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To Repair the World: How Does Religion Help or Hinder?

Featuring distinguished scholars:
Donniel Hartman
Cynthia M. Campbell
Ingrid Mattson

Thursday, October 29, 2015

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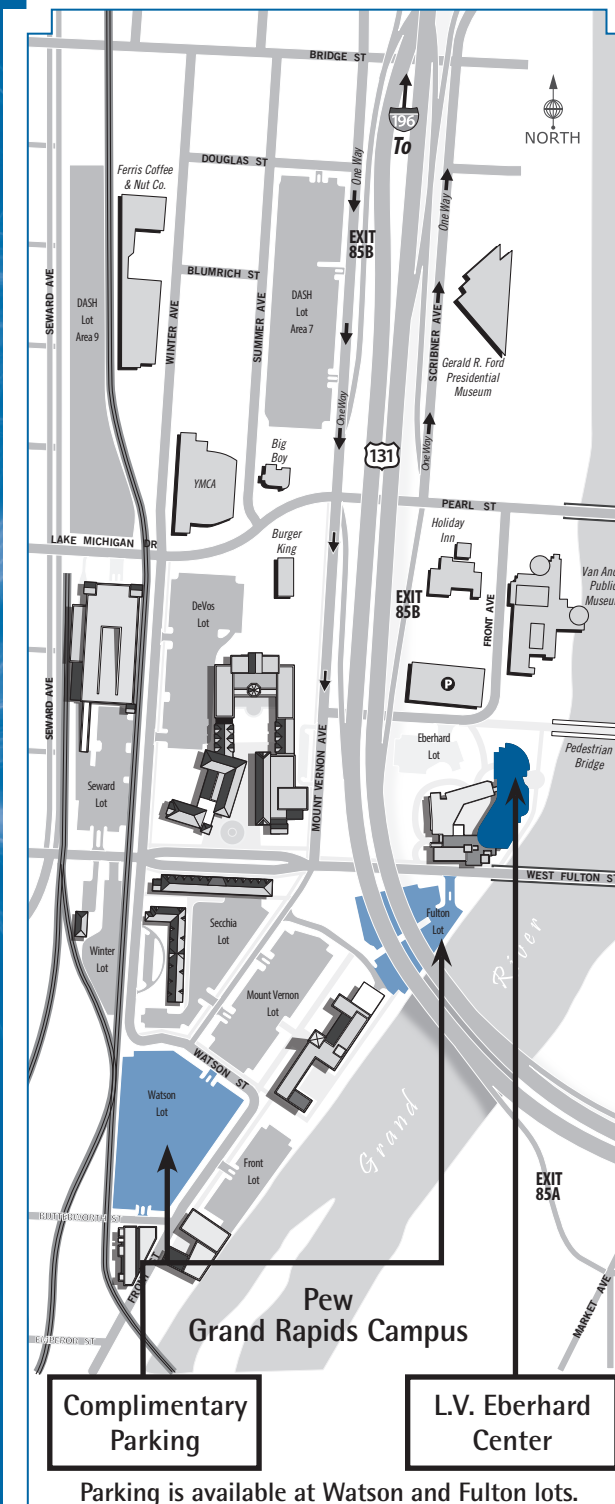
Schedule

Thursday, October 29, 2015

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration and coffee
- 9:45 a.m.** Welcome
Sylvia Kaufman
- 10 a.m.–Noon** First Session
Introductions
P. Douglas Kindschi, Director,
Kaufman Interfaith Institute
Presentation
Donniel Hartman
Responses
Cynthia M. Campbell
Ingrid Mattson
Audience Questions
- Noon–1 p.m.** Lunch (by reservation)
- 1–2:50 p.m.** Second Session
Presentation
Cynthia M. Campbell
Responses
Ingrid Mattson
Donniel Hartman
Audience Questions
- 2:50–3:10 p.m.** Break
- 3:10–5 p.m.** Third Session
Presentation
Ingrid Mattson
Responses
Donniel Hartman
Cynthia M. Campbell
Audience Questions
- 5–5:30 p.m.** Break
- 5:30–6:45 p.m.** Dinner and Discussion
(by reservation)
- 7–9 p.m.** Evening Session
“Passages from Our Traditions”
Reflections by
Donniel Hartman
Cynthia M. Campbell
Ingrid Mattson
Discussion and Questions

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To Repair the World: How Does Religion Help or Hinder?

Conference Theme

In our world of poverty, violence, and pollution, all religions are called to repair the world, to make it a better place. In this Year of Interfaith Service, it is important that we come together to look at how our religious traditions and scriptures have helped in this effort, as well as ways in which they have hindered. We are called to be of service to our fellow humans, to those in need, to our environment, and to bring peace. Join us, as we explore the theme: *To Repair the World: How Has Religion Helped and Hindered?*

Conference Speakers

Donniel Hartman is president of the Shalom Hartman Institute and director of its iEngage Project. He has a Ph.D. in Jewish philosophy from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, a Master of Arts in political philosophy from New York University, a Master of Arts in religion from Temple University, and Rabbinic ordination from the Shalom Hartman Institute.

Hartman is the founder of some of the most extensive education, training, and enrichment programs for scholars, educators, rabbis, and religious and lay leaders in Israel and North America.

He is the author of *The Boundaries of Judaism*, co-editor of *Judaism and the Challenges of Modern Life*, co-author of *Spheres of Jewish Identity*, and lead author of *Speaking iEngage: Creating a New Narrative Regarding the Significance of Israel for Jewish Life*. In addition, he is a prominent essayist, blogger, and lecturer on issues of Israeli politics, policy, Judaism, and the Jewish community.



Hartman's new book, *Putting God Second: How to Save Religion from Itself*, is scheduled for publication by Beacon Press in February 2016. He is currently working on his next book, which is entitled *Who are the Jews?*

Cynthia M. Campbell is the president emerita of McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL. An ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.), Campbell is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School and Southern Methodist University, where she received a doctorate in systematic theology. She served on the faculty of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and in 1994 was elected the ninth president of McCormick Seminary.

Throughout her career, Campbell has taught in the field of theology, preached in congregations across the country, and served several times as chaplain at the Chautauqua Institution. Long active in ecumenical dialogue, she has spent much of the last decade in interfaith activities. While a resident scholar at the Collegeville Institute at St. John's University, she did the research that led to the publication of *A Multitude of Blessings: A Christian Approach to Religious Diversity* (2007). In 2008 and 2009, she was a fellow of the Christian Leadership Initiative program at the Shalom Hartman Institute



in Jerusalem. Campbell now serves as a pastor at Highland Presbyterian Church in Louisville, KY.

Ingrid Mattson is the London and Windsor chair of Islamic studies at Huron University College at the University of Western Ontario. She is a recognized Islamic religious and interfaith leader. Mattson was educated in Canada and the United States, earning her Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

From 1998 to 2012, she was professor of Islamic studies at Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, where she developed and directed the first accredited graduate program for Muslim chaplains in America, and served as director of the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations.

From 2001–2010, Mattson served as vice president, then as president, of the Islamic Society of North America (U.S.) — the first woman to serve in either position. Her writings, both academic and public, focus primarily on Qur'an interpretation, Islamic theological ethics, and interfaith relations. Her book, *The Story of the Qur'an*, is an academic best-seller and was chosen by the U.S. National Endowment for the Humanities for inclusion in its "Bridging Cultures" program.



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