

RELIGION & PUBLIC HEALTH
COLLABORATIVE

RELIGION AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS RECEPTION

Faculty and students who are interested in learning more about how religion and public health intersect are invited to meet faculty and student scholars from other disciplines across the university to learn what is happening at the intersection of religion and public health at Emory. Come discover ways you can be involved in this exciting field.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 • 5:30–7:00 P.M.

Rita Ann Rollins Room, 8th floor

Grace Crum Rollins Building, Rollins School of Public Health

Students who are currently enrolled in the dual-degree program (MDiv/MPH and MTS/MPH) or the certificate in religion and health will discuss what brought them to study this field and their view on the importance of the ways in which religion and public health can work together – or apart.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
RSVP not required | All are welcome!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 22, 2019: Religion and Public Health Community of Scholars Reception
- December 3, 2019: Fourth Annual John W. Hatch FaithHealth Lecture, Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina
- March 20-22, 2020: True to Tradition? Religion, the Secular, and the Future of Medicine, The Ohio State University
- April 21, 2020: Emory Faculty Impact Forum on Religion and Public Health
- January 10, 2020: 2020 Faithful Families Summit, McKimmon Center, Raleigh, North Carolina

*All events at Emory unless specified

FEATURED NEWS & VIDEOS

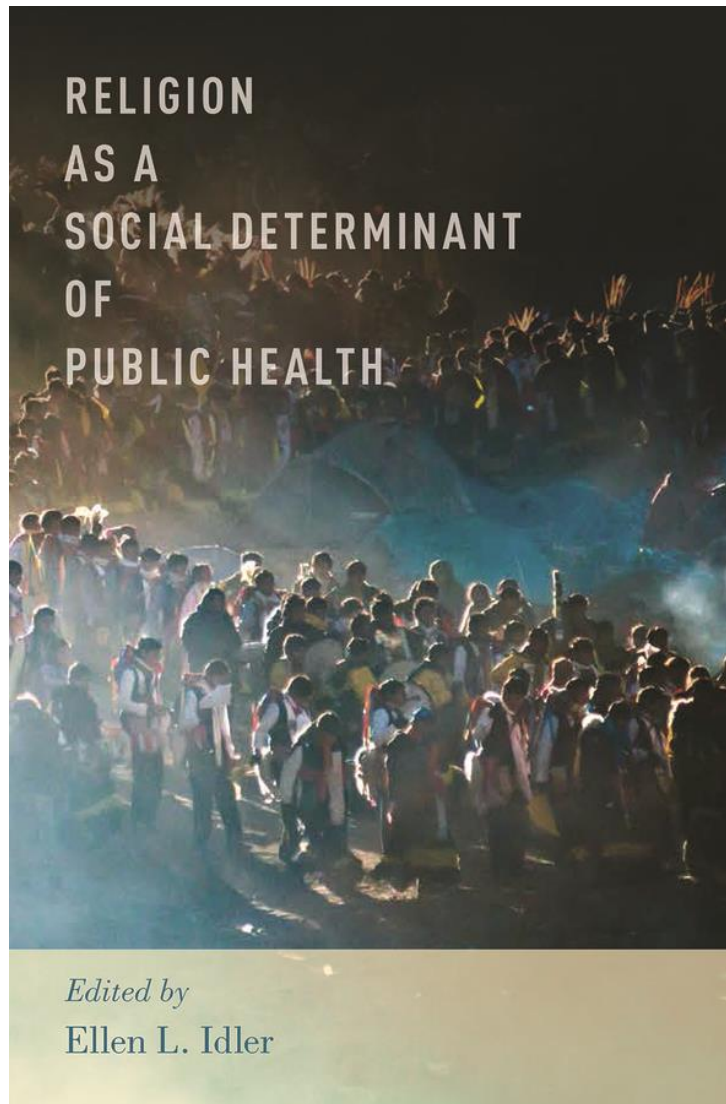


President Carter Visits Religion and Public Health Seminar

On October 16, 2019, President Jimmy Carter visited Dr. Idler's Fall 2019 graduate seminar on Religion and Public Health. Students in the seminar are from Rollins, Candler, GDR, Emory College, the Center for Ethics, and Sociology in the PhD, MTS, MPH, MDiv, MD/MPH,...

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Edited Volume in Religion and Public Health – 36 Emory authors



Chapter 1. Religion: The Invisible Social Determinant - Ellen Idler (Sociology)

Part I. Public Health in the Practices of the World's Faith Traditions

Daily Religious Practices

Chapter 2. Refuge Meditation in Contemporary Buddhism - Geshe Lobsang Tenzin Negi and Brendan Ozawa-de Silva (Religion)

Chapter 3. Taiji (T'ai-chi) in Taoism - Eric Reinders (Religion)

Chapter 4. Veiling in Islam: A Western Feminist Outsider's Perspective - Kathryn M. Yount (Global Health)

Chapter 5. Vegetarianism in Seventh-day Adventism - George H. Grant and Jose Montenegro (Nursing)

Weekly Religious Practices

Chapter 6. The Eucharist in Roman Catholicism - Phillip M. Thompson (Theology)

Chapter 7. Congregational Hymn Singing in Mainline Protestantism - Don E. Saliers (Theology)

Annual Religious Practices

Chapter 8. Hatsumōde, or Visitation of Shinto Shrines: Religion and Culture in the Japanese Context - Chikako Ozawa-da Silva (Anthropology)

Chapter 9. Fasting in Islam - Abdullahi An-Na'im (Law)

One-time Only Religious Practices

Chapter 10. Circumcision in Judaism: The Sign of the Covenant - Don Seeman (Religion)

Chapter 11. Puberty Rite in African Religious Traditions: *Kloyo Peemi* - Emmanuel Yartekwei Amugi Lartey (Theology)

Chapter 12. Baptism by Immersion in Latin American Evangelical Protestantism: the *Santa Cruz* Case - L. Wesley de Souza (Theology)

Chapter 13. Cremation Rites in Hinduism - Bhagirath Majmudar (Medicine)

Part II. Religion in the History of Public Health

Chapter 14. Christian Commitment to Public Well-Being: John Wesley's "Sensible Regimen" and "Primitive Physick" - Karen D. Scheib (Theology)

Chapter 15. US Public Health Reform Movements and the Social Gospel - John Blevins (Public Health)

Chapter 16. Anthony Comstock: A Religious Fundamentalist's Negative Impact on Reproductive Health - Lynn Hogue and Carol Hogue (Law, Public Health)

Part III. Religion and Public Health across the Life Course

Chapter 17. Religion and Reproductive Health - Laura M. Gaydos and Patricia Z. Page (Public Health, Medicine)

Chapter 18. Religion and Physical Health from Childhood to Old Age - Ellen Idler (Sociology)

Chapter 19. Religion, Spirituality, and Mental Health: Toward a Preventive Model Based on the Cultivation of Basic Human Values - Brendan Ozawa-de Silva (Religion)

Part IV. Religion and Public Health across the Globe

Chapter 20. Religion and Global Public Health - Peter J. Brown (Anthropology)

Chapter 21. The Christian Medical Commission and the World Health Organization - Matthew Bersagel Braley (Theology)

Chapter 22. Ingenious Institutions: Religious Origins of Health and Development Organizations - Ellen Idler (Sociology)

Chapter 23. Mapping Religious Resources for Health: The International Religious Health Assets Programme - James R. Cochrane, Deborah McFarland, and Gary R. Gunderson (Theology, Public Health)

Part V. Religion and Three Public Health Challenges of Our Time

Chapter 24. HIV/AIDS - Safiya George Dalmida and Sandra Thurman (Nursing, Public Health)

Chapter 25. Influenza Pandemic - Mimi Kiser and Scott Santibañez (Public Health)

Chapter 26. Alzheimer's Disease and Dementias - Kenneth Hepburn and Theodore M. Johnson II (Nursing, Medicine)

Conclusion: Religion's Role as a Social Determinant of Twenty-First-Century Health: Perspectives from the Disciplines - Paul Root Wolpe, Walter Burnett, and Ellen Idler (Ethics, Public Health, and Sociology)

Christianity's Role in United States Global Health and Development Policy To Transfer the Empire of the World

Book Launch and Lecture



John Blevins, ThD

Research Associate Professor
Director, Interfaith Health Program
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Wednesday, October 10

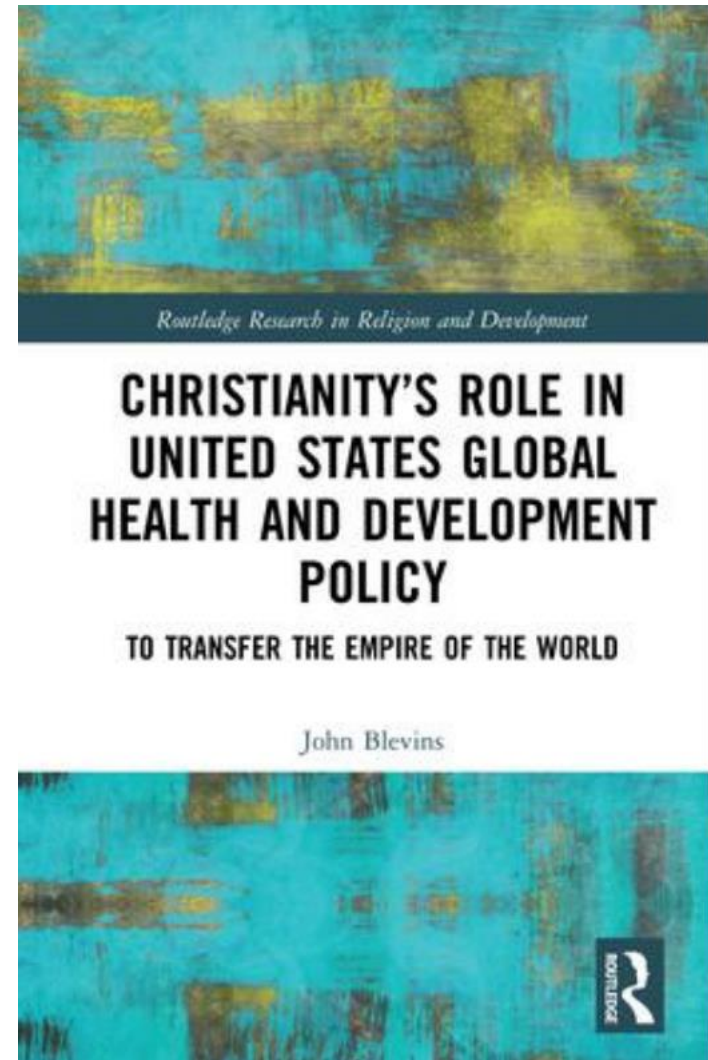
4:00 pm Lecture

5:00 pm Reception

Lawrence P. and Ann Estes Klamon Room . 8th Floor
Claudia Nance Rollins Building
Rollins School of Public Health

With introductory remarks by James W. Curran, MD, MPH
and comments by William H. Foege, MD, MPH

Sponsored by: The Religion and Public Health Collaborative, Interfaith Health Program, Global Health Institute, Institute of Developing Nations, Center of Ethics, and Masters in Development Practice



**American Journal of Public Health
Special Section, February 2019
“Partnerships in Religion and Public Health”**

Guest Editor: Ellen Idler, Emory University

**Co-Editors: Tyler VanderWeele, Harvard University; Jeff Levin, Baylor University;
Anwar Khan, Islamic Relief USA**

Introduction to the Special Section

Ellen Idler, Jeff Levin, Tyler VanderWeele, Anwar Khan

Editorial for the Special Section on the Role of the Black Church

David Williams and LaPrincess Brewer

Harvard University

State Level Partnerships

“Faithful Families, Thriving Communities: Bridging Faith and Health Through a State-Level Partnership”

Annie Hardison-Moody and Julia Yao

**Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences, NC State University, Raleigh, NC
Community Connections for Prevention and Health Branch, NC Division of Public Health**

Editorial Writer: Gary Gunderson and Teresa Cutts, Wake Forest University

National Level Partnerships

“A National Network of Public Health and Faith-Based Organizations to Improve Vaccination Outreach”

Mimi Kiser and Kay Lovelace

Emory University School of Public Health, UNC Greensboro

Editorial Writer: Howard Koh, Harvard University

Global Level Partnerships

“Colliding Healthworlds?: Faith and Global Health Practice in Ebola and HIV Emergencies”

John Blevins, Mohammad Jalloh, Dave Robinson

Emory University School of Public Health, CDC, and World Vision

Editorial Writer: William Foege, Task Force for Global Health





Emory Faculty Impact Forum



Connection, Collaboration, and Community

The Emory Faculty Impact Forum convenes a broad group of faculty across schools and disciplines to engage in discussions of big questions and ideas.

The forum series is designed by the Office of the Provost to stimulate interdisciplinary connection, collaboration, and community. By doing so, the series seeks to advance priority areas of cross-disciplinary research reflecting Emory's eminence.

APRIL 21, 2020: RELIGION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

This forum topic will advance the interdisciplinary study of religion as a determinant of population health by exploring how religion modifies other social forces on health—such as political and economic inequality, racism, and social isolation. Also to be explored: the roles religion plays in communities where health is most adversely affected by inequality, and how students in these fields may build engaged partnerships to benefit communities.

Panelists:

- **Emmanuel Lartey** - Candler Professor of Pastoral Theology and Spiritual Care
- **Mimi Kiser** - Assistant Research Professor
- **John Blevins** - Associate Research Professor, Director of the Interfaith Health Program

Moderator:

- **Ellen Idler** - Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor

REGISTER FOR APRIL 21 FACULTY FORUM

Religion and Health Courses at Emory

Course	Instructor (School)	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctoral
African Traditional Healing	Lartey (CST)		X	
Assessing Religion's Role in Public Health and Development Initiatives in Kenya	Blevins, Kiser, McFarland (RSPH)		X	
Caring for Marginalized Populations	Ellison (CST)		X	
Ethnography, Reproductive Health, and Religious Ethics	Seeman (LGS)			X
Faith and Health: Transforming Communities	Kiser (CST/RSPH)		X	
Health and Healing: Understanding the Role of Religion	Flueckiger (EC/RSPH)	X	X	
Health as Social Justice	Kiser (RSPH/CST)		X	
Pastoral Dimensions of Biomedical Decisions	Scheib/Faucett (CST)		X	
Responding to Suffering	Grant (CST/SON)		X	
Religion and Public Health	Idler (LGS/CST/RSPH)		X	X
Religion and Healing, Buddhist Meditation	Negi/Ash (EC)	X	X	
Religion and Health in Context: AIDS	Blevins (RSPH/CST)		X	X
Religion and Health in Context: Sexual and Reproductive Health	Blevins (RSPH/CST)		X	X
Spiritual Care in African Religious Traditions	Lartey (CST/GDR)		X	X
The New Testament and Healing	Wilson (CST)		X	

Religion and Health Interdisciplinary University Certificate

The program in Religion and Health provides an opportunity for the interdisciplinary study of the intersections of health and religions. Perspectives from a variety of disciplines in the health sciences and the social sciences, particularly those in public health, are brought into dialogue with those from theology and religion to assist students in developing theories and practices about personal, communal, institutional, and social dimensions of health. An interdisciplinary perspective will provide students with resources to analyze:

- The way in which faith, understood as constituted by a set of religious and spiritual beliefs and practices, may contribute to the promotion or inhibition of health of persons and communities from various religious and spiritual traditions
- The way in which religion, health, and their respective structures impact persons, communities, and larger systems and influence public policy and institutional practices.

Participating Schools: Candler School of Theology and Rollins School of Public Health with key contact faculty advisors in each school (a remarkable institutional collaborative process!)

Key Components of the Interdisciplinary Certificate: This is currently a certificate for degree-seeking students that provides a structure for taking two courses outside their primary degree school and tailor existing academic requirements. Requirements for completion of the certificate include:

- One of three core courses (3-credit-hours each) – Health and Healing: Understanding the Role of Religion; Faith and Health Transforming Communities; and Religion and Public Health
- Attendance and participation at the annual RPHC Community of Scholars reception at the beginning of the each academic year
- An integrative paper/thesis
- Elective courses – equivalent to 9 hours
- Practice/field component in religion and health that fits the requirements in the discipline which the student is enrolled
- Participation in University-wide special lectures and seminars in religion and health

For Further Information:

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Religion and Health Certificate – How Do I Enroll?

RSPH Enrollment and Completion

- Enrollment decision should be made no later than spring registration the year before graduation, in consultation with your advisor
- Enrollment and completion forms are available on the www.rphcemory.org website
- Certificate completion forms should be completed by April 1st the year of graduation

Candler Enrollment and Completion

- Enrollment decision should be made during an MDiv 2nd year
- Enrollment forms are available on the CTS registrar web page
- The registrar at CTS tracks achievement of certificate requirements.

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Graduates and Students in Religion and Public Health at Emory

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- Elisha Bronner, MPH,
- Christine Cooper, MPH,
- Cristha Edwards, MDiv,
- Stephen Kim, MPH,
- Lahronda Little, PhD, Graduate Division of Religion
- Katrina Ma, MPH,
- Shari Madkins, PhD, Graduate Division of Religion
- Ashley Meehan, MPH,
- Soon Nix, MDiv,
- Emily Rivers, MDiv,