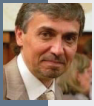


RUSSIA AND UKRAINE: IS RECONCILIATION POSSIBLE?

Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 7:00 p.m.
Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts,
Butler University

The Ukrainian revolution of 2014 and Russia's response to it have disrupted the longstanding ties of religion and culture connecting the two nations. What, if anything, can the truth and reconciliation concept offer Russians and Ukrainians who seek to repair their relationship?



Keynote speaker

Konstantin Sigov is Director of Spirit and Letter Publishers in Kiev, Ukraine, and also teaches philosophy and religion at the National University of Kiev-Mohyla Academy. An Orthodox Christian layman, Sigov has long played a leading role in promoting ecumenical and interreligious relationships in Ukraine.



Respondent

Elena Glazov-Corrigan is an Associate Professor of Russian Literature at Emory University in Atlanta. A native of Moscow and a Roman Catholic, she is an experienced interpreter of Russian culture.

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THE RISKS OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler University

In pious portrayals of the subject, the risks and challenges of reconciliation are often left out of the picture, as is the question: Is it worth it? A frank discussion of the theological roots of reconciliation work will inaugurate our series as we explore the hazards of pursuing the politics of reconciliation in our time.



Keynote speaker

Allan Aubrey Boesak directs the Desmond Tutu Center for Peace, Reconciliation, and Global Justice, a joint project of Butler University and Christian Theological Seminary. He teaches at both schools. A native of South Africa, Boesak is a theologian and political activist, who helped form religious opposition to apartheid in South Africa during the 1980s and lead reconciliation efforts there in the 1990s. He is ordained in the Dutch Reformed Church and has held leadership positions in Reformed Church organizations worldwide.



Respondent

Robin Turner is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Butler University, where her teaching and research focus on state-society relations and political economy in southern Africa.

DOES RECONCILIATION ACTUALLY HAPPEN?

Tuesday, October 28, 2014, 7:00 p.m.

Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler University

More than two decades after the end of apartheid in South Africa, this session will explore the prospects of reconciliation. The focus will be on ethnic and religious conflicts, which impede the development of civil society in South Africa and other parts of Africa today.



Keynote speaker

Charles Villa-Vicencio is a Visiting Professor of the Conflict Resolution Program of Georgetown University. A theologian and former Methodist minister, Villa-Vicencio focuses his research and activism on transitional justice and reconciliation. From 1996 to 1998, he served as National Research Director of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



Respondent

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RECONCILIATION IN ISLAMIC THOUGHT AND PRACTICE

Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Shelton Auditorium, Christian Theological Seminary

In the light of increasing awareness of Islamic thought, practice, and theology, a panel will explore the concept of reconciliation from Muslim perspectives. Does the concept have the same meaning in Islamic theology as it does in Christian theology? What can Muslim religious leaders and activists contribute to the politics of reconciliation in 21st-century conflicts?



Speakers

Marcia Hermansen directs the Islamic World Studies Program and is a Professor in Theology at Loyola University, Chicago, where she teaches courses in Islamic studies and the academic study of religion. Her books include *Muslima Theology: The Voices of Muslim Women Theologians* (forthcoming) and *Shah Wali Allah's Treatises on Islamic Law* (Fons Vitae, 2010).



Ebrahim Moosa is Professor of Islamic Studies in the Department of History and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame. A native of South Africa, Moosa is a leading scholar of Muslim thought and his research and teaching cover Islamic law, history, ethics, and theology. His books include *Ghazali and the Poetics of Imagination* (Oxford, 2006) and *Revival and Reform In Islam* (Oneworld, 1999).

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WITH NATIVE AMERICA

Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 7:00 p.m.

Shelton Auditorium, Christian Theological Seminary

Truth and reconciliation commissions are best known outside of the United States. In North America, Maine is the first place where the process is being carried out among five Native American communities and the state's child welfare agencies. The session will explore this work in Maine and insights it offers about other historic divisions in North America.



Speakers

Esther Attean co-directs Maine Wabanaki REACH (Reconciliation, Engagement, Advocacy, Change, and Healing) and is Co-Founder of the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission process. She is a Passamaquoddy tribal citizen of the Wabanaki.



Denise Altvater works for the American Friends Service Committee as Director of the Wabanaki Youth Program. She is Co-Founder of the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission process and is a Passamaquoddy tribal citizen of the Wabanaki.



Respondent

Siobhán McEvoy-Levy is an Associate Professor and Chair of Political Science at Butler University. Her teaching and research include peace and conflict studies around the world, including in Israel and the Palestinian territories, in Ireland, and in Maine.