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*Navigating a World in Transition: Creating New Maps for Foreign Affairs*



September 12 & 13, 2017

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# Tuesday, September 12, 2017 (all times Eastern Daylight Time)

10:00 AM

## Opening Address: Faith & Culture at a Crossroad: Exploring the Changing Landscape of Foreign Affairs

The changing nature of world politics calls into question several limitations associated with international relations theory. Two increasing trends (religion and the proliferation of non-state actors) have placed the discipline of international relations on a much needed trajectory to explore the misinterpretation of the secularization thesis and the impact of non-state actors after the Cold War. This brief talk will explore this proliferation and several challenges faced by nation-states where religion-based issues impact peace and stability.



**Darrell Ezell, Ph.D.**

Founding Director, Center for the Study of Religion, Culture and Foreign Affairs at Claremont Lincoln University

11:00 AM

## Religious/Cultural Humility and International Security

Cultural and religious differences are at the root of most global conflicts. Currently, we are observing the terrible deeds of a minority group of extremists who are attempting to hijack a religion. We are also living in the shadow of a powerful government that wields unprecedented military dominance and is driven by a sense of exceptionalism. Experience has shown that notions of religious and cultural superiority ultimately lead to dangerous encounters that can quickly escalate to hostile intrastate conflict. This panel explores the question, "How can religious and cultural humility aid in the quest for international security?"



**Keith Burton, Ph.D.**

Director, Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama



**Preston Foster**

Associate Professor, History and Political Science Department, Oakwood University



**Dr. Craig D. Patton**

Interim Chair, Department of Social Sciences at Alabama A&M University



**Dr. Anne Marie Choup**

Faculty, Department of Political Science at The University of Alabama in Huntsville

1:00 PM

## Distinguished Scholar/Practitioner Roundtable

Exemplars from the world of politics, academy, and government who have literally "written the book(s)" on religion and culture in foreign affairs will be interviewed. This digital roundtable will be used to create a larger context for the conference theme that will be explored more specifically by our five panel discussions.



**Katherine Marshall**

Senior Fellow, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.



**Dr. Vincent L. Wimbush**

Scholar of Religion & Director, Institute for Signifying Scriptures



**Dr. Han S. Park**

Founding Director, Center for the Study of Global Issues (GLOBIS), Professor Emeritus University of Georgia, Distinguished Professor at Claremont Lincoln University



**Dr. Lawrence E. Carter, Sr.**

Dean of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel, Professor of Religion, Morehouse College, Atlanta, GA

3:00 PM

## Increasing Global Engagement of Minority Leaders in Foreign Affairs

The panel will discuss the increasing need and role of minority leaders in foreign affairs over the next decade. They will also discuss how the collective human capital of the African Diaspora can be put to better use from addressing human rights issues to expanding entrepreneurship on a global basis. Panelists will discuss the role of African American leaders in particular and how they can play a significant role in bridging this gap because of their unique trajectory in leadership and interest in fostering a more peaceful world.



**Ad Faulkner**

Founder/CEO, Global Strategists Association, Chicago, IL



**Ted Williams**

Chairman, Social Science Department at Kennedy-King College



**Ronnie Matthew Harris**

Founding Member, Sacred Roots



**Dr. Amara Enyia**

Public Policy Consultant, GSA Global Fellow



**Eli Williamson**

Co-Founder, Leave No Veteran Behind

# Wednesday, September 13, 2017 (all times Eastern Daylight Time)

11:00 AM

## Women of Faith in Peacebuilding

Aiming at going beyond the intersection of religion and peacebuilding, this panel will suggest gender as a third category and will address how women of faith respond to challenges of contemporary conflict. Focusing on women's potential for innovation in peacebuilding, our panelists will discuss what innovative approaches to address conflict are being developed by women of faith.



**Dr. Ayse Kadayifci-Orellana**

Associate Director and Visiting Assistant Professor, Master of Arts Program in Conflict Resolution, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.



**Susan Hayward**

Senior Advisor, Religion and Inclusive Societies at the U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.



**Martine Miller**

Director, Asia and Gender for the Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers



**James Patton**

President, International Center for Religion & Diplomacy

1:00 PM

## Religion in Public Life: Exploring the Political Landscape

Religion has always been entwined with politics in America, but in recent decades the relationship has become a matter of conflict and controversy. Some do not know how to 'let their faith speak' or are reluctant to ever let religion enter the public square. However, religion has been used too often to usurp the voice of others. Perhaps it is time to reexamine the question: "What is the proper place of religion and faith in politics, and how do we use it for the public good?"



**Rev. James Burklo**

Associate Dean, Office of Religious Life at University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California



**Dr. Diane Winston**

Professor of Media and Religion, Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA



**Kay Lindahl**

Founder, The Listening Center  
Author, The Sacred Art of Listening



**Dr. Stephanie Varnon-Hughes**

Director of Cross-Cultural & Interfaith Programs, Claremont Lincoln University, Claremont, CA

3:00 PM

## Preparing Tomorrows Foreign Affairs Practitioners

Participants will explore issues, challenges, and prospects for US foreign policy in the post-Obama era. What are the emerging patterns in the new Trump administration's overall foreign policy posture and actions? How will this approach intersect with major contemporary global trends that are being examined at this conference (e.g., globalization, mass migration, and the rise of right wing extremism), and what are the potential implications? Finally, what is important for the educational development and preparation of today's foreign affairs professionals and policy analysts?



**Dr. Gregg Hall**

Associate Professor, Paterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky



**Dr. Robert Farley**

Associate Professor, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY



**Dr. Richard Meadows**

Associate Professor, Foreign Languages Department at Berea College, Berea, KY



**Ali Crawford**

M.A. Candidate, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY



**Andrew Quirk**

M.A. Candidate, Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY



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*University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA*

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Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College

Network for Religious and Traditional Peacemakers  
Oakwood University, Center for Adventist-Muslim Relations  
Sacred Roots  
The Listening Center  
United States Institute of Peace  
University of Alabama, Huntsville  
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- Support faculty and student development by cultivating practitioner-led research and disseminating findings to key stakeholders;
- Encourage innovative practices in diplomacy and public discourse between faith-based practitioners and state actors; and
- Foster public dialogue between scholars, students, and practitioners on the impact of religion, and cultural-based issues in local and global contexts.

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