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# RELIGION AND THE CORPORATION

## FOUR PUBLIC SEMINARS

Sept. 12  
and  
Oct. 24, 2006

Jan. 30  
and  
Feb. 27, 2007



*Seminars meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the  
Krannert Room, Clowes Memorial Hall,  
on the campus of Butler University  
4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, IN*



# SEMINAR SPEAKERS

## WAL-MART, EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY AND THE GLOBAL REALITY OF WORK

**Tuesday, Sept. 12, 2006**

Wal-Mart is known as the world's largest retailer, giving its business and labor practices international reach. The company's roots in rural Arkansas bring with them the influence of evangelical Christian theology and culture. Two scholars, one of the labor movement, the other of American religion, explore the intersection.

### Speaker

**Dr. Nelson Lichtenstein** is a professor of history at the University of California, Santa Barbara where he specializes in the history of work and the labor movement. Dr. Lichtenstein has written widely about labor and culture in America and is currently researching religion and work. He edited "Wal-Mart: The Face of 21st Century Capitalism," (New Press, 2006) and contributed to the 2004 PBS Frontline documentary "Wal-Mart: Good for America?"

### Respondent

**Dr. Arthur Farnsley II** is a research fellow at the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture at IUPUI. He is the author of "Southern Baptist Politics," (Penn State University Press, 1994) and "Rising Expectations: Urban Congregations, Welfare Reform, and Civic Life," (Indiana University Press, 2003).

## LISTENING FOR GOD AMID CORPORATE SCANDAL

**Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006**

Critics of corporate cultures that have produced the scandals of Enron, WorldCom and Arthur Andersen have suggested a "make more money now" mentality is to blame. Do religious ideas about right and wrong, prosperity and the common good offer alternatives? If so, would corporate systems be willing to listen?

### Speaker

**Dr. Marianne Jennings** is a professor of management in the W.P. Carey School of Business at Arizona State University, where she specializes in legal and ethical studies in business. She holds degrees in business and law from Brigham Young University. Her books include "The Seven Signs of Ethical Collapse," (St. Martin's Press, 2006) and "A Business Tale: A Story of Ethics, Choices, Success, and a Very Large Rabbit," (AMACOM, 200). Dr. Jennings also teaches courses in world religions at Arizona State.

### Respondent

**Dr. Robert Bennett** is a professor of business law in the College of Business Administration at Butler University, where he specializes in law and ethics. He is a visiting professor of business ethics at the Helsinki School of Economics in Finland.

## TRUST: THE ESSENTIAL YET OFTEN ELUSIVE INGREDIENT IN CORPORATE SUCCESS

**Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007**

Trust seems like a simple concept, but understanding the ethics of trust and cultivating it in corporate settings can be difficult. What is trust and how does it express itself in the workplace and in corporate boardrooms? Does the place of trust in religious communities offer any insight for the business world?

### Speaker

**Katherine Tyler Scott** is a consultant on corporate leadership, labor relations and conflict management. She is managing partner of Ki Thought Bridge Inc., an Indianapolis-based firm, and founder and former president of Trustee Leadership Development Inc. Ms. Scott is an active laywoman in the Episcopal Church and a member of that denomination's Special Commission on the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

### Respondent

**The Rev. Kent Millard** is senior pastor at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis, a congregation of diverse lay-driven ministries and programs.

## CAPITALISM FOR THE COMMON GOOD

**Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2007**

Within the reality of global capitalism and the ever-increasing demand for market-driven profits, is there a place for the classic concept of capitalism as a force for social good? This exploration of capitalism will explore theological roots and challenges to the concept posed by stock markets, labor markets and consumer demands.

### Speaker

**Dr. Jon Gunneman** is professor of social ethics at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University. His current research focuses on theology, ethics and the economy; and on contemporary theories of justice. Dr. Gunneman has written and lectured extensively on issues of economic ethics, and on Christian ethics and social theory.

### Respondents

**Dr. Carol Johnston** is an associate professor of theology and culture and director of lifelong theological education at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. She writes and lectures often about faith and economics and faith and the environment.

**Mr. Edgar Davis** is an adjunct professor in the College of Business Administration at Butler University and the Butler honors program. He spent nearly 40 years working in finance and marketing for Eli Lilly Inc.

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An informal reception follows each seminar. The seminars are free and open to the public. No reservation necessary.