

RELIGIOUS PLURALISM IN NORTH AMERICA: SCHEDULE OF DISCUSSIONS

The Pluralism Project, Harvard University
Toronto, November 22, 2002
Metro Toronto Convention Center Room 716-B

Schedule of Discussions

1:00 - 2:30 First Discussion Session: The State of Research on Religious Diversity - U.S. and Canada

- **Diana Eck**, Harvard University: Opening remarks and update on the Pluralism Project and Critical Issues in the U.S.
- **Grove Harris**, Harvard University: Pluralism Project Pragmatics, including Online Databases and Outreach
- **Paul Bramadat**, University of Winnipeg: *Religion and Ethnicity in Canada*
- **David Seljak**, St. Jerome's University: *Religion and Ethnicity in Canada*
- **Sulayman S. Nyang**, Howard University: Muslims in the American Public Square
- **Zahid Bukhari**, Georgetown University: Muslims in the American Public Square

Discussants:

- **Sheila McDonough**, Concordia University: Islam, Christian Muslim Dialogue
- **Jamie Scott**, York University: Editor, *The Religions of Canadians*; and Religion and Postcolonial Literatures
- **Wahida Valiante**, Vice-President of the Canadian Islamic Congress
- **Walid Saleh**, University of Toronto: Islamic Studies
- **Patrice Brodeur**, Connecticut College: Québec Perspective on Multiculturalism in Canada
- **Carol B. Duncan**, Wilfrid Laurier University: Religion and Culture of the African Diaspora in Toronto

2:30 - 3:00 Break with refreshments and continuing informal conversation.

- **Mark MacWilliams**, St. Lawrence University: GIS mapping display

3:00 - 4:30 Second Discussion Session: Teaching in and Through the Context of Religious Pluralism

- **Stuart Chandler**, Indiana University of Pennsylvania: "Experiencing Religious Diversity: The Pluralism Project as a Pedagogical Resource"
- **Patrice Brodeur**, Connecticut College: The Pluralism Project at Connecticut College
- **Rita Lester**, Nebraska Wesleyan University: Changing Religious Landscape of Lincoln, NE
- **Yudit Kornberg Greenberg**, Rollins College: Religious Life in Orlando, Florida
- **Eboo Patel**, Associated Colleges of the Midwest: Interfaith Youth Core

Discussants:

- **Karen Penchilis Prentiss**, Drew University: Historical Religions New to the American Context in Northern and Central New Jersey

- **Jack Hawley**, Barnard College: Hinduism in New York and a new course, "Hinduism Here"

4:30 - 5:15 Break with light supper and continuing informal conversation.

5:15 - 7:00 Third Discussion Session: New Research on Religious Communities

- **Janet McLellan**, Wilfrid Laurier University: Buddhist Communities in Toronto
- **Corrie Norman**, Converse College: Gender, Food, and Meaning: Mapping Religious Diversity in Charlotte, NC
- **Updates on Research on Hindu Communities: Vasudha Narayanan**, University of Florida, Gainesville; **Arti Dhand**, University of Toronto; **Allen Richardson**, Cedar Crest College; **Vivodh Anand**, Indo-American Cultural Society
- **Claude Jacobs**, **Bill McNeece**, The University of Michigan—Dearborn: Mapping the Religious Landscape of Detroit, Michigan
- **Elijah Siegler**, University of California, Santa Barbara: History and Practice of Daoism in North America

Discussants:

- **Paul Numrich**, Loyola University: Religion, Immigration and Civil Society in Chicago Project and other research
- **Pamela Klassen**, University of Toronto: Religion and Biomedicine
- **Linda Barnes**, Boston Medical Center, The Boston Healing Landscape Project
- **Michael Lanphier**, York University: "The Role of Religion and Religious Institutions in the Lives of Elderly Newcomers"
- **Yifa**, Hsi Lai University: *Safeguarding the Heart: A Buddhist Response to Suffering and September 11*

7:00 - 8:30 Fourth Discussion Session: Concluding Discussions, Networking