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**Keynote Speaker: Ruth Marshall, University of Toronto**

**Keynote Address: “Global” Christianity in the Postcolony: Reflections on the Politics of Knowledge**

**Friday 28th February, 6–7 pm, 501 Schermerhorn**

Ruth Marshall is Associate Professor in the Departments of Political Science and Study of Religion at the University of Toronto. She is the author of *Political Spiritualities: The Pentecostal Revolution in Nigeria* (U. Chicago Press, 2009) and numerous articles on the study of Pentecostalism, postcolonial politics, war and citizenship in West Africa.

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