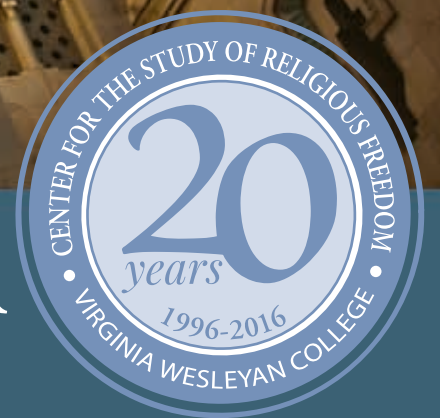


# Understanding

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



STANDING TOGETHER  
& Celebrating 20 Years

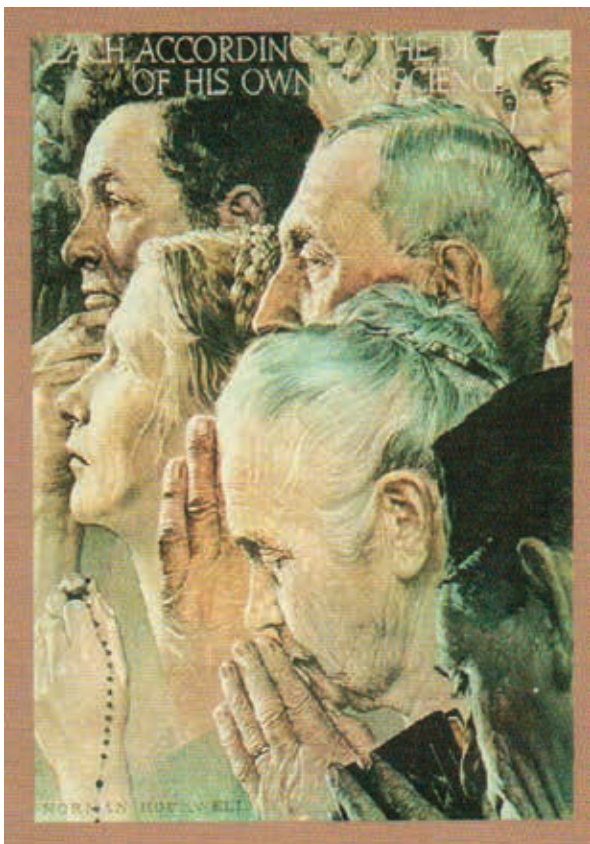




# Standing Together and

*(along with a nod to Norman Rockwell and respect for Dwight Eisenhower)*

“ First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me. ”



Political and social apathy are not uncommon. As Pastor Martin Niemöller’s words remind us, they also are not without consequence. What happens when we stand alone and draw our personal boundaries so narrowly that we do not see others as our neighbors? We find ourselves shrugging our shoulders and asking, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” That is how the base of our community begins to dissolve, we become more inward-focused, and fear begins to be the natural starting point for our decisions.

In January of this year, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom, and a number of other groups and faith communities gathered at the Slover Library in Norfolk for a program entitled “Standing Together.” The program was a response to divisive rhetoric and Islamophobia.

The United States has almost 6,000 American Muslims serving in the military, with many star and crescent symbols on tombstones in Arlington National Cemetery. The first mosque on any U.S. military installation is at Naval Station Norfolk, just a few miles down the road from the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan College. We have American Muslims who carry military IDs, and they now hear others who demand that they carry ID cards related to their faith. We need to stand with those soldiers and public servants.

Here in Hampton Roads, Muslim officers from around the globe study and meet with American officers at Joint Forces Command, working together to fight terror and evil around the world. They stand together. We need to stand with those officers.

Within the last year, Muslim students in America have begun to express concerns about going to elementary and high school classes. There are Muslim families, who have lived in the United States for generations, who now keep some bags packed, because hateful comments and public intimidation are more acceptable than they were a year ago. We need to stand with those Muslim children and families.

As the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, we recognize our need to stand together, and to move beyond simple tolerance of each other’s differences.

# Celebrating 20 Years



In November 1995, Robert “Bob” C. Nusbaum proposed the idea for a Center for the Study of Religious Freedom, writing, “I venture to guess that more persons have been slaughtered in the name of religion than from any other cause... in this continuing saga of man’s inhumanity to man, the one bright light that goes beyond mere tolerance is Jefferson’s Statute for Religious Freedom. It laid the foundation for the First Amendment, and has served as a beacon for all enlightened constitutions ever since.”

That letter led to the establishment of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan College in September 1996. Last spring, in honor of his original vision and enduring support of the CSRF, Mr. Nusbaum was named the Founding Fellow of the CSRF.

This year we are focusing on “standing together,” so as to recognize the importance of both unity and of our heritage. Jefferson’s Statute and the First Amendment are important reminders of our need to be committed to principles beyond our own narrow self-interests, but two visual images particularly highlight the importance of “standing together.”

The first image is a 1942 Norman Rockwell painting. On National Public Radio’s “This I Believe,” Eboo Patel, the Founder of Interfaith Youth Core, said: “In my office hangs Norman Rockwell’s illustration *Freedom of Worship*. A Muslim holding a Quran in his hands stands near a Catholic woman fingering her rosary. Other figures have their hands folded in prayer and their eyes filled with piety. They stand shoulder-to-shoulder facing the same direction, comfortable with the presence of one another and yet apart. It is a vivid depiction of a group living in peace with its diversity, yet not exploring it. We live in a world where the forces that seek to



President Dwight Eisenhower

divide us are strong. To overcome them, we must do more than simply stand next to one another in silence.”

“Standing together” is not enough. The second image of President Dwight Eisenhower at the opening of the Islamic Center of Washington on June 28, 1957, acknowledged the same:

“I should like to assure you, my Islamic friends, that under the American Constitution, under American tradition, and in American hearts, this Center, this place of worship, is just as welcome as could be a similar edifice of any other religion. Indeed, America would fight with her whole strength for your right to have here your own church and worship according to your own conscience. This concept is indeed a part of America, and without that concept we would be something else than what we are ... I stand beneath these graceful arches, surrounded on every side by friends from far and near, I am convinced that our common goals are both right and promising. Faithful to the demands of justice and of brotherhood, each working according to the lights of his own conscience, our world must advance along the paths of peace.”

## THIS YEAR THE CSRF WILL FOCUS ON THE NEED TO STAND TOGETHER.

We are focusing on significant challenges in our society. Those challenges include racial, political, and religious ones. Throughout all of what we do, we hope to promote the importance of freedom, respect, and community. As President Eisenhower said, “This concept is indeed a part of America, and without that concept we would be something else than what we are.” We sincerely appreciate your support.

**Dr. Craig Wansink**, Joan P. and Macon F. Brock, Jr. Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom, and **Kelly Jackson**, Associate Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom

# STANDING TOGETHER in a Culture of Fear

**CLINT SMITH** - whose two *TED Talks*, “The Danger of Silence” and “How to Raise a Black Son in America,” collectively have been viewed more than four million times – will discuss how to create positive change in a culture of fear.

Smith will focus on the culture of fear in our country caused by hatred, violence, and discrimination, and highlight ways to create a more peaceful and inclusive society. Smith is a teacher, writer, and Ph.D. Candidate at Harvard University.

Sponsored in partnership with the President's Council on Inclusive Community, The Lighthouse, and Student Affairs, Virginia Wesleyan College

**Friday, September 30**

7-8:30 PM | BATTEN CONVOCATION CENTER

(Clint Smith will be the guest from 12-1 PM ON Another View radio program, WHRV 89.5 FM).

THIS FALL, THE CSRF, ALONG WITH MANY CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS, IS LEADING AN EFFORT TO BRING POSITIVE CHANGE AND HEALING.

## A Family Discussion

Prior to Clint Smith's talk, “Standing Together in a Culture of Fear,” on Friday, September 30 at 7 p.m., Virginia Wesleyan College will welcome **Barbara Hamm Lee** to campus on Tuesday, September 20 to moderate a family discussion. Open only to VWC students, faculty, and staff, we will begin the dialogue and hope that you will join the conversation during our fall events.

*We live in a country that is divided by religion, race, ethnicity, and political affiliation.*

*We have become a nation defined by violence, bigotry, and fear.*

*What can we do to challenge this culture of fear?*

*How can we stand together to encourage dialogue, inspire creative solutions, and heal?*





# 11th Annual ONE LOVE FESTIVAL

## *Standing Together*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1



The One Love Festival was conceived as a snapshot of what world peace would look like, even if only for one day. The 11th annual One Love Festival, “Standing Together,” brings all kinds of different people together to celebrate peace that transcends religion, nationality, race, gender, and age.

For more information, visit [onelovefestivalva.org](http://onelovefestivalva.org) | All CSRF events are free and open to the public.

**1– 2:20 PM | MONUMENTAL CHAPEL**

### **Why World Peace is Possible: Exploring the Anatomy of Violence and War**

Sponsored by Bishop Walter F. Sullivan Pax Christi Community of Hampton Roads

**Paul K. Chappell**, a West Point graduate, Iraq War veteran, and former U.S. Army Captain who serves as Peace Leadership Director of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, offers a new vision of hope, radical empathy, and a world beyond violence and war. Chappell grew up in Alabama with a Korean immigrant mother and a part African-American/part Caucasian father who suffered extreme war trauma from combat in both the Korean and Vietnam wars. Growing up in a violent household, Chappell now teaches the powerful form of leadership practiced by Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr., grounded in nonviolence skills and action. He has authored a seven book series, “Road to Peace.”

**2:30-4 PM | BOYD DINING HALL**

### **Standing Together in a Culture of Fear**

**TOWN HALL DISCUSSION** | Sponsored in partnership with WHRO Public Media and the Fort Monroe Authority. Register at [whro.org/talkaboutrace](http://whro.org/talkaboutrace).

Moderated by **Barbara Hamm Lee**, Host and Executive Producer of *Another View* Radio Program, WHRV 89.5 FM. Panelists include: **Paul Chappell**, Director, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation; **Michele Woods Jones**, Race Relations Specialist and Certified Diversity and Inclusion Professional; **Jonathan Zur**, President and CEO, Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.

**THE TOWN HALL DISCUSSION** offers a safe space for members of the community to have open and honest conversation about how to move away from the divisiveness that has gripped our nation. A panel will help to guide the conversation, but the discussion belongs to the audience. Please join us to offer your ideas for what we can do to create a more inclusive and peaceful world, society, and community. The Town Hall is part of the “**Race: Let’s Talk About It**” initiative launched by WHRO/WHRV in 2015. Topical discussions begin on WHRV’s *Another View* radio program and continue during town hall events. Please visit [whro.org/talkaboutrace](http://whro.org/talkaboutrace) to register.

**4-5:30 PM**

### **BATTEN STUDENT CENTER, MARLIN GRILLE Largest Drum Circle in the World**

**Arthur Lopez**, Facilitator, Organizer, Instructor, Drum Your Dream

Arthur Lopez from DrumYourDream.com will lead a rhythm-based shared experience designed to gather a community to drum for peace. The drum circle is ongoing and everyone is invited to join, regardless of musical ability, experience, or age. Hand percussion instruments will be available, or you may bring your own.

**6:15-9 PM**

### **BATTEN STUDENT CENTER, MARLIN GRILLE Standing Together Concert**

Emceed by **Nathan Richardson**, Award Winning Performance Poet and Author

This evening of music and performances includes, Sharon Silverstein & The Peace Project, Atumpan, Teens with A Purpose, Hampton Roads Boy’s Choir, and 3 Lives 4 Peace

## THE COOKSON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM LECTURE

Thursday, October 20

### **Rational Faith and Secular Unreason: Why Religious Freedom is Under Siege**

**Dr. Matthew J. Franck ’80**, Director, William E. and Carol G. Simon Center on Religion and the Constitution, The Witherspoon Institute

7-8:30 PM | BLOCKER HALL AUDITORIUM

It is commonplace to observe a spike in the incidence of conflicts in our law and politics between claims of religious freedom and competing claims of harm to other freedoms or principles of equality. American history has witnessed many instances of oppression experienced by minority faith communities, yet a kind of intellectual consensus has evolved regarding the basic principles of religious freedom, even while quarrels have persisted over the application of those principles. Today that consensus appears to be broken. What shattered it, and what are the prospects for its reconstruction? For answers, Dr. Matthew J. Franck interrogates the narrative that reason and religious faith are somehow at odds with one another. Franck is this year’s Cookson Visiting Scholar.

The Cookson Religious Freedom Lecture is named in honor of the Center’s founding director, **Dr. Catharine Cookson**, who died in 2004. **Matthew Franck** is the first Virginia Wesleyan College graduate to speak as the Cookson Visiting Scholar. Franck earned his B.A. in political science (magna cum laude) from Virginia Wesleyan in 1980, and in 1993 he received the Alumni Academic Achievement Award from the College.



# ELECTION 2016 What's At Stake?

On November 8, U.S. citizens will go to the polls to select the 45th President of the United States. Virginia Wesleyan College's "What's at Stake? Election 2016" Series brings academics and members of the Hampton Roads community together to engage in dialogue about topics emerging as important in this year's election, topics that include immigration, economics, journalistic ethics, and foreign policy. Please join us for open discussions of these critical issues.

**Tuesday, September 6** 11–11:50 AM & 7-8:30 PM  
BATTEN STUDENT CENTER | PEARCE HOSPITALITY SUITE

### Beyond the Wall: U.S. Immigration Policy

**Dr. Hector Perla**, Professor of Politics and Latin American Studies, University of California, Berkeley, Latin American Studies, Visiting Scholar American Political Science Association, Congressional Fellowship Program  
Dr. Perla will speak about problems with the US immigration system, the implications of these problems for the country, and how immigration issues have emerged during the campaign.

**Thursday, October 20** 11 AM–12:30 PM

BATTEN STUDENT CENTER | PEARCE HOSPITALITY SUITE

### Energy and Environmental Issues from Local Perspectives and in the 2016 Presidential Election

**Dr. Joel Eisen**, Professor of Law, University of Richmond  
This event will begin with a discussion about energy and environmental issues in Hampton Roads. Representatives from local environmental groups and organizations will participate. Professor Eisen then will talk about the candidates' positions on energy and environmental policies, and explore the consequences of environmental policies.

**Tuesday, October 25** 7-8:30 PM

BATTEN STUDENT CENTER | MARLIN GRILLE

### What's at Stake? Student Perspectives

#### Virginia Wesleyan College Students

In this year's election, what issues most concern college students? This event will be led by VWC students who will highlight policies that they favor and the reasons underlying their support for these policies.

**Tuesday, November 1** 7-8:30 PM

BOYD DINING CENTER | SHAFER ROOM

### Running as a Woman

**Dr. Regina Lawrence**, Executive Director, George S. Turnbull Portland Center and Agora Journalism Center, University of Oregon

Dr. Lawrence will speak on problems women face campaigning for political office in the U.S. She then will highlight the implications of these challenges for the Democratic nominee, Hillary Clinton.



**Tuesday, November 15** 11-11:50 AM

BOYD DINING CENTER | SHAFER ROOM

### Social Media's Role in Revolution & Social Movements

**Amanda Cronkhite**, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Social media has received substantial credit for helping citizens to mobilize in recent political revolutions, including the Arab Spring. Cronkhite will discuss the opportunities, and limits, involved in using social media as an organizational tool.

**Tuesday, November 15** 7-8:30 PM

BOYD DINING CENTER | SHAFER ROOM

### Media Coverage of Religious Conflicts

**Amanda Cronkhite**, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Cronkhite will examine institutional and business realities governing news production. She will highlight how media coverage of social conflict often is colored with bias due to the institutional and business constraints the media face.



**Thursday, October 27** 11 AM-12:30 PM & 7-8:30 PM  
BLOCKER HALL AUDITORIUM

### Just the Facts: Truth and Media Coverage

**Bill Adair**, Knight Professor of the Practice of Journalism and Public Policy and Director of the DeWitt Wallace Center for Media and Democracy, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University  
Professor Adair will speak about the role of journalists in U.S. elections, paying special attention to how journalists respond to distortions of facts or misinformation in election campaigns.

## What's At Stake? FACULTY PANELS

In this series VWC faculty members will focus on moving beyond the “election noise” and show—in a nonpartisan way—what key issues face the country, where serious disagreements exist in how to address those issues, and how the academy can illuminate both the issues and the disagreements in important ways.

**Thursday, September 22** 11–11:50 AM

BOYD DINING CENTER | SHAFER ROOM

### What's at Stake? U.S. Foreign Policy

**Dr. Dan Margolies**, Professor of History, and **Dr. Antje Schwennicke**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, VWC

Drs. Margolies and Schwennicke will explore foreign policy issues (terrorism, U.S. Middle East policy, etc.) that have emerged as important in the 2016 election. They will pay special attention to the historical context needed to understand these issues and the candidates' parties' positions on foreign policy.

**Tuesday, October 6** 11–11:50 AM

BOYD DINING CENTER | SHAFER ROOM

### What's at Stake? Gender, Sexuality, and Politics

**Dr. Kathleen Casey**, Assistant Professor of History, and **Dr. Leslie Caughell**,

Assistant Professor of Political Science, VWC

Drs. Casey and Caughell will explore issues related to gender and sexuality that have emerged as important in the 2016 election, including transgender rights and candidates' attempts to appeal to female voters.



**Thursday, November 3** 11–11:50 AM

BOYD DINING CENTER | SHAFER ROOM

### What's at Stake? Economy

**Dr. Paul Ewell**, Associate Professor of Management, Business, Economics, and **Dave Garraty**, Professor of Management, Business, Economics, VWC

Dr. Ewell and Mr. Garraty will explore economic issues that have emerged as important in the 2016 election, including discussion of international trade agreements, social security, and business tax reform.

## NEXUS INTERFAITH DIALOGUE: FAITH AND ELECTION 2016

Complementing the “*What's at Stake? Election 2016*” Series – this year's Nexus Interfaith Dialogues will also focus on the election. Since 1998, this hallmark CSRF program, sponsored in partnership with the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities (VIC), has served as a point of connection to foster open and respectful dialogue among people of differing faiths or of no faith.



Moderated by **Cathy Lewis**, Host of WHRV 89.5 FMs “*HearSay with Cathy Lewis*,” the fall 2016 Nexus programs will focus on how different faith perspectives shape attitudes towards key issues, political parties, and individuals. Participants will discuss how their faith informs and influences how they make decisions.

**Monday, September 26** 7-8:30 PM

BLOCKER HALL AUDITORIUM

### Jewish and Muslim Perspectives on Election 2016

*Panelists include:* Dr. M'hammed Abdous (Muslim); Rabbi Jeffrey Arnowitz (Conservative Jew); Rabbi Sender Haber (Orthodox Jew); Dr. Ahmed Noor (Muslim); moderated by Cathy Lewis.

**Monday, October 24** 7-8:30 PM

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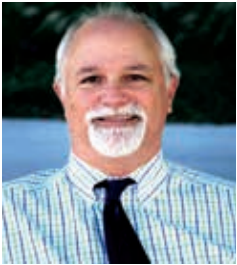
### Christian, Hindu, and Sikh Perspectives on Election 2016

*Panelists include:* Father James Curran (Catholic); Dr. Baljit Gill (Sikh); Dr. Antipas Harris (Protestant); Reverend Gloria R. Newsome (Protestant); Dr. Dilip Sarkar (Hindu); moderated by Cathy Lewis.



# “There but for the grace of God...”

By **Dr. Eric Michael Mazur**, CSRF Fellow for Religion, Law, and Politics, and VWC Gloria and David Furman Professor of Judaic Studies



I teach a course at VWC titled “Religious Battles in Court.” It is your basic church-state studies course; students read foundational documents, American history, and roughly two-dozen Supreme Court decisions involving the First Amendment’s religion clauses. The last thing

we discuss is a 1992 article in *The Atlantic*, “Jihad vs. McWorld,” by political theorist Benjamin Barber. Barber argues that future global alignments and conflicts will depend on the “globalist” (“McWorld”) or “tribalist” (“Jihad”) tendencies of particular cultures. (In hindsight, the decision to use the word “jihad” seems problematic; Barber’s argument is not limited to Islam.) All of the “global” religious traditions retain such tendencies – the “tribal” religious literalists/traditionalists and the “global” modernists – which enables “globalists” to create a seemingly global culture across traditions, and to form coalitions in conflict (or even combat) with the various “tribalists” around the globe.

While Barber argues that both extremes threaten democracy, I make two of my

own points. First, the same transformations have occurred in the United States, particularly since the 1960s, as modernists and literalists have realigned more by ideology and less by theology. One need only compare the institutional membership of religious coalitions opposing abortion with those supporting capital punishment. Second, two of the most powerful tools keeping our domestic situation from becoming like Barber’s global situation are the religion clauses of the First Amendment.

This is not to suggest that there has been no religious violence in this country, or that what is taking place globally could not happen here. But it hasn’t yet, largely because the religious clauses of the First Amendment – and the spirit of religious liberty that developed from them – provide a buffer against such horrors. Nearly two hundred years ago, Alexis de Tocqueville pointed this out in *Democracy in America*, observing that American churches served as social pressure valves, providing citizens the opportunity to critique the government and the government (through responsible clergy and social norms) the ability to moderate the citizens’ frustrations. By 1840, five years before the Supreme

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.*





Court first mentioned the religion clauses, a spirit of religious liberty had already emanated from the First Amendment. Today, that spirit continues, radiating not just from churches, but also from synagogues, mosques, temples, covens, and gatherings of all peoples, religious and not. There continue to be disagreements about what that spirit of religious liberty means, and few argue that there is “too much” of it. In fact, in surveys conducted by the Newseum Institute and USA Today over a 20-year period (1997-present), fewer than 10 percent of those surveyed said so. As of this year, most believed that it was “just right” (67 percent), but nearly a quarter (23 percent) felt that there wasn’t enough. And troublingly, only 59 percent said that religious freedom applied to all groups (13 percent were unsure). So for those who work to expand religious liberty – and those who teach others about it—there’s still work to be done.

But even so, this year, as we celebrate the 225th anniversary of the adoption of the religion clauses (with the rest of the Bill of Rights)—and the 20th anniversary of the founding of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom – it is important to take a look around the globe and reflect on what might have been had we not had those 16 words giving us all a stake in the religious freedoms we share, incomplete as some might feel they are.

*For there, but for the grace of those religious clauses, go us all.*

## CONSTITUTION DAY

**Thursday, September 15**

12-12:50 PM

BATTEN STUDENT CENTER, PEARCE HOSPITALITY SUITE

**Happy 225th! Virginia (and Norfolk) Give Birth to the Bill of Rights**

**Dr. Timothy G. O'Rourke**, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Virginia Wesleyan College

This year, as we commemorate the 225th anniversary of the ratification of the Bill of Rights, we also celebrate Virginia's important role in giving birth to those first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution. Join Dr. O'Rourke as he shares important, sometimes obscure, details about why we have Virginia (and Norfolk) to thank for the freedoms written into the Bill of Rights.

September 17 is recognized in the United States as Constitution & Citizenship Day to commemorate the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.

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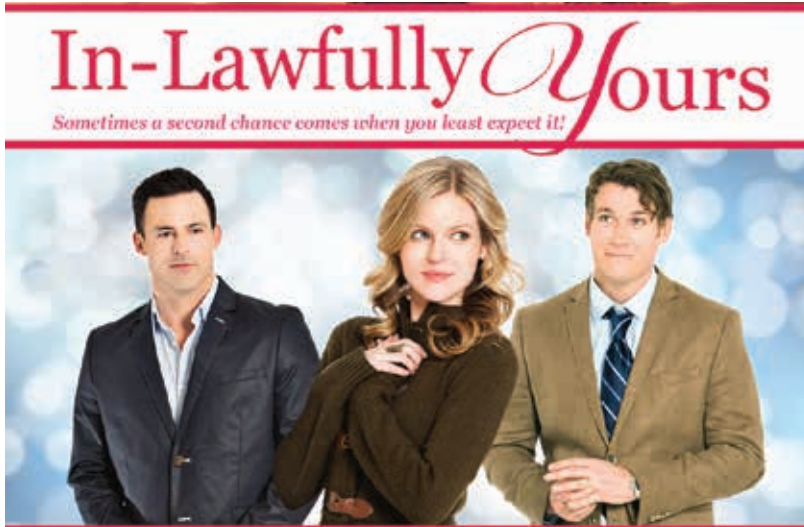
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begun and held at the City of New York, on the fourth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine

## FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

Thursday, December 1

7-10 PM | BLOCKER HALL AUDITORIUM



### **In-Lawfully Yours** (FILM)

**Sean Gaffney**, Screenwriter and Professor at Regent University

Sean Gaffney oversees the Script and Screenwriting and Scriptwriting graduate programs at Regent University. He has authored twenty-nine produced plays, four television pilots, as well as more than 70 videos, animation projects, and short films. He also served as the Story Administrator for Warner Bros. His feature film, *In-Lawfully Yours* (2016) is a contemporary comedy inspired by the Biblical story of Ruth. Following a screening of the film, Gaffney will share insights and lead discussion.

Co-sponsored with RELST 140 Religion in American Culture

## LIFE Matters

In "Life Matters," members of the Wesleyan community offer autobiographical reflections on their emotional, intellectual, and spiritual experiences. If you wish, you may bring a bag lunch or purchase a meal in the dining center.

Sponsored in partnership with the Chaplain's Office and the Center for Innovative Teaching and Engaged Learning (INTEL).

**Thursday, November 17**

**Robin Takacs**, Director of Instructional Technology  
12-12:50 PM | SHAFER ROOM | BOYD DINING CENTER

**Thursday, December 8**

**Dr. Craig Wansink**, Joan P. and Macon F. Brock Jr. Director of the Center for the Study of Religious Freedom and Professor of Religious Studies  
12-12:50 PM | SHAFER ROOM | BOYD DINING CENTER

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Panel moderated by **Cathy Lewis**, Host of *HearSay with Cathy Lewis*, WHRV 89.5 FM  
Monday, 7-8:30 PM  
Blocker Hall Auditorium

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### **Standing Together in a Culture of Fear**

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**Clint Smith**, Ph.D. Candidate at Harvard University, Teacher, and Writer  
Friday, 7-8:30 PM, Batten Convocation Center



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