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News, Research, Calls for Papers and Events from the
University of Missouri's Center on Religion & the Professions
April 11, 2008

CORP EVENTS

April 16 Film Series: ["Religion & Politics"](#) Free. **["The War Within,"](#)** drama about a potential terrorist who experiences a crisis of conscience, identity and faith as he decides whether to carry out his mission. Fisher Auditorium, Gannett Hall-Room 87, 7 p.m.

April 30 Film Series: ["Religion & Politics"](#) Free. **["The Great Warming,"](#)** documentary about human impacts on the global climate and what can be done. Fisher Auditorium, Gannett Hall-Room 87, 7 p.m.

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

April 12 Panel and Performances: ["Sacred Expressions: Journeys in Faith & Art,"](#) features musicians, poets, dancers and other artists sharing how spiritual journeys inspire and give meaning to their art. Free. Sponsored with The Cherry Street Artisan. 111 9th St., Columbia. Panel 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Reception 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Performances 7:30-11 p.m. See schedule [here](#).

April 14 Lecture: ["The Global Reach of American Christianity,"](#) by **Robert Wuthnow**, chair of Princeton University's Department of Sociology. Sponsored with the Department of Religious Studies and Department of Sociology. Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union, 7 p.m.

April 19 Lecture and Film: Marshall and Kristen Thompson speak about the future of peace activism and show **["A Soldier's Peace,"](#)** a film about Marshall Thompson's 500-mile walk to protest the Iraq war. A Mormon and former military journalist, Thompson covered the war in Iraq. Sponsored with the MU Peace Studies program. Fisher Auditorium, Gannett Hall-Room 87, 7 p.m.

April 21 Lecture: Dan Lehmann, editor of **The Lutheran**, speaks on writing for specialized media. Lehman is editor of the official magazine of the 5 million-member Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Sponsored with the Missouri School of Journalism. Tucker Forum, noon.

CORP NEWS

New Book: L. Scott Smith, a 2004 senior fellow with CORP, has published a book, ["America Unraveling: A Politically Incorrect Analysis of Public Faith and Culture."](#) While at the Center, Smith analyzed how "religion" has been jurisprudentially defined in the U.S.

Featured Speaker: CORP director **Debra L. Mason** was a featured speaker at [The Forum on Covering Religion](#) held April 2, 2008, at Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. Mason's session focused on **"Religion in the News: What Future Reporters and Editors Need to Know."**

Radio Interview: CORP blogger **Geoff Brooke** was featured April 8, 2008, on KCOU's news talk show, "Your Morning DJ." Brooke moderates the Center's ["ReligiousLife@MU"](#) and ["God, Media & More"](#) blogs. Listen to the interview [here](#).

OTHER CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

April 16 Ceremony: "Virginia Tech Vigil: A Call to Peace," features "Christians coming together to remember the pain and pray for peace," a vigil for the victims and families of those who died in the campus attack. Hosted by the Catholic Students Association, Wesley United Methodist Campus Ministry and Christian Campus House. Carnahan Quad, 6:30 p.m. For information, e-mail <mailto:gab343@mizzou.edu>.

April 22 Lecture: "Conversations on Learning, Teaching, & More ... Positions on Stem Cell Research: How People Decide," about findings of how undergraduates draw from many sources (media, science, religion, culture) to form opinions on stem-cell research. 107 Townsend Hall, 11:30 a.m.

April 20 [Open House](#): Islamic Center of Central Missouri hosts an open house, offering opportunity to tour the mosque and learn about Islam. 201 S. 5th St., (Fifth and Locust streets), Columbia. 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

April 26-27 Retreat: "Cultivating Equanimity in Times of Trouble and in Times of Grace," a weekend retreat with **Gina Sharpe**, co-founder of the New York Insight Meditation Center. MU

Black Culture Center, April 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; April 27, 9 a.m.-noon.
Register at 443-0362 or <mailto:clarkeb@health.missouri.edu>.

RELIGION IN THE NEWS

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