

RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE:

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Women's Building
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Washington University
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CASE STUDIES IN HOPE AND STRESS

A forum organized by Washington University in St. Louis and the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting with support from the Henry Luce Foundation

Welcome 9:00-9:15am

John Bowen, professor, Department of Anthropology, Washington University
Jon Sawyer, executive director, Pulitzer Center

Panel 1 9:15am-10:30pm Religion & Environment

Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment helped shift public opinion—and policy—in the lead-up to the historic climate-change agreement in Paris. Religious and cultural influences are a factor in China's growing environmental awareness and an emerging theme in inter-faith dialogues on environment in the U.S. and Europe.

Liu Jianqiang, environmental journalist and Buddhist, China Dialogue
Jon Sawyer, executive director, Pulitzer Center
Justin Catanoso, associate professor, Journalism, Wake Forest University
Moderator: **Tim Townsend**, news editor, Timeline.com; author of *Mission at Nuremberg*

Panel 2 11:00am-12:15pm Religion & Reproductive Rights

How faith shapes public policy—an examination of how religious belief and tradition play a critical role in defining evolving attitudes toward family planning, reproductive health and abortion. Case studies from Africa, Southeast Asia and the United States.

Tom Hundley, senior editor, Pulitzer Center
Laura Bassett, journalist, *Huffington Post*
Cynthia Gorney, *National Geographic*, author of *Articles of Faith*
Lauren Herzog, World Faiths Development Dialogue, Berkley Center, Georgetown University
Moderator: **Tim Townsend**, news editor, Timeline.com; author of *Mission at Nuremberg*

Lunch 12:15-1:45pm

1pm
Welcome: **Holden Thorp**, Provost, Washington University
Marie Griffith, director, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics

Panel 3 2:00-3:15pm Assimilation or Confrontation?

The Muslim Experience in Europe, the United States, and Beyond

Assimilation or Confrontation: How the Muslim experience is expressed in Europe, America and beyond. The radicalized minority and the trickle of recruits to jihadist groups dominate the headlines, but the mainstream of Islam in the United States and Europe is seeking ways to adjust and accommodate itself to societies in which it is not the dominant faith.

John Bowen, professor, Department of Anthropology, Washington University
Geneive Abdo, non-resident fellow, Brookings Institution
Sherria Ayuandini, Department of Anthropology, Washington University
Nick Street, University of Southern California
Maryam Kashani, Danforth Center on Religion and Politics
Moderator: **Tom Hundley**, Senior Editor, Pulitzer Center

Panel 4 3:30-4:45 pm Global Issues, Local Debate

Politicians are calling for the exclusion of Muslim immigrants. Climate-change denial remains for many a touchstone of religious faith. Abortion clinics are the focus of bitter, sometimes violent, protest. In a time of polarization and anger can religious faith be a force for positive dialogue and political consensus?

Shaun Casey, special representative, Religion and Global Affairs, U.S. State Department
Marie Griffith, director, John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics
Don Belt, Out of Eden Walk Project, University of Richmond
Ann Peters, Campus Consortium Initiative, Pulitzer Center
Moderator: **Kem Knapp Sawyer**, contributing editor, Pulitzer Center

Closing Remarks 4:45-5:00 pm

Jon Sawyer, executive director, Pulitzer Center
John Bowen, professor, Department of Anthropology, Washington University

Reception 5:00-6:00pm

Public Forum 6:00pm

Welcome:
James Wertsch, vice chancellor, Washington University



Speaker: **Shaun Casey**, Special Representative, Religion and Global Affairs, U.S. State Department
Title: What's Religion Got To Do With Foreign Policy?

Moderator: **Jon Sawyer**, executive director, Pulitzer Center