Conference Schedule: The Golden Rule in the Religions of the World

The Institute is pleased to present a three-day conference devoted to the study of the Golden Rule in the Religions of the World, from Tuesday, April 15, through Thursday, April 17, 2008.

Organized by Bruce D. Chilton and Jacob Neusner, participants include Robert Berchman, Dowling College; Daniel Berthold, Bard College; Chris Boehm, University of Southern California; Mark A. Csikszentmihalyi, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Richard Davis, Bard College; Carolyn Dewald, Bard College; Harry Gensler, John Carroll University; William Scott Green, University of Miami; Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin; Th. Emil Homerin, University of Rochester; Mahnaz Moazami, Columbia University; Baruch A. Levine, New York University; Olivier du Roy, Paris; Kristin Scheible, Bard College; Jeffrey Wattles, Kent State University; David Sloan Wilson, Binghamton University.

Reservations are requested as space is limited. There is no charge for attendance at the sessions, however there is a nominal charge for meals. Please return attached form to confirm your registration.

The conference is presented at the College with a grant from the Institute for Research on Unlimited Love.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration, Weis Cinema
1:00–1:15 p.m. Welcome, Michèle Dominy, Dean of the College
1:15–2:15 p.m. Keynote address: Defining the Golden Rule, William Scott Green, University of Miami

HOW THE GOLDEN RULE FIGURES IN WORLD RELIGIONS
2:15–3:15 p.m. The Golden Rule in Ancient Israelite Scripture, Baruch A. Levine, New York University
3:30–4:30 p.m. The Golden Rule in Graeco-Roman Religion and Philosophy, Robert Berchman, Dowling College
4:30–5:30 p.m. The Golden Rule in Graeco-Roman Religion and Philosophy, Carolyn Dewald, Bard College
5:30–7:00 p.m. Dinner, Faculty Dining Room, Kline Commons (preregistration required)
7:00–8:00 p.m. The Golden Rule in Confucianism, Mark A. Csikszentmihalyi, University of Wisconsin-Madison

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
9:00–10:00 a.m. The Golden Rule in Judaism, Jacob Neusner, Bard College
10:00–11:00 a.m. The Golden Rule in Zoroastrianism, Mahnaz Moazami, Columbia University
11:00–12 noon The Golden Rule in Earliest Christianity, Bruce D. Chilton, Bard College
12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch, Kline Commons (preregistration required)
1:00–2:00 p.m. The Golden Rule as the Law of Nature, from Origen to Martin Luther, Olivier du Roy, Paris
2:00–3:00 p.m. The Golden Rule in Islam, Th. Emil Homerin, University of Rochester
3:15–4:15 p.m. The Golden Rule in Buddhism [I], Kristin Scheible, Bard College
4:15–5:15 p.m. The Golden Rule in Buddhism [II], Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin
5:30–7:00 p.m. Dinner, Faculty Dining Room, Kline Commons (preregistration required)
7:00–8:00 p.m. The Golden Rule in Hinduism, Richard Davis, Bard College
8:00–10:00 p.m. The Golden Rule. Film screening and discussion with filmmaker Tina Petrova, and representatives of Scarboro Missions: Paul McKenna and Rev. Leslie Gabriel Mezei

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
ANALYTICAL PERSPECTIVES
9:00–10:00 a.m. Philosophical Perspectives on the Golden Rule, Daniel Berthold, Bard College
10:00–11:00 a.m. Philosophical Perspectives on the Golden Rule, Jeffrey Wattles, Kent State University
11:00–12 noon The Golden Rules of Religion, David Sloan Wilson, Binghamton University
12:00–1:00 p.m. Lunch, Kline Commons (preregistration required)
1:00–2:00 p.m. How the Golden Rule Can Lead to Reproductive Success: A New Selection Basis for Alexander’s “Indirect Reciprocity,” Chris Boehm, University of Southern California
2:00–3:00 p.m. Gold or Fool’s Gold? Ridding the Golden Rule of Absurd Implications, Harry Gensler, John Carroll University
3:00–3:30 p.m. Discussion and Conclusion

Please note: Presentation order and titles, subject to change.

Events occur in the Weis Cinema of the Bertelsmann Campus Center, unless otherwise noted.
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Registration Form
Please complete and return to the IAT with any applicable payment

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Conference Sessions
____ I plan to attend all sessions of conference (April 15–17, 2008)

or
____ I plan to attend morning sessions (9:00 a.m. – noon, April 16 and 17, 2008)
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____ I plan to attend evening sessions (7:00 – 8:00 p.m., April 15 and 16, 2008)

Meals
____ I plan to participate in all meals during the conference, April 15–17, 2008, $45.00

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____ Dinner in the Faculty Dining Room, April 16 at 5:30 p.m., $12.00
____ Lunch in Kline Commons, April 17 at noon, $7.00

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