor of Religion, OSU

MIDWINTER, MARCH 25, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Reading the Male in Homeric Tradition"
Presenter: Nancy S. A. Associate Professor of Humanities and Classical Studies, OSU

FRIDAY, APRIL 15, ROOM 18A, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Panel: "Ideas and Religious Thought in the Age of Wachter's Manuscripts"
Presenter: David Goodwin, Professor of Art History, OSU

2002-2003
Student-Faculty Colloquium on Religion

MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Women in the . . . Amazon: Images of Native Brazilian Women"
Presenter: Carina Menéndez, Professor of Religion, OSU

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Reading With the Mind's Eye Cover: An Autobiography As Spiritual Journey"
Presenter: Jaye N. J. Professor of Religion, Religion Department, OSU

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Wrestling with Angels and Demons"
Presenter: Bruno G. Associate Professor of Religion, OSU

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "King James, the Archbishop, and the Merry Boys"
Presenter: Michael Snadj, Professor of History, OSU

MONDAY, MARCH 10, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Gender and Violence in Religion"
Roundtable discussion with faculty and students

FRIYDAY, APRIL 11, BECKMAN AUDITORIUM, ARENS LIBRARY, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Religious Attitudes: Representing an African Goddess in the Americas"
Presenter: Joseph M. Murphy, Associate Professor of Theology, Georgetown University (USA)

2003-2004
Student-Faculty Colloquium on Religion

MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Caesar, Son of God"
Presenter: Beth Murray, Professor of Religion, OSU

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, CLA 205, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Screening of the short film "King of the Jews" (18 minutes) followed by discussion
Presenter: Religion Department Faculty and Students, OSU

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Skepticism in Late Antiquity"
Presenter: Jason M. M. History Department, OSU

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Presenter: Enver E. E. Religious Studies Department, OSU

MONDAY, MARCH 22, CLA 100, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Topic: "Translation and the Hermeneutics of Hindi Reform"
Presenter: Brian N. R. Religion Department, OSU

FRIYDAY, APRIL 5, BECKMAN AUDITORIUM, ARENS LIBRARY, 4:00-6:00 P.M.
Student Research Symposium (3:00-3:30 PM)
Special Lecturer: Jeffrey J. Kripal, Lyttelton S. Audy Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Rice University (USA)

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, 6:00-6:00 PM
Topic: "Thomas More's and the Last War Theory"
Presenters: Christoff Sering, Visiting Assistant Professor, Religion Department, IWU

Monday, February 21, CLA 100, 6:00-6:00 PM
Topic: "Negro Spirituals — More Than Just the Religious Humblings of Slaves"
Presenters: Carmen D. Mohan, Associate Professor, School of Music, IWU

Friday, March 4, CNS C104, 6:00 PM
Please join us for the IWU Faculty Colloquium
Topic: "What The Gospel of Thomas Can Tell Us about Early Christianity"
Presenters: April DeCock, Associate Professor, Religion Department, IWU

Friday, April 1, Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library, 6:00-6:00 PM
Student Research Symposium (4:00-4:30 PM)
Special Lecturers: Professor John Tidwell, Temple University
"The Last Living Masterpiece: The Mandates of Iraq and Iran" (5:00 PM)

Religion Colloquium

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

Wednesday, September 28
Welcome and Opening Session

Wednesday, October 12
"A View from a Statue, and a Sweetheart"
Robert Mason, Professor Emeritus, Ames Library, IWU

Wednesday, November 30
"Vitalism in the Search of Experience: Proofs for Religion in Colonial Bengali"
Brian Hartley, Professor, Religion Department, IWU

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

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

Wednesday, March 15
"Sacred and Secular: Women in Convents in Colonial Brazil"
Cecilia Myres, Professor, Religion Department, IWU

Religion Colloquium

2006-2007

Friday, April 13, 2007
Beckman Auditorium, The Ames Library
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Student Research Symposium
5:00 - 6:00 PM
Clyde K. Gallagher
Associate 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'"

October 15, 2006
"Russian Jews in Azerbaijan:
Film and Discussion"

Wednesday, November 8, 2006
"Jonathan Edwards's Big Book:
(R)escription of Early America"
Robert E. Brown, Visiting Professor, IWU

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

October 15, 2007
Hope Ludée, 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 Mareska, History Department, IWU
"A Tale of Two Tellis: The Intersection of Biblical Studies and Archaeology"

February 11, 2008
Kevin Sullivan, Religion Department, IWU
"The Thirteenth Desert: 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

March 30, 2009
Beckman Auditorium

Robert Brown
Visiting Assistant Professor
Religion Department, Illinois Wesleyan University
"Hair Down to There: Nature, Culture and Gender in Cotton Harpers 'Bible Americans'"

November 17, 2008
4:00 PM, CLA 205
Malloy Babay
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 PM, CLA 205
Robert Meisery
Professor Emeritus
Library, Illinois Wesleyan University
"Use in the New York Times — Another Look"

Religion Colloquium

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
Illinois Wesleyan University
"Ironic and Setfire 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
Department of Religious Studies
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
"Is There a Dharma of History?"

February 16, 2010
Jason Fuller, Assistant Professor
Religious Studies, DePaul University
"Hinduism's "Eastern Savior": The Rehabilitation of Chaitanya in Colonial Bengal"

March 8, 2010
Silvia Bunsa, Assistant Professor
Department of Religious Studies
University of Dayton
"Who's Son Was Cain Anyway? Genetics 4:1 As a Case of Sexual Instruction"

January 29, 2010
Senior Research Projects, Part I
Religion Colloquium

March 25, 2011
Beckman Auditorium,
The Ames Library
4:00 – 5:00 PM
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 Indicators of Anxieties in Ancient Egypt"

September 22, 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 Menorah: Visions of the 'Pattern' of the Tabernacle in Jewish and Christian Literature"

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

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

Illinois Wesleyan
UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION

March 30, 2012
Beckman Auditorium,
The Ames Library
4:00 PM
Student Research Projects
5:00 PM
Special Lecture
Robert Giamello
Research Professor of Theology and of East Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of Theology
The University of Notre Dame
"Philosophers and Goddesses:
Doctrinal Discourse and Occult Practice in Chinese Buddhism"

Religion Colloquium

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
Kaye 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 105
Amy Coles
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, IWU
"Worshiping Locally: The Creation of Community in Ancient Roman Colonialization"

Illinois Wesleyan
UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF RELIGION