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### **Politics and Religion: Conflict and Coexistence at Home and Abroad**

**June 20, 2006**

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## Policy Summit on Politics and Religion

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Session I	11:45 am – 1:45 pm Public Affairs Center Conference Room C/D
Lunch	11:45 am – 12:15 pm
Welcome	Barbara Ferrara, Interim Executive Director Center for State Policy and Leadership
Introduction of Speaker	Dr. Stephen Schwark, Moderator Professor of Political Studies, UIS
Keynote Presentation	
<b>“Religious Pluralism: Civic and Political Issues in a New Religious America”</b>	Dr. Diana Eck, Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies, and Director, The Pluralism Project, Harvard University
Audience Questions and Answers	
Book Signing	1:45 pm Studio Theatre Concourse

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Books by today’s speakers are available for purchase in the UIS bookstore and this evening outside the Studio Theatre.

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## Diana L. Eck

Diana L. Eck is Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University. She is also a member of the Department of Sanskrit and Indian Studies as well as the Faculty of Divinity. She received her B.A. from Smith College (1967) in Religion, her M.A. from the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London (1968) in South Asian History, and her Ph.D. from Harvard University (1976) in the Comparative Study of Religion.

Dr. Eck's book, *Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras* (Beacon Press, 1993), studies the question of religious difference in the context of Christian theology and the comparative study of religion. It addresses issues of Christian faith in a world of many faiths and, more broadly, the issues of religious diversity that challenge people of every faith. *Encountering God* won the 1994 Melcher Book Award of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the 1995 Louisville Grawemeyer Book Award in Religion, given for work that reflects a significant breakthrough in our understanding of religion.

Since 1991, Dr. Eck has been heading a research team at Harvard University to explore the new religious diversity of the United States and its meaning for the American pluralist experiment. The Pluralism Project, funded by the Lilly Endowment, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the Ford Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation has been documenting the growing presence of the Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, Sikh, Jain, and Zoroastrian communities in the U.S. The Pluralism Project's interactive CD-ROM, *On Common Ground: World Religions in America*, a multimedia introduction to the world's religions in the American context, was published in 1997 by Columbia University Press. It has won major awards from Media & Methods, EdPress, and Educom. Her recent book, *A New Religious America* (Harper San Francisco, 2001) addresses the challenges for the United States of the new religious diversity that is now ours.

In 1996, Dr. Eck was appointed to a U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on Religious Freedom Abroad, a twenty-member commission charged with advising the Secretary of State on enhancing and protecting religious freedom in the overall context of human rights. In 1998, Dr. Eck received the National Humanities Medal from President Clinton and the National Endowment for the Humanities for her work on American religious pluralism.

## Policy Summit on Politics and Religion June 20, 2006

Session II 2:00 – 3:30 pm  
Public Affairs Center Conference Room G

Panel Discussion  
“Islam in America”

Introduction of Panelists  
Dr. Stephen Schwark, Moderator  
Professor of Political Studies, UIS

Panelists

Nia Odeoti-Hassan, Senior Policy Analyst for Health  
and Human Services, Office of the Illinois State  
Senate President

Dr. Maryam Mostoufi, Chaplain, Islamic  
Community of Central Illinois

Rami Nashashibi, Executive Director, Inner-City  
Muslim Action Network, Chicago

Dr. Baker Siddiquee, Professor of Economics, UIS

Audience Questions and Answers

**Nia Odeoti-Hassan** is employed by the Illinois State Senate President and the Senate Democratic Caucus as the Senior Policy Analyst for the Senate Health and Human Services Committee. She is the longest serving member of color of all four legislative staffs, having been employed by the State Senate since 1981. She serves as a Democratic precinct committee person and is a member or volunteer for numerous state and community organizations. She is a policy advisor to the Inner-City Muslim Action Network in Chicago. She holds both the M.A. and has completed all requirements except the dissertation for a doctorate in Government from Lehigh University. She serves on the Practical Politics Advisory Committee for the Department of Political Studies at UIS.

**Maryam Mostoufi** was Chief of the Developmental Disabilities' Bureau of Best Practices within the Illinois Department of Human Services until her recent retirement. She lived in Ahwaz, Iran from 1972-79 where she served as director of the English program for medical students at Jundhi Shapur University. She holds an M.A. in Human Resources Development from UIS and a Doctorate of Ministry from Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit. She completed a two-year psychosocial care/chaplaincy internship with Memorial Medical Center and Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. She was the first Muslim woman to be admitted to the Association of Professional Chaplains. She serves as chaplain to area Muslims and spokesperson for the Islamic Society of Greater Springfield.

**Rami Nashashibi** is Executive Director and one of the original founding members of the Inner-City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) in Chicago. He completed his B.A. at DePaul University, has an M.A. in Social Sciences and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at the University of Chicago where he is also a teaching assistant. Previously he has been an adjunct professor at Columbia College, Robert Morris College, Daley Community College, and St. Xavier University. He is a recipient of the Davis Putter Student Activist Grant and lectures frequently on a range of topics relating to Islam, Muslims and community activism.

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Session III 7:30 – 9:15 pm  
Studio Theatre

Welcome

Dr. Harry Berman, Provost, UIS

Introduction of Speakers

Dr. Stephen Schwark, Moderator  
Professor of Political Studies, UIS

Keynote Presentation

**“Iraq, Islam and Democracy”**

Dr. Noah Feldman  
Professor of Law, New York University  
School of Law

Comment

Dr. Diana Eck  
Professor of Comparative Religion and  
Indian Studies, Harvard University

Audience Questions and Answers

Reception and Book Signing

9:15 pm  
Studio Theatre Concourse

**Noah Feldman**

Noah Feldman is Professor of Law at New York University School of Law where he specializes in constitutional studies, with particular emphasis on the relationship between law and religion, constitutional design, and the history of legal theory.

Dr. Feldman was named a Carnegie Scholar for 2005-06. He is a contributing writer for the *New York Times Magazine* and an adjunct senior fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations.

In 2004-05, he was a visiting professor at the Yale and Harvard Law Schools and a fellow of the Whitney Humanities Center. In 2003 he served as senior constitutional advisor to the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, and subsequently advised members of the Iraqi Governing Council on the drafting of the Transitional Administrative Law or interim constitution.

Dr. Feldman joined the New York University School of Law faculty in fall 2001 from Harvard University, where he was a Junior Fellow of the Society of Fellows. Before that he served as a law clerk to Justice David H. Souter of the U.S. Supreme Court (1998-99) and to Chief Judge Harry T. Edwards of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit (1997-98).

He received his A.B. summa cum laude in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations from Harvard University in 1992. Selected as a Rhodes Scholar, he earned a D.Phil. in Islamic Thought from Oxford University in 1994. He received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1997, serving as Book Reviews Editor of the *Yale Law Journal*.

He is the author of three books: *Divided By God: America's Church-State Problem and What We Should Do About It* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2005); *What We Owe Iraq: War and the Ethics of Nation Building* (Princeton University Press 2004); and *After Jihad: America and the Struggle for Islamic Democracy* (Farrar, Straus & Giroux 2003).

Dr. Feldman also litigates constitutional cases before the federal courts, and lectures on law, religion, and the Middle East.

## Suggested Reading for Politics and Religion Summit

### Religion & American Politics

- Alley, Robert S. School Prayer: The Court, the Congress, and the First Amendment, Prometheus Books, 1994.
- Bane, Mary Jo & Lawrence Mead. Lifting Up the Poor: A Dialogue on Religion, Poverty, and Welfare Reform, Brookings Institution Press, 2003.
- Carter, Jimmy. Our Endangered Values, Simon & Schuster, 2005.
- Carter, Stephen L. Culture of Disbelief, Doubleday, 1993.
- Cox, Harvey. Jesus at Harvard, Houghton Mifflin, 2006.
- Dionne, E. J. & Ming Hsu Chen, eds. Sacred Places, Civic Purposes: Should Government Help Faith-Based Charity?, Brookings Institution Press, 2001.
- Dionne, E. J. and John Dilulio, Jr., eds. What's God Got to Do with the American Experiment?, Brookings Institution Press, 2000.
- Eck, Diana. A New Religious America: How a "Christian Country" has Become the World's Most Religiously Diverse Nation, Harper Collins, 2001.
- Feldman, Stephen M. Please Don't Wish Me a Merry Christmas: A Critical History of the Separation of Church and State, NYU Press, 1997.
- Gaustad, Edwin and Schmidt, Leigh. The Religious History of America, HarperSanFrancisco, 2002.
- Goldberg, Michelle. Kingdom Coming: The Rise of Christian Nationalism, W.W. Norton and Co., 2006.
- Kraynak, Robert. Christian Faith and Modern Democracy, University of Notre Dame Press, 2001.
- Lakoff, George. Moral Politics, University of Chicago Press, 1996.
- Levy, Leonard W. The Establishment Clause: Religion and the First Amendment, 2d Ed. Univ. of North Carolina Press, 1994.
- Mooney, Christopher Z. The Public Clash of Private Values: The Politics of Morality Policy, Chatham House, 1999.
- Morone, James. Hellfire Nation: The Politics of Sin in American History, Yale University Press, 2003.
- Niebuhr, Reinhold. Moral Man and Immoral Society, Scribner's, 1932.
- Reichley, A. James. Faith in Politics, Brookings Institution Press, 2002.
- Wallis, Jim. The Soul of Politics, Harcourt Brace Johanovich, 1994.
- Wills, Garry. Under God: Religion and American Politics, Touchstone, 1990.
- Wuthnow, Robert. The Restructuring of American Religion: Society and Faith Since World War II, Princeton University Press, 1988.

### Religion & International Politics

- Akenson, Donald. God's Peoples: Covenant and Land in South Africa, Israel and Ulster, Cornell University Press, 1992.
- Appleby, R. Scott. The Ambivalence of the Sacred, Rowman & Littlefield, 2000.
- Armstrong, Karen. The Battle for God, Alfred Knopf, 2000.
- Bulliet, Richard. The Case for Islamo-Christian Civilization, Columbia University Press, 2004.
- Drinan, Robert F. Can God & Caesar Coexist: Balancing Religious Freedom and International Law, Yale University Press, 2004.
- Esposito, John and John Voll. Islam and Democracy, Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Esposito, John. The Islamic Threat: Myth or Reality?, Oxford University Press, 1992.
- Feiler, Bruce. Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths, HarperCollins.
- Feiler, Bruce. Where God Was Born, HarperCollins.
- Gopin, Marc. Between Eden and Armageddon: The Future of World Religions, Violence and Peacemaking, Oxford University Press, 2000.
- Huntington, Samuel. The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order, Simon & Schuster, 1996.
- Johnston, Douglas & Cynthia Sampson, eds. Religion, The Missing Dimension of Statecraft, Oxford University Press, 1994.
- Juergensmeyer, Mark. The New Cold War?: Religious Nationalism Confronts the Secular State, University of California Press, 1993.
- Lustick, Ian. For the Land and the Lord: Jewish Fundamentalism in Israel, Council on Foreign Relations, 1988.
- Norris, Pippa & Ronald Inglehart. Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide, Cambridge University Press, 2004.
- Rubinstein, Richard. Aristotle's Children: How Christians, Muslims and Jews Rediscovered Ancient Wisdom and Illuminated the Dark Ages, Harcourt Brace Johanovich, 2003.
- Shriver, Donald. An Ethic for Enemies: Forgiveness in Politics, Oxford University Press, 1998.
- Stern, Jessica. Terror in the Name of God: Why Religious Militants Kill, HarperCollins, 2003.
- Thomas, Scott. The Global Resurgence of Religion and the Transformation Of International Relations, Palgrave Macmillan, 2005.
- Viorst, Milton. What Shall I Do With This People? Jews and the Fractious Politics of Judaism, Free Press, 2002.

**Stephen Schwark** is Professor of Political Studies and Director of International Studies at UIS, where he has been a faculty member since 1988. He chairs the multidisciplinary faculty team that is teaching the Public Affairs Colloquium on Politics and Religion this summer, an online course developed in conjunction with this Policy Summit. He received his Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University. As a graduate student he was a Danforth Fellow, and in 1993-94 he was a Melone Fellow of the National Council on US – Arab Relations. In 2005 he received the UIS Robert Spencer Award for Outstanding Service to the University and Community. He teaches and conducts research on American foreign policy, international relations, and the Middle East. He is completing an article on Jimmy Carter's religious beliefs and his peacemaking in the Middle East. His next project will focus on Carter and the Islamic revolution in Iran. He has served as president of the World Affairs Council of Center Illinois the past two years.

**Baker Siddiquee** is Associate Professor of Economics at UIS, where he has been a faculty member since 1987. He is a member of the faculty team-teaching the Public Affairs Colloquium on Politics and Religion this summer. Originally from Bangladesh, he received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada. At UIS, Dr. Siddiquee has served as chair of the Economics Department, chair of the Campus Planning and Budget Committee, and a member of the Campus Senate and University Senates Conference. He teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in macroeconomics, international trade and finance, development economics, and econometrics. His current research interests include trade and globalization, foreign investment, exchange rates economics, and financial crises. At UIS, he has been teaching a Public Affairs Colloquium on Islam and the West since 1996. He is an active member of the Muslim community of Springfield.

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**"Lincoln and America's Faith"**

**7:00 - 9:00 p.m.**  
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