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The Seminar on Religion and World Civilization is a program of the Center for Faith and Vocation at Butler University, promoting understanding of interfaith and intercultural relations through the discussion of religious issues in global perspective.



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# FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND RELIGION



## FOUR PUBLIC SEMINARS

Sept. 24 and Oct. 21, 2013

Jan. 28 and Feb. 25, 2014

*Seminars meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Krannert Room of Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University, 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Admission is free, but tickets are required and available at the Clowes Hall box office and Ticketmaster (fees apply).*

## FREEDOM OF SPEECH, FREEDOM OF FAITH: UNDERSTANDING THE FIRST AMENDMENT AND ITS GLOBAL IMPLICATIONS

Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2013 | Clowes Hall, Krannert Room

A panel of three constitutional law scholars sets a foundation, exploring the European roots of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and preparing us to understand how this lens is often used in thinking about free speech and religion around the world.

### Panelists:



**Daniel Conkle** is Robert H. McKinney Professor of Law and adjunct professor of religious studies at Indiana University. He is the author of *Constitutional Law: The Religion Clauses* (Foundation Press, 2009).



**Shelia Suess Kennedy** is professor of law and public policy at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. She is former director of the Indiana Civil Liberties Union and author of *Free Expression in America: A Documentary History* (Greenwood Press, 1999).



**Richard Garnett** is professor of law at the University of Notre Dame. He is author of the upcoming book, *Two There Are: Understanding the Separation of Church and State*, Cambridge University Press.

## ISLAM AND FREE EXPRESSION

Monday, Oct. 21, 2013 | Clowes Hall, Krannert Room

There is a rich discussion within Islam and in the larger global context of the place of faith and critique in Islam. We will explore the contrast between freedom of expression in Muslim countries and secular states where issues of respect for Islam and political discourse can collide.

### Speaker:



**Saba Mahmood** is associate professor of anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley, where her research focuses on religion, law, and politics and secularism in the Middle East and Europe. She is currently writing about the right to religious liberty and non-Muslim minorities in the Middle East.

### Respondents:



**Peter Gottschalk** is professor of religion at Wesleyan University in Connecticut. His teaching and research focus on the dynamics of cultural interpretation and conflict in the context of Islam, Hinduism, and the West.



**Sholeh Shahrokhi** is assistant professor of anthropology at Butler University, where her research and teaching focus on Iran, the Middle East, sexuality, youth cultures, and public space.

## MR. PUTIN GOES TO CHURCH: RELIGION AND FREEDOM OF SPEECH IN MODERN RUSSIA

Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014 | Clowes Hall, Krannert Room

Members of a feminist punk band made international headlines when they were arrested in 2012 after a performance critical of Russian President Vladimir Putin took place inside a Russian Orthodox cathedral. This case highlights a landscape of religious and political tension that has given rise to anti-gay legislation and blasphemy laws. We will explore the history, cultural context, and political realities at play.

### Speaker:



**Nadieszda Kizenko** is associate professor of history at the State University of New York, Albany. Professor Kizenko has written widely about the place of religion in post-Soviet Russia and Ukraine and about women and religion in that region.

### Respondents:



**Paul Valliere** is McGregor Professor in the Humanities and professor of religion at Butler University. Founder of the Butler Seminar on Religion and Global Civilization, Valliere is also a noted scholar of Russian Orthodox Christianity.



**Patrick Michelson** is assistant professor of religious studies at Indiana University. His research focuses on the intellectual history of Russian Orthodox Christianity.

## FAITH AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014 | Clowes Hall, Krannert Room

Since 1915 the American Association of University Professors has promoted standards of academic freedom for U.S. colleges and universities. It has included efforts to protect faculty at religiously affiliated schools whose research, teaching, or other public speech may be at odds with the religious principles of their schools. This session will explore the intersection of the academic freedom of professors and the religious identity of their academic institutions.

### Speaker:



**Mary Burgan** is emeritus professor of English at Indiana University. From 1994 to 2004 she served as general secretary of the American Association of University Professors. She is the author of *What Ever Happened to the Faculty? Drift and Decision in Higher Education* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2006).

### Respondents:



**Steve Sanders** is associate professor of law at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. His research and teaching focus on constitutional law, sexuality and the law, and academic freedom issues.



**Peter Enns** is a theologian and biblical scholar in wisdom literature and the Old Testament. A former professor at Westminster Theological Seminary, he now teaches at Eastern University in Pennsylvania.

Each seminar meets from 7 to 9 p.m. at Clowes Memorial Hall, on the campus of Butler University. Admission is free, BUT TICKETS ARE REQUIRED and available at the Clowes Hall box office or at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) (processing fee for online orders will apply). There is a limit of two tickets per person. Tickets for the Sept. and Oct. 2013 events will be available starting Sept. 3, 2013. Tickets for the Jan. and Feb. 2014 events will be available starting Jan. 3, 2014. The box office is open 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday and 10 a.m.–2 p.m., Saturday.