



Religion and Public Life: Seventy Years after the Scopes Trial
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Session One. The Historical Context of the Scopes Trial

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Thursday, November 2

Welcoming remarks: Madeleine J. Goodman, Dean, College of Arts & Science

Ronald L. Numbers, William Coleman Professor of the History of Medicine and the History of Science, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Among many other publications, Professor Numbers is the author of The Creationists (A.A. Knopf, 1992) and the co-editor of God and Nature: Historical Essays on the Encounter between Christianity and Science (University of California Press, 1986).

Charles Reagan Wilson, Professor of History, University of Mississippi and Co-director, Center for the Study of Southern Culture. Professor Wilson is the author of Baptized in Blood: The Religion of the Lost Cause, 1865-1920 (University of Georgia Press, 1980) and the co-editor of The Encyclopedia of Southern Culture (University of North Carolina Press, 1989).

Panel Moderator: Arleen Tuchman, Associate Professor of History, Vanderbilt University, and Fellow, National Humanities Center.

Session Two. Science and Religion: Cooperation, Compromise, and Conflict

9:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Friday, November 3

Michael Lienesch, Gordon and Bowman Gray Professor of Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Professor Lienesch is the author of Redeeming America: Piety and Politics in the New Christian Right and New Order of the Ages: Time, the Constitution, and the Making of Modern American Political Thought. He is currently working on a project entitled "Rethinking Scopes: The Scopes Trial and the Politics of Progress in Twentieth-Century America."

William Provine, Charles A. Alexander Professor of Biological Sciences at Cornell University. Professor Provine is the author of The Origins of Theoretical Population Genetics and Sewall Wright and Evolutionary Biology. He is co-editor of The Evolutionary Synthesis: Perspectives on the Unification of Biology.

Wallace Charles Smith, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. Dr. Smith is the author of The Church in the Life of the Black Family. He is a graduate of Villanova University and received his doctor of ministry from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Dr. Smith was Pastor at First Baptist Church, Capitol Hill in Nashville, Tennessee from 1986-1991.

Kurt P. Wise, Associate Professor of Science and Director of Origins Research and Resource Center at William Jennings Bryan College. Professor Wise completed his Ph.D. in 1989 at Harvard University under the direction of Stephen Jay Gould. His work has appeared in both academic and general public journals.

Panel Moderator: Joseph C. Hough, Jr., Professor of Christian Ethics and Dean, Vanderbilt University Divinity School.

Session Three.* Trajectories: From 1995 to

2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Friday, November 3

Ira Glasser, Executive Director, the American Civil Liberties Union and author of Visions of Liberty: The Bill of Rights for All Americans. Glasser's writings have appeared in publications including The New Republic, The Nation, Harper's and Christianity and Crisis.

David Steiner, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University and author of Rethinking Democratic Education, a recently published book on civics education. He is also an advising scholar to the National Standards in Civics Education Panel, and has worked with a number of educational projects in the University and Government contexts.

Thomas R. Ward, Jr., Chaplain, University of the South. Reverend Ward is a graduate of the University of the South. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University from 1967-69. In 1975, he was awarded the M.Div. degree from the Virginia Theological Seminary. Reverend Ward served as rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee from 1981-1994.

Panel Moderator: John Seigenthaler, Chair, The Freedom Forum First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University.

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*Jean Bethke Elshtain, originally scheduled to be in Session Three, withdrew from the conference due to the death of her mother, Helen Bethke.

Session Four. Workshop on "Religion and Public Life"

10:00 a.m. - noon, Saturday November 4

A workshop will be held with interdisciplinary teams of teachers representing several public schools in Davidson County chosen in conjunction with the superintendent of schools. The teachers will have been in attendance at all conference sessions.

Chairing the initial Saturday workshop and small group discussions will be:

*Marcy Singer Gabella, Assistant Provost for Initiatives in Education, Assistant Professor of Teaching and Learning. Professor Gabella's areas of special interest include curriculum design and development and school-university partnerships. She serves on the Advisory Committee of the Freedom Forum/First Amendment Center Project on Teaching about Religion in the Public Schools.

*Charles Haynes, former executive director of the First Liberty Institute at George Mason University and past president for the National Council on Religion in Public Education. Haynes, presently a visiting scholar at the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt, has developed a social studies curriculum entitled "Living With Our Deepest Differences," which incorporates religious education.

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*Hedy M. Weinberg, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Tennessee since 1984. Ms. Weinberg works closely with school administrators and students throughout the state on issues related to religious freedoms and the separation of church and state.