

***“Maps and Mazes: Critical Inquiry at the Intersections of Religion and Health”
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Biographies of Conference Speakers, Responders, and Rapporteurs

Dr. Ron Barrett, Assistant Professor, Family & Community Nursing, and Department of Anthropology, Emory University. Previously he taught in the Department of Anthropological Sciences, Stanford University. Research Interests: Dynamics of influenza susceptibility and health seeking among Muslim poultry workers in Surat, India; Social support networks and family caregiver burden in San Francisco Bay Area home hospices. Book (March, 2008): *Aghor Medicine: Pollution, Death, and Healing in Northern India*, University of California Press.

Mathew Bersagel Braley, ARHAP Researcher, PhD Candidate, Fellow, Center for Health, Culture, and Society, Emory University. Primary research: the intersection of Christian ethics and global health. He is currently developing a Christian social ethic of care rooted in the practices of religious entities in the rural Eastern Cape, South Africa.

Dr. John Blevins, Visiting Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Previously, he was chaplain to persons with HIV/AIDS in Atlanta and Chicago, was a pastoral counselor, and served as program manager for the Southeast AIDS Education and Training Center in the Emory University School of Medicine. Teaching interests: pastoral theology and integrated models of HIV clinical care that address both medical and mental health care needs. Current research: the connections between dominant theories within the human sciences and within Christian theology and pastoral practice.

Dr. Elizabeth M. Bounds, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, Director of the Graduate Division of Religion, and Coordinator of the Initiative in Religious Practices and Practical Theology, Emory University. Research interests: the communal dimensions of church and civil society, feminist and liberation ethics, the public voice of religion, and transformative pedagogical practices.

Dr. Peter J. Brown, Professor, Department of Anthropology and Hubert Department of Global Health, Emory University. Research Interests: medical anthropology, disease eradication and development, infectious diseases, obesity, Alzheimer's disease; Mediterranean Europe. Publications: *Understanding and Applying Medical Anthropology* (ed) Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing, 1998. "Culture, Ethnicity and the Practice of Medicine" in *An Introduction to Human Behavior for Medical Students. Third Edition*, Stoudemire A (ed), JB Lippincott, pub.

Dr. James R. Cochrane, Professor of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town; ARHAP-UCT Collaborative Centre Director, ARHAP Co. Board & PIT Member. In 2006, he was awarded DDiv honoris causa from the Chicago Theological Seminary, in part for his ARHAP work. Research interests: religion and public health, religion and globalization, Christian studies, hermeneutics and critical theory, sociology of religion, social ethics, science and religion.

Dean James W. Curran, Professor of Epidemiology and Dean of the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, with adjunct appointments in Medicine, Nursing and the Graduate School. Previously, he headed the CDC's HIV/AIDS science and prevention efforts and attained the rank of assistant surgeon general. Author or co-author of scores of publications, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science in 1993; he chairs its Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice. In 1999 the Atlanta Business Chronicle awarded him the Lifetime Award in Health.

Dr. Teresa Cutts, Assistant Professor in Preventive Medicine and Psychiatry, University of Tennessee; Associate Director, University of Tennessee College of Medicine; Researcher, ARHAP-Memphis; Senior Scholar, Methodist Healthcare Interfaith Health Program. She worked from 1987-2001 as a staff psychologist in an inpatient hospital and as a private practitioner, with a

focus on health psychology. From 2001-05, she served as Director of Program Development at the Church Health Center, a comprehensive, faith-based health program for the under-served.

Dr. Steve de Gruchy (in absentia), Professor of Religious Studies, Director of the Theology and Development Programme, University of Kwazulu Natal. Research interests: the interface between the Christian faith and social ethics, and between Religion and Public Health, especially on the role of religious bodies in responding to the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Southern Africa. He is an ordained minister in the United Congregational Church of Southern Africa (UCCSA). His colleague, the Rev. Sinatra Matimelo is presenting his paper for this conference.

Dr. Ann M. DiGirolamo, Assistant Professor, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. While an MPH student at Emory, Dr. DiGirolamo won the Eugene Gangarosa Student Award for Excellence in International Health for her creative approach to solving public health problems and for showing promise for outstanding service in international health. Recent publications: two articles co-written with Grummer-Strawn and Fein, "Do perceived attitudes of physicians and hospital staff affect breastfeeding decisions?" *Birth*, 30: 94, 2003; "Maternity care practices: Implications for breastfeeding", *Birth*, 28: 94, 2001.

Dr. Rafael Flores, Associate Research Professor, Hubert Department of Global Health, Emory University. Trained in nutrition and biostatistics, he worked for many years at the Instituto de Nutricion de Centro America y Panama and was acting director of food consumption and nutrition at the International Food Policy and Research Institute. He ran trials in Honduras, Brazil and Nicaragua on a nutrition intervention to reduce stunting; leaders of those countries are eager to set effective deterrents to growth retardation.

Dr. Joyce B. Flueckiger, Professor of Religion, Emory University. She grew up in India, and has carried out extensive fieldwork there, working with both Hindu and Muslim popular traditions. Research interests: performance studies, with a particular interest in gender. Recent books: *In Amma's Healing Room: Gender & Vernacular Islam in South India* (Indiana University Press: 2006), *Gender and Genre in the Folklore of Middle India* (Cornell: 1996). Current writing: *When the World Becomes Female: The Gangamma Goddess Tradition of South India*.

Rev. Paul Germond, Lecturer, School of Social Sciences, University of Witwatersrand; ARHAP-Wits Collaborative Centre Director & PIT Member. Research interests: Sociology of Religion, Religion and Development, New Testament, Religion and Gender, Law and Religion, Religion and Sexuality. He recently co-edited the ground-breaking volume *Aliens in the Household of God: Homosexuality and Christian Faith in South Africa*.

Dr. Sander Gilman, Distinguished Professor, Graduate Institute of the Liberal Arts, Emory University; formerly distinguished professor of the Liberal Arts and Medicine at the Univ. of Illinois in Chicago and the director of the Humanities Laboratory. A cultural and literary historian, he is the author or editor of dozens of books. He was a long-time member of the humanities and medical faculties at Cornell Univ. During 1990-1991 he served as the Visiting Historical Scholar at the National Library of Medicine, Bethesda, MD; he has also served as visiting professor at universities in the US and Germany, and also at the Univ. of the Witwatersrand and the Univ. of Cape Town. Research interests: History of Medicine, History of Psychiatry, Jewish Cultural Studies, Visual Studies, European Comparative Literary Studies, Cultural History.

Dr. George H. Grant, Director, Research and Innovation of the Center for Pastoral Services, Emory University. New to Emory, he previously was Director of Spiritual Care for Seattle's Harborview Medical Center/University of Washington Medical Center, and had a similar position in Boston with St. Elizabeth's Medical Center/Tufts University School of Medicine.

Dr. Gary Gunderson, Senior Vice President of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare, Memphis; ARHAP-Memphis Leader & ARHAP PIT Member. Formerly, he was Director of the Interfaith Health Program, which began at The Carter Center in 1992. He has explored the confluence of health and faith by working with an international network of community leaders and multi-disciplinary

scholars. Research interests: building the capacity of religious institutions to advance health and wholeness.

Dr. Carol R. Hogue, Jules and Deen Terry Professor of Maternal and Child Health, Department of Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. She co-chairs the Religion and Health Collaborative. Recent publications: "Towards a Systematic Approach to Understanding - and Ultimately Eliminating - Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Women's Health", *Women's Health Issues*, 12(5): 222-237, 2002. "Successful Assisted Reproductive Technology: The Beauty of One" (Commentary) *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, 100: 1017-1019, 2002.

Dr. David O. Jenkins, Director of the Faith and the City Program, Lecturer in Church and Community, Codirector of Contextual Education at Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Integrating theology with methodologies of community transformation, nonprofit leadership, public policy, international studies and cross-cultural missions, Professor Jenkins engages Atlanta neighborhoods, nonprofit agencies, and communities abroad in course work, research, and contextual education.

Deborah L. Jones, Senior Program Director, Interfaith Health Program, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, and partner in the Emory and African Religious Health Assets Programmes (ARHAP) and the Emory-CDC National Center for Public Health and Faith Collaborations. She was recently Visiting Scholar in Faith-Health Leadership at Emory. Her career service with the CDC included membership on the Executive Leadership Team, the HIV/AIDS Lead Team, the Health Communications Task Force, and the National Bioterrorism Steering Committee; she was also Deputy Director for Public Health Practice. She received the William C. Watson Medal of Excellence, the highest honor given by the CDC. She has done work in prevention research, public health law, laboratory systems, information and communications, and global health. Recent publication, with Baker and Potter *et al*: *Public Health Infrastructure and Our Nation's Health: A House in Need of Repair*, Annual Review of Public Health, April 2005.

Dr. Michelle C. Kegler, Associate Professor, Behavioral Sciences and Health Education, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. Recent research projects: *Tobacco Use in Rural Families* (TURF), National Cancer Institute, 2003-2005. Goal: to develop an understanding of the factors associated with voluntary household smoking bans in low-income, rural African American and White households with children. *Tribal Efforts Against Lead* (TEAL) NIEHS, 1996-2006. Goal: to use community-based participatory research methods in designing a lay health advisor intervention to address lead poisoning in a Native American community in Oklahoma; also, to strengthen the capacity of local tribes to respond to health issues stemming from mine waste in the Tar Creek Superfund site.

Dr. Emmanuel Y. Lartey, Professor of Pastoral Theology, Care and Counseling, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. He also teaches in Emory's Graduate Division of Religion in the Person, Community, and Religious Life Program. He is interested in pastoral care, counseling, and theology in different contexts, with particular reference to African, British, and American expressions.

Dr. Leandris Liburd, Chief, Community Health and Program Services Branch, Division of Adult and Community Health (DACH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Liburd administers and implements grants and contracts totaling approximately \$130 million to support community health promotion and elimination of health disparities in the U.S. and internationally; conducts and publishes qualitative and intervention research, and serves as principal division resource in medical anthropology, examinations of the intersection of race, class, and gender in chronic disease risk and management, and cultural influences on health and health-related behaviors.

Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner, Deputy General Secretary for Research and Planning, National Council of Churches USA. She is editor of the NCC's annual *Yearbook of American & Canadian Churches*, and provided staff leadership for the historic NCC policy statement, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*, which guides NCC member communions through the ethical dimensions of current

biotechnologies. With a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, she conducted a study for the NCC which created a database of health-care services based on responses from some 100,000 Christian congregations. She serves as Theologian in Residence to the Children's Defense Fund's Summer Institute in Child Advocacy and is a member of the Steering Council for the CDF's "Campaign to Leave No Child Behind."

Dean Jan Love, Professor of Christianity and World Politics and Dean, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Research interests: community development, justice advocacy and international conflict resolution. Recent publications: "Practicing Consensus at the Table: Doing Democracy Differently" in *Conflict and Communion* (forthcoming); "Multilateralism: Faithful Reflections on International Relations" in *For the Peace of the World: A Christian Curriculum on International Relations* (2005); *Southern Africa in World Politics: Local Aspirations and Global Entanglements* (2005).

Dr. Deborah A. McFarland, Associate Professor, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University; also ARHAP (African Religious Health Assets Programme). She has worked worldwide, and has a particular interest in Sub-Saharan Africa. Research interests: Health Policy and Management, Evaluation, Global Health, Health Economics, Health Policy, Infectious Disease. Recent Projects: *Economic impact of nationwide scale up of malaria interventions in Zambia*, and *Integration of neglected disease interventions in Nigeria*, implementing preventive strategies for five neglected diseases. The goal of the project was to learn whether what health systems efficiencies might be gained in integration of strategies, and any cost savings.

Dr. Mary Elizabeth Moore, Professor of Religion and Education and Director of the Program for Women in Theology and Ministry, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. Previously she was professor at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. Her work is grounded in practical theology with concern for tikkun olam (repair of the world). Research interests: feminist theology and spirituality, cultural diversity in youth ministry, reconciliation theory and practice, and sacramental teaching. Major publications: *Covenant and Call: Mission of the Future Church*, Discipleship Resources, 2000; *Ministering with the Earth*, Chalice Press, 1998; *Teaching from the Heart: Theology and Educational Method*, second edition, Trinity Press International, 1998; numerous articles in *Creative Transformation*.

Dr. Kenneth I. Pargament, Professor of Psychology, Bowling Green State University. In 2000 he won the Virginia Staudt Sexton Mentoring Award from the American Psychological Association for encouraging research in the psychology of religion. Research interests: religious beliefs and health; risk of death in elderly people struggling with religious beliefs and negative perceptions about their relationships with God and life meaning; how people "sanctify" their marriage and how that sanctification is a predictor of marital stability. Publications in press: "Religious congregation-based interventions for mental health", in A. E. Kazdin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of psychology*, APA and Oxford University Press; with E. M. Butter, "Development of a model for clinical assessment of religious coping: Initial validation of the Process Evaluation Model", *Mental Health, Religion, and Culture*; with Murray-Swank, Magyar, & Ano, "Spiritual struggle: A phenomenon of interest for psychology and religion", W. R. Miller and H. Delaney (Eds.), *Psychology and Human Nature*, APA Press; with Magyar & Murray, "The Sacred and the Search for Significance: The Uniqueness of Religion", *Journal of Social Issues*. Published by Guilford Press, 2005; two invited chapters (with Ano/Wachholtzin and Zinnbauer) to *Handbook of Psychology and Religion*, edited by Paloutzian and Parks.

Dr. Bobbi Patterson, Senior Lecturer, Department of Religion, Emory University. She is interested in comparisons of Christianity and Tibetan Buddhism. Research interests: spiritual practices, particularly in relation to wilderness and social change; feminist theory and theology, symbolisms of the body, psychodynamics, and cultural construction/ reconstruction, scholarship of teaching, experiential and community-based learning.

Dr. Charles Raison, Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Emory School of Medicine, Emory University; Clinical Director of the Mind-Body

program; Co-Director of the Collaborative for Contemplative Studies. The recipient of several teaching awards, he is internationally recognized for his expertise in the diagnosis and treatment of interferon-alpha-induced depression and anxiety. Previously he served as Director of Emergency Psychiatric services and Associate Director of consultation and evaluation services at UCLA. Research interests: bi-directional relationships between stress and immune systems, especially pertaining to depression in the medically ill; also, the application of compassion meditation as a strategy to prevent depression in college students via reduction in stress-related inflammatory activity.

Dr. Cynthia Holder Rich, Associate Professor of Continuing Theological Education at Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI. She is expanding her research on Christian ministry in Madagascar, focusing on women's development efforts and indigenous charismatic movements on the island. Previously she taught at the Lutheran Graduate School of the Malagasy Lutheran Church and the Amboniavaratra Pastoral College of the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar. She will be in residence for a month in 2008 at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, her alma mater, working with the ARHAP team there on completing the research at the intersection of religion and health in Madagascar, which may be included in future ARHAP research.

Dean Marla Salmon, Professor and Dean in the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, and professor in the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. She is director of the Lillian Carter Center for International Nursing at the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, and chairs the World Health Organization's global advisory group on nursing and midwifery. Formerly she was graduate dean of the School of Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. As a Fulbright Scholar she studied national health systems development in Germany and Kuwait.

Dr. Karen D. Scheib, Associate Professor of Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology, Candler School of Theology, Emory University. She co-chairs the Religion and Health Collaborative. Publications: *Challenging Invisibility: Practices of Care with Older Women* (2004). Research interests: the intersection of ecclesiology and practices of care, theological and cultural dimensions of crises and trauma, and narrative theory and therapy.

Dr. Don Seeman, Assistant Professor, Departments of Religion, Anthropology, and the Rabbi Donald A. Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, Emory University. He has taught at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and in the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Research interests: medical anthropology, anthropology of experience, Ethiopian-Israelis, anthropological approaches to Hebrew Bible, Judaism and Hasidism, violence and extremism in Israel. Recent publications: "'One People, One Blood': Public Health, Political Violence, and HIV in an Ethiopian - Israeli Setting," in *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 23 (1999); "Bodies and Narratives: The Question of Kinship in the Beta Israel - European Encounter (1860-1920)," in *Journal of Religion in Africa* 30:1 (2000).

Dr. Fred Smith, Associate Professor of Urban Ministry, Wesley Theological Seminary; also Associate Director of Practice in Ministry and Mission. Previously Associate Director of Interfaith Programs for the Carter Center, Director of the Center of Hope. Research interests: prophetic religious education, violence in black communities, substance abuse prevention, at-risk youth, and faith and health. Current project: Development of the Center for Community Transformation. Publications: "The Beloved Community: Prophetic Religious Education, Faith-based Initiative Manual".

Dr. Linda Spencer, Department of Family and Community Nursing, Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing, Emory University. Specialties: International Nursing and Humanitarian Assistance: projects with WHO, CDC, USAID, and NGOs, working in Nigeria, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Zambia, India, Indonesia, Pakistan and Russia. She is Consultant to Center for Disaster and Humanitarian Assistance, Uniformed University of Health Sciences, Bethesda Maryland. In 2001 she was awarded the Florence Nightingale Medal, the highest honor of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva, and in 1997 the Russian Red Cross, Moscow gave her its highest award, the Solyveyev Medal. Research: 2005, Co-Investigator HRSA Grant, Center for Public Health Preparedness, to train public health workers in emergency preparedness;

2003, Consultant to Washington Kurdish Institute to develop a continuing education program for nurses in Northern Iraq; 1996-1997, Director of a project to adapt American training material for use by the Russian Red Cross Visiting Nurses.

Dr. Liz Thomas, Centre for Health Policy, University of Witwatersrand; Medical Research Council, ARHAP Researcher & PIT Member. Research interests: planning and the facilitation of low-income urban development; the health aspects of development in research; the important role of church groups in women's health, determined by using an understanding of structural and cognitive social capital.

Sandra L. Thurman, Director, International AIDS Trust, an NGO which recently moved to the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. In 1997 Ms. Thurman was appointed by President Clinton as the Director of the Office of national AIDS Policy. Previously she was the Director of Advocacy Programs at The Task Force for Child Survival and Development at The Carter Center, and Executive Director of AID Atlanta, a community-based organization that provides health and services to people living with HIV/AIDS and offers HIV prevention programs. She was a Member of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS and a founding member of Cities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief (CAEAR). She has served on the Board of Directors of numerous AIDS organizations and other health related organizations. She has provided testimony before the U. S. Congress and the White House Conference on HIV/AIDS. She will soon take over the leadership of the Interfaith Health Program at Emory.

Dr. Kate Winskell, Visiting Assistant Professor and Assistant Director, Center for Health, Culture and Society, Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University; also Core faculty, Institute of African Studies. In seeking a way to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS among young Africans, in 1996 she and her husband began the program "Scenarios from Africa", a series of more than 30 stories about HIV/AIDS written by young Africans which top African directors transform into short fiction films. Beginning in French-speaking countries, the program has now reached almost every country in sub-Saharan Africa, by way of over 100 television stations.