



Diana L. Eck

Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies at Harvard University, Eck will be the first visiting scholar. She will share her insights and lead us in discussion of “Christian Ministry amidst Religious Pluralism” on February 15-16, 2015. Dr. Eck is a leading scholar in interfaith relations and author of such books as *A New Religious America: How a “Christian Country” has Become the World’s Most Religiously Diverse Nation* (Harper San Francisco, 2002), and *Encountering God: A Spiritual Journey from Bozeman to Banaras* (Beacon Press, 1993) which was selected for the Grawemeyer Award in Religion for 1995. She has made a major impact on enabling religious communities in America to embrace one another through the Pluralism Project, of which she is founder and director.

Amy-Jill Levine

University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies, E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of New Testament Studies, and Professor of Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School and College of Arts and Sciences; Levine is also affiliated faculty, Woolf Institute, Centre for Jewish-Christian Relations, Cambridge UK. Professor Levine’s numerous publications pay particular attention to understanding Jesus within his Jewish context, to Jewish-Christian relations, and to the intersections of religion, gender, and sexuality. A self-described “Yankee Jewish feminist who teaches in a predominantly Christian divinity school in the buckle of the Bible Belt,” Professor Levine combines historical-critical rigor, literary-critical sensitivity, and a frequent dash of humor with a commitment to eliminating anti-Jewish, sexist, and homophobic theologies.

John Thatamanil

John J. Thatamanil is Associate Professor of Theology and World Religions at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He has taught a wide variety of courses in the areas of comparative theology, theologies of religious pluralism, Hindu-Christian dialogue, Buddhist-Christian dialogue, the theology of Paul Tillich, and process theology. He is the author of *The Immanent Divine: God, Creation, and the Human Predicament. An East-West Conversation* (Fortress Press, 2006). He is currently completing his second book tentatively entitled, *The Hospitality of Receiving: The Promise of Religious Diversity* (Fordham University Press).

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson

Wesley Granberg-Michaelson served as General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America for 17 years from 1994 to 2011. Previously he held the position of Director of Church and Society at the World Council of Churches in Geneva, and served as Legislative Assistant to U.S. Senator Mark O. Hatfield. Active in several ecumenical initiatives, he was one of the founders of Christian Churches Together in the USA, and serves with the international committee of the Global Christian Forum.

Eboo Patel

Named by *US News & World Report* as one of America’s Best Leaders of 2009, Eboo Patel is the founder and Executive Director of Interfaith Youth Core (IFYC), a Chicago-based institution building the global interfaith youth movement. Author of the Grawemeyer Award-winning book *Acts of Faith: The Story of an American Muslim, the Struggle for the Soul of a Generation* (Beacon Press, 2010), Eboo is also a regular contributor to the *Washington Post*, National Public Radio and CNN. He is a member of President Obama’s Advisory Council of the White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, and holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship.