FOUR PUBLIC SEMINARS

September 19, October 17, January 23, and February 27

Each seminar meets from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Schrott Center for the Arts, Butler Arts Center, Butler University, 4600 Sunset Avenue. Seminars are free and open to the public.

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The Seminar on Religion and Global Affairs 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 perspectives.

We wish to thank our internal partners, including Global and Historical Studies for their sponsorship as well as the Desmond Tutu Center for Peace, Reconciliation, and Global Justice and the Philosophy, Religion, and Classics Department for the partnerships.

We are also thankful to our community partners for their collaboration, including the Center for Interfaith Cooperation, the Immigrant Welcome Center, and Catholic Charities Indianapolis Refugee and Immigrant Services.

For parking on Butler University’s campus, patrons should park in the Sunset Avenue Parking Garage. Fees can be found at butler.edu/parking.

PARTNERING EVENTS:

INDY FESTIVAL of FAITHS— SACRED MIGRATIONS
Sunday, October 15, 1:00-5:00 PM,
Veteran’s Memorial Plaza

WELCOMING STRANGERS, FINDING BROTHERS and SISTERS
Monday, February 19, 7:00 PM,
Eidson-Duckwall Recital Hall, Butler Arts Center

For accessibility information or to request disability-related accommodations, please visit www.butler.edu/event-accommodations.
MOVING from MAJORITY to MINORITY:
MIDDLE EAST REFUGEES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 PM
SCHROTT CENTER FOR THE ARTS, BUTLER ARTS CENTER
This seminar will focus on the experience of those who move from Middle Eastern contexts to new places where they are often viewed with suspicion.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
DR. JOSHUA LANDIS is the Director of the Center for Middle East Studies, and professor in the University of Oklahoma’s College of International Studies. He is interviewed regularly on platforms like PBS News Hour, Charlie Rose Show, CNN, and Fox News for his insights into current events involving Syria.

RESPONDENT
RIMA SHAHID KHAN has been the Executive Director of the Muslim Alliance of Indiana since October 2015, in which capacity she seeks to cultivate interfaith harmony, build a diverse, inclusive Hoosier Muslim community, and preserve civil liberties for all Hoosiers.

AFRICAN RESPONSES to FORCED DISPLACEMENT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 7:00 PM
SCHROTT CENTER FOR THE ARTS, BUTLER ARTS CENTER
Neighboring countries within Africa have played the biggest role in welcoming refugees fleeing genocide and civil war. This seminar’s speakers reflect diverse perspectives on the movement of people within Africa as well as beyond.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
THE REV. DR. JAN HOLTON has conducted ethnographic research in various parts of Africa and has authored two books, Longing for Home: Forced Displacement and Postures of Hospitality (2016) and Building the Resilient Community: Lessons from the Lost Boys of Sudan (2008). Holton served on the faculty at Yale University Divinity School and currently works with Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services (IRIS) in New Haven, CT.

RESPONDENTS
KIZITO KALIMA is a survivor of the Rwandan genocide and founder of the Peace Center for Forgiveness and Reconciliation. Kalima has spoken to a variety of audiences nationally and internationally, including the United Nations and the Rwandan National Commission for the Fight Against Genocide.

DR. ROBIN TURNER is Associate Professor of Political Science at Butler University, research associate of the Society, Work, and Development Institute at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, and coordinator of the African Studies minor at Butler University.

THE ETHICS of MIGRATION and WELCOME in the AMERICAS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 7:00 PM
SCHROTT CENTER FOR THE ARTS, BUTLER ARTS CENTER
Controversy over immigration into the United States from elsewhere in the Americas has led to a proposal to construct a wall along the southern U.S. border, as well as faith organizations, schools, and municipalities declaring themselves sanctuaries for illegal immigrants.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
REV. DR. MIGUEL A. DE LA TORRE is the Professor of Social Ethics and Latinx Studies at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado and the Executive Officer for the Society of Race, Ethnicity and Religion. De La Torre is a Fulbright scholar and author of The U.S. Immigration Crisis: Toward an Ethics of Place (2016).

THE REV. JOHN L. MCCULLOUGH is President and CEO of Church World Service, a global humanitarian agency with programs in development, advocacy for social justice, and refugee assistance. He has overseen the agency’s concentration on sustainable access to food and water and served as a member of the White House Task Force on Global Poverty and Development.

HOOSIER HOSPITALITY, REFUGEES, and IMMIGRATION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 7:00 PM
SCHROTT CENTER FOR THE ARTS, BUTLER ARTS CENTER
The stories of refugees and migration are the stories of people who live in Indianapolis and its vicinity – stories of those who have come here from elsewhere, and stories of those who welcomed them to their new home.

PANELISTS
NAW PHAW is from Burma and the Director of Language Services at LUNA Language Services. She is on the Board of Directors at Exodus Refugee Immigration, and also works as a volunteer with the Immigrant Welcome Center.

REV. EMMANUEL MUSINGA is the pastor of Grace Tabernacle Church in Indianapolis, a congregation serving refugees from Congo like himself.

MASTORA BAKHIET is the founder of the Darfur Women’s Network and Director of the Women Development Section in the Community Development Administration for the Jebel Marra Rural Development Project in Darfur.

THE SYRIAN REFUGEE SUPPORT GROUP OF INDIANAPOLIS is a group of volunteers dedicated to providing much-needed assistance to Syrian refugees in Indianapolis. The panel will feature a representative from this grass roots local Syrian support network.

MARIA PIMENTEL-GANNON serves on the board of directors of the Immigrant Welcome Center and the Center for Interfaith Cooperation.