

Oxford Symposium for Religious Studies

WEDNESDAY, 1 AUGUST, 2018

IOANNOU CENTRE, LECTURE THEATRE

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| 9:45 AM | Welcome Brian Mountford |
| 10:00 – 12:00 PM | Tour of University Church and College Chapels |
| 12:00 – 1:00 PM | Lunch at the Vaults & Garden Café |
| 1:00 – 1:30 PM | Walk to 66 St Giles, Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies |
| 1:30 – 2:00 PM | Topic: <i>The Drive from Without and from Within</i> Presenter: Jill Schaeffer , Visiting Associate Professor, New York Theological Seminary, US |
| 2:00 – 2:30 PM | Topic: <i>Joy in Rabbinic Judaism</i> Presenter: Erez DeGolan , Ph.D. Student, Columbia University, New York, US |
| 2:30 – 3:00 PM | Topic: <i>Anti-Semitism—The Unintended Consequence of the Development of Augustine’s Thinking About Human Free Will</i> Presenter: Douglas Furth , 2018 Graduate, Yale Divinity School, US |
| 3:00 – 3:30 PM | Tea/Coffee |

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3:30 – 4:00 PM

Topic: *Tantricism and the Cult of Fertility in Bengal's Religious Culture—A Historical Survey*

Presenter: **Gouri Sankar Bandyopadhyay**, Professor, University of Burdwan, India

4:00 – 4:30 PM

Topic: *Hinduism and Social Justice*

Presenter: **Provakar Palaka**, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi, India

4:30 PM

Adjourn

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THURSDAY, 2 AUGUST, 2018

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- 9:15 – 9:30 AM** Arrival Coffee and Welcome
Brian Mountford
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM** Topic: *Ritual and Violence*
Presenter: **Margo Kitts**, Professor, Hawai'i
Pacific University, US
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM** Topic: “*Social Climate Change*”: *Religion
and the Rising Tide of Extremism in Society*
Presenter: **Marcus Martins**, Associate
Dean, Brigham Young University-Hawaii,
US
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM** Tea/Coffee & Biscuits
- 10:45 – 11:15 AM** Topic: *Medical Aid in Dying and
Institutional Exemptions*
Presenter: **Daryl Pullman**, Professor,
Memorial University, Canada
- 11:15 – 11:45 AM** Topic: *Practicing the Patience of God:
A Response to Technologically-Induced
Impatience by Way of Ancient Holy Habit*
Presenter: **Sam Baker**, Professor, Corban
University, US
- 11:45 – 12:15 PM** Topic: *Islam and the Rise of Smoking in
Saudi Arabia*
Presenter: **Sean Foley**, Associate Professor,
Middle Tennessee State University, US
- 12:15 – 1:15 PM** Lunch in the Faculty Common Room

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- 1:15 – 1:45 PM** Topic: *The Ethical Dilemmas in Genesis: From Failure to Grace – Ancient Ethics in a Post-Modern World*
Presenter: **Jonathan Watts**, Humanities and Fine Arts Division Chair, Snead State Community College, US
- 1:45 – 2:15 PM** Topic: *Yes, God is Necessary to be Good!*
Presenter: **Douglas R McGaughey**, Emeritus Professor, Willamette University, US
- 2:15 – 2:45 PM** Topic: *Interrogating the Relationship Between Gender (Norms) and Religion, with an Emphasis on Protestant Forms of Christianity*
Presenter: **Colette Harris**, Reader, SOAS University of London, UK
- 2:45 – 3:00 PM** Tea/Coffee
- 3:00 – 3:30 PM** Topic: *Self-Cultivation in Confucian Ethics and its Contribution to Western Liberal Feminism*
Presenter: **Insook Lee**, Professor, New York Theological Seminary, US
- 3:30 – 4:00 PM** Topic: *Achieved Under Divine Inspiration: Mormon Midwives and Authority, 1840-1900*
Presenter: **Ami Chopine**, Student, Utah Valley University, US
- 4:00 PM** Adjourn

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FRIDAY, 3 AUGUST, 2018

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- 9:15 – 9:30 AM** Arrival Coffee and Welcome
Brian Mountford
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM** Topic: *What Is Catholic Social Innovation?*
Presenter: **Tiziana Dearing**, Professor,
Boston College, US
- 10:00– 10:30 AM** Topic: *The “Missionary Conquest” of
the Americas and Contemporary Ethical
Challenges Posed for Euro-Western
Christians in the U.S.*
Presenter: **Stephen Boyd**, Professor, Wake
Forest University, US
- 10:30– 10:45 AM** Tea/Coffee
- 10:45– 11:15 AM** Topic: *Metaethics and Amerindian
Languages*
Presenter: **Braulia Ribeiro**, Graduate
Student, Yale University, US
- 11:15– 11:45 AM** Topic: *The Contribution of Byzantine
Scholars to the Renaissance Process in
Florence in the First Half of the Fifteenth
Century*
Presenter: **Ionut Plescu**, Ph.D. Student,
University of Bucharest, Romania
- 11:45– 12:15 PM** Summation
Brian Mountford
- 12:15 - 1:15 PM** Lunch in the Faculty Common Room

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Other Participants

Esther McManus, Ph.D. Student, Bristol Baptist College, UK

Facilitator

Canon Brian Mountford MBE is currently acting Chaplain of Corpus Christi College. He is former Vicar of the University Church, Oxford, and Fellow St Hilda's College. He is also an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. Interested in public theology he has helped to make the University Church a centre for interdisciplinary debate. His bestselling book, *Christian Atheist* (2011), explores the phenomenon of those who find Christianity compelling but struggle with the metaphysical beliefs. His latest book is *Friday's Child: Poems of Suffering and Redemption*. His main interests are in the philosophy of religion, particularly questions of faith and doctrine, but he has diversified into other areas giving seminars on leadership and ethics in corporate life for the Said Business School and the Academy for Leadership in the Netherlands. During the seventies, he was Fellow and Chaplain of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge before becoming Vicar of Southgate in North London for seven years in the '80s.

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