

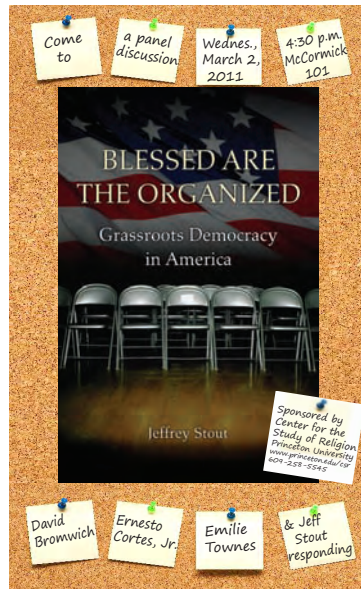
Panelists, Participants Discuss New Research

CSR sponsored several events this year to discuss new research on religion that has been published in the past year. In December, **Kathryn Lofton**, Yale University, **Leigh Schmidt**, Harvard Divinity School, and **J. Terry Todd**, Drew University discussed *The New Metaphysicals: Spirituality and the American Imagination* with author **Courtney Bender**, Columbia University. Schmidt probed what it means for the Cambridge metaphysicals featured in the book to maintain a “dehistoricizing disposition.” Todd explored how the book illuminates debates over acceptable spiritual belief and



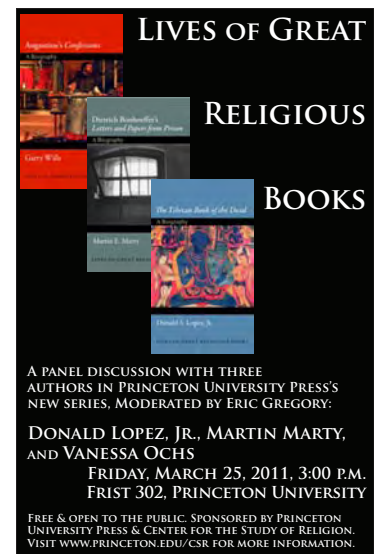
practice lurking beneath more obvious battles in Protestant churches today. Lofton clarified Bender’s assertion that the American religious imagination has been defined by its combinatory capacity rather than its discriminations. Audience members came away with new tools to understand and interrogate the American phenomenon of “spiritual but not religious.”

Later in the Spring, CSR collaborated with the Princeton University Press to explore its newly launched book series: the Lives of Great Religious Books. Three series authors, **Donald Lopez, Jr.**, University of Michigan, **Martin Marty**, University of Chicago, Emeritus, and **Vanessa Ochs**, University of Virginia, shared perspectives on their new and forthcoming books. CSR Faculty Associate **Eric Gregory** moderated the discussion of such disparate works as the Passover Haggadah and the Tibetan Book of the Dead (which, the audience learned, is neither Tibetan, nor a book, nor of the dead). Participants debated exactly what it means to argue that a book has a life in and of itself.



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In a packed auditorium in March, CSR hosted a discussion of *Blessed are the Organized: Grassroots Democracy in America*, the latest book by CSR Faculty Associate **Jeffrey Stout**. Responding were **David Bromwich**, Yale University, **Ernesto Cortes, Jr.**, the Southwest Regional Director of the Industrial Areas Foundation, and **Emilie Townes**, Yale Divinity School. Bromwich used Stout’s ideas of earned authority and representation to examine the shortcomings of the current presidential administration. Townes urged us to live into the



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Graduate Student Fellows

Meghan DiLuzio, Classics

Katharina Ivanyi, Near Eastern Studies

Jamie Kreiner, History

Rachel Lindsey, Religion

Jessica Marglin, Near Eastern Studies

Matthew Milliner, Art and Archaeology

John Moreau, French and Italian

Luke Yarbrough, Near Eastern Studies



A few words from a Graduate Student Fellow, Matthew Milliner

"A few weeks into the Religion & Culture symposium last fall, participants began to realize that ours was an unusual gathering of academic minds. Professor **John Gager** and the post-doctoral members of the group set a tone that made graduate student participants such as I feel welcome. Feedback to each dissertation or book chapter was cordial and serious, and the conversation easily filled an hour and a half, and could have gone on much longer. The tone for the year was set, and I began to look forward to giving feedback each week, and – what's more – I began to generate my dissertation chapter not just for an abstract audience, but for the members of our group. This helped lift my work from the perils of specialization, causing me to want to reach an intelligent audience beyond my field."

University

Undergraduate Research Fellows

Hollis Barber '11, History, "Segregation and Discrimination of North African Immigrants in France"

Adam Bradlow '11, Anthropology, "Imagining China"

Hannah Cohen '11, Religion, "Prosperity Theology in Lakewood Church"

Elizabeth Cooper '12, Anthropology, "Exploring the Choreography of Authentic Movement"

Lauren Cubellis '11, Anthropology, "Curanderismo: Mexican Ritual Healing in the American Southwest"

Anne Frances Durfee '11, History, "Women, Religion and the Vote in the Election of 1948"

Mary Gamber '11, Religion, "The Conference Board Summer Fellowship: Exploring the Relationship Between Business and Ethics"

Phoenix Gonzales '11, Religion, "Mystery and Passion Play Research"

Gabriela Gonzales-Araiza '12, Politics, "Religious Liberty from a Legal Perspective"

Kahina Haynes '11, Religion, "Competing Ethno-Religious Politics in Guyana and its Social Ramifications in the Twenty First Century"

Colleen Kent '11, History, "Sisters of Mercy and New York's Irish Immigrant Population"

Anneliese Mondschein '11, Art and Archaeology, "The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts: A Memling Portrait and its Missing Pendant Panel"

Aarian Marshall '12, Religion, "'Mountain Mourning': At the Intersection of Religion, Regional Identity and Environmental Activism in Appalachia"

Katie Mumma '11, Art and Archaeology, "Tinmal Mosque: Architectural Expression of Almohad Doctrine"

Benjamin Oseroff '11, Near Eastern Studies, "Islamic Bioethics and Genetic Testing"

Liz Parsons '11, History, "Tracing the Princeton Unit with the Young Men's Christian Association, 1917-1918"

Amelia Ridgeway '12, Religion, "Muslim-Christian Relations in Tanzania"

Patricia Sever '11, Spanish and Portuguese, "Perception and Memory in Borges and Bioy Casares"

Kit Thayer '11, History, "Benjamin Disraeli's Jewishness"

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

John Torrey '11, Religion, "Ethnographic exploration of how churches and mosques engage with HIV/AIDS education and care in Tanzania"

Eva Marie Wash '11, Art and Archaeology, "Creativity and Christian Faith in Community"



A few words from an Undergraduate Fellow, Aarian Marshall '12

"My involvement with the Center was not limited to my grant; I was also invited to attend countless lectures, as well as many post-talk dinners. These were beyond fascinating—somehow, I found myself sitting at a dinner table, eating delicious Prospect House food and conversing with some of the most brilliant minds in the country. During one of those dinners—with **Alexia Kelley**, Deputy Director and Senior Policy Advisor at the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships—I was even given the opportunity to talk about my junior paper, and get feedback from the professors and grad students in attendance. It felt so...intellectual; I came to college to talk and think about big ideas, and I really think that the Center for the Study of Religion has given me concrete chances to do so."

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Center-Sponsored Events in Review

Buddhist Studies Workshop, featured selections

Conference on Buddhism, Daoism, and Chinese Religion, organized by **Stephen F. Teiser**, Religion, and **Franciscus Verellen** (EFEQ), October 8-10, 2010.

“The Iconic Body as Insight into Japanese Buddhist Practice” **Helmut Brinker**, University of Zurich, Emeritus, October 12, 2010

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

“Printing or Copying? The Merit of Copying Buddhist Texts in Medieval Japan,” **KIKUCHI Hiroki**, The Historiographical Institute, University of Tokyo, February 22, 2011

“Decoding the Temple of Mysterious Transformation (Hyeonhwa-sa): Buddhist Learning in the Goryeo Capital,” **Juhn Ahn**, University of Toronto/IAS, March 2, 2011.

“Spiritual Progress: Buddhist Judging in Late Sixteenth-century China,” **Jennifer Eichman**, Moravian College, March 10, 2011

“Buddhism in North China under the Liao and Xixia Dynasties,” **Kirill Solonin**, Institute of Oriental Studies/IAS, April 5, 2011

“The Indianization of Medieval Japan: The Cult of the Three Devas,” **Bernard Faure**, Columbia University, April 11, 2011

“Who or What is to be Blamed? The Framing of ‘Natural’ Disasters in Medieval Japan,” **Haruko Wakabayashi**, Meiji Gakuin University, April 21, 2011



Crossroads of Religion and Politics Lecture Series

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



“Embracing the Gray: The Line between Redeeming Politics and Corrupting Faith,” **Eric Sapp**, co-founder of Eleison Group and Executive Director of the American Values Network, September 29, 2010

“Economics vs. Extremism: The New Muslim Middle Class and Ideological Shift in the Muslim World,” **Vali Nasr**, Professor of International Politics, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University and Senior Advisor to Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, U.S. State Department, December 8, 2010

“Islamophobia and the Reconstruction of Muslim American Culture,” **Yvonne Haddad**, Professor at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, February 23, 2011

“Collaborating for the Common Good: Faith-Based, Neighborhood and Government Partnerships,” **Alexia Kelley**, Deputy Director and Senior Policy Advisor of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, March 30, 2011

Doll Family Lectureship on Religion and Money

“Humanitarianism: What is it?” **Michael Walzer**, Professor Emeritus of the School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, March 23, 2011

Faith & Work Initiative Conversations with David W. Miller on Ethics in the Executive Suite

A Conversation with **Dale Jones**, Vice Chairman, Heidrick & Struggles, March 8, 2011

A Conversation with **Max Anderson '01**, Co-founder and Author of The MBA Oath. March 31, 2011

A Conversation with **Ken Melrose '62**, former Chairman and

the Study



CEO, The Toro Company, April 12, 2011

A Conversation with **Anne Mulcahy**, Chairman, Save the Children; former Chairman and CEO, Xerox Company," April 21, 2011

A Conversation with **John Bogle '51**, Founder and former Chairman and CEO, Vanguard Funds, May 27, 2011. A Reunions event, co-sponsored with the Westminster Foundation.

Princeton Lecture in Religion and Global Culture

"Defeating Intolerance: Social Science Research and Strategies for Interfaith Cooperation," **Eboo Patel**, Founder and Executive Director, Interfaith Youth Core, April 28, 2011

Featured Panel Discussions

"The New Metaphysics" A Panel Discussion of **Courtney Bender's** New Book, featuring **Kathryn Lofton**, Yale University, **Leigh Schmidt**, Harvard Divinity School, and **J. Terry Todd**, Drew University, December 10, 2010

"Blessed are the Organized" A Panel Discussion of **Jeffrey Stout's** New Book, featuring **David Bromwich**, Yale University, **Ernesto Cortes, Jr.**, Industrial Areas Foundation, and **Emilie Townes**, Yale Divinity School, March 2, 2011

"Lives of Great Religious Books" A Panel Discussion with Authors in Princeton University Press's New Series, **Donald Lopez, Jr.**, **Martin Marty** and **Vanessa Ochs**, moderated by **Eric Gregory**, Religion, co-sponsored with the Princeton University Press, March 25, 2011.

Additional Lectures and Events

"Desire Lines: An Evening of Music, Words, and Moving Image," **Barbara White**, Music, co-sponsored with the Princeton Composers Ensemble, October 5, 2010

"Open Hearts, Open Minds, and Fair Minded Words: A Conference on Life and Choice in the Abortion Debate," Organized by **Peter Singer**, co-sponsored with the University Center for Human Values, October 15-16, 2010

"The Holocaust in Occupied Poland: New Findings and New Interpretations," Co-sponsored conference organized by **Jan Gross**, History, October 29-30, 2010

"Saints' Liturgies: Profiles of a Practice in the Middle Ages" Conference co-sponsored with the Program in Medieval Studies, November 12-13, 2010

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

"Diego Hurtado de Mendoza: Spain, Italy, and the Culture of Skepticism, 1520-1550," Lecture by **Stefania Pastore**, Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa/Institute for Advanced Study, November 22, 2010

"The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration," A Discussion with author **Isabel Wilkerson**, co-sponsored with the Center for African American Studies, December 7, 2010

"Good for the Jews? Jews and Performance" Symposium organized by **Jill Dolan** and **Stacy Wolf**, Theater, December 11, 2010

"Rhetorics of Religion in Germany 1900-1950," Conference organized by **Leora Batnitzky**, Religion, **Michael Jennings** and **Sarah Pourciau**, German, March 31-April 2, 2011.

"God, Soul, Mind, Brain: A Neuroscientist's Reflections on the Spirit World," A book event with **Michael Graziano**, Psychology and Princeton Neuroscience Institute, co-sponsored with the Center of Theological Inquiry, April 14, 2011.

"Religion, Politics and Society from Constantine to Charlemagne," Co-sponsored conference in honor of **Peter Brown**, May 5-7, 2011



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Updates from CSR Fellows and Alumni

It was a great year for employment for our visiting fellows. **Annie Blazer** will become Assistant Professor of religious studies at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana. **Grace Yukich** will become Assistant Professor of Sociology at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut. **Phil Haberkern** is leaving us a year early to become Assistant Professor of History at Boston University, while **Jessica Delgado** will remain with us as a Stewart Fellow for one more year before becoming Assistant Professor here in Princeton's Religion Department. The best news for us is that she will lead the Religion and Culture workshop in the future. Past visiting fellows shared equally exciting news. Graduate Student Fellow **D. Michael Lindsay** ('04-'06) has left Rice University to become the eighth president of Gordon College, located on Boston's North Shore, effective July 1, 2011. **Wendy Cadge** (Graduate Student Fellow '00-'01) and her partner Deborah had a baby. Wendy gave birth to Nate Elliott-Cadge. **Penny Edgell** (Visiting Fellow '00-'01) is now a full professor at the University of Minnesota. After serving as director of graduate studies for 6 years she is finally stepping down. Penny just got an NSF grant for a project titled "The Role of Cognition in the Development of Social Fragmentation, Commonalities, and Consensus" that aims to map out the cultural terrain in the "vast middle" of America where the "culture wars" thesis doesn't hold up. Oh, and she is recently engaged to be married, too! **Nate Klemp** (GSF '04-'05) started a blog called Life Beyond Logic that explores philosophy as a way of life. His book *The Morality*

of Spin, based on his research at CSR, is under contract with Rowman and Littlefield Press. **Levi McLaughlin** (GSF '08-'09), Assistant Professor at Wofford College, will be a Visiting Researcher at the Asian Studies Institute, National University of Singapore for the summer of 2011; he will be working with scholars in the "Religions and Globalization" research cluster as he revises his dissertation. In 2011-2012, he will be a Postdoctoral Researcher at the Center for Asian and Pacific Studies at the University of Iowa, where he will complete his book and begin new research on religion in modern East Asia. The Louisville Institute awarded **Janet Parker** (VF '04-'05) a Pastoral Study Project grant. She will be on sabbatical for three months from Rock Spring UCC to work on her book. She started a blog to reflect on her sabbatical travels and experiences. **Mark Rowe** (GSF '05-'06), in addition to taking up hot yoga, was recently tenured at McMaster University. His book, *Bonds of the Dead: Temples, Burial and the Transformation of Contemporary Japanese Buddhism*, will be released by University of Chicago Press in September. He is now on leave researching his next book. **Oliver Krüger** (VF '05-'06) has published with two colleagues *Das Prinzip Evolution*. He traces the origin of the book to the first lecture on religion and evolution he gave here at the Center! **Holger Zellentin** (GSF '05-'06) just published *Rabbinic Parodies of Jewish and Christian Literature*. He also accepted a position at the University of Nottingham at the beginning of this year and is thrilled to return to good old Europe!

CSR in the blogosphere

CSR people can be found all over cyberspace!

- **FaithandWorkblog.com** showcases the essays of **David W. Miller**, Director of the Faith & Work Initiative.
- **TheImmanentFrame.com** boasts former Visiting Fellows **Grace Yukich** and **Kathryn Lofton** as contributing editors and features many CSR alumni contributions.
- **BooksandCulture.com** is where Visiting Fellow alum **Lauren Winner** reviews the best new books from a Christian perspective.
- **LifeBeyondLogic.com** is a blog founded by **Nate Klemp**, former Graduate Student Fellow, to explore philosophy as a way of life.
- **BecomingHumanJourney.blogspot.com** is where Former Visiting Fellow **Janet Parker** blogs about her pastoral sabbatical.
- **EqualWrites.com**, devoted to feminist and gender issues at Princeton, was co-founded by Undergraduate Research Fellow **Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux '11**.
- **ReligionDispatches.org** includes posts by alumni such as **Anthea Butler**, **Wendy Cadge**, **Levi McLaughlin** and **Anthony Petro** and this summer presented a story on **Jeffrey Stout's** CSR-featured book, *Blessed are the Organized*.

Do you blog? Let us know!

Next Year 2011-2012 At-A-Glance

Crossroads of Religion and Politics

A conversation with **Rachel McCleary**, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, October 19, 2011

A conversation with **Jennifer Butler**, Executive Director, Faith in Public Life, Date TBA

Princeton Lecture in Religion and Science

"Principles of Neurotheology," lecture by **Andrew Newberg**, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital and Medical College, March 7, 2012

Princeton Lecture in Religion and Global Culture

"Making Chastity Sexy," lecture by **Christine Gardner**, Wheaton College, Date TBA

Buddhist Studies Workshop

"Does Iconography Really Matter? Iconographic Specification of Buddha Images in Pre-Esoteric Buddhist Art," Lecture by **Juhyung Rhi**, Seoul National University, October 10, 2011

"Who is Zhihuilun (?-875/876)? An Assessment of Late Tang Esoteric Buddhism," **Jinhua Chen**, University of British Columbia, November 16, 2011

"Daoist Painting," **Carma Hinton**, George Mason University, November 30, 2011

Workshop on Japanese Buddhist Manuscripts (in Japanese), Organized by **Bryan D. Lowe** and **Christopher Mayo**, March 24, 2012

"Giant Buddhas, Theme Parks, and Curio Cabinets: Public Spaces in the Making of Buddhism," Lecture by **Justin McDaniel**, University of Pennsylvania, April 24, 2012

"Mount Fuji Religion: The Debate over Talismanic Practices," **Janine Sawanda**, Brown University, May 3, 2012

Conferences and Panel Discussions

"The King James Bible from 1611 to 2011," an international conference, featuring keynote speaker **Gordon Campbell**, co-sponsored with the Princeton Theological Seminary and the Center of Theological Inquiry, October 13-14, 2011

"Pilgrims and Pioneers: The Growth of Orthodox Christianity in Twentieth-Century America," co-sponsored with the Princeton University graduate students of the Fr. Florovsky Orthodox Christian Theological Society, September 30-October 1, 2011

"Spirits of Protestantism: Medicine, Healing, and Liberal Christianity" A Panel Discussion of **Pamela Klassen's** new book, Spring 2012

Doll Lecture on Religion and Money

Lecture by **Joshua DuBois**, Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Date TBA

Visiting Fellows

Elesha Coffman, Waynesburg University

Jaeeun Kim, University of California, Los Angeles

Jessica Delgado, Stewart Fellow

Kate Carté Engel, affiliate, Texas A&M University

Samuel Goldman, Tikvah Fellow in Religion, Ethics and Politics

Religion and Culture Graduate Student Fellows

Thomas Carlson, History

April Hughes, Religion

Sarit Kattan-Gibretz, Religion

George Laufenberg, Anthropology

Jebro Lit, History

Bryan Lowe, Religion

Daniel Stolz, Near Eastern Studies

Lev Weitz, Near Eastern Studies

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Douglas Gildow, Religion

Erin Johnston, Sociology

Kati Li, Sociology

Carol Ann MacGregor, Sociology

Danielle Nahmias, Anthropology

LiErin Probasco, Sociology

Brad Smith, Sociology

Irene (Beth) Stroud, Religion

Alexander Wamboldt, Anthropology

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Elizabeth Cooper '12, Anthropology

Daniel Bohac '12, Religion

John Butler '12, Art and Archaeology

Marjorie Crowell '12, Sociology

Trent Fuenmayor '12, WWS

Elena Garadja '12, Philosophy

Julia Keimach '12, English

Aarian Marshall '12, Religion

Hasan Onder Polat '12, Economics

Amelia Ridgeway '12, Religion

Michelle Ripplinger '12, English

Miriam Rosenbaum '12, WWS

Michele Tyler '12, Anthropology

Julia Vill '12, History

By the Numbers

CSR in 2010-2011



Number of majors represented by our Undergraduate Fellows
Anthropology, Art & Archaeology, Dance, History, Near Eastern Studies, Politics, Religion, Spanish & Portuguese

8



Number of books published by CSR fellows this year

14



Number of events sponsored

38



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