

Ethics, Religion and International Politics

International Studies 600 / Theology 563
Boston College, Spring 2008
Tue/Thu 3:00 - 4:15pm

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Course description:

This class examines diverse religious and secular models for relating ethics to international affairs, as well as specific areas of international politics where ethical questions are likely to arise, including sovereignty, terrorism, peacemaking, human rights, globalization, economic justice, and the use of force in war or humanitarian interventions. Special attention is given to theological perspectives and religious actors.

Required Texts:

Much of the course readings will be articles or chapters placed on online reserve at the library or posted on the instructor's web site (bc.edu/boisi > see "courses and seminars" section). In addition, **the following texts have been ordered at the BC bookstore**, are on reserve at the library, and may be purchased online:

- Kwame Anthony Appiah, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers* (Norton, 2007)
- John Carlson and Erik Owens, eds., *The Sacred and the Sovereign: Religion and International Politics* (Georgetown, 2003)
- John A. Coleman, S.J., ed., *Christian Political Ethics* (Princeton, 2008)
- E.J. Dionne, Jean Bethke Elshtain, and Kayla Drogosz, eds., *Liberty and Power: A Dialogue on Religion and U.S. Foreign Policy In an Unjust World* (Brookings, 2004)
- Sohail H. Hashmi, ed., *Islamic Political Ethics: Civil Society, Pluralism and Conflict* (Princeton, 2002)
- Mark Juergensmeyer, *Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence* (Cal, 2003)
- Michael Walzer, *Just And Unjust Wars* [4th] (Basic Books, 2006)

Suggested readings about many topics are provided for those would want to dig deeper into the issues. You will not be responsible for this material on papers or your exam, though it will likely prove helpful for those endeavors as well as our class discussions. I also strongly recommend that you **read the international affairs section of a major newspaper** (*Boston Globe*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *Christian Science Monitor*, etc.) **or magazine** (*Economist*, *Atlantic*, *New Yorker*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, etc.) **every day this semester**. All BC students have free web access to these journals, which routinely report on the exact issues we will discuss in class. You can also subscribe to daily/weekly email alerts from the Council on Foreign Relations (cfr.org), *NY Times*, BBC, etc.

Course requirements:

1. **Participation (10%):** Active and informed participation is crucial to understanding this material, so you will be graded on a balance of quality and quantity of participation. In addition, you are expected to attend each class, complete all the required reading, contribute to class discussions, and submit assignments on time.
2. **Three short papers (60%):** Students will write a short essay, 5-6 pages in length (double-spaced), on an assigned topic related to each major section of the course. Papers must demonstrate critical

understanding of the key themes and readings of that portion of the course. Each paper is worth 20% of your final grade. They are due in class on Thursdays 2/14, 3/27 and 4/17.

- 3. Final exam (30%):** Closed-book, in-class, comprehensive final exam at the date/time established by the university registrar. A study guide will be distributed in advance of the exam; students are encouraged to study in groups outside of class.

The grading scale:

- A = excellent work** (A= 95-100; A- = 90-94)
- B = good work** (B+ = 87-89; B = 83-86; B- = 80-82)
- C = adequate work** (C+ = 77-79; C = 73-76; C- = 70-72)
- D = poor work** (D = 60-69)
- F = inadequate or insufficient work** (59 & below)

Academic integrity:

I don't need to elaborate on the obvious seriousness of academic integrity in an ethics course. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the university's policy on this matter at www.bc.edu/integrity. Violations of academic integrity will be reported to your class dean and judged by the academic integrity committee in your school. If you are found responsible for violating the policy, penalties may include a failing grade as well as possible probation, suspension, or expulsion, depending on the seriousness and circumstances of the violation. Please talk to me about any questions you may have.

Course Overview:

Part 1: International Politics in Theory and Practice [Classes 2-11]

- Religion, Ethics and International Relations Theory
- The "Clash of Civilizations" Thesis
- Sovereignty: Past, Present, Future
- Thinking Theologically about Boundaries
- Religion as a National/Transnational Force
- Religion, State and Civil Society
- Religion and Ethics in U.S. Foreign Policy (inc. the "Israel Lobby"; promoting religious freedom abroad)

Part 2: Peace, Violence and the Use of Force [Classes 12-23]

- Nonviolence in the Christian Tradition
- Christian Realism
- Natural Law and the Just War Ethic
- War and Peace in Islam
- Secular Resources for Just War Theory
- Just War Theory: ad bellum and in bello considerations
- Genocide and Humanitarian Intervention
- Religion and Peacebuilding [Guest Speaker]
- Religion and Terrorism
- Torture

Part 3: The Universal & the Particular: Identity, Authority and Allegiance [Classes 24-29]

- A History of Human Rights
- Are Human Rights Religious and/or Universal?
- Religious Perspectives on Pluralism
- Cosmopolitanism and Patriotism

Syllabus

NB: Unless otherwise stated, all assigned articles and books are on physical reserve and/or e-reserve at O'Neill Library.

COURSE INTRODUCTION

(1) Tue 1/15: Ethics, Religion and International Politics

Suggested: • "In God's Name" (*Economist* special report, 3 Nov 2007)

PART 1: INTERNATIONAL POLITICS IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

(2) Thu 1/17: Religion, Ethics and International Relations Theory

Required:

- Jack Snyder, "One World, Rival Theories," *Foreign Policy* 145 (Nov/Dec 2004): 52-62.
- Scott M. Thomas, *The Global Resurgence of Religion and the Transformation of International Relations* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2005), 1-45.

Suggested:

- J. Bryan Hehir, "Overview," in *Religion and World Affairs*, proceedings of a conference organized by the DACOR Bacon House Foundation, Oct. 6, 1995, pp. 11-19.
- Douglas Johnston, *Religion, The Missing Dimension of Statecraft*
- Immanuel Kant, "Perpetual Peace," online at www.mtholyoke.edu/acad/intrel/kant/kant1.htm

(3) Tue 1/22: The "Clash of Civilizations" Thesis

Required:

- Samuel Huntington, "The Clash of Civilizations," *Foreign Affairs* 72.3 (Summer 1993): 22-49.
- Andrew Bacevich, "Who Are You?" *First Things* n73 (May 1997): 40-45.
- Jytte Klausen, *The Islamic Challenge: Politics and Religion in Western Europe* (Oxford, 2007): Preface to the revised edition.

Suggested:

- Jack Miles, "Theology and the Clash of Civilizations," *Cross Currents* 51.4 (Winter 2002): 451-58.
- Samuel Huntington, "If Not Civilizations, What?" *Foreign Affairs* 72.5 (November/December 1993).

(4) Thu 1/24: Sovereignty: Past, Present, Future

Required:

- Carlson/Owens, "Reconsidering Westphalia's Legacy for Religion and International Politics," in *The Sacred and the Sovereign* (Georgetown, 2003), 1-19 [skim 28-34].
- John Kelsay, "Justice, Political Authority, and Armed Conflict: Challenges to Sovereignty and the Just Conduct of War," in *Sacred + Sovereign*, 113-36.
- Robin Lovin, "The Future of Sovereignty: A Christian Realist Perspective," in *Sacred + Sovereign*, 154-69.

Suggested: • Daniel Philpott, *Revolutions in Sovereignty: How Ideas Shaped Modern International Relations* (Princeton, 2001).

(5) Tue 1/29: Sovereignty and Its Critics, Political and Theological

- Required:
- Robert Gallucci, "Weighing Sovereignty in the 'Sit Room': Does It Enter or End the Debate?" in *Sacred + Sovereign*, 235-46.
 - Paul Griffiths, "Religious Allegiance and Political Sovereignty: An Irreconcilable Tension?" in *Sacred + Sovereign*, 247-55.
 - Fred Dallmayr, "Sacred Non-Sovereignty," in *Sacred + Sovereign*, 256-64.

- Suggested:
- Luis E. Lugo, ed., *Sovereignty at the Crossroads? Morality and International Politics in the Post-Cold War Era* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1996).
 - Robert Jackson, ed., *Sovereignty at the Millennium* (Blackwell, 1999).

(6) Thu 1/31: Thinking Theologically about Boundaries

- Required:
- M. Rawuibuz Zaman, "Islamic Perspectives on Territorial Boundaries and Autonomy," in *Islamic Political Ethics* (Princeton, 2002), 79-101.
 - Richard Miller, "Christian Attitudes toward Boundaries: Metaphysical and Geographical," in *Christian Political Ethics* (Princeton, 2008), 67-91.
 - Nigel Biggar, "The Value of Limited Loyalty: Christianity, the Nation, and Territorial Boundaries," in *Christian Political Ethics*, 92-113.

- Suggested:
- Sulayman Nyang, "Religion and the Maintenance of Boundaries: An Islamic View," in *Islamic Political Ethics*, 102-112

(7) Tue 2/5: Religion as a National/Transnational Force

- Required:
- José Casanova, "Globalizing Catholicism and the Return to a 'Universal' Church," in Rudolph/Piscatori, eds., *Transnational Religion and Fading States* (1997), 121-43.
 - Don Baker, "World Religions and National States: Competing Claims in East Asia," in *Transnational Religion and Fading States*, 144-172.
 - Andrew Higgins, "Muscular Monks: How Buddhism Became Force for Political Activism," *Wall Street Journal*, 7 November 2007

- Suggested:
- Margaret Keck and Kathryn Sikkink, "Transnational Advocacy Networks in International and Regional Politics," *UNESCO International Social Science Journal* n159 (March 1999): 89-101.

(8) Thu 2/7: Religion, State and Civil Society

- Required:
- Stephen Monsma and Christopher Soper, *The Challenge of Pluralism: Church and State in Five Democracies* (Rowman & Littlefield, 1997), 1-15 [Introduction].
 - Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life, "Separation of Church and State," vol. 4 of the Boisi Center Papers on Religion in the United States, 2007.
 - Silvio Ferrari, "Islam and the Western European Model of Church and State Relations," in W.A.R. Shadid and P.S. van Koningsveld, eds., *Religious Freedom and the Neutrality of the State: The Position of Islam in the European Union* (Peeters, 2002), 6-19.
 - John Kelsay, "Civil Society and Government in Islam," in *Islamic Political Ethics*, 3-37.

- Suggested:
- Monsma and Soper, *The Challenge of Pluralism*, 199-223.
 - Michael Banner, "Christianity and Civil Society," in *Christian Political Ethics*, 3-21.
 - John Coleman, S.J., "A Limited State and a Vibrant Society: Christianity and Civil Society," in *Christian Political Ethics*, 22-53.
 - F. Kazemi, "Perspectives on Islam and Civil Society," in *Islamic Political Ethics*, 38-55.

(9) Tue 2/12: Religion and Ethics in U.S. Foreign Policy

- Required:
- Leslie Gelb and Justine Rosenthal, "The Rise of Ethics in Foreign Policy," *Foreign Affairs* 82.3 (May/June 2003): 2-7.
 - Andrew J. Bacevich and Elizabeth H. Prodromou, "God Is Not Neutral: Religion and U.S. Foreign Policy after 9/11," *Orbis* 48. 1 (Winter 2004): 43-54.
 - Bryan Hehir, "Religion, Realism and Just Intervention," in Dionne/Elshtain/Drogosz, eds., *Liberty and Power* (Brookings, 2004), 11-33.
 - Michael Walzer, "Can There Be a Moral Foreign Policy?" in *Liberty and Power*, 34-52.
- Suggested:
- Louise Richardson, "Fighting against Terrorism and for Justice," *Liberty and Power*, 53-70
 - Shibley Telhami, "Between Faith and Ethics," in *Liberty and Power*, 71-94.
 - Essays on foreign policy from 2008 Presidential candidates (Clinton, Edwards, Giuliani, McCain, and Obama), *Foreign Affairs* 86.4-6 (2007).

(10) Thu 2/14: U.S. Foreign Policy: The "Israel Lobby" Controversy

***** PAPER #1 DUE IN CLASS *****

- Required:
- John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt, *The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2007), 3-22 [introduction].
 - Leslie Gelb, "Dual Loyalties," *New York Times*, 23 September 2007.
 - Eliot Cohen, "Yes, It's Anti-Semitic," *Washington Post*, 5 April 2006.
 - Walter Russell Mead, "Jerusalem Syndrome: Decoding *The Israel Lobby*," *Foreign Affairs* 86.6 (Nov/Dec 2007): 160-68.
- Suggested:
- Christopher Hitchens, "Overstating Jewish Power," *Slate.com*, 27 March 2006.

(11) Tue 2/19: U.S. Foreign Policy: Promoting Religious Freedom Abroad

**** Guest Speaker: Imam Talal Eid, Islamic Institute of Boston**

- Required:
- USCIRF 2007 Annual Report, 1-8, 273-82.
 - *Boston Globe* series: "Exporting Faith," October 8-11, 2006.
 - Walter Russell Mead, "God's Country?" *Foreign Affairs* 85.5 (Sep/Oct 2006).
- Suggested:
- Mark Amstutz, "The Bush Doctrine: A Niebuhrian Assessment," *Review of Faith and International Affairs* 5.4 (Winter 2007): 25-33.
 - U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom: www.uscirf.gov
 - Madeline Albright, *The Mighty and the Almighty: Reflections on America, God, and World Affairs* (HarperCollins, 2006).

PART 2: PEACE, VIOLENCE AND THE USE OF FORCE

(12) Thu 2/21: Nonviolence in the Christian Tradition

- Required:
- Theodore Koontz, "Christian Nonviolence," in *Christian Political Ethics*, 232-60.
 - H. Richard Niebuhr, "The Grace of Doing Nothing," in Richard Miller, ed., *War in the 20th Century: Sources in Theological Ethics* (Westminster/JKP, 1992), 3-11.
 - Reinhold Niebuhr, "Must We Do Nothing?" in *War in the 20th Century*, 12-18.
 - H. Richard Niebuhr, "The Only Way Into the Kingdom of God," *War in the 20th Century*, 19-24.
- Suggested:
- Stanley Hauerwas, *Should War Be Eliminated?* (Marquette, 1984)

(13) Tue 2/26: Christian Realism

- Required:
- Reinhold Niebuhr, "Why the Christian Church is Not Pacifist," in *War in the Twentieth Century*, 28-46.
 - Reinhold Niebuhr, *Moral Man and Immoral Society* (Scribners, 1932), xi-xxv, 231-77.

- Suggested:
- Robin Lovin, *Reinhold Niebuhr and Christian Realism* (Cambridge, 1995).
 - John Carlson, "Is There a Christian Realist Theory of War and Peace? Reinhold Niebuhr and Just War Thought," *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* 28.1 (Spring/Summer 2008).

(14) Thu 2/28: Natural Law and the Just War Ethic

- Required:
- Stephen Pope, "Natural Law and Christian Ethics," in Robin Gill, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Christian Ethics* (Cambridge, 2001), 77-95.
 - Joseph Boyle, "Just War Thinking in Catholic Natural Law," in *Christian Political Ethics*, 217-231.

- Suggested:
- John Finnis, "The Ethics of War and Peace in the Catholic Natural Law," in *Christian Political Ethics*, 191-216.

***** March 3-7: Spring Break *****

(15) Tue 3/11: War and Peace in Islam

- Required:
- Bassam Tibi, "War and Peace in Islam," in *Islamic Political Ethics*, 175-93.
 - Sohail Hashmi, "Interpreting the Islamic Ethics of War and Peace," in *Islamic Political Ethics*, 194-216.

- Suggested:
- John Kelsay, *Islam and War: A Study in Comparative Ethics* (Westminster/JKP, 1993).
 - John Kelsay, *Arguing the Just War in Islam* (Harvard, 2007)

(16) Thu 3/13: Secular Resources for Just War Theory

- Required:
- Michael Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars* 4^e (BasicBooks, 2006), 1-73 [Chaps 1-4]

(17) Tue 3/18: Ad Bellum considerations in Just War Theory

- Required:
- Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, 74-108, ix-xviii [Chaps 5-6 and preface to 4th edition]
 - Institute for American Values, "What We're Fighting For: A Letter from America," Feb 2002.
 - "Preemption, Iraq and War: A Statement of Principles," 14 November 2002.
 - Attend panel discussion "**What Do We Owe the Iraqis?**" **5:00-6:30pm (room TBA)**. Speakers: Andrew Bacevich (Boston U.), Rev. Bryan Hehir (Harvard U./Archdiocese of Boston), Rev. Paul McNellis, S.J. (BC), Alan Wolfe (BC)

- Suggested:
- The National Security Strategy of the United States (Sep 2002), available online from the U.S. State Department: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss/2002/index.html>
 - John Courtney Murray, "Remarks on the Moral Problem of War," in *War in the Twentieth Century*, 247-71.

***** March 20-24: Easter Weekend *****

(18) Tue 3/25: Genocide and Humanitarian Intervention

- Required:
- Samantha Power, "A Problem from Hell": America and the Age of Genocide (Perennial, 2003), xi-xxi, 503-16 [preface and conclusion]
 - J. Bryan Hehir, "The Moral Measurement of War: A Tradition of Change and Continuity," in *Sacred + Sovereign*, 41-65.

- Suggested:
- Samantha Power, "Bystanders to Genocide: Why the United States Let the Rwandan Tragedy Happen," *The Atlantic* 288.2 (Sep 2001).

(19) Thu 3/27: *In Bello* considerations in Just War Theory

***** PAPER #2 DUE IN CLASS *****

- Required:
- Walzer, *Just and Unjust Wars*, 74-108, ix-xviii [Chaps 5-6 and preface to 4th edition]

- Suggested:
- John Ford, S.J., "The Morality of Obliteration Bombing," in *War in the Twentieth Century*, 138-80.

(20) Tue 4/1: Torture

- Required:
- Sanford Levinson, "Contemplating Torture," in Sanford Levinson, ed., *Torture: A Collection* (Oxford, 2006), 23-46.
 - Henry Shue, "Torture," in *Torture*, 47-60.
 - Jean Bethke Elshtain, "Reflection on the Problem of Dirty Hands," in *Torture*, 77-92.
 - Andrew Sullivan, "The Abolition of Torture," *The New Republic*, 7 Dec 2005.

- Suggested:
- Richard Posner, "Torture, Terrorism and Interrogation," in *Torture*, 291-298.
 - Michael Ignatieff, *The Lesser Evil: Political Ethics in the Age of Terror* (Princeton, 2004).

(21) Thu 4/3: Religion and Terrorism

- Required:
- Mark Juergensmeyer, *Terror in the Mind of God: The Global Rise of Religious Violence* (California, 2003), xi-xii, 3-84 [preface, chaps 1-4]
 - Khalid Abou el Fadl, "Speaking, Killing and Loving in God's Name," *The Hedgehog Review* 6.1 (Spring 2004): 71-77.

- Suggested:
- Bruce Lincoln, *Holy Terrors: Thinking About Religion after September 11* (Chicago, 2006).

(22) Tue 4/8: Religion and Terrorism (cont.)

- Required:
- Juergensmeyer, *Terror in the Mind of God*, 85-120, 219-49 [Chaps 5-6, 11]
 - William Cavanaugh, "Sins of Omission: What 'Religion and Violence' Arguments Ignore," *The Hedgehog Review* 6.1 (Spring 2004): 34-50.

(23) Thu 4/10: Religion and Peacebuilding

**** Guest Speaker: Rev. Raymond Helmick, S.J., Boston College**

- Required:
- R. Scott Appleby, *The Ambivalence of the Sacred: Religion, Violence, and Reconciliation* (Rowman & Littlefield, 2000), 207-44 [Chap 6].
 - Nigel Biggar, "Making Peace or Doing Justice: Must We Choose?" in Nigel Biggar, ed., *Burying the Past: Making Peace and Doing Justice after Civil Conflict* (Georgetown, 2003), 3-24.
 - Marc Gopin, "A Different Model of Peacemaking," *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 35.4 (Autumn 2007), 10-12.
 - Lisa Schirch, "Quiet No Longer," *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 35.4 (Autumn 2007), 12-15.

- Suggested:
- S. Ayse Kadayifci-Orellana, "Living Walls: How Muslims Are Building Peace," *Harvard Divinity Bulletin* 35.4 (Autumn 2007), 22-29.
 - Raymond Helmick, S.J. and Rodney Lawrence Petersen, eds., *Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Religion, Public Policy, & Conflict Transformation* (Templeton, 2002).
 - H. Coward and G. Smith, eds., *Religion and Peacebuilding* (SUNY, 2004)
 - Jean Bethke Elshtain, "Politics and Forgiveness," in *Burying the Past*, 45-64.

PART 3: THE UNIVERSAL & THE PARTICULAR: IDENTITY, AUTHORITY AND ALLEGIANCE

(24) Tue 4/15: A History of Human Rights

- Required:
- John Witte, "A Short History of Western Rights," in *God's Joust, God's Justice: Law and Religion in the Western Tradition* (Eerdmans, 2006), 31-48.
 - Mary Ann Glendon, "Knowing the Universal Declaration of Human Rights," *Notre Dame Law Review* 73.5 (1998): 1153-76. [This article includes the text of the UDHR, also online here: www.un.org/Overview/rights.html]
- Suggested:
- Bucar and Barnett, eds., *Does Human Rights Need God?* (Eerdmans, 2005)
 - Abdullahi An-Na'im, ed., *Human Rights and Religious Values: An Uneasy Relationship?* (Eerdmans, 1995).

(25) Thu 4/17: Are Human Rights Religious and/or Universal?

*** PAPER #3 DUE IN CLASS ***

- Required:
- Abdulaziz Sachedina, "The Clash of Universalisms: Religious and Secular in Human Rights," *The Hedgehog Review* 9.3 (Fall 2007), 49-62.
 - Nicholas Wolterstorff, "The Irony of It All," *The Hedgehog Review* 9.3 (Fall 2007), 63-69.
- Suggested:
- Nicholas Wolterstorff, *Justice: Rights and Wrongs* (Princeton, 2008).

(26) Tue 4/22: Religious Perspectives on Pluralism

- Required:
- Dale Eickelman, "Islam and Ethical Pluralism," in *Islamic Political Ethics*, 115-134.
 - Paul VI, *Nostra Aetate: Declaration on the Relation of the Church with Non-Christian Religions*, Second Vatican Council, 28 Oct 1965.
 - David Little, "Conscientious Individualism: A Christian Perspective on Ethical Pluralism," in *Christian Political Ethics*, 113-140.
 - James Skillen, "Pluralism as a Matter of Principle," in *Christian Political Ethics*, 141-54.

(27) Thu 4/24: Cosmopolitanism and Patriotism

- Required:
- Kwame Anthony Appiah, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers* (Norton, 2007), 1-100.
- Suggested:
- Martha Nussbaum, "Patriotism and Cosmopolitanism," and K. A. Appiah, "Cosmopolitan Patriots," in Nussbaum, *For Love of Country: Debating the Limits of Patriotism*, pp. 2-29, 131-146.

(28) Tue 4/29: Cosmopolitanism and Patriotism (continued)

Required: • Kwame Anthony Appiah, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers* (Norton, 2007), 100-174.

(29) Thu 5/1: Conclusion

Required: • No required reading.

Day/time TBA: Final Exam

RELATED CAMPUS EVENTS OF NOTE:

Tuesday, January 29, 2008
4:00 pm
Murray Room, Yawkey Center

The Moral Imperative to Act: Working for the Common Good of Humanity
Michelle Lyden ('92, CSON '97); Founder and CEO, Global Action
** Sponsored by the Winston Center for Leadership and Ethics

Wednesday, January 30, 2008
12:00 - 1:15pm
Boisi Center [RSVP required]

Muslims in the United States
Peter Skerry, Boston College

Friday, February 1, 2008
12:30 - 2:00pm
Boston Room [RSVP required]

Human Rights and Economic Development
Peter Uvin, Tufts Univ. Fletcher School of Diplomacy
** contact humanrights@bc.edu **

Wednesday, February 13, 2008
McGuinn 121

Human Rights and a New U.N.
Thomas G. Weiss, CUNY Graduate Center

Thursday, February 14, 2008
12:00 - 1:15pm
Boisi Center [RSVP required]

Mormons in American Politics
Clayton Christensen, Harvard Business School

Friday, February 29, 2008
12:30 - 2:00pm
McGuinn 5th Flr Lounge [RSVP required]

God Needs No Passport
Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College / Harvard University
** contact humanrights@bc.edu **

Wednesday, March 12, 2008
12:30 - 2:00pm
McGuinn 5th Flr Lounge [RSVP required]

Human Rights & Child Nutrition in the Developing World
Cutberto Garza, Boston College
** contact humanrights@bc.edu **

Tuesday, March 18, 2008
5:00-6:30pm
Location TBA
[See Boisi Center web site]

What Do We Owe the Iraqis?
Rev. Bryan Hehir, Harvard University / Archdiocese of Boston
Andrew J. Bacevich, Boston University
Rev. Paul McNellis, S.J., Boston College

Thursday, April 3, 2008
5:00 - 7:00pm
Devlin 101

Democracy in Movements: Visions and Practices of Democracy in Global Justice
Donatella della Porta, European University Institute
** Sponsored by the Sociology Department

Thursday, April 10, 2008
12:00-1:15pm
Boisi Center [RSVP required]

Immigration and the Scandinavian Welfare State
Grete Brochmann, University of Oslo

Tuesday, April 22, 2008
4:30 - 6:30pm
Location TBA
[See Boisi Center web site]

Gay Marriage in Theology, Law and Politics
David Blankenhorn, Institute for American Values
Kerry Healey, Former MA Lieutenant Governor
Cheryl Jacques, Civil Rights activist, former MA state senator
William Stacy Johnson, Princeton Theological Seminary
Stephen Schloesser, S.J., Boston College