

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
at
the University Church of St Mary

PROGRAMME

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015
THE OLD LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY CHURCH

- 9:15 – 9:30 A.M. Introduction and Welcome
David Martin, Symposium Facilitator
- 9:30 – 11:00 A.M. Keynote and Church Tour: Canon **Brian Mountford**, Vicar of The University Church of St Mary the Virgin
- 11:00 – 11:30 A.M. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits
- 11:30 – 12:15 P.M. Topic: *Leviticus 25 and the Convergence of Environmental Rights and Human Rights*
Presenter: **Dwayne Howell**, Professor, Campbellsville University, US
- 12:15 – 1:00 P.M. Topic: *American Protestant Megachurches and Green space: Urban Planning, Environmental Accountability and Community Connectivity*
Presenter: **Susan Bratton**, Professor, Baylor University, US
- 1:00 – 1:45 P.M. Buffet Lunch at the Church (Vaults and Gardens Café)

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
at
the **University Church of St Mary**

- 1:45 – 2:30 P.M. Topic: *Call and Covenant: Beyond
Autonomy to Meaning in Marriage and
Career*
Presenter: **Richard Ponton**, Assistant
Professor, Georgian Court University, US
- 2:30 – 3:15 P.M Panel Observations:
Susan Howell, Professor, Campbellsville
University, US
Sherri Person Graduate Student, Vanderbilt
Divinity School, US
W. A. Amir Zal, Research Fellow, Durham
University, UK
Lalsangliana Ralte, Research Scholar,
Madras Christian College, India
Timothy Smith, Professor, Holy Apostles
College & Seminary, US
- 3:15 – 3:45 P.M. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
at
the University Church of St Mary

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2015
THE OLD LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY CHURCH

- 9:15 – 9:30 A.M. Introduction and Welcome
David Martin, Symposium Facilitator
- 9:30 – 10:45 A.M. Topic: *Gender Differences in Achievement Motivation*
Presenter: **Susan Howell**, Professor,
Campbellsville University, US
- 10:45 – 11:15 A.M. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits
- 11:15 – 12:00 P.M. Topic *Waqf as a Concept of Sustainability in Islam: Bīmāristān as a Case Study*
Presenter: **Mustafa Al Ansari**, Graduate Student, The University of Sydney, Australia
- 12:00 – 12:45 P.M. Topic: *Animals as Paraclete*
Presenter: **Sherri Person** Graduate Student, Vanderbilt Divinity School, US
- 1:00 – 1:30 P.M. Buffet Lunch at the Vaults and Gardens Café

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
at
the University Church of St Mary

- 1:45 – 2:00 P.M. Topic: *Manifestation of Heart Disease as Social Cancers in Community Economic Activities*
Presenter: **W. A. Amir Zal**, Research Fellow, Durham University, UK
- 2:00 – 2:45 P.M. Topic: *The Role of Traditional and Western Music in the Development of Mizo Spirituality*
Presenter: **Lalsangliana Ralte**, Research Scholar, Madras Christian College, India
- 2:45 – 3:15 P.M. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits
- 3:15 – 4: 45 P.M. Panel Observations:
Susan Bratton, Professor, Baylor University, US
Dwayne Howell, Professor, Campbellsville University, US
Richard Ponton, Assistant Professor, Georgian Court University, US
Mustafa Al Ansari, Graduate Student, The University of Sydney, Australia
Timothy Smith, Professor, Holy Apostles College & Seminary, US

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
at
the University Church of St Mary

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
at
the **University Church of St Mary**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015
THE OLD LIBRARY, UNIVERSITY CHURCH

- 9:15 – 9:30 A.M. Introduction of the Guide for the Chapel
Tour
David Martin, Symposium Facilitator
- 9:30 – 11:30 P.M Tour of Oxford University College Chapels

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies

at
the University Church of St Mary

Other Participants

Timothy Smith, Professor, Holy Apostles College & Seminary,
US

Symposium Coordinator

Dr David Martin, Symposium Coordinator is a former Headmaster. He has taught at the University of Amsterdam and lectured at Oxford University. Dr. Martin has been an International Consultant in Trinidad and Tobago and in Guyana. He has worked for the Inter-American Development Bank, and has served as Co-Director of Developing School and Services for Democracy in Europe, Oxford; and as a Research Fellow in Comparative Education and Development programmes at the University of Reading.

Keynote Speaker – Canon Brian Mountford

Canon Brian Mountford read theology in Newcastle upon Tyne before going to Westcott House, Cambridge, and being ordained in 1968 in St Paul's Cathedral. He served curacies at St Stephen's, Rochester Row and Christ Church, Lancaster Gate in the late sixties. He then became Fellow and Chaplain of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge until 1978 when he was appointed Vicar of Southgate, one of the leading parishes of the liberal catholic tradition.

In 1986 he was appointed Vicar of the University Church in Oxford, which combines ministry to the University, the City, and about 300,000 tourists each year. He is an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral and Fellow St Hilda's College, Oxford.

He has written many books including:

- *Christian Atheist* ('O' Books, 2011)
- *Happiness in 10 minutes* ('O' Books, 2006)

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
at
the University Church of St Mary

- *Christianity in Ten Minutes* ('O' Books, 2006)
- *Perfect Freedom* ('O' Books, 2003)

He has broadcast for the BBC, written for the Times and Guardian. He is married to Annette Mountford MBE, the Director of 'Family Links' - a national charity that promotes family nurturing with parents, in schools, and in prisons as part of the Social and Health Education curriculum.