

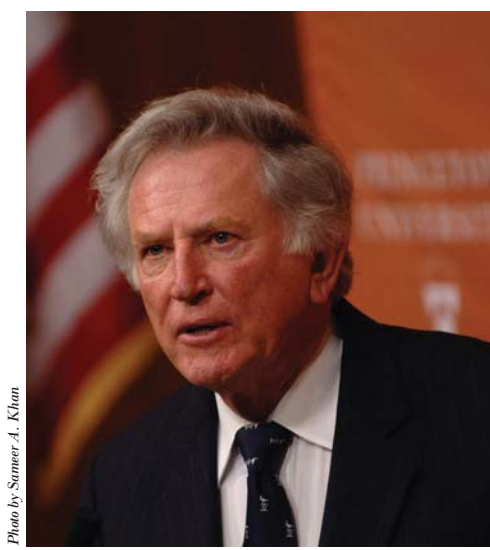
## New Research on Ancient and Medieval Religions

In addition to leading scholarship on religion in America, the Center is home to numerous scholars studying religion in the more distant past. Highlights of research at the Center this year included:

### Award-winning research on Byzantine Religion:

Undergraduate research fellow, **Christian C. Sahner '07** received support for a senior thesis titled "Heaven on Earth in Late Antiquity: Rome, Constantinople, and the New Jerusalem." In light of his research, Sahner was named a Rhodes Scholar and will pursue a master's degree in Byzantine studies at Oxford University. Two CSR Graduate fellows have won the Tsoumis Prize of the Byzantine Studies Conference. In 2006, **David Michelson**, History Department, was awarded the prize for his paper: "Though He Cannot Be Eaten, We Consume Him": Liturgical and Devotional Contexts for Opposition to Chalcedon at the End of the Fifth Century." **Kevin Kalish**, Department of Comparative Literature, has been announced as the winner of the 2007 prize for his paper,

## Religion and Politics in Focus at CSR



Senator Gary Hart

"A Christian Narrative in Homeric Verse: The Melding of Poetic Traditions and the Emergence of Christian Hexameter Poetry." The Tsoumis award is given annually to the best graduate student conference paper on Byzantine studies.

### Conferences on Medieval and Ancient Religion:

In 2006-2007, the Center supported two ground-breaking conferences on pre-modern religion:  
**10/19-20/06** "The Seven-Hundredth Anniversary of the Expulsion of the Jews from France in 1306" a colloquium organized by **William Chester Jordan**, Professor of History and Director of the Program in Medieval Studies. This was the only academic event in North America convened to commemorate this tragic event in Jewish history.  
**2/10-11/07** "Reconsidering the Concept of 'Revolutionary Monotheism' in the Ancient Near East" a conference organized by **Froma Zeitlin**, Charles Ewing Professor of Greek Language and Literature, Professor of Comparative Literature, and

As attention turned to the early presidential campaign season, the Center continued its scholarly work examining the relationship between religion and politics in the United States and around the world. Speakers in the series titled "Crossroads of Religion and Politics" (co-sponsored with the Woodrow Wilson School) included:

**9/26/06** "The Role of Faith Based Initiatives in Community Development" a public lecture by **Rev. Herbert H. Lusk II**, Pastor, Greater Exodus Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. & founder, People for People, Inc. **10/16/06** "Backlash: Are Evangelicals Disillusioned with Politics?" a public lecture by **Laurie Goodstein**, National Religion Correspondent, The New York Times.

**Reconsidering the concept of "Revolutionary Monotheism"**  
 Conference  
 February 10th-11th, 2007 at Princeton University

The conference begins February 10, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. in East Pyper Hall, Room 016. All sessions are free and open to the public. For details see the reverse of this poster, visit [www.princeton.edu/~monoth](http://www.princeton.edu/~monoth) or contact [monoth@princeton.edu](mailto:monoth@princeton.edu).

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<b>Peter Blachford</b> , Harvard University	<b>Peter Steinlecker</b> , Harvard University
<b>Beate Pongratz-Leisten</b> , Princeton University	<b>Christoph Dellinger</b> , University of Zürich
<b>Francesca Rochberg</b> , University of California, Riverside & Institute for Advanced Study	<b>Froma Zeitlin</b> , Princeton University

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**Beate Pongratz-Leisten**, Lecturer in Near Eastern Studies. This conference drew presenters from nine universities in America and Europe to reconsider the origins of monotheism.

**2/13/07** "Are Democrats Really 'Anti-Religious'?" a public lecture by **Richard Parker**, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.  
**3/6/07** "God and Caesar in America" a public lecture by former **Senator Gary Hart**, Scholar in Residence, The Wirth Chair in Environmental and Community Development Policy, University of Colorado at Denver.  
**3/27/07** "Ethical Issues and Dilemmas in the Formulation of National Security Policy" a public lecture by **Daniel Kurtzer**, Lecturer and S. Daniel Abraham Professor in Middle Eastern Policy Studies, Princeton University and former U. S. Ambassador to Israel and to Egypt.

## Lecture Series

- Crossroads of Religion and Politics:*  
**Fenggang Yang**, Purdue University, October 9, 2007  
**Anne Garrels**, National Public Radio, December 2007
- Princeton Lectures in Religion and Ethics:*  
**Congressman Frank Wolf**
- Princeton Lectures in Religion and Science:*  
**Ken Miller**, Brown University, October 10, 2007
- Religion and Cognition Initiative:*  
**Andrew Newberg**, University of Pennsylvania, September, 26, 2007

## Visiting Fellows

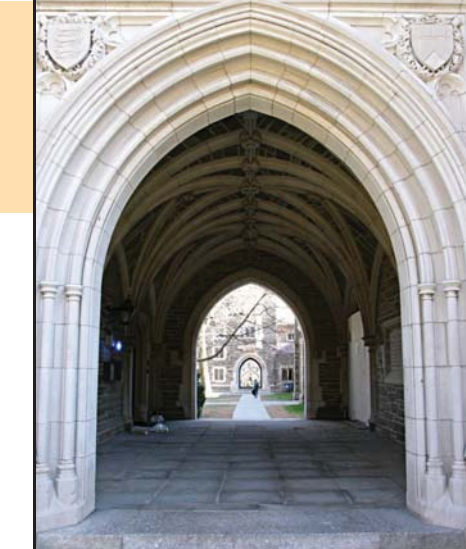
- Darren Dochuk**, Purdue University  
**Cynthia Eller**, Montclair State University  
**Jun Fujii**, Society for the Promotion of Science, Japan  
**Matthew S. Hedstrom**, Valparaiso University  
**Paul A. MacDonald Jr.**, Bucknell University  
**Robin H. Rogers-Dillon**, City University of New York  
**Lauren F. Winner**, Duke University

## 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 students to pursue research; two interdisciplinary seminars; undergraduate courses; public lectures and conferences; and opportunities for visiting scholars to affiliate with the Center.

## Conferences and Symposia

- "Evangelicals and the 2008 Primaries" a roundtable with **Darren Dochuk**, Purdue University, **Michael Hout**, University of California at Berkeley, and **Melani McAlister**, George Washington University, February 2008
- "Experience in Knowledge Production: Reflections on the Relation between Being There, Ethics, and Religion in Anthropological Fieldwork" a lecture series organized by **John Borneman**, Department of Anthropology. Speakers will include **Maurice Bloch**, The London School of Economics, and **Thomas Hauschild**, Universität Tübingen, date TBA
- "Mormonism and American Politics" a conference organized by **Melissa Proctor**, Harvard Divinity School, November 9-10, 2007
- "Mysticism, Reformation, and the Birth of Modernity" a conference organized by **Sara S. Poor**, Department of Germanic Languages and Literature, and **Nigel Smith**, Department of English, February 21-23, 2008
- "Religious Liberalism" a conference organized by Leigh Schmidt, Department of Religion, Spring 2008
- "Vatican II: A Sociological Analysis of Religious Change" a symposium on the recent study of Vatican II by **Melissa J. Wilde**, University of Pennsylvania, date TBA



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## Center Launches Two New Lecture Series

### Doll Family Lectureship on Religion and Money



Left to right: Dick and Betsy DeVos, Mary and Henry Doll

On April 24, 2007, the Center inaugurated the Doll Family Lectureship on Religion and Money. This lectureship was established by **Henry C. Doll '58** and his family out of the family's longstanding interest in the subject of philanthropy and its relationship with religion. Mr. Doll's father, **Edward C. Doll '25**, was a founder and longtime volunteer leader of the Erie Community Foundation in Erie, Pennsylvania. During his career, Henry Doll was staff to a number of family foundations in the Cleveland area. Over the years, father and son discussed the issue of religion and money on many occasions and enjoyed attending foundation conferences together. They shared a strong belief in the importance of giving back to their communities and of sharing one's resources for the greater good. The purpose of the lectureship is to bring distinguished speakers to Princeton University who will inspire students, faculty, and the campus community toward a greater understanding of the many - and often neglected - relationships between religion and money in our own time and historically. The inaugural lecture in the series was given by **Dick DeVos**, President of The Windquest Group and titled "Philanthropy...It's Definitely Not for Wimps: Reflections on Faith and Finance." **Stanley N. Katz** of the Woodrow Wilson School provided a response.

### Princeton Lectures in Religion and Science

In 2007, the Center will launch a new lecture series on the relationship of religion and science. This lecture series, sponsored by a grant from the Lilly Endowment, aims to bring distinguished speakers to the University from various disciplines in the sciences and humanities to address questions of contemporary interest about the intersection of science and religion. The inaugural Princeton Lecture in Religion and Science will be given by **Kenneth R. Miller**, Professor of Biology, Brown University on October 10, 2007 at 8:00 p.m. on the Princeton University Campus. This lectureship has been established in response to the high level of interest in similar past events. In particular, the lecture "Intelligent Design: Revolutionary Science or Reactionary Religion?" by **Ronald Numbers** on September 29, 2006 drew a record crowd. Numbers, the Hildale Professor of the History of Science and Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, gave a thoughtful and coherent introduction to the latest round of conflicts between religious and scientific communities in the contemporary U.S. The lecture was recorded and is available on the Center's website, [www.princeton.edu/~csrelig](http://www.princeton.edu/~csrelig). In addition to the lecture by Numbers, the Center also hosted two successful symposia as part of its Cognition and Religion Initiative, sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation. The symposia topics were "Neuroscience and Religion" and "What is Prayer?"

Video recordings of both events are also available at the center's website. The Cognition and Religion Initiative will continue in 2007-2008 with a lecture on September 26, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. by **Andrew Newberg**, Associate Professor in the Department of Radiology and Psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania.

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Revolutionary Science or Reactionary Religion?

**RONALD L. NUMBERS**  
 Hildale Professor of the History of Science and Medicine  
 Department of Medical History and Biophysics, University of Wisconsin

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2006**  
**4:30 P.M., 10 GUYOT HALL**  
 PRINCETON LECTURES IN RELIGION AND HISTORY



## Center Sponsored Events in Review

The center sponsored a variety of conferences and public lectures this past academic year. Highlights included:

**3/9/07** “Religious Freedom and the Constitution” a public symposium with **Provost Christopher Eisgruber**, Princeton University, **Marci A. Hamilton**, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, **Erik Michael Mazur**, Bucknell University, and **Winnifred F. Sullivan**, University at Buffalo Law School.

**3/10-11/07** “Breaking Apart the Monolith: The Many Ways of Being Muslim (A Conference Exploring the Dynamics of Muslim Identity in Today’s World)” a conference organized by **Harvey Stark**, Princeton University.

**3/29-30/07** “The Good Samaritan in the Age of Globalization: Religion, International Migration and the World Economy” a

conference organized by **Patricia Fernández-Kelly**, Senior Lecturer in Sociology, **Eric Gregory**, Assistant Professor of Religion, and **Margarita Mooney**, Research Fellow, Office of Population Research, Lecturer in Sociology.

**4/12-13/07** “Religion in the English Enlightenment” a conference organized by **Sophie Gee**, Assistant Professor of English, John E. Annan Bicentennial Preceptor.

**4/17/07** “A Life of Significance: The Integration of Faith and Character into the World of Work,” a public lecture by **Peter M. Ochs '65**, Chairman of the Board, The Fieldstone Corporation.

**4/19/07** “Baptized in Blood: Moral Reflections on the American Civil War,” a public lecture by **Harry S. Stout**, Jonathan Edwards Professor of American Religious History, Yale University.

## Buddhist Studies Workshop Welcomes International Scholars

The Buddhist Studies Workshop, co-directed by **Jacqueline I. Stone** and **Stephen F. Teiser**, began in 1998 as an interdisciplinary forum for new scholarly work on Buddhism. The workshop is also sponsored by the East Asian Studies Program, the Tang Center for East Asian Art, the Department of Religion, and the Office of the Provost.

Highlights of the 2006-2007 events include:

“Re-presenting Emptiness: Zen and Art in Medieval Japan”, Symposium co-sponsored by the P.Y. and Kinmay W. Tang Center for East Asian Art

**James Benn**, McMaster University, “Buddhist Laymen and Tea during the Tang Dynasty”

**Bhikkhu Bodhi**, Bodhi Monastery (New Jersey), “A Map through the Early Discourses of the Buddha”

**Lucia Dolce**, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, “Unorthodox Icons, Heretical Rituals: Constructing the Perfect Body in Medieval Japan”

**Yeshi Dorjee**, Land of Compassion Buddha Center (California) and **John Major** (China

Institute), “The Three Boys and Other Buddhist Folktales from Tibet”  
**Paul Groner**, University of Virginia, “Ryōō Dōkaku 了翁道覚 (1630-1707), Ascetic Philanthropist and Marginally Literate Bibliophile? The Creation of Japan’s First Public Library”

**Steven Heine**, Florida International University, “Zen Writes, Zen Rites, Zen Rights: Traditionalism v. Criticism”

**Francois Lachaud**, École Française d’Extrême-Orient, Kyoto, “Ghost in the Incense: Japanese Variations on a Chinese Tale”

**John McRae**, University of Tokyo, “Comparing the Buddhisms of East and Southeast Asia: A World Historical Perspective”

**Kurtis Schaefer**, University of Virginia, “Buddhism and the Biographer’s Art in Tibet”

**Tsering Shakya**, University of British Columbia, “The 13th Dalai Lama’s Nation Building Project and the Bonpo Community”

**Shunsh Manabe**, Shikoku University, “Shmyji no Miroku raig hekiga to sono

fukugen: Mikkyō no Miroku shink ni tsuite 称名寺の弥勒來迎壁画とその復原—密教の弥勒信仰について (The Shmyji Wall Painting of Maitreya’s Welcoming Descent and Its Restoration: Maitreya Devotion in Esoteric Buddhism)”

**Takashi Nakao**, Rishso University, Tokyo, “Nichiren no mandara: omamori to honzon [The Mandala of Nichiren (1222-1282) as Amulet and Object of Worship]”

**Zong Zhang**, Institute for the Study of World Religions, Chinese Acad. of Social Sciences (Beijing), Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Chicago. “On the Three Stages Sect (Sanjiejiao) in Chinese Buddhist Art”

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## CSR Welcomes Faculty, Graduate, and Undergraduate Research Fellows

During the 2006-2007 year, we were pleased to host the following scholars at the center. In particular, the Center was able to financially support the research and travel of a record number of undergraduate thesis writers. In future years, we are looking to increase even further our support for undergraduate research through the generosity of University alumni.

*Visiting Fellows* (Faculty and Postdoctoral Fellows):

**Rebecca L. Davis**  
**James McCartin**  
**K. Healan Gaston**  
**Ian Barber**  
**Jason Ananda Josephson**  
**Oliver Krueger**  
**Jon Pahl**  
**Alan Petigny**



Left to Right: (Front) K. Healan Gaston, Rebecca L. Davis, (Back) Jon Pahl, Oliver Krueger, Jason Ananda Josephson, James McCartin

*Undergraduate Research Fellows:*

**Cassandra DeBenedetto '07**, “Questions of Division in the Chinese Catholic Church”  
**Jonathan Elist '07**, “Iran’s Regional Influence: Iranian Shiism in the New Near East”  
**Maital Friedman '07**, “Female Missionaries in Kenya”  
**Nene Kalu '07**, “The Feminine in Pakistani Sufism”  
**Grace Kim '07**, “Materialism and Christianity in Korea: Is There a Distinction?”  
**Ian McNally '07**, “Sectarianism, Ritualized Violence and Ice Hockey in Northern Ireland”  
**Ahmed Meleis '08**, “Social Axioms in the Middle East”  
**Dave Minnick '07**, “Communication with the Secular World by the Monastic Order of Cluny”  
**Blair Moorhead '07**, “How Women in Conservative and Fundamentalist Religions Find A Sense of Personal Efficacy and Control”  
**Christine Murphy '07**, “Late Medieval Images of the Side Wound of Christ: Representation and Meaning”  
**Silvio Pellas '07**, “Democratization Policies promoted by the Catholic Church within Authoritative Governments”  
**Helen Rogers '07**, “Quakers in Revolutionary Pennsylvania”  
**Irene Routte '08**, “The Effects of Christian Base Communities during Periods of Violence: El Salvador 1980-1992”  
**Christian C. Sahrner '07**, “Heaven on Earth in Late Antiquity: Rome, Constantinople, and the New Jerusalem”  
**Sanhita Sen '07**, “Hindu Fundamentalism in Gujarat and Maharashtra”

### Center Lectures Available as Podcast or on Video

Did you know that you can watch or listen to most center events on the web? Streaming video and podcasts of most center events can be found here: <http://www.princeton.edu/~csrelig/webcasts/>

Subscribe to the podcast feed to get updates as new events are posted online.

*Religion and Culture Workshop Fellows:*



Left to Right: (Front) Angela Ards, Leigh Schmidt, Karoline Cook, Kathleen Holscher, Asuka Sango, (Back) Craig Caldwell, Uriel Simonsohn, Kevin Kalish, Erin Forbes, Gretchen Boger, Melissa Proctor, Eduard Iricinschi

*Religion and Public Life Workshop Fellows:*



Left to Right: (Front) Rebecca Peeples Massengill, Amy Reynolds, Carol Ann MacGregor, Christine Percheski, (Back) Joseph Winters, LiEri Probasco, Leah Wright, Laura Bennett, James Gibbon, Christopher Wildeman, Stuart Young,