

# Convivencia: Religious Identities in the New World

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles  
March 27-29, 2008

## Program of Events

### **THURSDAY, March 27**

**Arrival 5 pm – 6 pm**  
Drollenger Parking Lot

**Welcome and Opening Reception 6 pm – 7 pm**  
Murphy Recital Hall (backup – St. Robert's Auditorium)

**Yuval Ron Ensemble 7 pm – 8:30 pm**  
Concert of Sephardic and Arabo-Andalusian Music  
Murphy Recital Hall

**Post-concert Dessert Reception with Performers 8:30 pm – 10 pm**  
Murphy Recital Hall (backup – St. Robert's Auditorium)

### **FRIDAY, March 28**

**Continental Breakfast 8 am – 8:30 am**  
McIntosh Center-UH 3999

**Opening Remarks 8:30 am**  
Robert B. Lawton, S.J.  
President, Loyola Marymount University  
Ahmanson Auditorium-UH 1000

**Keynote Presentation 8:30 am – 9:15 am**  
María Rosa Menocal  
*Convivencia in Medieval Spain*  
Ahmanson Auditorium-UH 1000

**Plenary Session      9:30 am – 10:30 am**  
Rabbi David Wople and Ahmet Karamustafa  
*Identities Medieval to Modern*  
Ahmanson Auditorium-UH 1000

**Coffee Break      10:30 am – 11 am**  
McIntosh Center-UH 3999

**Paper Session 1      11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**Session Title:** Convivencia and Justice  
Moderator: Roberto dell'Oro  
Bioethics Institute-UH 4511

Sr. Judith Ann Brady, O.P. (Fordham College of Liberal Studies) – “A Place at the Table: Justice for the Poor in a Land of Plenty”

Rev. James Fredericks (Loyola Marymount University) – “Hospitality and Hostility in Religions”

Lauren Ila Jones (University of California Los Angeles) – “The Theology of the People, the Education of the People: El Salvador, Nicaragua, Argentina, and Brazil”

**Session Title:** The Jewish Roots of the Golden Age and the Branches of Today  
Moderator: Amir Hussain  
Dean’s Conference Room-UH 4600

Rabbi Haim Ovadia (Kahal Joseph Congregation, Los Angeles) presenting with Yuval Ron (Musician, Los Angeles) - “The Sefaradim: Discriminated Against by a Minority”  
Rabbi Michael Barclay (Loyola Marymount University) - “Lurianic Kabbalah as an Organizational Model of *Convivencia*”

**Session Title:** Depicting the Other, Depicting the Self  
Moderator: Anthony Perron  
McIntosh Center-UH 3999

Carrie Peirce (Azusa Pacific University) – “Demythologizing Our Religious Identities at the Movies, the Place Where America Most Imagines Itself”

John Salesses (Salve Regina University) – “Religious Assimilation: the Loss of Religious Identity in Early American Fiction”

Shawn Schuyler (Virginia Tech) – “Sunken Debts at Onondaga Lake”

**Session Title:** Faith and Politics

Moderator: Nigel Raab

Executive Conference Room 1857

Derrick Abdul-Hakim (San Francisco State University) –“ What Machiavelli Begot: A Philosophical Perspective on the Separation of Church (Mosque) and State in Islam”

Gregory Freeland (California Lutheran University) –“Faith Places and Political Spaces: The New Sanctuary Movement”

Rebecca Sager and Omar Sayyed (Loyola Marymount University) –“Faith Based Initiatives and the Power of Privatization in America”

**Lunch      12:30 pm – 1: 30 pm**

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Skyway and Marymount Center

**Plenary Session**

Ebrahim Mossa and Rabbi Elliot Dorff

*Educating Identities*

Ahmanson Auditorium-UH 1000

**Paper Session 2      2:30 pm – 4 pm**

**Session Title:** Im/migration, Diaspora, and Exile

Moderator: Amir Hussain

Dean’s Conference Room-UH 4600

Gunther Jikeli (International Study Group for Education and Research on Anti-Semitism, London) –“Identity and Religious Practices of Young Male Muslims in Europe”

Jordan Elgrably (Levantine Cultural Center, Los Angeles) –“Cultural Commuters: Sephardim in the New Millennium”

Saba Soomeekh (Loyola Marymount University) –“Tehrangeles: Capital, Culture, and Faith among Iranian Jews”

**Session Title:** Education for Co-existence

Moderator: Tom Rausch

History Department-UH 3448

Michael Lee, S.J. (Loyola Marymount University) –“Speaking of Religious Identity: Bilingual Aesthetic at the Intersection of U.S. Latina/o Religion and Lilly Endowment’s Christian Practices Movement

Sven Ensminger (Yale University) –“Forming Religious Identities of a New Generation in the New World; Higher Education as Basecamp for Tolerance and Faithfulness”

Rowan Crews (Columbia College) –“The Other Depicting Itself: *Convivencia* through a Worship Visitation Program for Undergraduate Religion Students

**Session Title:** Fusions, Hybrids, Multiplicities

Moderator: David Sanchez

Bioethics Institute-UH 4511

Ann Redding (Seattle University) –“Both Muslim and Christian: Convergence, not Conversion – A Case Study”

Karen Mary Davalos (Loyola Marymount University) –“Guadalupe: Collective Feminist Empowerment”

Timothy Posada (Azusa Pacific University) –“Children of a Babbling Labyrinth: The Reforming *Other* and Mexican Filmmakers”

**Session Title:** New Worlds, Old Worlds

Moderator: Tracy Tiemeier

Executive Conference Center-UH 1857

Kim Lockwood (University of Dayton) –“Creating an Identity and Protecting Inclusivity: The Challenge Facing Progressive Christianity”

Douglas Jacobsen (Messiah College) –“Christian Minority Identity: Differing Strategies in Egypt and India”

Kerry San Chirico (University of California Santa Barbara) –“Ambedkar, Azariah, Gandhi: Three Indian Visions, Three Religions, Three Hinduisms”

**Session Title:** Convivencia Revisited

Moderator: John Connolly

McIntosh-UH 3999

Christoffer Grundmann (Valparaiso University) –“Convivencia - Living the dialogue”

Doug Thorpe (Seattle Pacific University) –“The Dream of the Poem: *Convivencia* as the Way of Wisdom”

**Move to Upper Campus and Coffee Break 4 pm – 4:30 pm**

Hilton 302 (Coffee)

**Plenary Session 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

Timothy Matovina and Thomas Tweed

*Religion, Identity and Immigration*

Hilton 300 ABCD

**Reception and Dinner 6 pm – 7:30 pm**

Reception in St. Robert’s Auditorium and

Dinner in Malone 460 C – The Hill

**Plenary Session**      **7:30 pm – 8 pm**  
Linda Komaroff (Los Angeles County Museum of Art)  
*Exhibiting Islamic Art in a Post-9/11 World*  
Hilton 300 ABCD

**Panel Discussion**      **8 pm – 9 pm**  
Remi Aubuchon and Roger Wolfson  
*Religion, Identities, and the Media*  
Hilton 300 ABCD

## **SATURDAY, March 29**

**Continental Breakfast**      **8 am – 8:30 am**  
McIntosh Center-UH 3999

**Plenary Session**      **8:30 am – 9:30 am**  
Robert Orsi  
*American Religiosity, American Childhood*  
Ahmanson Auditorium-UH 1000

**Coffee Break**      **9:30 am – 10 am**  
McIntosh Center-UH 3999

**Paper Session 3**      **10 am – 12 pm**

**Session Title:** Theories of Identity  
Moderator: Dorian Llywelyn  
Dean's Conference Room-UH 4600

Jalaledin Ebrahim (Pacifica Graduate Institute, Depth Psychotherapy)–“Removing the Mask of Religious Identity: A Psychological Assessment”

Jonathan Rothchild (Loyola Marymount University) –“Constructing and Reconstructing Models of Self and Other: Modernity, Postmodernity, Secularity, and Theology”

Brian Treanor (Loyola Marymount University) –“*Tolle, Legge*: Religious Identity and Narrative Figuration”

Barbara Rico (Loyola Marymount University) – “Holding the Threads’: The Reshaping of European Religious and Cultural Inheritance in the Writing of Judith Ortiz Cofer”

**Session Title:** Human Relations in Los Angeles

Moderator: Amir Hussain

Ahmanson Auditorium-UH 1000

Rabbi Allen I. Freehling (Executive Director, City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission) – “Building Bridges and Knocking Down Walls”

Students from the City of Los Angeles Human Relations Commission University Students Advisory Board – “Middle East Issues at Universities in Los Angeles”

**Session Title:** Church and State

Moderator: Cecilia González-Andrieu

McIntosh Center-UH 3999

Obdulia Castro (Regis University) – “The relationship between church and state at the root of Spanish institutions: from Isidore of Seville to Zapatero”

David Burden (Indiana Wesleyan University) – “Saving the State or Defending the Faith: The politics of religious toleration in Mexico at the eve of the Reform Period”

Ernest Sweeney, S.J. (Loyola Marymount University) – “The Church in Castro’s Cuba: A Study in Struggle, Survival, Adaptation, and Growth”

**Session Title:** Religion, Violence and Peace

Moderator: Tracy Tiemeier

Theological Studies Village-UH 3700

Thomas Bremer (Huntington Library) – “All are of one army: the Paradox of Pluralism in Postbellum America”

John Sheveland (Gonzaga University) – “Undoing Religious Violence: Buddhist-Christian Resources”

Jonathan Brockupp (Pennsylvania State University) – “Visions of Peace and Justice in the Qur’an”

Moshe Lazar (University of Southern California) – “Writings by Spanish and Portuguese Jews after the Expulsion”

**Lunch      12 pm – 1:15 pm**

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**Plenary Session      1:15 pm – 2:15 pm**

Peter Phan

*Catholic and American Identities*

Ahmanson Auditorium-UH 1000

**Departures      2:15 pm**