

West Michigan Academic Consortium Conference  
Kaufman Interfaith Institute

# Can Religions Collaborate for The Common Good?

*Aquinas College*  
1700 Fulton St E, Grand Rapids MI 49506  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2017**



## Conference Schedule

11:30am - 12:30pm	<b>Optional Lunch</b> \$10 Pre-registration by Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> .
12:30pm - 1:00pm	<b>Registration</b>
1:00pm - 2:30pm	<b>Afternoon Lecture</b> <i>When Religions Collide: Sources of Intra-Religious and Inter-Religious Conflict</i>
2:45pm - 3:45pm	<b>Panel Discussion</b>
4:00pm - 5:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b>
5:00pm - 6:30pm	<b>Optional Dinner</b> \$20 Pre-registration by Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup> .
6:30pm - 7:00pm	<b>Coffee &amp; Mini-Dessert Buffet</b>
7:00pm - 8:30pm	<b>Evening Lecture</b> <i>When Religions Collaborate: Models of Religious Cooperation for Peace and Justice</i>

This conference will feature **R. Scott Appleby, Ph.D.** as the keynote speaker. Dr. Appleby is the Dean of Notre Dame's Keough School of Global Affairs and an expert on global religion, focusing on its relationship to peace and conflict and integral human development. He is co-chairing the Chicago Council on Global Affairs' Task Force on Religion and the Making of U.S. Foreign Policy, which released the influential report, "Engaging Religious Communities Abroad: A New Imperative for U.S. Foreign Policy." Appleby's research examines various ways in which religious movements and organizations shape, and are shaped by national, regional and global dynamics of governance, deadly conflict, international relations and economic development.

Appleby has authored 15 books, some of which include: *The Fundamentalism Project* (co-edited with Martin E. Marty and published by the University of Chicago Press), *The Ambivalence of the Sacred: Religion, Violence and Reconciliation*, and most recently, *The Oxford Handbook on Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding*, co-edited with Atalia Omer. He also serves as lead editor of the Oxford University Press series "Studies in Strategic Peacebuilding."

**This conference is free and open to the public.**

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