



The CSSR Seminars, 1999-2006

To reconsider the large question -- is the natural normative? -- from both scientific and religious perspectives at once, and to examine the social, medical and political implications of our current inability to reach a single answer, the Center for the Study of Science and Religion (CSSR) was founded in the summer of 1999. The CSSR is an interdisciplinary, inter-school, collaborative forum for the examination of issues lying at the boundary of the scientific and religious ways of comprehending the world and our place in it.

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The Spring 2006 Seminar Series

“Do Religion and Medicine Collide? The Case of Assisted Reproductive Technologies”

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Wendy Chavkin, M.D., M.P.H., Director of the Soros Reproductive Health and Rights Fellowship; Chair of the Board of Directors of Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health
Thursday, April 6th, 2006, 6:00-7:30pm

Summary: Dr. Chavkin explored the powerful nexus that is emerging between states, religious authorities, declining fertility and assisted reproductive technologies. Is the development and implementation of assisted reproductive technologies hindered or helped by nations in which religion has a strong influence on government?

“Darwin, Design, and the Future of Faith”

[View this Seminar on the Web](#)

Philip Kitcher, Ph.D., John Dewey Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University; author of Science, Truth and Democracy, and In Mendel's Mirror: Philosophical Reflections on Biology

Wednesday, April 26th, 2006, 6:30-8:00

Summary: Professor Kitcher suggested that the best way to understand Intelligent Design is to see it as a piece of dead science. Why did it die? Why has it remained dead? What consequences for religious belief follow from its death?

“Mapping Genomes, Remapping Race”

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Troy Duster, Ph.D., Director, Institute for the History of the Production of Knowledge, NYU;
President of the American Sociological Association
Wednesday, June 7th, 2006, 6:00-7:30pm

Summary: Professor Duster argued that when the Human Genome Project ended, the announcement of the death of race in molecular genetics was premature. In the last five years, race has been reintroduced into public and professional conversations in ways few would have predicted, and the consequences are far removed from the original rationale for the Human Genome Project.

Bi-Annual Symposium, 2006

[Visit this Event's Webpage for More Information](#)

“Mind & Reality: A Multidisciplinary Symposium on Consciousness”

February 25-26, 2006 — Columbia University

Summary: Building on past Columbia lectures such as Meditative and Contemplative States (2001), Destructive Emotions: Neuroscience, Psychology, and Buddhism (2003), and Tibetan Mind Science Meets Modern Neuroscience (2005), the Center for the Study of Science and Religion will host Mind & Reality: A Multidisciplinary Symposium on Consciousness this February 25th-26th in the historic rotunda of Low Memorial Library at Columbia University.

Supported by the John E. Fetzer Institute, this event is dedicated to enriching the dialogue between Buddhism, Hinduism, and contemporary consciousness studies. Recently the editors at the *The Journal of Consciousness Studies* warned of a “serious danger that the emerging multi-disciplinary field of consciousness studies could Balkanise and different groups of scholars will end up ‘circling the wagons’ and talking among themselves.” The overarching goal of this symposium is to cultivate communication between culturally diverse lines of thought and foster relationships between like-minded individuals.

Evolution, DNA and the Soul: A Week-long Seminar for Religious Leaders

[Visit this Event's Webpage for More Information](#)

Evolution, stem cell research, genetic counseling, reproductive technologies, beginning and end of life questions: responding to today's hotly contested issues requires both pastoral sensitivity and scientific knowledge. This ground-breaking course will offer participants the biology background necessary to understand the complex scientific and medical issues that emerge in pastoral care. Participants will have an opportunity to discuss the theological and pastoral implications of recent advances in medical science, while gaining practical knowledge that will enhance their ministries. Participants will also have the opportunity to explore these issues outside of the classroom with a visit to museums or laboratory facilities in NYC.

The course is led by the Director of the CSSR, Professor Robert Pollack. Professor Pollack is a widely respected microbiologist, the former dean of Columbia College, and author of seven books, including "Signs of Life: The Language and Meanings of DNA" and "The Faith of Biology and the Biology of Faith: Order, Meaning, and Free Will in Modern Science."

"Evolution, DNA and the Soul" is co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Science and Religion, Auburn Theological Seminary and Union Theological Seminary. If needed, affordable overnight accommodations will be offered on campus at the Landmark Guest House.

Monday - Thursday, January 9-12, 2006, 10:00am - 4:00pm
Program fee: \$325. Scholarships are available. To register, call (212) 662-4315. For more information, contact cssr@columbia.edu.

The Fall 2005 Seminar Series

"Shakespeare's Globe"

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Jean E. Howard, PhD, William B. Ransford Professor of English; Vice Provost for Diversity Initiatives, Columbia University
Wednesday, September 21st, 2005, 6:00-7:30pm

Summary of Event: Professor Howard investigated the relationship between the generic forms in which Shakespeare worked and the geographical spaces depicted in his plays. At a time when England was participating in new forms of global trade and travel, the theater was a key site for making sense of the world beyond England's shores and for refiguring this northern nation's place within an apparently expanding world. Professor Howard argued that the generic system Shakespeare used was a primary means by which he parsed the globe and constructed and managed cultural difference.

"Thoughts on Religion by a Protestant Fundamentalist Turned Hard-Nosed Scientist"

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Wallace S. Broecker, PhD, Newberry Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences, Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University
Wednesday, September 28th, 2005, 6:00-7:30pm

Summary of Event: Dr. Broecker recounted his experience growing up as a fundamentalist protestant and discussed the reasons that, while in college, he abandoned religion. In addition, Dr. Broecker expressed his view regarding the existence of God.

“Genetically Speaking”

[View this Seminar on the Web](#)

Patricia Williams, JD, James L. Dohr Professor of Law, Columbia School of Law; columnist for The Nation

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2005, 6:00-7:30pm

Summary of Event: Professor Williams' seminar will confront the tough issue of how the recent DNA maps are both racialized and anthropomorphized, especially concerning how we grant personhood, destiny and a sense of endowment at the molecular level.

“The HIV Epidemic: A Catalyst for Better Healthcare for All?”

[View this Seminar on the Web](#)

Wafaa El-Sadr, MD, MPH, Professor of Clinical Medicine, College of Physicians and Surgeons; Chief, Division of Infectious Diseases, Harlem Hospital; Director, Center for Infectious Diseases Epidemiologic Research, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

Wednesday, November 9th, 2005, 6:00-7:30pm

Summary of Event: The HIV/AIDS epidemic threatens the lives of populations around the world. It has had the most severe impact in some of the poorest countries around the world, countries already suffering from many other health related and economic challenges. These are also countries with some of the most fragile health care systems. Will this epidemic lead to further damage and devastation to these health care systems or can it be a force to reshape and invigorate them?

“What You've Done to the Least of These”

[View this Seminar on the Web](#)

Reverend Dr. Robert W. Edgar, General Secretary, National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA

Wednesday, November 16th, 2005, 6:00-7:30pm

“Is Religion Really Good for Your Health?”

[View this Seminar on the Web](#)

Dr. Richard P. Sloan, Professor of Behavioral Medicine, Department of Psychiatry; Director, Behavioral Medicine Program, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center

Wednesday, November 30th, 6:00-7:30pm

Event Summary: Among the general public and even within the medical community, there is a growing belief that religious involvement is good for your health. This trend is not only unsupported by the evidence but it also is associated with significant ethical and clinical problems and it threatens to trivialize the religious experience.

Bi-Annual Symposium, 2004

“Love and its Obstacles”

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"Our present economic, social and international arrangements are based, in large measure, upon organized lovelessness." Aldous Huxley, "The Perennial Philosophy" (1945)

Join us in re-examining Huxley's verdict in a day-long interdisciplinary symposium featuring five renowned intellectual and spiritual leaders.

The event will transcend disciplinary boundaries to examine obstacles to love in our personal, social and political lives. The symposium aims to put the subject of love on the public academic agenda, exploring what is meant by the word "love" and how the absence of love in our "present economic, social and international arrangements" diminishes the prospect of a world that might otherwise be more filled with peace, justice and universal good health.

The symposium is part of the [Love Studies Project](#), a two-year exploration on the subject of Love in a university setting, sponsored by the [Fetzer Institute](#).

Location: Columbia University, Low Memorial Library
Sunday, November 7th, 2004, 11:00am - 5:00pm

The Fall 2004 Seminar Series

“Creating a Culture of Civility in a Diverse Environment”

[View this Lecture on the Web](#)

Gardner Dunnan, Assistant Provost for Special Projects and Head of School at The School at Columbia University

Wednesday, October 20, 2004, 6:30-8:00pm

“Origins: Fourteen Billion Years of Cosmic Evolution”

[View this Lecture on the Web](#)

Neil deGrasse Tyson, Ph.D. Astrophysicist and Director, Hayden Planetarium

Wednesday, October 27, 2004, 6:30-8:00pm

“How Will It End? Scientific and Religious Eschatologies”

[View this Lecture on the Web](#)

Prof. Neil Gillman, Chair, Department of Jewish Philosophy, Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Wednesday, November 17, 2004, 6:30-8:00pm

“Can We Defuse the Global Warming Time Bomb?”

[View this Lecture on the Web](#)

[View "Global Temperature Trends: 2005 Summation," a GISS paper by Dr. Hansen](#)

Dr. James Hansen, Director NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies

Wednesday, December 1, 2004, 6:30-8:00pm

The Spring 2004 Seminar Series

“Evolution and Schools: A Review of Supreme Court Decisions”

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Kent Greenawalt, Ph.D.

Wednesday, January 28, 2004, 6:00-7:30 pm

“Painful Remembering: The Case of Modern Germany”

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Don Shriver

Wednesday, February 25, 2004, 6:00-7:30 pm

“The Decalogue, Parts I & II”

Film screening and discussion with Annette Insdorf, Ph.D.

Tuesday, March 2, 2004, 6:00-7:30 pm

“The Decalogue, Parts III & IV”

Film screening and discussion with Annette Insdorf, Ph.D.

Tuesday, March 9, 2004, 6:00-7:30 pm

“The Decalogue, Parts V & VI”

Film screening and discussion with Annette Insdorf, Ph.D.

Tuesday, March 30, 2004, 6:00-7:30 pm

“The Scarlet Number”

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Eugene Galanter, Ph.D.

Wednesday, March 31, 2004, 6:00-7:30 pm

“The Decalogue, Parts VII & VIII”

Film screening and discussion with Annette Insdorf, Ph.D.

Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 6:00-7:30 pm

“Fostering the Psychological Survival of Vulnerable Children”

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Francine Cournos, M.D.

Wednesday, April 20, 2004, 6:00-7:30 pm

“The Decalogue, Parts IX & X”

Film screening and discussion with Annette Insdorf, Ph.D.

Tuesday, April 30, 2004, 6:00-7:30 pm

The Fall 2003 Seminar Series

“The Romance of Water: Culture, Religion, Science and the Pathway to Sustenance”

[View this Lecture on the Web](#)

Upmanu Lall, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Earth and Environmental Engineering; Senior Research Scientist, International Research Institute for Climate Prediction, Earth Institute, Columbia University

Tuesday, October 7, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

“Connectivity for Sustainability: Deploying IT & Knowledge for Development”

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Nazli Choucri, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science; Director, Global System for Sustainable Development (GSSD); Associate Director, Technology and Development Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Tuesday, October 21, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

“The Limitations of Religious Tolerance”

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Joseph Hough, Ph.D., President of the Faculty and William E. Dodge Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Tuesday, November 11, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

“The Humanity of Science: Science and Spirit after the 20th Century”

Joseph Vining, J.D., Professor of Law, University of Michigan

Tuesday, December 2, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

The Spring 2003 Seminar Series

“Destructive Emotions: Neuroscience, Psychology and Buddhism”

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Richard Davidson, Ph.D., Vilas Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Daniel Goleman, Ph.D., Co-chair of the Consortium for Social and Emotional Learning in the Workplace, School of Professional Psychology, Rutgers University

Robert A.F. Thurman, Ph.D., Professor of Religion, Columbia University . Joseph Vining, J.D., Professor of Law, University of Michigan

January 28, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

“Facts, Faith, and the Future of Science”

Ursula Goodenough, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Washington University, St. Louis;

Associate Professor of Anatomy, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis

John Horgan, Freelance writer and author of *The End of Science* and *The Undiscovered Mind*. Former senior writer at *Scientific American* from 1986 to 1997

Sharon Olds, Ph.D., Professor of Poetry, Graduate Creative Writing Program, New York University

Moderated by Robert Pollack, Ph.D.
February 5, 2003, 8:00pm

“Faith in a World Shaped by Einstein and Hitler”

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Ismar Schorsch, Ph.D., Chancellor and Rabbi Herman Abramovitz Professor of Jewish History, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
February 11, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

“The Good Samaritan and his Genes”

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Holmes Rolston, III, Ph.D., University Distinguished Professor, Department of Philosophy, Colorado State University
February 25, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

“Degrees of Freedom”

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Piet Hut, Ph.D., Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Institute for Advanced Study
March 4, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

“The Decalogue, Parts I & II”

Film screening and discussion with Annette Insdorf, Ph.D., Director of Undergraduate Film Studies, School of Arts, Columbia University
Tuesday, March 12, 2003, 7:00-9:30 pm

“Long-term Perspectives of Economics Development in the Islamic Middle East”

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Jeffrey Sachs, Ph.D., Director, Earth Institute; Quetelet Professor of Social Science and Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University
April 1, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

“Artificial Intelligence, A.I.”

Film screening and discussion with Sharon Olds, Ph.D., Professor of Poetry, Graduate Creative Writing Program, New York University and Robert Pollack, Ph.D., Professor of Biological Sciences; Lecturer in Psychiatry; Adjunct Professor of Religion; Director, Center for the Study of Science & Religion, Columbia University
April 15, 2003, 7:00-9:30pm

“The Role of Faith-Based Institutions in Debt Relief and Development”

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Sara Sievers, M.B.A., Executive Director, Center for Globalization and Sustainable Development, Earth Institute, Columbia University
May 6, 2003, 5:30-7:00pm

“Amen”

Film screening and discussion with Annette Insdorf, Ph.D., Director of Undergraduate Film Studies, School of Arts, Columbia University
May 8, 2003, 7:00-9:30pm

The Fall 2002 Seminar Series

“Science and Spirituality: Doing and Being”

Praveen Chaudhari, Ph.D., Director of Research, IBM/Briarcliff
Wednesday, September 25, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“Fallen Angels or Rising Beasts?: Human Uniqueness as an Interdisciplinary Challenge for Theology and Science”

J. Wentzel van Huyssteen, Ph.D., James I. McCord Professor of Theology and Science,
Princeton Theological Seminary
Wednesday, October 2, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“Spirit: A Natural Resource in Poor Communities”

Mindy Fullilove, M.D., Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons; Professor of Public Health and Director of the Community Research Group, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University and Robert Fullilove, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Public Health, Division of Sociomedical Sciences and Associate Dean for Community and Minority Affairs, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
Wednesday, October 30, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“Toward a New Environmental Ethic: Science and Religion in Conversation”

Larry Rasmussen, Th.D., Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Wednesday, November 20, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“The Position of the Sacred in Contemporary Alternative Medicine”

Courtney Bender, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Religion and Sociology, Columbia University
Wednesday, December 11, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

The Spring 2002 Seminar Series

“The Business of Values in the Development of the Modern Hospital”

David Rosner, Ph.D., Professor of History and Public Health and Director, Center for History and Ethics, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
Wednesday, January 30, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“Shedding New Light on the Galileo Affair”

Mariano Artigas, Ph.D., Professor of Natural Philosophy and Philosophy of Science and Vice-Dean of the Ecclesiastical Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Navarra in Pamplona, Spain; Member of the Pontifical Academy of Saint Thomas, The Vatican, Rome, Italy
Wednesday, February 6, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“The Slow and Silent Exclusion of Religion from Bioethics: the Case of Human Genetic Engineering, 1959-1995”

John Evans, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego; Visiting Member, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ
Wednesday, February 27, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“The Sacred Depths of Nature”

Ursula Goodenough, Ph.D., Professor of Biology, Washington University, St. Louis; Associate Professor of Anatomy, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis
Wednesday, March 6, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“Robots That Can Collaborate and Learn”

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Manuela Veloso, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Computer Science, Robotics Institute, Carnegie Mellon University
Wednesday, April 3, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“The Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center: A Biopsychosocial Spiritual Model for Serving Teens”

Angela Diaz, M.D., James W. and Jean C. Crystal Professor of Adolescent Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics, Mount Sinai School of Medicine; Director, Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center
Wednesday, April 24, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

“Ordinary Faith, Ordinary Science”

William Phillips, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Physics, University of Maryland ; Group Leader, Laser Cooling and Trapping Group, Atomic Physics Division, National Institute of Standards and Technology; 1997 Nobel Laureate in Physics
Monday, May 6, 2002, 5:00-6:30pm

The Problem of Evil

“Speaking of Faith,” an American Public Media Program

February 15, 2002

[Listen: Is heaven evil? A Web-only exchange with Robert Pollack on approaching the mysteries of other faiths](#)

[Listen to the Entire Program](#)

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Many around the world labeled the events of September 11 as "evil." President Bush in his recent State of the Union speech described "an axis of evil." But what does the word mean? It is a subject of enduring theological debate, even of scientific argument. It drives to the heart of the question: What does it mean to be human?

Robert Pollack, biologist and Director of Columbia University's Center for the Study of Science and Religion

Rami Nashashibi , a Muslim social activist, founder of the Inner City Muslim Action Network
Lisa Lampman, formerly of Prison Fellowship, a crisis worker who responds to school shootings
Leon Weinstein and daughter Natalie Gold, Holocaust survivors
M. Scott Peck, a psychiatrist, reading excerpts from his 1985 book People of the Lie

Bi-Annual Symposium, 2002

“The Varieties of Religious Experience”

A Colloquium on the Centennial of William James' "The Varieties of Religious Experience"
March 24-26, 2002

[View this Colloquium on the Web](#)
[Visit this Event's Web Page for More Information.](#)

After a period of neglect, American pragmatism has enjoyed a renaissance during the past twenty-five years, bringing renewed interest in James's writings on the part of historians, philosophers, and students of literature. The centennial anniversary of Varieties provides an occasion for reexamining a book that has always elicited a wide audience and can provoke fresh thinking about religion and its relation to science.

"Damned for God's Glory:" William James and the Scientific Vindication of Protestant Culture"

David Hollinger, Chancellor's Professor of History at the University of California, Berkeley
[View this Lecture on the Web](#)

“Pragmatism and 'An Unseen Order' in Varieties”

Wayne Proudfoot, Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Columbia University
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“The Fragmentation of Consciousness and The Varieties of Religious Experience: William James's Contribution to a Theory of Religion”

Ann Taves, Professor of History of Christianity and American Religion at the Claremont School of Theology and Professor of Religion at the Claremont Graduate University
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“The Varieties of Ordinary Experience”

Jerome Bruner, a native New Yorker, is University Professor at New York University, where he teaches at the School of Law
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“Some Inconsistencies in James's Varieties”

General discussion with Richard Rorty, educated at the University of Chicago and Yale, currently a professor of Comparative Literature at Stanford
[View this Discussion on the Web](#)

Sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation as part of the Templeton Research Lectures on the Constructive Engagement of Science and Religion

The Fall 2001 Seminar Series

“Meditative and Contemplative States”

Robert Thurman, Joseph Loizzo, Jon Kabat-Zinn and Charles Johnson explore objective knowledge and subjective experience to discuss the complex interactions between meditation, wisdom, religion, and health. These four presentations will allow an audience to understand meditative and contemplative states from the points of view of medicine, education, psychiatry, and religion.

[Visit this Event's Webpage for More Information](#)

“The Healing Power of Mindfulness: How an Ancient Buddhist Meditation Practice is Influencing Medicine and Health Care, Business and Education”

Tuesday, October 16, 2001, 6:00pm

“Meditation and the Self-Regulation of Learning: A Link Between Health Science and Religion?”

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Joseph Loizzo, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons

Tuesday, October 30, 2001, 6:00pm

“The Elusive Art of Mindfulness”

Thursday, October 25, 2001, 6:00pm

“The Higher Educations of Meditation and Wisdom: Lessons from the Indo-Tibetan University”

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Robert A. F. Thurman, Ph.D., Professor of Religion, Columbia University

Wednesday, November 7, 2001, 6:00pm

Sponsored by the [Nathan Cummings Foundation](#) and [The Fetzer Institute](#).

The Spring 2001 Seminar Series

“Experiencing the Mysterious”

Four scholars - a bioethicist, a chemist, a philosopher, and a Buddhist Tenzin - each renowned for his or her work on questions that lie at the margin of a scientific and a religious subject, raise questions from their work and offer reflections on work, life, and the complex relationship between the two.

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“A Bioethicist's View from Academe to Public Service and Back”

[View this Lecture on the Web](#)

Ruth Fischbach, Professor of Bioethics in Psychiatry, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons
Wednesday, March 21, 2001, 6:00-7:30

“The Many-Sided Conflict between Science and Religion”

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Philip Kitcher, Professor of Philosophy, Columbia University
Wednesday, March 28, 2001, 6:00-7:30

“Manjushri's Wisdom Sword: A Buddhist View of Religion and Science”

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Robert Thurman, Jey Tsong Khapa Professor of Indo-Tibetan Buddhist Studies, Columbia University
Tuesday, April 3, 2001, 6:00-7:30

“Old Wine, New Flasks: Reflections on Science and Jewish Tradition”

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Roald Hoffman, Frank H.T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters (Chemistry and Chem-Bio), Cornell University, Spring 2001 Visiting Professor at Columbia
Tuesday, April 17, 2001, 6:00-7:30

Sponsored by [The Templeton Foundation](#).

The Fall 2000 Seminar Series

“Conceptions of Science and Self”

The purpose of the "Conceptions of Science & Self" series is to examine the relation of knowledge and experience and the relation of the objective to the subjective. Each topic in the series asks the question: how do our personal experiences and values influence our decisions? In creating this dynamic lineup of speakers, we have attempted to cater to the interests of Columbia students both academically and personally. Each lecture will be followed by a small reception book signing.

[Visit this Event's Web Page for More Information](#)

“Objective and Subjective Views of Suicide”

Dr. Kay Jamison, author of *Night Falls Fast* and *An Unquiet Mind*
October 11, 2000, 7:00-8:30pm

“Issues in End-of-life Medical Care”

Bruce Jennings, author of *Faithful Living, Faithful Dying*
November 1, 2000, 7:00-8:30pm

“An Obstetrician's Work in Public Health”

Dr. Allan Rosenfield, Dean of Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

November 8, 2000, 7:00-8:30pm

“Understanding and Influencing People”

Dr. Robert Glick, Director of the Columbia Center for Psychoanalytic Training and Research,
Columbia University

November 15, 2000, 7:00-8:30pm

The Spring 2000 Seminar Series

“God and Robots”

Dr. Anne Foerst, founder of [MIT's God and Computers Project](#), Director of the CTNS Religion and Science Course Program for the Northeast region, theological adviser for the Cog and Kismet projects at the MIT Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, contributing editor of Spirituality & Health magazine, research associate at the Center for the Study of Values in Public Life at [Harvard Divinity School](#), consultant for National Public Radio, and author of [God In the Machine: What Robots Teach Us About Humanity and God](#).

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“Stories we tell: Where Robotics and Theology Meet”

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April 5, 2000, 5:00-7:00pm

“Are our Bodies Our Selves? Insights from Robotics”

[View this Lecture on the Web](#)

April 19, 2000, 5:00-7:00pm

“Are Robots Images of God? Musings about Personhood”

April 26, 2000, 5:00-7:00pm

“Film Screening of April 19 and April 26 Gods and Robots Lectures”

May 3, 2000, 5:00-7:00pm

“Personhood, Embodiment, Interaction”

May 10, 2000, 5:00-7:00pm

The Fall 1999 Seminar Series

“The Faith of Biology and the Biology of Faith”

Leonard Hastings Schoff Memorial Lectures, Seventh Series

[Visit The Faith of Biology and the Biology of Faith Web Page for more information](#)

Robert Pollack, Professor of Biological Sciences; Lecturer in Psychiatry; Adjunct Professor of Religion; Director, Center for the Study of Science & Religion, Columbia University

Order vs. Meaning: Science and Religion

Monday, October 11, 1999, 8:00pm

The Meaning is in the Order: DNA-Based Medicine

Monday, October 18, 1999, 8:00pm

Meaning Beyond Order: The Science of One Life at a Time

Monday, October 25, 1999, 8:00pm
