

CPD 37: Religious Literacy for Educators

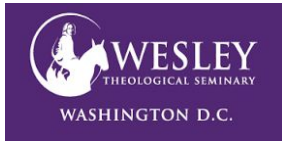
June 27 – July 1 2016

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DAY 1: Introduction and Foundations of Religious Literacy

Walter Johnson High School Room 109

[6400 Rock Spring Dr. Bethesda MD 20814](#)



7:30 - 8:00	BREAKFAST - Coffee and Bagels from Dunkin Donuts Introduction to Religious Literacy & it's role in our Public Schools PEW Survey
8:00 – 9:00	Mike McCurry @mmccurry & Kasey Kaseman – The Importance of Religious Literacy in the 21st Century and why it matters to Montgomery County Public Schools.
9:15 - 9:45	Prof. Stephen Prothero@sprothero – The Importance of Religious Literacy in the 21st Century and why it matters to the world Author of Religious Literacy: What Every American Needs to Know–And Doesn't & God Is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions That Run the World
10:00 -10:30	Linda K. Wertheimer @Lindakwert - The Importance of Religious Literacy in the 21st Century and how you can teach about it in our public schools Author of <i>Faith Ed: Teaching About Religion in an Age of Intolerance</i>
10:30 - 12:00	Bill Aiken @billaiken & Danny Hall @Daniel_Hall9 (Soka Gakkai International) – Buddhism 101
12:00	LUNCH (Provided by Montgomery County Office of Community Partnerships; Paisano's Pizza & Salad)
12:30 – 1:15	Geetika Kaur & Pritpal Kaur Ahluwalia (Kaur Foundation) @KaurFoundation - Spaces of Diversity and Dialogue: Learning more about Sikhism and the experiences of Sikh-Americans.
1:30 – 2:15	Hena Khan @henakhanbooks , Mindy Portnoy , & Jessi Kaur – Using Children's Literature to spread Religious Literacy
2:30 – 3:30	Melissa Rogers @melissarogers (<i>TENTATIVE</i>) Importance of Religious Literacy in the 21 st Century and why it matters to the President of the United States
3:45 – 4:00	Reflection (Created by Alice Chen @awychan Teacher-Researcher & PhD candidate McGill)

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DAY 2: Community Site Visit #1 Rockville MD

[Temple Beth Ami](#)

14330 Travilah Rd, Rockville, MD 20850

[Guru Gobind Singh Foundation](#)

13814 Travilah Rd, North Potomac, MD 20878



8:00 -8:15	<i>Breakfast</i> - Coffee, Bagels, & Fruit from Moti's Market provided by JCRC @JCRCgw Judaism as a Peoplehood and how that is a different framework than a religion and that should lead into the subject of anti-Semitism. Rabbi Batya Steinlauf
8:15 – 9:00	Ira Foreman @SEASForman Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism Importance of religious literacy in combating religious based hate and violence
9:00-11 :15	Judaism 101 and tour of synagogue Rabbi Batya Steinlauf and Rabbi Luxemberg Steven Adleberg JCRC Importance of religious literacy in our schools from the eyes of a former principal and parent
11:30 -12:00	Lungar (LUNCH) Provided by Guru Gobind Singh Foundation (vegetarian Indian)
12:30 – 4:00	Sikhi 101 and tour of gurdwara Student led services with Sikh Kid to Kid @SikhKid2Kid Demonstrations Parent and student panel

*** Clothing: Both the synagogue and gurdwara ask that teachers dress modestly; ALL teachers will have to cover their heads and remove their shoes inside of the gurdwara (bandanas will be provided)**

DAY 3: [Georgetown University](#) Partnership

3729 Prospect St, Washington, DC 20007

PARKING is \$20 CASH ONLY![@ACMCU](#)

8:00	<i>BREAKFAST Coffee, tea & pastries</i> provided by ACMCU @ACMCU Intercultural Center (ICC) - From parking garage walk past football stadium (keep on your left side) and walk up hill bearing right at Jesuit cemetery on right. CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY ARAB STUDIES #241
8:00 - 11:00	Susan Douglas Islam 101, "Hot Button Issues", & Teaching about Islam in the public schools
11:00 - 11:30	Jordan Denari Duffner & Kristin G. Şekerci @KGarritySekerci Bridge Initiative Staff @bridgeinit History Islamophobia & Resources for teacher
11:30 - 12:00	Daniel Tutt Using media to teach religious literacy and combat bigotry
12:00 - 12:30	<i>LUNCH</i> - Provided by ACMCU Mediterranean Bakery
1:00 - 4:00	Fr. Dennis McManus - Center for Jewish Civilizations - Christianity 101

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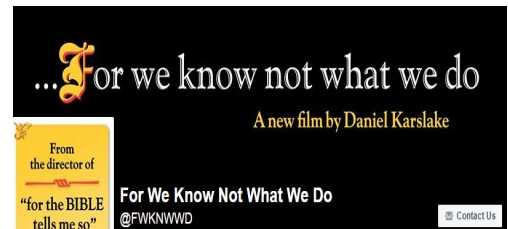
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Day 4: [Religious Freedom Center](#) & [Center for American Progress](#) Partnership

Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Avenue Northwest, Washington, DC 20001

1333 H Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20005

Metro stops Judiciary Square (Newseum) and Metro Center (CAP)



9:00 -10:00	Nate Walker @revnate - Foundations of religious freedom in the United States
10:00 - 11:00	Kristen Looney - The power and importance of dialogue
11:00 - 12:00	Ben Marcus @bpmarcus- 6 Guidelines for Teaching about Religion
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch and Travel to CAP on your own 1 mile walk (Down Penn. Ave.; Right on 13th; Left on H St;
1:00 - 1:30	Anisha Singh @Anisha_S113 - Legal Issues religious minorities face in America
1:30 - 4:00	Daniel Karlslake @dogooderdan (recorded message) - Story behind <i>For the Bible Tells Me So</i> and update on For We Know Not What We Do (2017) Screening of <i>For the Bible Tells Me So</i> (1hr 40 min) Gene Robinson @BishopGRobinson- The importance of religious literacy in LGBTQ rights

Day 5: Community Visit #2 Lanham MD**[Sri Siva Vishnu Temple](#)**[6905 Cipriano Rd, Lanham, MD 20706](#)**[Diyanet Center of America](#)**[9704 Good Luck Rd, Lanham, MD 20706](#)

9:00 - 10:00	<u>Murali Balaji</u> - Importance of teaching religious literacy and better teaching Caste, Karma, and Cows
10:00 - 11:00	<u>DC Rao</u> - Hinduism 101
11:00 - 12:00	Temple Guided Tour
12:00 - 1:00	<i>LUNCH</i> provided by Sri Siva Vishnu Temple (Vegetarian Indian)
1:00 - 4:00	A.H. Sharif Salim - Welcome Diyanet Center of America Jumu'ah (Friday Prayer) - (about 20 min. sermon/ 20 min. prayer) Tour of Diyanet Center
4:30	Farewell post lesson plans via classroom or email by July 9th

* Clothing Modest clothing required (no shorts, tank tops, revealing tops, etc) and women are expected to bring a scarf to wear inside the Mosque.