



ADVANCED SEMINAR IN RELIGION AND SCIENCE - FALL 2013

CURRENT LANDSCAPES IN RELIGION AND SCIENCE



Co-Chaired by Jennifer Baldwin, Lea Schweitz, & Gayle Woloschak

Monday Evenings 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, September 9, 2013 through December 2, 2013

Room 201, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615

This fall, the Advanced Seminar will investigate and assess the current “state of the field” of religion and science. In recent years, there have been a growing number of introductions, companions, and handbooks to religion and science. We will review this body of literature for indications of the contours and landmarks of contemporary religion and science. This review will take place from the context of an overview of the historical development of the discourse. We will explore three current landscapes in depth: 1) Religion, Science, Politics and Public Discourse, 2) Religion, Science, and Human Person, and 3) Theology, Science, and Trauma. The aim is to gain a deeper acquaintance with the themes and concerns of each unit and relate them critically and constructively to the “state of the field”.

Offered by the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), the Advanced Seminar in Religion and Science is designed as a research seminar for faculty and graduate students. Course credit is available via registration through the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) or cross-registration through member schools of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS); the course number is LSTC T-672. All participants, whether taking the seminar for credit or not, are asked to pre-register with the seminar chairs by contacting ZCRS at zcrs@lstc.edu or 773-256-0670. For more information about ZCRS, please visit www.zygoncenter.org.

September 9	Introduction to the Seminar Historical Perspectives on the Work We’re Doing Philip Hefner, <i>theology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and ZCRS</i>
September 16	Religion, Science, and Democracy: A Disputational Friendship Lisa Stenmark, <i>comparative religious studies, San Jose State University</i>
September 23	Islam, Science, and the Empirical Spirit in Iran Alireza Doostdar, <i>Islamic studies and anthropology of religion, University of Chicago</i>
September 30	Toward an American Religious Naturalist Political Theology Michael Hogue, <i>theology, Meadville-Lombard Theological School</i>
October 7	Trying Biology: The Scopes Trial, Textbooks, and the Antievolution Movement in America Adam Shapiro, <i>history of science and religion, Birbeck – University of London</i>
October 14	The Human Person in Light of Genetics and Epigenetics Gayle Woloschak, <i>molecular biology, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine</i>
October 21	‘Human Person’ in Evolutionary Perspective William Irons, <i>anthropology, Northwestern University</i>
October 28	What Does It Mean to be Created Human? Theological Anthropology in Historical Perspective Mladen Turk, <i>theology, Elmhurst College</i>
November 4	The Neurology of Trauma James Galezewski, <i>clinical psychology, Chicago School of Professional Psychology, Aurora University</i>
November 11	Yoking Religion and Science for a Trauma Sensitive Theology Jennifer Baldwin, <i>psychotherapy, Genesis Therapy Center, and theology, Elmhurst College</i>
November 18	Healing Trauma – Restoring Body and Soul Susan McConnell, <i>psychotherapy and IFS lead trainer, private practice</i>
November 25	No Lectures (Thanksgiving Recess at LSTC)
December 2	Panel Presentation

About the Advanced Seminar

Since 1965, an advanced seminar on religion in the context of the sciences has been offered for faculty, students, and professionals in the Chicago area. The seminar was founded by Ralph Wendell Burhoe under the auspices of Meadville/Lombard Theological School and the Center for Advanced Study in Religion and Science. CASIRAS traces its origins to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, of which Burhoe was Executive Officer. In 1970, CASIRAS affiliated with the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. In the 1970s, Philip Hefner, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), joined Burhoe in directing the seminar. In 1988, the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS) was founded by LSTC and CASIRAS and began sponsoring the Advanced Seminar. From this tradition, the Advanced Seminar takes its shape as a multidisciplinary network of persons seeking to understand how the sciences and the religions engage each other and to interpret the fundamental issues that are posed in this engagement. The goal is to gain insight into the import of the sciences for the critical function of religion in its role as a cultural vehicle of ultimate values and concerns.

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