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# Tenth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Public Life

*Sponsored by the Paul B. Henry Institute*

## **Thursday, April 25, 2019**

- 11:00 noon Abraham Kuyper Prize for Excellence in Reformed  
Theology and Public Life  
*Awarded to Dr. John Perkins, Founder and President Emeritus  
of John and Vera Mae Perkins Foundation; co founder of  
Christian Community Development Association*
- 12:00 pm Symposium Registration open
- 1:30 3:00 pm Paper Sessions
- 3:00 3:30 pm Refreshment Break
- 3:30 5:00 pm Paper Sessions
- 7:00 8:30 pm Kuyper Lecture  
*Fairness for All: Does Supporting Religious Freedom  
Require Opposition to LGBT Civil Rights?*
- 8:30 9:30 pm Reception

## **Friday, April 26, 2019**

- 7:15am Registration open
- 8:30 10:00 am Paper Sessions
- 10:00 10:30 am

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## The Symposium on Religion and Public Life

Thursday, April 25, 2019

Thursday Sessions

**[2019 Abraham Kuyper Prize for Excellence in Reformed Theology and Public Life](#)**

Location: Willow Room      *11:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.*

*2019 Award presented to:*

***Dr. John Perkins***

The Kuyper Prize, named after Dutch theologian Abraham Kuyper, is awarded each year to a scholar or community leader whose outstanding contribution to their chosen sphere reflects the ideas and values characteristic of the Neo Calvinist vision of religious engagement in matters of social, political, and cultural significance in one or more of the 'spheres' of society.

The 2019 prize winner, Dr. John Perkins, is one of the leading evangelical voices to come out of the Civil Rights Movement. He is an internationally known speaker, author, and teacher on issues related to racial reconciliation and Christian community development. Perkins is the Founder and President Emeritus of the John and Vera Mae Perkins Foundation, dedicated to advancing the principles of Christian community development and reconciliation throughout the world. He is also the co founder of the Christian Community Development Association (CCDA)—a network of Christians committed to living in underserved neighborhoods to build relationships and see communities and people holistically restored.

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**Panel 1B: *Trends in Evangelical Politics***

**Location: Hickory Room**

**Chair/Discussant:** James Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu

*Shifting Styles of Cultural Engagement Among Evangelical Clergy*

***Panel 2B: New Perspectives on Christian Rights Advocacy***

**Location: White Pine**

**Chair/Discussant:** Kevin R. den Dulk, Calvin College, [krd33@calvin.edu](mailto:krd33@calvin.edu)

**Friday, April 26, 2019**

**8:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.**

***Panel 3A: Political Theology and the Challenge of Pluralism***

**Location: Hickory**

**Chair/Discussant:** Bryan T. McGraw, Wheaton College,  
bryan.mcgraw@wheaton.edu

*The War of All Against One: Rene Girard and the Populist Theo Logic of Scapegoating*

Justin Hawkins, Yale University, justin.hawkins@yale.edu

*Anti Judaism in a World of God's Common Grace: When Theology Jeopardizes our Public Engagement*

Nicholas Scott Blakely, Fuller Theological Seminary,  
nickscottblakely@fuller.edu

*Transforming 'the World'? Universalism and Diversity in Smith's Appraisal of Kuyperian Politics*

Mariëtta van der Tol, University of Cambridge, mdcv2@cam.ac.uk

***Panel 3B: Evangelicals: Populists or Internationalists?***

**Location: Board Room**

**Chair/Discussant:** Kristin Du Mez, Calvin College, kkd3@calvin.edu

*A Just and Durable Peace: American Evangelicals and the Quest for Peace after WWII*

Robert J. Joustra, Redeemer University College, rjoustra@redeemer.ca

*Populist Internationalism: Religious Freedom and the Politics of Persecution*

Melani McAlister, George Washington University, mmc@gwu.edu

*The Global – and Globalist – Roots of Evangelical Action*

Paul S. Rowe, Trinity Western University, Paul.Rowe@twu.ca

***To watch the video of this session, go to***

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJaHE5nWXSg&feature=youtu.be>

***Panel 4A: Intersections of Religion and Public Policy II***

**Location: Hickory**

**Chair:** Mark Mulder, Calvin College, [mmulder@calvin.edu](mailto:mmulder@calvin.edu)

*Good Work and Good Jobs: Paid Family Leave and Sacred Sector Employment*

Rachel Anderson,

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10:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.

***Panel 4B: Classifying Religion in Politics***

**Location:** Willow East

**Chair:** Daniel Bennett, John Brown University, DBennett@jbu.edu

*Untangling the Effects of Alternative Religious Classifications in Models of Political Behavior*

J. Tobin Grant, Southern Illinois University, grant@siu.edu

David Searcy, Southern Illinois University, searcy@siu.edu

*In Defense of Reltrad: Conceptual and Measurement Issues in the Study of Religion in America*

James Guth, Furman University, jim.guth@furman.edu

Lyman Kellstedt, Wheaton College, lyman.kellstedt@gmail.com

Corwin Smidt, Calvin College, smid@calvin.edu

*Metaphysical and Theological Beliefs of the Nones*

Peter W. Wielhouwer, Western Michigan University,  
peter.wielhouwer@wmich.edu

**Discussant:** Whitt Kilburn, Grand Valley State University,  
kilburnw@gvsu.edu

***Panel 4C: Liberalism, Pluralism and their Discontents***

**Location:** Board Room

**Chair/Discussant:** Paul A. Brink, Gordon College, paul.brink@gordon.edu

*Make Liberalism Great Again! The Feasibility of Manuel Vargas's Moral Influence Theory as Pre Institutional Desert in Political Liberalism*

Courtney A. Kane, Loyola Marymount University,  
ckane11@lion.lmu.edu

*Religion and the Politics of Rights: How Liberal Rights Undermine Liberty*

Matthew Kuchem, Indiana University Bloomington,  
mkuchem@indiana.edu



***Panel 5A: Faith and Political Formation***

**Location: Board Room**

**Chair/Discussant:** Shirley Roels, International Network for Christian Higher Education, Director@INCHE.one

*Political Theology and Civic Education: The Warren Court's Contributions to 'Law Related Education' Regarding Church State Issues*

Brett Bertucio, University of Wisconsin Madison, bertucio@wisc.edu

*The Political Theorist Turned Sunday School Teacher: Imagination and Politics in Christian Formation*

Joshua Bowman, Heidelberg University, bowmanjosh@hotmail.com

***Panel 5B: Evangelicals: Populists or Internationalists? II***

**Location: Willow East**

**Chair/Discussant:** John Hawthorne, Spring Arbor University, john.hawthorne@arbor.edu

*Missions Has Come Home: How Evangelicals' Refugee Work Complicates the Populism Internationalism Binary*

Melissa Borja, University of Michigan, mborja@umich.edu

*Are Evangelicals Populists? The View* c EducEleye

Joshua University,

**Refreshment Break**  
**Location: Fireside**

**2:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.**

***Panel 6A: From Politics to the Pews: Author Meets Critics***

**Dinner**

**6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.**

**Location: Willow Room**

***The Annual Paul B. Henry Roundtable***

**Location: Great Hall East**

**7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.**

**Faith, Democracy, and the Media**

The 21st annual Paul B. Henry Lecture will take a different track this year, with prominent national journalists of religion and politics discussing faith, democracy, and the media.

*featuring:*

***Michael McCurry***

*Press Secretary in Clinton Administration*



***Elizabeth Dias***

*New York Times*

***Emma Green***

*The Atlantic*



***Amy Sullivan***

*Author of The Party Faithful*

***Ken Woodward***

*Former Newsweek Reporter*

*Author of Getting Religion*



***Post Lecture Dessert Reception***

**8:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.**

**Location: Fireside Room**

**To watch the video of this session, go to:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWOhiXc8BkY&feature=youtu.be>

**Friday Evening Roundtable**

***Panel 7A: Comparative Perspectives on Religion and Politics***

**Location:** Willow West

**Chair/Discussants:** Dennis Hoover, Institute for Global Engagement,  
dhoover@globalengage.org

Mary Ma, Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity  
and Politics, maryma9966@gmail.com

*Religious Capital in the Search for Inclusion and Empowerment in  
Contexts of Violence in Peru*

Vilma "Nina" Balmaceda, Nyack College, vilma.balmaceda@nyack.edu

*Bringing Order to Chaos and Empowering the Poor: Oscar Romero's Role  
in Salvadoran Public Life*

Zachary Dehm, Duquesne University, dehmz@duq.edu

*The Rebirth of the Russian Orthodox Church: A 'Populist' Union of Church  
and State*

Steven E. Meyer, Daniel Morgan Graduate School of National Security,  
thehouseoforange@outlook.com

*The Myriad Avatars of Religion in Public Life: Evidence from India*

Badrinath Rao, Kettering University, brao@kettering.edu

*Pride and Prejudice: A Preliminary Study of the Growing Anti Christian  
Sentiment in Chinese Cyberspace*

Ning Zhang, Bethel University,



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**Saturday, April 27**

**10:30 a.m. — 12:00 p.m.**





## ***About the Institute***

The Paul B. Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics was created in 1997 to continue the work advanced by its namesake, educator and public servant Paul B. Henry, to integrate Christian faith and politics.

The Institute is a research and civic engagement center that focuses on the interplay of faith and public life. The organization is dedicated to convening scholars and practitioners, fostering high quality research and public commentary, and encouraging citizen involvement through public outreach and education.

## ***About Paul B. Henry***

Paul Henry was a leader of Christian vision and action. After earning his undergraduate degree at Wheaton College and his Ph.D. at Duke University, Henry taught political science at Calvin College from 1970 to 1978.

While at Calvin, Henry served as a member of the Michigan Board of Education. Leaving Calvin in 1978 to pursue public office full time, Henry was elected to the Michigan State House and, later, to the State Senate. He was elected to the United States House of Representatives in November of 1984, where he served until his untimely death in 1993, at the age of 51, of brain cancer.

Henry was known as a person of conviction, credibility and courage. His book, *Politics for Evangelicals*, provided a blueprint for his owateder.