



Center for the Study of Religion Celebrates Ten Year Anniversary

On October 16, 2010, CSR held a celebration in honor of its ten-year anniversary. Audience members were treated to a creative scholarly performance by **Amy Hollywood**, Elizabeth H. Monrad Professor of Christian Studies at Harvard Divinity School, who spoke on “Reading ‘the Book of Experience’: Toward an Alternative History of Religious Experience.” A dinner followed at the Center, at which current and former fellows gathered to relive favorite CSR memories and toast those who made it possible. CSR alumni across the country sent in their tributes, both prosaic and poetic. Former Visiting Fellow **Kathryn Lofton** penned:

*Day and night while I worked and slept
 the team labored on so all needs were met.
 Invisibly generous, thoughtfully dear,
 What if there is no other way to finish a book?
 (I fear.)*

Suggested alternative meaning for CSR included: Coffee Served Regularly, Californian’s Scholarly Retreat, Collegium Studiorum Religionis, and Care-worn Student’s Remedy. Highest praise was reserved for the two people who have enabled the mission of CSR since its inception: Center Manager **Anita Kline** and Center Director **Robert Wuthnow**. Of Anita, former Visiting Fellow **Cynthia Eller** wrote:

*There once was a woman from Seattle
 Whom nothing whatever could rattle
 I report with some pride, that she took it in stride
 When post-docs circled round her to prattle.*

Professor Wuthnow was feted with tributes ranging from a case of Dr. Bob soda from former

Graduate Student Fellow **Amy Reynolds** to a congratulatory epistle from University President **Shirley Tilghman**. President Tilghman remarked:

There are some who wonder how you manage to guide a dynamic center of this kind while simultaneously chairing the Department of Sociology, publishing prolifically, and serving on the Committee of Three, but that is a mystery I am more than happy to live with for another decade if need be.



Photo by Frank Wojciechowski

Celebrants engaged in a rousing game of “CSR Trivia,” pitting current and former fellows against each other to answer such brainteasers as “How many different books authored by Bob Wuthnow are found in Firestone Library?” and “Name the three different locations where CS(A)R has been housed on campus.” Players could earn extra points by succinctly explaining the differences between the Center for the Study of Religion, the Department of Religion, and the Office of Religious Life. Door prizes included CSR memorabilia such as 2001 Annual Reports, bottles of Kabbalah water, and video-cassettes of vintage lectures. The event was a fitting tribute to the ten years of scholarship and friendship fostered by the Center for the Study of Religion.



Center Fellows and Staff Win Awards

CSR Graduate Student Fellows brought honor to the Center again this year by winning various departmental, university, and external awards. **Ricky Martin** has won a Writing Center pre-doctoral award. Joseph Moshenska was awarded a prestigious Porter Ogden Jacobus Fellowship. **Bridget Purcell** won a Turkish language grant from the American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages. **Lindsay Reckson** received a grant from the Program in American Studies to conduct research in the William James Collection at Harvard University’s Houghton Library. **Krisztina Szilagyi** has been awarded the M. Alison Frantz Fellowship in Post-Classical Studies at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. Undergraduate fellow **Jane McClintock** was presented with the Religion Department’s award for outstanding work in the Religions of the Americas subfield. In other news, CSR’s long-time manager, **Anita Kline**, was named by her peers as the 2009-2010 Academic Manager of the Year. Congratulations!

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Updates from CSR Fellows and Alumni

Fellows sent in updates from their busy and productive lives. **Wendy Cadge** (Graduate Student Fellow '00-'01) made her television debut on CNN in an interview with Campbell Brown on the science of prayer, while **Rebecca Sager** (Visiting Fellow '09-'10) made her radio debut on "Culture Shocks" with Barry Lynn, discussing her new book *Faith, Politics, and Power: The Politics of Faith-Based Initiatives*. **Mark Robinson** (GSF '08-'09) won an award for anthropological fieldwork from the Wenner-Gren Foundation. **Jon Pahl** (Affiliate Fellow '06-'07), in addition to publishing his latest book, *Empire of Sacrifice: The Religious Origins of American Violence*, plays the saxophone and leads fellow historians and theologians in a band called the "Groove Daemons." **Phillip Connor** (GSF '08-'10) began a position as a research associate at the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life in Washington, D.C. **Anthony Petro** (GSF '08-'10) will become Assistant Professor and Faculty Fellow in the Program in Religious Studies at NYU. **Daniel Schwartz** (GSF '05-'06) will begin a tenure-track position at Texas A&M University, teaching late-antique history. **Heather White** (GSF '05-'06) is visiting Assistant Professor of religion at the New College of Florida. It was a big year for **Rebecca Davis** (VF '06-'07): she published her book *More Perfect Unions: The American Search for Marital Bliss* and welcomed baby Jonathan Lewis Davis.

James McCartin (VF '06-'07) published his *Prayers of the Faithful: The Shifting Spiritual Life of American Catholics*. **Cynthia Eller's** (VF '96-'97) *Gentlemen and Amazons: The Myth of Matriarchal Prehistory, 1861-1900* is in press, and she has been promoted to full Professor at Montclair University. **Chuck Mathewes** (VF '00-'01) authored two books this year: *Understanding Religious Ethics* and *Republic of Grace: Augustinian Thoughts for Dark Times*. **Jack Tannous** (GSF '08-'09) received a postdoctoral fellowship at Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection. **Anthony Stevens-Arroyo** (VF '95-'96) edited the *Report on the Island and Diocese of Puerto Rico (1647)* by Don Diego de Torres y Vargas. The first paperback edition of **Deidre Crumbley's** (VF '00-'01) *Spirit, Structure, and Flesh: Gendered Experiences in African Instituted Churches among the Yoruba of Nigeria* has been released. **Uriel Simonsohn** (GSF '06-'07) completed a two-year post-doctoral fellowship at the Institute for Religious Studies of Leiden University and will be a fellow of the Martin Buber Society of Fellows at Hebrew University. His CSR-sponsored dissertation "Overlapping Jurisdictions: Judicial Choices and Confessional Boundaries among Christians and Jews under Early Muslim Rule" is under contract. **Matt Hedstrom** (VF '07-'08) was selected to participate in the Young Scholars in American Religion

program at IUPUI for 2010-2012. **Sharon Erickson Nepstad's** (VF '01-'02) book *Religion and War Resistance in the Plowshares Movement* won the 2009 Outstanding Book Award from the American Sociological Association's section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict. **Gregg Gardner** (Seminary Teaching Intern '09-'10) will hold The Diamond Chair of Jewish Law and Ethics as Assistant Professor in the Department of Classical, Near Eastern, and Religious Studies at the University of British Columbia. **Rosemary Carbine** (VF '01-'02) and spouse Jake both joined the Religious Studies faculty at Whittier College in 2007. They also purchased their first home, a 1920s Craftsman-style house in uptown Whittier, CA. **Michael Lindsay** (GSF '03-'06) has been named Founding Director of Rice's new Program for the Study of Leadership. Michael also welcomed twin daughters Caroline Margaret and Emily Anne. Congratulations to all of this year's new parents: Jetta Pearl Krieger was born to **Bella Tandler**, and William Zachary was born to **Allison Youatt Schnable** (both GSF '09-'10). **Eric Johnson** (VF '08-'10) welcomed Kathleen Emily. The fifth little Michelson arrived this year: Paul David Williams, son of **David Michelson** (GSF '05-'06). And welcome to Jake Anthony, son of CSR computer support specialist **Jeff Guest**. **Martha Finch** (VF '04-'05) sent news of her first grandbaby!

Faith & Work Initiative Hosts First Conference

The Princeton Faith & Work Initiative hosted a major, day-long conference on April 9, 2010 on the Princeton University campus, called "Civilizing the Economy: A New Understanding of Business Enterprise?" This was an interdisciplinary conference on Pope Benedict XVI's recent encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, directed at economic matters and the financial crisis. The program featured 17 world-class speakers and panelists, including CEOs, stakeholder activists, business school academics, economists, and religion scholars. Two of the participating economists from Italy played an influential behind-the-scenes role in shaping some of the key ideas

in the Pope's encyclical. The conference attracted nearly 200 attendees, scholars and marketplace practitioners from around the county and overseas. Throughout the day, the resources of Catholic Social Teaching were considered, challenged, and employed. This rich interdisciplinary gathering of thought leaders resulted in fascinating conversations linking theory and practice, and providing fresh ways to theologize and operationalize the Pope's ideas on the economy.

All plenary and breakout sessions can be viewed as webcasts on the Faith and Work Initiative website at <http://faithandwork.princeton.edu>.

Civilizing
THE ECONOMY
A New Way of Understanding Business Enterprise?

April 9, 2010
8:30 am - 6 pm
Princeton University

"Vaticanomics"?
-Wall Street Journal

"New Sins, New Virtues"?
-The Economist

Come hear leading CEOs and academics discuss the pitfalls and possibilities of the Pope's recent letter on the economy *Caritas in Veritate* (Love in Truth).

Center-Sponsored Events in Review

The Center sponsored a variety of conferences and public lectures this past academic year, including:

Buddhist Studies Workshop

“Ritual or Law? On the Establishment of an Order of Nuns in Theravada Buddhism,” **Ute Huesken**, University of Oslo, October 29, 2009

“India in Chinese Buddhist Historiography,” **John Kieschnick**, University of Bristol, March 24, 2010

“Buddhism and the Discourses of Modernity,” **David L. McMahan**, Franklin and Marshall, April 1, 2010

“What is a Hinayana Fundamentalist Doing in Fifth-Century China?” **Daniel Boucher**, Cornell University, April 22, 2010

Crossroads of Religion and Politics Lecture Series

“Development and Religious Actors: The State of Play,” **Katherine Marshall**, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University, October 26, 2009

“Religion in a Democracy: Intruder or Guiding Light?” **Mickey Edwards**, Aspen Institute and former congressman, December 1, 2009

“Violence Finds Refuge in Falsehood: American Democracy and the Future of Torture,” **George Hunsinger**, Princeton Theological Seminary, December 16, 2009

“The Widow’s Torment: International Religious Freedom and American Foreign Policy,” **Thomas Farr**, Georgetown University, March 4, 2010

Doll Family Lectureship on Religion and Money

“Philanthropy and Development: Does Private Foreign Aid Work?” **Andrew Natsios**, Georgetown University, former USAID administrator and former World Vision vice president, April 14, 2010

Ethics in the Executive Suite Conversations with David W. Miller, Princeton University Faith & Work Initiative

“A Quaker Perspective on Ethics in the Executive Suite”: A Conversation with **Margaret Benefiel**, Ph.D., CEO of ExecutiveSoul.com, October 28, 2009

“America’s Pay Czar on Ethics, Faith and Executive Compensation”: A Conversation with **Kenneth Feinberg**, Special Master for Executive Compensation, March 2, 2010

“A Catholic Perspective on Ethics in the Executive Suite”: A Conversation with **Jimmy Dunne**, Senior Managing Principal, Sandler O’Neil LLP, March 30, 2010

Princeton Lectures in Religion and History

“Reading ‘the Book of Experience’: Toward an Alternative History of Religious Experience,” **Amy Hollywood**, October 16, 2009

Princeton Lecture in Religion and Science

“Fingerprints of God: The Search for the Science of Spirituality,” **Barbara Bradley Hagerty**, October 5, 2009

Additional Lectures, Exhibitions, Conferences, and Faculty-Directed Events (includes co-sponsored events)

“Life Objects: Rites of Passage in African Art,” Princeton University Art Museum exhibition, accompanying **Chika Okeke-Agulu’s** CSR-sponsored course, September 12-2009 – January 24, 2010

Islam, Modernity, and South Asia,” seminar series, directed by **Isabel Clark-Deces**, Anthropology, with **Bernard Haykel**, Near Eastern Studies, 2009-2010

“Religion, Democracy and Conflict” speaker series, directed by **Rafaella Dancygier**, Politics and **Mirjam Kunkler**, Near Eastern Studies, 2009-2010

“Prayer and Prayerfulness” Consultation, November 20-21, 2009

“Judah Loew and Jewish Life in Early Modern Prague” conference, directed by **Peter Schäfer**, Religion, December 6-7, 2009

“Beholding the Symbol: The Transcendental Role of Architecture in Byzantine Art,” lecture by CSR Faculty Associate **Slobodan Ćurčić**, March 6, 2010

“Antichrist: Lars von Trier’s Concept of Genealogy,” lecture by **Irene Berkel**, University of Innsbruck, March 31, 2010

“Civilizing the Economy? A New Way of Understanding Business Enterprise,” Conference Sponsored by the Princeton University Faith & Work Initiative, April 8-9, 2010

“Demons and Ghosts: Ethereal and Material” Princeton Medieval Studies Program Seventeenth Annual Graduate Conference, April 17, 2010

“Mythmaking: Celebrating the Work of **Froma I. Zeitlin**,” Conference in honor of the retirement of long-time Executive Committee Member **Froma Zeitlin**, May 8, 2010

2009-2010 Visiting, Graduate, and Undergraduate Fellows at CSR

Visiting Fellows



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Left to Right: Amy Kittelstrom, Eric Johnson, Rebecca Sager, Phillip Haberkern, and Jessica Delgado.

- Jessica Delgado**, Stewart Fellow ('09-'12), Religion Department
Phillip Haberkern, Stewart Fellow, ('09-'12), Religion Department
Eric B. Johnson, Columbia University
Amy Kittelstrom, Sonoma State University
Rebecca Sager, Loyola Marymount University
James B. Bell, Oxford University (Affiliate)
Petra Schierl, University of Basel (Affiliate)

Undergraduate Research Fellows

- Ellen Adams '10**, Comparative Literature/Creative Writing, "Spaniard: Outsiders in Contemporary Spain"
Carey Batschi '10, Anthropology, "Female Healing Rituals in Contemporary Mormonism"
Adam Bradlow '11, Anthropology, "Imagining China"
Jeffrey Campbell '10, Art and Archaeology, "Exploring Syncretism in Colonial Latin American Marian Imagery"
Eunjeong Chi '11, Art and Archaeology, "Examining the art, life, rituals of the Yuraba People"
Hannah Cohen '11, Religion, "Prosperity Theology in Lakewood Church"
Rachel Dunn '10, English, "Mee Thinks I Play at Football with the Stars": Lady Hester Pulter's Unpublished Devotion"

August Hamilton '10, Religion, "The Black Baptist Church and Community Development in the Greater New York Region"

Peale Iglehart '10, Religion, "Give Us This Day Our Daily Blog: Exploring How and Why Christians Find Community Online"

Faaria Kherani '10, Religion, "From Mao to Mecca and Back Again: Rediscovering Yunnanese Hui Identity through the Resurrection of Islamic Pilgrimage"

Alexandra Krupp '10, Religion, "Judaism as an American Brand: The Marketing of Kabbalah and Rabbi Shmuley"

Mackenzie Luzzi '10, Religion, "Women's Family Planning in Modern Day Guatemala: The Evangelical Movement in a Conservative Country"

Jane McClintock '10, Religion, "Pepe: Puerto Rico's Presbyterian Ministers and the Question of Americanization"

Saba McCoy '10, Religion, "The Aesthetic of the Infinite: St. Augustine and John Dewey and the Performance Art as Experience"

Matin Modarressi '10, Politics, "Politics of Archaeology in Islam"

Farah Naim '10, Near Eastern Studies, "Religion and Diplomacy in Colonial Times: Aga Khan and the British Empire."

Elizabeth Presser '10, Classics, "A Production of Euripides' *Medea*"

Jeffrey Richmond-Moll '10, Art and Archaeology, "Marginality in Henry Ossawa Tanner's Biblical Paintings"

Dorian Rolston '10, Philosophy, "Shedding the Snake: Foreign Zen Practitioners in Japan"

Elizabeth Smith '10, Religion, "Ethnography of a new Reform Synagogue"

Michelle Thompson '10, Near Eastern Studies, "Islam and the Black Body: An Investigation of the Role and Instrumentalization of Islam in Two African American Communities"

Amelia Thompson-DeVeaux '11, Religion, "The Faith of Abstinence?: Abstinence, Chastity and Female Sexuality on American College Campuses"

Noelle Vinson '10, Religion, "Religiosity, Spirituality, and Moral Values of the African American Upper and Upper Middle Class"

Allison Wood '10, Near Eastern Studies, "Liberal Islamic Thought in Egypt and Indonesia"

Maria Shpolberg '10, Slavic, "Citizenship and Belonging in Ukraine: Shifting Notions"

Spencer Walle '10, Near Eastern Studies, "The Two Oceans: Syncretic Mysticism of Mughal India"

Center for the

Religion and Culture Workshop Fellows



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Left to Right: Phillip Haberkern, Jessica Delgado, Amy Kittelstrom, Anne Lykke, Petra Schierl, Eric Gregory, Anthony Petro, Richard Martin, Lindsay Reckson, Joseph Moshenska, Bella Tendler, Ethan Lindsay, and Krisztina Szilagyi

Religion and Public Life Workshop Fellows



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Ethan Lindsay, Religion
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Joseph Moshenska, English
Anthony Petro, Religion
Lindsay Reckson, English
Krisztina Szilagyi, Near Eastern Studies
Bella Tendler, Near Eastern Studies
Joseph Witztum, Near Eastern Studies
Anne Lykke, Visiting Graduate Student Fellow,
University of Vienna

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Blog: David W. Miller, Director of the Faith & Work Initiative, blogs at <http://faithandworkblog.com>.

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Liza Steele, Sociology

2010-2011 At-A-Glance

Lecture Series

Crossroads of Religion and Politics

“Resolving the Irish Conflict: No Conflict is Intractable,” **Gerry Adams**, President, Sinn Féin, September 24, 2010

“Embracing the Gray: The Line Between Redeeming Politics and Corrupting Faith,” **Eric Sapp**, Co-Founder, Eleison Group, September 29, 2010

“Economics versus Extremism: The New Muslim Middle Class and Ideological Shift in the Muslim World” by **Vali Nasr**, Senior Advisor to Ambassador Holbrooke, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, December 8, 2010

“Islamophobia and the Reconstruction of Muslim American Culture” by **Yvonne Haddad**, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, February 23, 2011

Lecture by **Alexia Kelley**, Director, Department of Health and Human Services Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, March 30, 2011

Princeton Lecture on Religion and Global Culture

Lecture by **Eboo Patel**, Interfaith Youth Core, April 28, 2011

Doll Family Lecture on Religion and Money

Lecture by **Michael Walzer**, Institute for Advanced Study, March 23, 2011

About Center for the Study of Religion

The Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University was founded in 1999 to encourage greater intellectual exchange and interdisciplinary scholarly studies about religion among faculty and students in the humanities and social sciences. The Center is committed to scholarly research and teaching that examines religion comparatively and empirically in its diverse historical and contemporary manifestations. It aims to facilitate understanding of religion through a program of support for Princeton faculty to teach and direct public events; awards for Princeton graduate and undergraduate students to pursue research; two interdisciplinary seminars; undergraduate courses; public lectures and conferences; and opportunities for visiting scholars to affiliate with the Center.

Additional Lectures and Symposia

“Desire Lines: An Evening of Music, Words and Moving Image” by **Barbara White**, Music, October 5, 2010

“The Enigma of Mourning: Death, Loss and Funereal Poiesis among Nepal’s Yolmo Buddhists” by **Robert Desjarlais**, November 11, 2010

“Science vs. Religion: What Scientists Really Think” by **Elaine Howard Ecklund**, Rice University, November 18, 2010

Conference on War, Religion and Democracy, directed by **Amaney Jamal**, Woodrow Wilson School, Fall 2010

The New Metaphysicals: Spirituality and the American Religious Imagination: Panel Discussion featuring author **Courtney Bender** and respondents **Kathryn Lofton**, **Leigh Schmidt**, and **J. Terry Todd**, December 10, 2010

Good for the Jews: A Symposium with Scholars and Artists about Jews and Performance, directed by **Jill Dolan**, English and Theater and Dance, and **Stacy Wolf**, Theater and Dance, December 11, 2010

Blessed are the Organized: Grassroots Democracy in America: Panel Discussion featuring author **Jeffrey Stout** and respondents **David Bromwich**, **Ernesto Cortes, Jr.**, and **Emilie Townes**, March 2, 2011

Visiting Fellows

Annie Blazer, Millsaps College

Grace Yukich, New York University

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