



## Center for the Study of Religion Celebrates Ten Years of Fellows

2009-2010 marks the tenth anniversary of the Center for the Study of Religion. During that time, fifty different Visiting Fellows and 124 different Graduate Student Fellows have contributed to and benefitted from the vibrant intellectual life of the Center. Former CSR fellows (and fellows from our preceding days as the Center for the Study of American Religion) continue to make us proud. Here are the latest accomplishments of just a few. **Anthea Butler** (VF '01-'02) has become Associate Professor of Religion at the University of Pennsylvania. **Courtney Bender** (Graduate Student Fellow '96-'97), Associate Professor of Religion at Columbia, has joined the CSR's Advisory Council. **Wendy Cadge** (GSF '00-'01) has received tenure at Brandeis College. **Carolyn Chen's** (VF '02-'03) book, *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience*, was published in 2008 by Princeton University Press. **Lynn Davidman** (Visiting Scholar '94-'95) has become Robert M. Beren Distinguished Professor of Modern Jewish Studies, and Director of the Program in Jewish Studies, and Professor of Sociology at the University of Kansas, Lawrence. **Cynthia Eller's** (VS '96-'97, Affiliate Fellow '07-'08) new book *Motherright: The Origins of Matriarchal Myth, 1861-1900* is forthcoming from the University of California Press. **R. Marie Griffith** (Visiting Fellow '95-'96) has left Princeton to become John A. Bartlett Professor of New England Church History at the Harvard Divinity School. **Matt Hedstrom** (VF '07-'08) has accepted a tenure-track position in American Studies and Religious Studies at the University of Virginia beginning Fall '09. **Paul Lichterman** (VF '01-'02) has been promoted to Full Professor in Sociology and Religion at University of Southern California. **Michael Lindsay's** (GSF '03-'06) book, based on his dissertation won the 2008 Outstanding Book Award from the

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action. His article, "Evangelicals in the Power Elite: Elite Cohesion Advancing A Movement" in *American Sociological Review* received the 2008 Distinguished Article Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. **David Michelson** (GSF '05-'06) has finished his first year as Assistant Professor of History at the University of Alabama. **Margarita Mooney** (GSF '04-'05) has just published a book with University of California Press: *Faith Makes us Live: Surviving and Thriving in the Haitian Diaspora*. **Jon Pahl** (AF '06-'07) has two books in print resulting from his time at the Center: *Empire of Sacrifice: The Religious Origins of American Violence* and *An American Teacher: Coming of Age, and Coming Out—the Memoirs of Loretta Collier*. **Barbara Savage's** (VF '99-'00) book, *Your Spirits Walk Beside Us*, was published by Harvard University Press in 2008. **Daniel Schwartz** (GSF '05-'06) has a post-doctoral fellowship in Oxford next year in conjunction with the Mellon-Sawyer Seminar on "Conversion in Late Antiquity: Christianity and Islam." The year-long seminar aims to be a rigorously comparative venue for the analysis of a wide variety of factors in conversion to Christianity and to Islam in the late antique period. **Tisa Wenger's** (GSF '01-'02) book *We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom* has been released by the University of North Carolina Press. Tisa will begin at Yale Divinity School this Fall as Assistant Professor of American Religious History, joining **Kathryn Lofton** (VF '08-'09). **Heather White** (GSF '05-'06) will become Visiting Assistant Professor in American Religions at the New College of Florida this Fall. **Brad Wilcox** (GSF '95-'00) has been promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in Sociology at the University of Virginia.



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### Center Graduate Student Fellow Wins Carnegie Award



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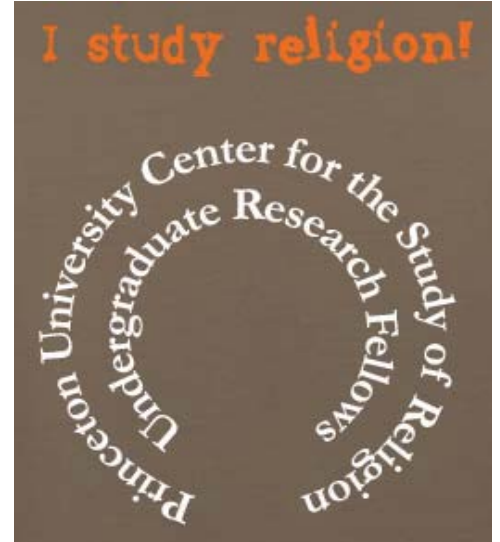
Intisar Rabb, who was chosen as a Graduate Student Fellow in both the Religion and Culture and Religion and Public Life categories, was selected as one of 24 recipients of a 2009 Carnegie Scholarship. Rabb will receive a two-year grant of up to \$100,000 from the Carnegie Corp. of New York to pursue a research project titled "Islamic Law and Legal Change: The Internal Critique." Rabb, who is trained in Islamic and American law, will examine Muslim juristic debates about modern legislation and implementation of classical Islamic criminal law. Her work will focus on these distinctly "internal" critiques – balancing them, and those who present them, against critical assessments of Islamic law offered by human rights activists in the local and international legal arenas. Rabb will survey criminal law practices—not all of which are "Islamic"—in the 27 countries that have incorporated Islamic law into their constitutions or allow for a jurisdiction of Islamic criminal law. She will present her survey findings in a public, online database aimed at scholars, legal institutions, nongovernmental organizations and policymakers. Rabb also will conduct a comparative study of judicial debates in Iran and Saudi Arabia, with reference to Pakistan, for a book intended for international lawyers, scholars, the media and the public. Rabb completed her dissertation in the department of Near Eastern Studies on legal maxims in comparative American and Islamic law. In the fall, Rabb will join the faculty of the Boston College Law School, where she will teach criminal law, legislation, and Islamic and comparative law. (Text courtesy of Princeton University news release by Princeton staff on April 14, 2009.)

## Center Expands its Support for Undergraduates

Go ahead,  
ask me the hard questions...

Even as university budgets tightened, the Center for the Study of Religion expanded significantly its support for undergraduate research. The number of Undergraduate Research Fellows grew from 14 last year to 26 in 2008-2009 and the dollar amount of their funding doubled as well. The Fellows met on occasion throughout the year to discuss their own research and to give the Center input from the under-

graduate perspective. One Fellow, **Alexander Metelitsa** '09, gave a coffee talk about his senior thesis project, "Stalin's Disneyland: Religion, Dictator and Nation in Turkmenistan's Book of the Soul." Another fellow, **Lily Cowles** '09, was featured in the Princeton Alumni Weekly for her innovative research on the Mazione Church in Mozambique. At the request of the undergraduates, the Center has even formed a group on Facebook. Search for Princeton Center for the Study of Religion on Facebook and join the group!



## Faith & Work Initiative: Students Meet Faith-Minded CEOs



A Conversation with **Sherif Nasr**, M.D., President and CMO, eParadigm Diagnostic: "A Muslim Perspective on the Executive Suite," March 24, 2009

A Conversation with **David F. Eisner**, CEO and President, TheMarkets.com: "A Jewish Perspective on Ethics in the Executive Suite," April 2, 2009

The Princeton Faith & Work Initiative enjoyed a successful inaugural year as part of the Center for the Study of Religion. The initiative brought students into contact with business leaders known for thinking seriously about the role of faith in the workplace. Project Director David Miller hosted three public conversations during the spring:

A Conversation with **Sherron Watkins**, former Vice President, Enron Corporation: "Faith & Finance: ENRON All Over Again?" February 3, 2009

In addition to those large-scale conversations, other business executives were invited to speak to students in Professor Miller's class, "Business Ethics and Modern Religious Thought." Speakers included **Laura Berry**, Executive Director, Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility; **Ann Fudge**, former president of Kraft Foods; **Kitt Garrett**, Founder and CEO, Discover New York; **Dale Jones**, Vice Chairman, Heidrick & Struggles; **Ken Melrose** '62, former CEO, Toro Company; **Craig Phillip** '75, President and CEO, **Ingram Barge**; **John Tyson**, Chairman and CEO, Tyson Foods.



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## 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:

### *Crossroads of Religion and Politics Lecture Series*

“Left Behind...In the Culture Wars of 2008: Evangelicals, Culture & the Politics of Moose Hunters, Community Organizers & Family Values,” **Burns Strider**, The Eleison Group, October 6, 2008

“Why can’t China talk with the Dalai Lama? The Debate over the Tibetan Tradition of ‘Religion and Politics Combined,’” **Robert Barnett**, Columbia University, November 6, 2008

“Changing the Face of Hunger,” **Tony Hall**, Former U.S. Ambassador, February 10, 2009

“Sudan and the Fallacy of Nationhood: How Political Islam Threatens National Unity,” **Jok Madut Jok**, Loyola Marymount University, February 18, 2009

“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 Center for Scholars, April 27, 2009

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

“Catholic Conceptions of Charity, Justice and Philanthropy,” **J. Bryan Hehir**, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston, May 1, 2009

### *Princeton Lectures in Religion and Ethics*

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

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

“Global Pentecostalism: The New Face of Christian Social Engagement,” **Donald 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**, Oxford University and University of California, Los Angeles, April 1, 2009

### *Additional Lectures, Roundtables, Conferences, & Faculty-Directed Events*

“The Party Faithful? Why Obama Started Hanging Out with Rick Warren and Republicans Stopped Going to Church,” **Amy Sullivan**, October 13, 2008

Made in America: The History of Black Gospel Music Lecture Series: “Our Music was Tambourines and Sometimes Guitar: Contemplating the Roots of Black Gospel,” **Jerma Jackson**; “Why the Golden Age of Gospel Music Matters,” **Robert Darden**; “Shouting Sinners: The Spirituals, the Blues, and the Gospel of the Kingdom,” **Teresa Reed**; “Y’all Like That?: Power, Practice, and Contemporary Gospel,” **Guthrie Ramsay**; Fall 2008

“The Fragility of Truth and Other Inescapable Facts,” **Sarah Jones Nelson**, Director of the Princeton Project on Fragility, February 19, 2009

A Conversation with Frank Schaeffer, author of *Crazy for God*, moderated by **Patricia Fernandez-Kelly**, Sociology, February 23, 2009

“Beyond Cultural Essentialism: Grounding African Human Rights Project in a Common Morality,” **Simeon Ilesanmi**, Wake Forest University. Co-sponsored with the University Center for Human Values, March 4, 2009

“Religion in the Civil Rights Movement,” a conference organized by **Albert Raboteau**, Religion, April 2-4, 2009

“Odetta Tribute,” a conference co-sponsored with the Center for African American Studies, April 9, 2009

“Law and Religion: Philosophical and Historical Perspectives,” a conference sponsored by the James Madison Program and co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Religion, April 17-18, 2009

“Love as the Practice of Freedom: Romance Fiction and American Culture,” a conference organized by **William Gleason**, English. Co-sponsored by CSR, April 23-24, 2009

## 2008-2009 Faculty, Graduate, and Undergraduate Fellows at CSR

### Visiting Fellows



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Left to Right: Willem B. Drees, Kathryn Lofton, and Eric Johnson

**Eric B. Johnson**, Columbia University

**Kathryn Lofton**, Yale University

**Petra Schierl**, University of Basel (Affiliate)

**Willem B. Drees**, Leiden University (Affiliate)

### Affiliate Graduate Student Fellows

**Morten Brænder**, The University of Aarhus, Denmark

**Ovidiu Creangă**, King's College London, United Kingdom

### Undergraduate Research Fellows

**Lily Cowles** '09, Religion, "Spiritual Reconciliation in Angola."

**Jasmine Ellis** '10, "Amazonian Healing Beliefs,"

**Kelley Frances Fenelon** '09, Woodrow Wilson School, "Unexpected Evangelicalism: PEPFAR's Illustrative Example of Diversity in Religiously Motivated Policy Making and Coalition Building."

**Emily Garcia** '10, Comparative Literature, "Poetry at the Mont Sainte-Odile."

**Matthew Gleason** '10, Religion, "Modern Revisions of Sacred Space."

**Charlotte Glennie** '09, Classics, "Ecology and the Societal Roles of Delos."

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

**Robert Griest** '09, Religion, "Gore-Tex Pilgrims: The Impact of Tourism on the Religious Culture of India."

**Kaitlyn Hay** '10, Art, "The Historical Reception of Programmatic Byzantine Church Decoration in Northern Italy, A Theological and Political Lens."

**Jaryn Horner** '09, History, "Christian Appropriation of Muslim Cultural Sites in Medieval Spain."

**Laura Johnson** '09, English, "Religion and the Woman's Voice: Studying Jane Austen and Charlotte Brontë in England."

**Sebastian Jones** '09, Anthropology, "Living in the End Times."

**Jordan Kisner** '09, Religion, "'More Life': Heaven on Earth in Tony Kushner's Angels in America."

**Sumin Lee** '09, "Let us Pray for our Northern Brothers and Sisters: Rhetoric of the North Korean Humanitarian Movement in South Korean Churches."

**Cameron McLain** '10, Religion, "The Spirituality of the Beats."

**Alexander Metelitsa** '09, Politics, "The Role of Islam in Post-Niyazov Turkmenistan."

**Rebecca Nyquist** '09, Religion, "The Effects of Intermarriage on Jewish Ritual Practice and Childhood Experience."

**Karen Okigbo** '09, Politics, "Nigeria-Biafra War."

**Colin Pfeiffer** '09, Anthropology, "Hope Amidst Desolation: Dispatches from the Aral Sea."

**David Ponton III**, '09, Religion, "The Manger, the Margin, and Pentecost."

**Kate Poole** '09, Religion, "The Effects of Marxist Education on Young Peoples' Perceptions of Religion."

**Wasim Shiliwala** '09, Near Eastern Studies, "Educating Islam in America: a Study of Four National Muslim American Educational Institutions."

**Abigail Smith** '09, Religion, "Healing Latin America: The Impact of Holistic Pentecostal Healing on Community Development and the Reduction of Poverty."

**Isaiah Soval-Levine** '09, Near Eastern Studies, "Religion and State in Turkey."

**Emmelyn Stevens** '09, Art & Archaeology, "Religious Influence Recorded: Francisco de Zurbaran's Monastic Works at Guadalupe and Jerez de la Frontera."

**Brandon White** '09, English/Creative Writing, "Mormon Missionary Activity in Brazil."

**Zach Zimmerman** '10, Religion "Bringing Up Buddhists in America: An Institutional, Parental, and Material Analysis of the Childhood Religious Education Practices of North American Buddhist Converts."

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## *Religion and Culture Workshop Fellows:*



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Left to Right: Aviva Rothman, Jack Tannous, Laura Leon-Llerena, Mairaj Syed, David Decosimo, and Rebecca Harmon.

- J. David Decosimo**, Religion
- Daniel Hanna**, French and Italian
- Rebecca Harmon**, French and Italian
- Laura Leon Llerena**, Spanish and Portuguese
- Aviva Rothman**, History
- Mairaj Syed**, Religion
- Jack Tannous**, History
- Moulie Vidas**, Religion

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Left to Right: LiErin Probasco, Phillip Connor, Alicia Juskewycz, Eric Johnson, Anthony Petro, Levi McLaughlin, Liza Steele.

- Phillip Connor**, Sociology
- Carol Ann MacGregor**, Sociology
- Levi McLaughlin**, Religion
- Anthony Petro**, Religion
- LiErin Probasco**, Sociology
- Intisar Rabb**, Near Eastern Studies
- Mark Robinson**, Anthropology
- Liza Steele**, Sociology
- Alicia Juskewycz**, Sociology

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# 2009-2010 At-A-Glance

## Lecture Series

### *Crossroads of Religion and Politics:*

“Development and Religious Actors: The State of Play,”  
**Katherine Marshall**, Georgetown University, October 26, 2009

Lecture by **Mickey Edwards**, Aspen Institute and former  
Congressman, December 1, 2009

“Forces of Fortune: The Rise of A New Muslim Middle Class  
and What It Means for Our World,” **Vali Nasr**, Senior Advisor  
to Special Representative on Afghanistan and Pakistan,  
Ambassador Holbrooke, December 10, 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

### *Princeton Lectures in Religion and History*

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

### *Princeton Lectures in Religion and Science*

“Fingerprints of God: The Search for the Science of  
Spirituality,” **Barbara Bradley Hagerty**, National Public Radio,  
October 5, 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.

## Conferences and Symposia

“Islam, Modernity, and India,” a workshop organized by **Isabelle Clark-Deces**, Anthropology, and **Bernard Haykel**, Near Eastern Studies, TBA

“Rabbi Loew and the Jews of Early Modern Prague,” a conference directed by **Peter Schäfer**, Religion and Program in Judaic Studies, December 2009

“Race, Gender & Slavery in Islamic Societies,” a symposium, organized by **Shaun Marmon**, Religion. Spring 2010

“Religion, Democracy and Conflict,” a speaker series organized by **Rafaela Dancygier**, Woodrow Wilson School, and **Mirjam Künkler**, Near Eastern Studies, TBA

“War, Religion and Democracy,” a conference directed by **Amaney Jamal**, Politics, TBA

## Visiting Fellows

**Eric B. Johnson**, Columbia University

**Amy Kittelstrom**, Sonoma State University

**Rebecca Sager**, Loyola Marymount University

## Affiliate Fellows

**James B. Bell**, Oxford University

**Petra Schierl**, University of Basel

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