

**Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies
North Carolina State University**

**PUBLIC LECTURES AND EVENTS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES
2003–2014**

Unless otherwise indicated, lectures listed below were in the Religious Studies Colloquium Series.

2013/14

Michael Stone (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Ancient Jewish Esotericism: Some Reflections," April 28, 2014

Anthony Petro (Boston University), "Protest Religion! ACT UP, AIDS, and the Politics of Religious Freedom," April 10, 2014

Heather White (Burke Scholar at Columbia University Theological Library), "The Talking Text: How the Bible Came to Speak about Homosexuality," February 20, 2014

Jolyon Thomas (Princeton), "Manga, Anime, and Religion in Contemporary Japan," November 12, 2013

Ian Ward (University of Maryland), "Solidarity in a Secular Age: Religion, Democracy, and the Work of Citizenship," September 12, 2013

2012/13

Edward J. Blum (San Diego State University), "'He doesn't look a thing like Jesus, but he talks like a gentleman': The Color of Christ in the Twentieth Century of America," April 15, 2013

Catherine Higgs (University of Tennessee, Knoxville and National Humanities Center), "Sisters for Justice: Catholic Activism in Apartheid South Africa," March 26, 2013 (organized by the International Studies Program and co-sponsored by the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies)

Paul Harvey (University of Colorado Colorado Springs), "Suffering Saint: Jesus in the South," October 18, 2012

2011/2012

John Lardas Modern (Franklin and Marshall), "Ghosts: Considerations Pertaining to Life, Love, Happiness, and the Study of Religion," March 14, 2012

Eric Greene (California, Berkeley), "Visions of Karma: Meditation and Repentance in Fifth-Century Chinese Buddhism," January 25, 2012

Levi McLaughlin (Wofford and Iowa), "Challenging the Parameters of 'Religion': Considering Soka Gakkai in Postwar Japan," January 23, 2012

Michael Allen (Harvard), "Can We Think Our Way to Liberation?: Philosophy and Religious Practice in Late Advaita Vedanta," January 18, 2012

Bart Scott (Montana State), "Looking for Luther in Colonial India: On Protestant Hinduism's Technologies of the Soul," January 11, 2012

Jason Stevens (Harvard), "Contending Secularizations: Religion and American Film, 1934-2004," November 3, 2011

William Adler (NC State), "Retelling the Bible in Byzantium," September 15, 2011 (organized by the Middle East Studies Program)

2010/2011

Jennifer Knust (Boston University), "Unprotected Texts: The Bible's Surprising Contradictions about Sex and Desire" (a lecture based on the speaker's recent book, *Unprotected Texts*), April 20, 2011

David Morgan (Duke University), "Visual Economies of the Sacred," March 31, 2011

Sean McCloud (University of North Carolina - Charlotte), "The Depraved, the Degenerate, and the Unevolved: Explaining Religious Preferences in the Age of Eugenics, 1905-1934," November 11, 2010

Matthew V. Novenson (NC State), "Tradition and Circumstance in Jewish Messianism," September 23, 2010

2009/10

Arjia Rinpoche (Tibetan Mongolian Buddhist Cultural Center): "Tibetan Chinese Relations in the 21st Century" (Co-sponsored by the Department of History), March 22, 2010; and "Surviving the Dragon" (Religious Studies Colloquium Series), March 22, 2010

Nellie van Doorn-Harder (Wake Forest University), "Protest through Pictures: Gendered Forms of Coptic Visual Culture," March 1, 2010

Michael Stone (Hebrew University of Jerusalem), "Visions and Religious Experience in Ancient Judaism," February 9, 2010

Bart Ehrman (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), "Is the New Testament Forged? Reflections on the Authors of the Christian Scriptures," November 11, 2009

2008/2009

Kathryn Lofton (Yale), "The Oprahfication of Obama," April 9, 2009

Priscilla Wald (Duke), "Clones, Chimeras, and Other Creatures of the Biotechnological Revolution: Towards a Genomic Mythology," March 13, 2009

2006/2007

John Burnight (NC State), "Job 3 as an Allegory For The Birth and Death of Israel," April 3, 2007

Robert Orsi (Harvard), "What Christian Nation?", December 4, 2006

2005/2006

Catherine Weinberger-Thomas (University of California, Santa Barbara), "From Ape to Cyborg: New Debates on Human Nature," April 20, 2006

Amina Wadud (Virginia Commonwealth University), "Inside the Gender Jihad," April 14, 2006

Ronald Veenker (Western Kentucky), "Whose Donkey is it Anyway? The History and Meaning of the Bowden Tablet," January 19, 2006

Jonathan Berkey (Davidson College), "The Transmission of Knowledge and Muslim Identity: Medieval Institutions and Modern Problems," October 13, 2005

Colleen McDannell (University of Utah), "Stability through Symmetry: The Catholicism of Alexander Bogardy," November 4, 2005

2004/2005

Jason Bivins (NC State), "The Religion of Fear: Horror, Identity, and Politics in American Evangelicalism," March 3, 2005

Cemalnur Sargut (Turkish Women's Cultural Association, Istanbul), "Sufism and Interfaith Dialogue," February 24, 2005

D. Neil Schmid (NC State), "Filial Cannibalism," November 11, 2004

William Adler (NC State), "Sextus Julius Africanus and the Romanization of the Near East in the 3rd Century," October 14, 2004

2003/2004

Gurmeet Rai (Cultural Resource Conservation Initiative, New Delhi), "Lime Buildings Breathe," October 29, 2004