

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies

WEDNESDAY, 2 AUGUST, 2017

ST HILDA'S COLLEGE, OXFORD

- 8:50 – 9:00 A.M. Introduction and Welcome: Symposium Facilitator, **Canon Brian Mountford**, MBE, Former Vicar of The University Church of St Mary the Virgin, and Fellow of St Hilda's College in the University of Oxford
- 9:00 – 9:30 A.M. Topic: *Economics and Religion, What is the Relationship? -- A Case Study of Nordic Social Democracy*
Presenter: **Robert Nelson**, Professor, University of Maryland, US
- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. Topic: *Pascal's Wager and its Many Misinterpretations*
Presenter: **Peter Feldmeier**, Professor, University of Toledo, US
- 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Topic: *Reading Agnes in Early Christianity: The Changing Images of St. Agnes of Rome*
Presenter: **Hiu Ki Chan**, Graduate Student, Yale Divinity School, US
- 10:30 – 10:45 A.M. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits
- 10:45 – 11:15 A.M. Topic: *Who Are You? Origen on Personal Identity and Post-Resurrection Life*
Presenter: **Ben Craver**, Professor, Wayland Baptist University, US

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- 11:15 – 11:45 A.M. Topic: *Bearing the Marks of Jesus: Affect and Religious Experience in The Passion of the Christ*
Presenter: **Elisabeth Weigel**, Independent Scholar, US
- 11:45 – 12:15 P.M. Topic: *The Martyrs of El Salvador*
Presenter: **Nancy Enright**, Associate Professor, Seton Hall University, US
- 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. Lunch
- 1:15 – 1:45 P.M. Topic: *John Howard Yoder's Biblical Realism and His Anabaptist Historiography*
Presenter: **Nok Ki Yeung**, Graduate Student, Yale University, US
- 1:45 – 2:15 P.M. Topic: *Understanding the Context of the Emergence and Spread of Religious Fundamentalism; with an Emphasis on Islamic Fundamentalism in Kurdistan Province of Iran*
Presenter: **Farhad Bayani**, Graduate Student, University of Tabriz, Iran
- 2:15 – 2:45 P.M. Topic: *A Comparative Study of Equality Building Model Between Martin Luther King, Jr. and Four Castes of the Buddha*
Presenter: **Thanyabhon Tochamnanvit**, Graduate Student, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand

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THURSDAY, 3 AUGUST, 2017

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- 8:50 – 9:00 A.M. Welcome, **Canon Brian Mountford**
- 9:00 – 9:30 A.M. Topic: *Islamic Analysis of 'The Last Supper' from Quran, Nt and Dead Sea Scrolls on the Basis of Five-Pronged Juxtaposing Approach*
Presenter: **Rashid Iqbal**, Government College University, Lahore, Pakistan
- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. Topic: *The Negative Representation of Muslim Diaspora in Non-Diasporic Media: Case Study of Indonesian Diaspora in the Netherlands*
Presenter: **Raka Pamungkas**, Graduate Student, University of Leeds, UK
- 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Topic: *Freedom from Physical and Mental Defects (Salamah) as a Prophetic Attribute in the Qur'an: Special Reference to the Case of Prophet Moses*
Presenter: **Suleyman Sertkaya**, Lecturer, Charles Sturt University, Australia
- 10:30 – 10:45 A.M. Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

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- 10:45 – 11:15 A.M. Topic: *What a Difference Race Makes: Intersections of Religion and Race in the Post-Conversion Narratives of White Australian Converts to Islam*
Presenter: **Oishee Alam**, Research Fellow, Western Sydney University, Australia
- 11:15 – 11:45 A.M. Topic: *Godel and the Theological Ramifications for Mormonism*
Presenter: **Ross Baron**, Brigham Young University, Idaho, US
- 11:45 – 12:15 P.M. Topic: *Buddha Wasn't a Buddhist: Release is Peace*
Presenter: **Gary Purse**, Professor, Brigham Young University, Idaho, US
- 12:15 – 1:15 P.M. Lunch
- 1:15 – 1:45 P.M. Topic: *Was Blind, But Now We See: A Biblical Guideline for the Disabled (John 9:1-12)*
Presenter: **McKenzie Fergus**, Graduate Student, Yale Divinity School, US
- 1:45 – 2:15 P.M. Topic: *Battle for Truth Between Religions: The Algebraic Calculus Approach*
Presenter: **Shimata Tshinanga**, Independent Scholar, Sum of Existence Calculus Center, US

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FRIDAY, 4 AUGUST, 2017

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- 8:30 – 9:10 A.M. Tour of University Church of St Mary the Virgin, University of Oxford
- 9:10 – 9:30 A.M. Return to St Hilda's College
- 9:30 – 9:40 A.M. Welcome, **Canon Brian Mountford**
- 9:40 – 10:10 A.M. Topic: *The Influence of Christianity in the Process of Acceptance of Homosexuality: Guilt and Apostasy*
Presenter: **Marcelo Fernandes**, Graduate Student, Lusofona University, Portugal
- 10:10 – 10:40 A.M. Topic: *'Kabiyak ng Puso': An Inculturated Approach to Genesis' Creation of the Woman*
Presenter: **Revenendo Vargas**, Assistant Professor, University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines
- 10:40 – 10:55 A.M. Tea and Coffee
- 10:55 – 11:25 A.M. Topic: *Manasipuja, a Hindu Meditative Ritual: Relationship between Religious Practices, Secular Concerns and Ordinary Ethics*
Presenter: **Kalpesh Bhatt**, Graduate Student, University of Toronto, Canada

SYMPOSIUM FACILITIATOR

Canon Brian Mountford MBE is former Vicar of the University Church, Oxford, and Fellow St Hilda's College. He is also Canon Emeritus of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He was previously Fellow and Chaplain of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and Vicar of Southgate in North London.

His bestselling book, *Christian Atheist* (2011), explores the phenomenon of those who find Christianity compelling but struggle with the metaphysical beliefs and his forthcoming book, *Friday's Child*, is an anthology of poetry about suffering and redemption with a short commentary on each piece.

His main interests are in the area of contemporary 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.

In 2017, he became Publisher at Large for the 'Christian Alternative' imprint of John Hunt Publishing.

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