

2006 Politics and Religion: Conflict and Coexistence at Home and Abroad

Politics and Religion

Luncheon and Keynote Address 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

University of Illinois Springfield, Public Affairs Center, Level 1, Conf. Rm. C/D

Dr. Diana L. Eck “Religious Pluralism: Civic and Political Issues in a New Religious America”

Dr. Diana L. Eck, Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies, Fredric Wertham Professor of Law and Psychiatry in Society, Director, The Pluralism Project, Harvard University and author of *A New Religious America: How a Christian Country Has Become the World’s Most Religiously Diverse Nation* (2001)

Afternoon Panel Discussion 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

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“Islam in America” featuring UIS Professor Baker Siddiquee and guest panelist

Dr. Noah Feldman Evening Keynote Address 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

University of Illinois at Springfield, Public Affairs Center, Level 1, Studio Theatre.
Cosponsored by World Affairs Council of Central Illinois

“Iraq, Islam and Democracy”

Dr. Noah Feldman, Professor of Law, New York University School of Law, Senior Advisor for Constitutional Law, Coalition Provisional Authority, Iraq 2003, and author of *Divided by God: America’s Church-State Problem and What We Should Do About It* (2005)

Events are webcast live the day of the event and are available on [Video-On-Demand](#).

Speaker’ Bios:

- [Dr. Diana L. Eck Bio](#) (PDF)
- [Dr. Noah Feldman Bio](#) (PDF)

Materials:

- [Program with Suggested Reading List](#) (PDF)

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2005 Politics and Religion: Global and American Perspectives

2005 Politics and Religion Artwork

Nearly 300 people attended the Center's third annual public policy summit, which was held on April 11 2005. This year's theme was "Politics and Religion: Global and American Perspectives." There were two sessions at this year's policy summit; a luncheon session and an evening session.

Barbara Ferrara made opening remarks at the luncheon session which featured keynote speaker **Dr. Pippa Norris**, McGuire Lecturer in Comparative Politics at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Her presentation was entitled "A World Divided – Sacred and Secular Values." Richard Schuldt, UIS' Director of the Survey Research Office presented findings on a statewide survey on "Morality, Public Opinion and Public Policy in Illinois." Dr. Stephen Schwark, UIS professor of Political Studies, served as moderator, while Dr. Christopher Mooney, UIS professor of Political Studies, gave a response to Norris' presentation. The luncheon was held in PAC Conference Room C/D and attended by 125.

Dr. Norris is the author of several books, including *Sacred and Secular: Religion and Politics Worldwide*, *Gender Equality and Cultural Change Around the Globe*, *Digital Divide: Civic Engagement, Information Poverty and the Internet Worldwide*. Her latest book is scheduled for publication in fall 2005, entitled *Radical Right: Voters and Parties in the Electoral Market*.

Dr. Norris has served as an expert consultant for many international bodies including the UN, UNESCO, the Council of Europe, and the National Endowment for Democracy. Her work has been published in more than a dozen languages and appeared in numerous international journals. She co-founded the Harvard International Journal of Press/Politics. She has served on the Council of the American Political Science Association and as Executive of the International Political Science Association. She was President of the Women and Politics Research Group of the American Political Science Association. She holds masters and doctoral degrees in Politics from the London School of Economics.

The evening session in the Studio Theatre featured guest speaker **Dr. James Morone**, Professor of Political Science at Brown University. His presentation was entitled “Hellfire Nation – Moral Values in American Politics.” Dr. Morone began his presentation by pulling up his pant leg and showing the audience his “hellfire socks” that were black with red and gold flames!

Dr. Morone is the author of numerous books, including *Hellfire Nation: The Politics of Sin in American History*, and *Democratic Wish: Popular Participation and the Limits of American Government*. His book, *Hellfire Nation* was named book of the month by the History News Network, selected a top ten book of the year by Christianity Today and has been nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. He co-edited *The Politics of Health Care Reform* and *Healthy, Wealthy and Fair*. He has written over 100 essays on politics, history and social policy. The Brown University classes of 1993, 1999 and 2001 voted him the teacher that most inspired them.

Following his presentation attended by 160, Dr. Morone graciously made himself available to sign copies of his book, *Hellfire Nation: The Politics of Sin in American History*. A dessert reception followed his presentation.

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2004 Issues in Cyberspace: Cyberethics, Ecommerce, Spam

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The Center for State Policy and Leadership presented its annual Public Policy Summit on June 17, 2004. This year’s topic was “Issues in Cyberspace: Cyberethics, E-Commerce, and Spam”.

The summit included speakers from academia, industry, and state government. They examined issues related to ethics, technical details, and government regulation of the Internet in a program designed for teachers, students, business, government professionals, and others interested.

Speakers included:

Jonathan Feipel, Assistant Director, Telecommunications Division, Illinois Commerce Commission

Cem Kaner, Professor of Computer Science at Florida Institute of Technology, and an attorney specializing in technology law

James Moor, Professor of Philosophy at Dartmouth College who has written several books on the philosophy of technology

David Nicol, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and researcher of cyber-security technology and policy issues

Matthew Prince, Co-founder and CEO of Unspam, and Adjunct Professor at John Marshall Law School

Richard Schuldt, Director of the Center's Survey Research Office and

Lori Sorenson, Interim Director of the Illinois Century Network.

Keith Miller, Professor of Computer Science at UIS served as moderator, and also instructor of an online course in Cyberethics offered in conjunction with the Summit. Renee Redfield, Graduate Assistant in the Center, served as the teaching assistant for the course. With Richard Schuldt, Keith Miller, and Mark Winland, Renee also played a major role in designing the survey for the Illinois public on spam and Internet sales taxes conducted by SRO for the Summit.

The event was Webcast live the day of the events and is available on [Video On Demand](#).

2003 Politics and Ethics in Illinois

The Public Policy Summit on “Politics and Ethics in Illinois: Past, Present and Future” brought together a diverse group of former elected officials and others with state government leadership experience, public policy activists, and scholars to share their expertise in a roundtable discussion and to develop options for change. Former U. S. Appellate Judge Abner J. Mikva delivered the keynote address. Richard Schuldt, director of the Center’s Survey Research Office, presented findings of a survey of the Illinois public on perceptions of state government corruption. The Summit drew an audience of over 350 to campus. The program was webcast live and broadcast later on both the Illinois Channel and Springfield Access 4. The edited proceedings are available on the center’s website by clicking the link on the right.

Proceedings of the 2003 Public Policy Summit on [Politics and Ethics in Illinois](#) (PDF)
