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FOUR PUBLIC SEMINARS

Sept. 20 and Oct. 18, 2011

Jan. 24 and Feb. 28, 2012

Seminars meet from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Krannert Room of Clowes Memorial Hall, on the campus of Butler University, 4600 Sunset Ave., Indianapolis, IN. Admission is free, but tickets are required and available at the Clowes Hall box office and Ticketmaster.*

AFRICAN INDEPENDENT CHURCHES TODAY

Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2011 | Krannert Room

Independent churches in Africa have been at the leading edge of religious change on that continent during the last century. We will explore this movement with a focus on the Kimbanguist Church, one of the largest churches in Africa, with the grandson of its founder.

Speaker



Papa Simon Kimbangu Kisolokele is the grandson of Papa Simon Kimbangu, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ on Earth Through the Prophet Simon Kimbangu, one of the largest independent Christian denominations in Africa rooted in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Respondents

Dr. Dianne M. Diakit  is professor of religion at Emory University and recently attended a conference on the Kimbanguist church in Kinshasa.

Dr. R. Drew Smith is James Weldon Johnson Visiting Professor at Emory, a leading scholar of the African-American church and a frequent visitor to Africa.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOXY 20 YEARS AFTER COMMUNISM

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2011 | Krannert Room

In the two decades since the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, Orthodox Christianity has made remarkable strides and faced new challenges. A leading American scholar of the Russian Orthodox Church will help us examine this chapter in the life of the global church.

Speaker



Dr. Nadieszda Kizenko is professor of history at the State University of New York at Albany and a leading American scholar of Russian Orthodoxy.

Respondents

Dr. Scott Kenworthy, a historian at Miami University of Ohio, is author of a highly regarded study of Russia's famed Trinity Monastery.

The Rev. Nabil Hanna is pastor of St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church in Indianapolis.

CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA TODAY

Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2012 | Krannert Room

House churches remain at the center of the expansion of Christianity in China, an underground reality in the communist nation. Yet the rise of Christian intellectuals and the struggle for human rights have emerged as well. An historian and chronicler of popular religious movements in modern China lead our discussion.

Speaker



Dr. Lian Xi is professor of history at Hanover College and the author of *Redeemed by Fire* (2010), a leading study of popular Christianity in modern China.

Respondent

Dr. Fenggang Yang is professor of sociology at Purdue University, where he directs the Center on Religion and Chinese Society.

THE FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012 | Krannert Room

By the middle of the century, Christianity will be dominated by diverse and dynamic communities in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Its theology, social ethics and worship will reflect this historic shift. One of the most important scholars of global Christianity gives content and perspective to these trends.

Speaker



Dr. Philip Jenkins is an historian and professor of humanities at Pennsylvania State University. He is the author of a leading work about contemporary Christianity, *The Next Christendom: The Coming of Global Christianity* (2002).

Respondents

The Rev. Dr. Angelique Walker-Smith is executive director of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, a leader in the World Council of Churches and a frequent visitor to churches in the global South, especially Africa.

Dr. Michael Miller is professor of theology and director of cross-cultural and international programs at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis.

Admission is free, **BUT TICKETS ARE REQUIRED** and available at the Clowes Memorial Hall box office and Ticketmaster*. There is a limit of **two** tickets per person. Tickets for the September and October 2011 events are available beginning Sept. 6, 2011. Tickets for the January and February 2012 events will be available beginning Jan. 2, 2012. The box office is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday. For group ticket requests of **10 or more** tickets, contact Marguerite Stanciu, (317) 923-7253.

*Ticketmaster fees apply