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## Center Faculty and Fellows Win Research Awards

The 2007-2008 year was a banner year for the recognition of groundbreaking research by CSR-affiliated faculty and students.

CSR Executive Committee member and Buddhist Studies Workshop director, **Stephen Teiser**, has been awarded the Prix Stanislas Julien, a prestigious prize from the French academic society Académie des Inscriptions et Belles-Lettres that recognizes Western-language scholarship on the Asian humanities. Teiser, the D.T. Suzuki Professor in Buddhist Studies and professor of religion, was honored for his 2006 book "Reinventing the Wheel: Paintings of Rebirth in Medieval Buddhist Temples." "Reinventing the Wheel" is concerned with Buddhist understandings of the afterlife and their expression in art and ritual life. The book focuses on the image of the wheel, long used in Buddhist cultures to describe the circular nature of the process of rebirth. Ranging widely across the Asian continent—including India, the Silk Road, China, Tibet and Japan—the book combines textual analysis with the interpretation of paintings and the architecture of Buddhist temples. (Text courtesy of a Princeton University news release by Eric Quiñones, August 23, 2007.)

**João Biehl**, CSR Executive Committee member and associate professor of anthropology, was selected for a 2008 Guggenheim Fellowship for his project "Transcendental Values and Political Life in Postcolonial Brazil: The Mucker War." Biehl was also awarded the 2007 Margaret Mead Award, one of the most prestigious honors for anthropological books. Biehl's book, "Vita: Life in a Zone of Social Abandonment," was published in 2005 by the University of California Press,



CSR Executive Committee member João Biehl wins a Guggenheim Fellowship.

## Faith and Work Initiative

Research shows that most students, workers, marketplace professionals, and leaders wish to live a holistic life that integrates, among other things, faith and work, but have few resources to help them do that. To address this, the Center for the Study of Religion welcomes the founding of the Princeton University Faith & Work Initiative.

The purpose of the Princeton Faith & Work Initiative is to generate intellectual frameworks and practical resources for the issues and opportunities surrounding faith and work. The Initiative will investigate the ways in which the resources of various religious traditions and spiritual identities shape and inform engagement with such workplace issues as ethics, values, vocation, meaning, purpose, and how people live out their faith in an increasingly diverse and pluralistic world. The Initiative will explore pressing marketplace topics, including global competition and its ramifications, wealth creation and poverty, ethics, diversity



CSR Executive Committee member Stephen Teiser with Buddhist monks in a Tibetan monastery during the Tibet Site Seminar. CSR sponsored the seminar's concluding conference.

and this is its sixth major award. "Vita" tells the story of a young Brazilian woman living at Vita, an asylum for the sick, mentally ill and poor. Due to a misdiagnosed neurodegenerative disorder, Catarina becomes paralyzed, is considered insane and is abandoned by her family. Biehl studies the circumstances of Catarina's illness to uncover the forces—economic, medical, political, familial—by which Vita and other poorly funded, ungoverned institutions of last resort have proliferated in Brazil. (Text courtesy of Princeton University news releases by Ushma Patel on December 10, 2007, and by Princeton staff on April 18, 2008.)

CSR Graduate Student Fellows also received national awards. Of particular note are the following graduate students who were awarded American Council of Learned Societies fellowships for projects they developed at CSR: **Kathleen Holscher**, Religion, "Habits in the Classroom: A Court Case Regarding Catholic Sisters in New Mexico"; and **Stuart Young**, Religion, "Conceiving the Indian Buddhist Patriarchs in China." (Text courtesy of a Princeton University news release by Eric Quiñones, August 27, 2007.)

and inclusion, conflicting stakeholder interests, and social responsibility. The Faith & Work Initiative will accomplish its mission through a mixture of research, teaching, lectures, and conferences, and other programs geared toward students, academics, and leaders in the marketplace.

The founding Director of the Princeton University Faith & Work Initiative is **David W. Miller**, who will also teach in the Department of Religion. David comes to us from Yale University, where he served as Executive Director of the Yale Center for Faith & Culture and taught at Yale Divinity School and School of Management. To learn more about the Princeton Faith & Work Initiative, you may contact David at [dwm@princeton.edu](mailto:dwm@princeton.edu).



## Religion and Politics in an Election Year

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**Evangelicalism and Politics in America**

Center for the Study of Religion

**Evangelicals and the 2008 Primaries**  
A Roundtable Discussion

Friday, February 8  
at 4:30 PM  
East Pyne 010

**Crazy for God**  
How I Grew Up as One of the Elect, Helped Found the Religious Right and Lived to Take All (or Almost All) of It Back

Frank Schaeffer  
Tuesday, February 26  
at 4:30 PM  
Robertson Hall Bowl 016  
Co-sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

**Faith in the Halls of Power**  
How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite

D. Michael Lindsay, Rice University  
Tuesday, March 4  
at 4:30 PM  
Robertson Hall Bowl 016  
Co-sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

All events are free and open to the public.

As attention turned to the presidential primary season, the Center continued its scholarly work examining the relationship between religion and politics in the United States and around the world. Lectures in the “Crossroads of Religion and Politics” series (co-sponsored with the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs) were:

**10/9/07** “Religion in Reform-Era China: A Political Economic Approach,” **Fenggang Yang**, Purdue University

**11/19/07** “The Protocols of the Elders of Greenwich: The Secret American Plot to Rule the World,” **Walter Mead**, Council on Foreign Relations

**2/26/08** “Crazy for God: How I Grew Up as One of the Elect, Helped Found the Religious Right, and Lived to Take All (or Almost All) of It Back,” **Frank Schaeffer**

**3/4/08** “Faith in the Halls of Power: How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite,” **D. Michael Lindsay**, Rice University

**4/22/08** “Muslim Americans: Enriching or

Threatening American Democracy?” **Amaney Jamal**, Princeton University

**4/30/08** “From Liberation to Mutual Fund: Images of Christ in Black Politics,” **Melissa Harris-Lacewell**, Princeton University

Other events examining politics and religion included: **11/9/07-11/10/07** “Mormonism and American Politics,” a conference organized by **Melissa Proctor**, Harvard Divinity School with a keynote address by **Noah Feldman**, Harvard University.

**11/12/07** “The Impact of Faith in Public Service,” a lecture by **Congressman Frank Wolf** (R-Va.).

**2/8/08** “Evangelicals and the 2008 Primaries,” a roundtable with **Michael Hout**, University of California at Berkeley; **Melani McAlister**, George Washington University, and **Robin H. Rogers-Dillon**, Queens College, City University of New York.

**4/18/08** “Campaign ’08: Race, Gender, and Religion,” a roundtable discussion with **Robert P. George**, **Eddie S. Glaude**, **Barbara Savage**, **Frank Schaeffer**, **Sean Wilentz**, **Tera Hunter**, and **Imani Perry**.

## New Research on Islam

The Center is home to numerous scholars studying all religious traditions. This year, the Center sponsored several scholars working on Islam in America and in its global context. Many lectures may be viewed or downloaded online at [www.princeton.edu/csr](http://www.princeton.edu/csr).

### *The Doll Family Lectureship on Religion and Money*

This year the Doll Lectureship focused on Islam inviting **Ebrahim Moosa** of Duke University to present on “Muslim Philanthropy in Transition: Prospects and Challenges.” CSR Affiliate Faculty member, **Muhammad Qasim Zaman**, the Robert H. Niehaus ’77 Professor of Near Eastern Studies and Religion, hosted the lecture.

### *Crossroads of Religion and Politics*

As part of an ongoing lecture series co-sponsored by CSR and the Woodrow Wilson School, **Amaney Jamal**, a faculty member in Princeton’s department of politics addressed the question: “Muslim Americans: Enriching or Threatening American Democracy?” Prof. Jamal drew upon extensive social survey data to discuss the political attitudes and experiences of American Muslims.

### *Muslims and Media: Representation, Discourse, and Participation*

In partnership with other departments on campus, CSR was pleased to sponsor a faculty workshop organized by **Juliane Hammer**, a faculty member in Near Eastern Studies. The workshop brought together scholars from the interdisciplinary field of Islamic studies with an interest in the role of various media for representation and self-representation of Muslims in minority contexts. The papers presented addressed various media such as television, film, news media, print publications and the internet in a variety of geographical contexts including the United States, Britain, Australia, India, and the Philippines. The proceedings of the workshop are under revision for possible publication.

In addition to these public lectures, the Center sponsored several fellows whose research projects focused on Islam past and present. These scholars included:

Graduate Student Fellows:

**Petra Nahmias**, Sociology, “Women’s Health and Islam.”

**Intisar Rabb**, Near Eastern Studies, “Legal Maxims in Islamic Law.”

**Susan Gunasti**, Religion, “Trends Relating to the Qur’an in Post-Tanzimat Istanbul.”

Undergraduate Research Fellows:

**Celene Lizzio** ’08, Near Eastern Studies, “Pragmatics and the Qur’an: A Juxtaposition of Modern Revisionary Hermeneutics.”

**Tao Goffe** ’09, English, “British Islamic Hip-Hop: Exploring the Cultural and Religious Expression of Britain’s Muslim Youth.”

**Alexander Metelitsa** ’09, Politics, “The Role of Islam in Post-Niyazov Turkmenistan.”



Amaney Jamal, Assistant Professor of Politics, Princeton University



# Study of Religion

## Center Sponsored Events in Review

In addition to those events highlighted in this newsletter, the center sponsored a variety of conferences and public lectures this past academic year, including:

### *Ethics and Religion in Anthropological Fieldwork*

#### *Lecture Series*

**3/3/08** "Informants as Observers: Reflections on New Types of Fieldwork in Madagascar," **Maurice Bloch**, London School of Economics.

**4/7/08** "Magic, Science, and Religion: A Re-Appraisal and the Self-Reflexive Approach," **Thomas Hauschild**, Wissenschaftskolleg, Berlin.

### *Princeton Lectures in Religion and Cognition*

**9/26/07** "Born to Believe: God, Science, and the Origin of Ordinary and Extraordinary Beliefs," **Andrew Newberg**, University of Pennsylvania.

**2/7/08** "The Role of Maturationally Natural Cognition in Science and Religion," **Robert N. McCauley**, Emory University.

### *Princeton Lectures in Religion and Science*

**10/10/07** "Evolution and Design: At the Crossroads of Science and Religion," **Ken Miller**, Brown University.

### *Conferences*

**10/16/07** "Religion and the Media" a roundtable with **Terry Mattingly**, [getreligion.org](http://getreligion.org); **Jeff Sharlet**, [therevealer.org](http://therevealer.org); organized by **Carolyn Rouse**, Anthropology and **David Michelson**, Center for the Study of Religion.

**2/5/08** "Speaking of Faith," a public reading by **Krista Tippett**, American Public Media, with responses from **Leigh Schmidt**, **Matt Hedstrom**, **Judith Weisenfeld**; organized by Carolyn Rouse, Anthropology.

**2/21-23/08** "Mysticism, Reform, and the Formation of Modernity," a conference organized by **Sara S. Poor**, German, and **Nigel Smith**, English.

**2/28/07** "Vatican II: A Sociological Analysis of Religious Change," a symposium with **Michele Dillon**, University of New Hampshire; **Michael Hout**, University of California at Berkeley; **James McCartin**, Seton Hall University; and **Melissa J. Wilde**, University of Pennsylvania.

**4/10-11/08** "American Religious Liberalism: Retrospect and Prospect," a conference organized by **Leigh Schmidt**, Religion.

**5/8/08** "Reconsidering Philoxenos of Mabbug," a symposium organized by **David Michelson**, Center for the Study of Religion and co-sponsored by Center of Theological Inquiry.

## Center Lectures Most Popular Downloads on PU Podcast!

Did you know that you can watch or listen to most Center events on the web? According to a report in the *Princeton Weekly Bulletin*, there are more than 550 podcasts available through Princeton University's feed. At the end of the 2008 Spring semester, two CSR events were at the top of the most frequently downloaded list: Our 2007 conference "What Is Prayer?" and our 2007 symposium on Provost Christopher Eisgruber's book "Religious Freedom and the Constitution." Discover these recordings and more at: <http://www.princeton.edu/csr>.

Source: Princeton Weekly Bulletin (June 2, 2008).



## 2007-2008 Faculty, Graduate, and Undergraduate Fellows at CSR

During the 2007-2008 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.

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Left to Right: (Front) Cynthia Eller, Jun Fujii, Lauren Winner, (Back) Matt Hedstrom, Darren Dochuk, Robin Rogers-Dillon, Paul Macdonald

### Visiting Fellows (Faculty and Postdoctoral Fellows):

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

### Center Website Update

The Center's website is under construction and a new site will be released in Fall 2008! Look for enhanced features such as easy access to online lectures, podcasts, and research and publication updates. In preparation for these changes, we have simplified the center's URL.

Please update your bookmarks to

<http://www.princeton.edu/csr>

### Affiliate Graduate Student Fellows

- Morten Br ander**, The University of Aarhus, Denmark
- Ovidiu Creang a**, King's College London, United Kingdom

### Undergraduate Research Fellows

- Robert Bernstein '08**, Religion, "Shades of Gray: Religion, Aging, and Adaptation in Retirement Communities of the American Sunbelt."
- Rachel Crane '08**, Religion, "Documenting Evangelical Education: An In-depth look at Patrick Henry College."
- Sonya Hsieh '08**, Woodrow Wilson School, "Taiwanese Church and State: Presbyterian Advocacy in the Independence Movement."
- Alexandra Katen-Narvell '08**, Religion, "Tinseltown Transcendence: How Hollywood Shapes America in Its Image."
- Seth Ligo '08**, Religion, "The Concurrent Transmission of Religious and Musical Culture in Hindu, Islamic and Christian Traditions"
- Celene Lizzio '08**, Near Eastern Studies, "Pragmatics and the Qur'an: A Juxtaposition of Modern Revisionary Hermeneutics."
- Lubna Malik '08**, Woodrow Wilson School, "Separation: The Vital Need."
- Elizabeth Malta '08**, English, "The Way to Wonder: A Study of Travel and Marvel in Irish Sea-Voyage Narratives."
- Janna McLeod '08**, Religion, "The Church of St. Francis Xavier: Religious Radicalism and its Limitations in the Roman Catholic Church."
- Joseph Muller '08**, History, "God's Willing Instruments."
- Daniel Samit '08**, East Asian Studies, "KUJIRA" (Documentary film on small whaling communities in coastal Japan).
- Sarah Zaslow '08**, Religion, "The Priest and the Patriot: The Equality Arguments of the Conservative Christian Public Interest Law Movement."
- Tao Goffe '09**, English, "British Islamic Hip-Hop: Exploring the Cultural and Religious Expression of Britain's Muslim Youth."
- Abigail Smith '09**, Religion, "Pentecostals after Pinochet: A Look at the NGO, SEPADE, and its Reaction to the Demise of Chile's Ex-Dictator."

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## *Religion and Culture Workshop Fellows:*



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Left to Right: (Front) Susan Gunasti, Katherine Marsengill, Manu Radhakrishnan, (Back) Richard Payne, Stephen Bush, Jimmy Yu.

- Bill Bulman**, History
- Stephen Bush**, Religion
- Susan Gunasti**, Religion
- Katherine Marsengill**, Art and Archaeology
- Sarah A. Paden**, Music
- Richard Payne**, History
- Manu Radhakrishnan**, History
- Jimmy Yu**, Religion

## *Religion and Public Life Workshop Fellows:*



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Left to Right: (Front) Liza Steele, Amy Reynolds, LiErin Probasco, Alicia Juskewycz, (Back) Morten Brænder, Ian Ward, Nathaniel Klemp.

- Alicia Juskewycz**, Sociology
- Nathaniel Klemp**, Politics
- Petra Nahmias**, Sociology
- LiErin Probasco**, Sociology
- Intisar A. Rabb**, Near Eastern Studies
- Amy Reynolds**, Sociology
- Liza Steele**, Sociology
- Ian Ward**, Politics

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# 2008-2009 At-A-Glance

## Lecture Series

### *Crossroads of Religion and Politics*

**Burns Strider**, The Eleison Group, October 6, 2008

“March of the Jacobins: The Advance and Retreat of Political Secularism in the 20th Century,” **Timothy Shah**, Council on Foreign Relations, March 25, 2009

“Dreams and Shadows: The Future of the Middle East,” **Robin Wright**, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, April 27, 2009

**Robert Barnett**, Columbia University, Date TBD

**Tony Hall**, Former U.S. Ambassador, Date TBD

**Jok Madut Jok**, Loyola Marymount University, Date TBD

### *Princeton Lectures in Religion and Ethics*

“‘Doing God in 10 Downing Street’: The Relationship between Faith and Politics in a Post-Modern World,” **Lord Brian Griffiths** of Fforestfach, Goldman Sachs International, September 24, 2008

“‘I’m Gonna Be a Negro Tonight’: Martin Luther King’s Preaching in the Black Pulpit,” **Jonathan Rieder**, Barnard University, October 22, 2008

### *Princeton Lectures in Religion and Global Culture*

“Global Pentecostalism: The New Face of Christian Social Engagement,” **Donald E. Miller**, University of Southern California, September 25, 2008

### *Princeton Lectures in Religion and History*

“What Hath God Wrought: Religion in the Transformation of America, 1815-1848,” **Daniel Walker Howe**, University of California, Los Angeles, April 1, 2009

### *Doll Family Lectures on Religion and Money*

**J. Bryan Hehir**, Archdiocese of Boston and Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Spring 2009

### *Additional Lectures Include*

**Simeon Ilesanmi**, Wake Forest University, Date TBD

**Amy Sullivan**, *Time* Magazine, October 13, 2008

## Visiting Fellows

**Eric B. Johnson**, Columbia University

**Kathryn Lofton**, Indiana University

**Willem B. Drees**, University of Leiden

## Conferences and Symposia

“History of Black Gospel Music,” a lecture series organized by Wallace Best, Religion and African American Studies: **Jerma Jackson**, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, September 25, 2008; **Robert Darden**, Baylor University, October 23, 2008; **Teresa Reed**, University of Tulsa, November 20, 2008; and **Guthrie Ramsey, Jr.**, University of Pennsylvania, December 3, 2008.

“Rabbinic Literature and the Material Culture of Late Roman Palestine,” a conference organized by **Peter Schaefer**, Religion, November 9-11, 2008

“Approaching God: A Symposium on Hindu Devotion,” a conference organized by **Isabelle Clark-Deces**, Anthropology, February 6-7, 2009

“Religion in the Civil Rights Movement,” a conference organized by **Albert Raboteau**, Religion, March 2009

“Love as the Practice of Freedom: Romance Fiction and American Culture,” a conference organized by **William Gleason**, English, Spring 2009

## 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.

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