

# Religion and Citizenship

15th Annual Conference on Citizenship

April 12—14, 2018

Center for the Study of Citizenship

Wayne State University

Detroit, Michigan



## Welcome from the Center Director

Welcome to the Center for the Study of Citizenship's Fifteenth Annual Conference in Citizenship Studies. As the Center's director and founder, I am honored by your participation in this exciting international event. For the first time ever, more than half of the participants come from outside of North America. For the first time, scholars from Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Greece join us. Our largest contingent of scholars is from Ekiti State University in Nigeria. Welcome to all.

This year, we have just added a new program to the conference. As the conference comes to an end on April 14th, we will begin an "Interfaith Curricular Development Workshop: A Transatlantic Perspective." On the 14th the focus will be a Muslim-Christian discussion of interfaith curricular development, and on Sunday it will highlight Muslim-Jewish interfaith curricular development. The workshop is free for conference participants.

Be sure to join us on our visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts on Friday evening for an evening of art and jazz. And while you're at the conference, please ask me about the Center's Citizenship for Health, its Citizen Dialogues, and its Civic Festival. And you might consider joining H-Citizenship, a discussion network sponsored by the Center.

Finally, I urge you to take advantage of your stay in Detroit to visit our exciting city. I look forward to meeting you during the conference.

Warm regards,

Marc Kruman

Director

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## Special Note about Bryan Turner and his Presentation:

*Due to ill-health, Dr. Turner is unable to join us in person. However, this distinguished scholar has recorded his presentation. We encourage you to view this recording, which was done specifically for this conference, prior to the Keynote Discussion at 12:30 on Friday, April 13.*

Bryan Turner is one of the world's leading sociologists of religion; he has also devoted attention to sociological theory, the study of human rights, and the sociology of the body. His recent research involves the role of religion in contemporary Asia and the changing nature of citizenship in a globalizing world.

Turner has written, coauthored, or edited more than seventy books and more than two hundred articles and chapters, including most recently *The Religious and the Political: A Comparative Sociology of Religion* (2013) and *Religion and Modern Society: Citizenship, Secularisation and the State* (2011), both published by Cambridge University Press.

Turner has had university appointments in Europe, Australia, Singapore, and the United States. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Leeds and has been awarded the Doctor of Letters from both Flinders University in South Australia and the University of Cambridge. In 2015 he was awarded the Max Planck Research Award. From June 2016 Turner is the Director of the Centre for Citizenship, Social Pluralism and Religious Diversity at the University of Potsdam.

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## Thursday, April 12, 2018

11:00 am

*Registration Opens*

Noon

*Opening Remarks and Lunch*

*Hilberry A&B*

1:00 PM

*Gender and Sexuality*

**Moderator: Adrienne Jankens, Wayne State University**

‘Massive Revision:’ The Nashville Statement and Queer Citizenship

*Michael McGinnis, University of Alabama in Huntsville*

Reform Judaism/LGBTQ: Intersectionality and the Struggle for Recognition in Contemporary Israeli Society

*Elazar Ben Lulu, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel*

*Refugees and Citizenship*

**Moderator: Richard Smith, Wayne State University**  
From Denizens to Citizens: Syrian Refugees in Turkey

*Secil Pacaci Elitok, Michigan State University*

*Dogus Simsek, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey*

Tibetan Refugees’ Personal Status in Taiwan

*Jing-Han Chen, University of Edinburgh*

2:30 PM

*Civic Activism*

**Moderator: Rafael de Oliveira Costa, Ministerio Publico do Estado de Sao Paulo**

Religion and Citizenship in the Gulf States: The Thinking of Contemporary Reformist Clerics

*Kassim Alsrailha, Ben-Gurion University*

Religion and Political Participation

*Rajesh Shukla, Saint Paul University, Ottawa, Canada*

*Rethinking the Emancipation of European Jewry: Three Case Studies*

**Moderator: Howard Lupovitch, Wayne State University**

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The Boundaries of Obligation: the Jews of Modern France?

*Jeffrey Haus, Kalamazoo College*

Thoughts on Post-Emancipation Hungarian Jewry, Past and Present

*Howard Lupovitch, Wayne State University*

4:30 PM

**Keynote Speech**

*Religion and Citizenship in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: The End of Disbelief?*

**Saeed Khan, Wayne State University**

Saeed A. Khan is Senior Lecturer in Near East & Asian Studies and Global Studies at Wayne State University. He is also a Research Fellow at Wayne State’s Center for the Study of Citizenship. He is co-founder and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, and a contributor to the BBC, CBC and NPR on Middle East and Islamic History, Politics and Culture.

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

*Executive Board Reception*

*Hilberry A*

## Friday, April 13, 2018

8:30 AM

*Registration Opens*

9:00 AM

*Jewish Diaspora*

**Moderator: Marc Kruman, Wayne State University**  
Religion, Holocaust and the Impacts of Class Actions on the Construction of Citizenship

*Rafael de Oliveira Costa, Ministerio Publico do Estado de Sao Paulo*

*Laïcité German Style: Religion, Public Sphere and Citizenship*

*Dani Kranz, Bergische University Wuppertal*

*Religion and Citizenship in Film and Architecture*

**Moderator: Dominic Nanni, Wayne State University**  
Living with Silent Violence: Representing Palestinian People’s Search for Citizenship Through Film and the Graphic Text

*Khani Begum, Bowling Green State University*

Religion, Hellenism, Modernity: The Architecture of Theophil Hansen in Greece and Vienna

*Irene Fatsea, National Technical University of Athens*

## Friday, April 13, 2018 (con't)

10:30 AM

### *Applied Philosophy*

**Moderator: Whitney Hardin, Wayne State University**

“This is How I Write”: 2nd Thessalonians and Rhetorical Lessons for Relationship-Building  
*Adrienne Jankens, Wayne State University*

On the Duty to Host in International Law: Jacques Derrida and Political Literature from the Hebrew Bible to Coetzee

*Ilan Fuchs, Ariel University*

Religious Education under Liberal Democracy: Perspectives for a Multicultural Citizenship  
*Jorge Alexander Ravagli-Cardona, University of Birmingham (UK)*

### *Citizenship in the State of Israel, Past and Present*

**Moderator: Howard Lupovitch, Wayne State University**

**Panel Sponsored by the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies**

State and Citizenship in an Imagined Jewish Theocracy

*Alexander Kaye, The Ohio State University*

The Dilemmas of Citizenship in Present-Day State of Israel

*A. Ronald Aronson, Wayne State University*

Bene Israel at the Bet Din: Citizenship and the Politics of Recognition

*Maham Ayaz, Brandeis University*

Commentary provided by:

*Yael Aronoff, Michigan State University*

Noon

Lunch

*Hilberry A&B*

12:30 PM

### *Bryan Turner Keynote Discussion*

**Bryan Turner, Potsdam Centre for Citizenship, Social Pluralism and Religious Diversity**

1:30 PM

### *Civic Engagement*

**Moderator: Michael Kral, Wayne State University**  
Being ‘Aalim Siddique:’ The Portrait of a New Indian Citizen from a Former Indian Enclave in Bangladesh

*Anuradha Sen Mookerjee, The Graduate Institute, Geneva*

Reform Activism as a Demonstration of Citizenship: The Woman’s Christian Temperance Union in Meiji, Japan

*Elizabeth Lublin, Wayne State University*

### *Religious Minority Identity*

**Moderator: Michael McGinnis, University of Alabama in Huntsville**

From Foreigner to Local Citizens: Europeans in Punjab under Maharaja Ranjit Singh

*Robina Yasmin, Department of History & Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan*

Hindutva Emotions: Everyday Anti-Politics of Beef-Policing Lynch-Mobs

*Prasenjit Biswas, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, India*

The Baha’is in Iran as Citizens within the Iranian Landscape

*Gil Marvel Tabucanon, University of Sydney*

3:00 PM

### *Bryan Turner Presentation*

5:00 PM

### *Detroit Institute of Arts Tour*

**Meet at the DIA at 5pm**

A tradition for the Citizenship Conference is the visit to the Detroit Institute of Arts, which is located in easy walking distance of the Student Center Building.



Map to DIA

We will depart on foot at the end of the 3:00—4:30pm conference session directly for the DIA, where three docents will be waiting to provide tours.

Please meet at the **rear door of the DIA**, which is the part of the building facing John R St. The docents are expecting us by 5pm, so please be on time!

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

**9:00 AM**

***Affiliation, Engagement, and Identity***

**Moderator: Richard Marback, Wayne State University**

Losing Their Religion?: Attitudes Towards Religious Affiliation and Political Engagement Among Generation Z African Americans

*Ryan Flaherty, Wayne State University,*

Race, Religion, & Politics

*Khari Brown, Wayne State University*

*Ronald Brown, Wayne State University*

Nationalism and Religion in Palestine and United States, the American Zionist Perspective

*Zohar Segev, University of Haifa*

**10:30 AM**

***Religious Politics***

**Moderator: Ryan Flaherty, Wayne State University**

"We are Hindu Christians": Navigating the Relationship between Caste and Religion among Indian Christians

*Abhijit Dasgupta, Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, Mumbai, India*

Religion as Source of Public Motivation: Objectives of Nizam-e-Mustafa Movement in Pakistan

*Rizwan Ullah Kokab, Government College University*

***Tolerance and Immigration Status***

**Moderator: Dennis Atkinson**

Technologies of Alignment in the Age of Security and Punishment: Work Visas, Immigrant Labor Incorporation, and Racial Exclusions

*Payal Banerjee, Smith College*

Tolerance and Immigrants

*Robert Postic, The University of Findlay, Ohio*  
*Elizabeth Prough, Madonna University*

**Noon**

***Lunch and Wrap-Up***

***As part of the conference fee, conference attendees are warmly invited to attend the Interfaith Curricular Development Workshop immediately following the conference wrap-up.***

Interfaith Curricular Development Workshop



April 14-15, 2018

**Interfaith Curricular Development Workshop: a Transatlantic Perspective**

You are invited to attend a two-day workshop on developing inclusive K-12 curriculum responsive to the needs of students of varying religious and cultural backgrounds. The workshop will be divided into two sessions.

- ◆ First, on Saturday, a Muslim-Christian discussion of interfaith curricular development.
- ◆ Second, on Sunday, a Muslim-Jewish discussion of interfaith curricular development. Both sessions will draw from expertise and experience in the UK and in the US.

These sessions will showcase similarities and contrasts in the development of such curricula and focus on challenges and solutions to the issues such engagement raises. Each session will begin with expert presentations, which will then form the basis for discussion of approaches, challenges, and desired outcomes. Each session will conclude with the entire group collaboratively developing a white paper on the subject of curricular development.

***Muslim-Christian Curriculum Development, Saturday 1-4pm***

Hilberry A, Student Center Building

Wayne State University

5221 Gullen Mall, Detroit, MI 48202

Confirmed Speakers:

- ◆ **Muhammad Ishtiaq**, Muslim Chaplain, University of Michigan- Ann Arbor
- ◆ **Saeed Khan**, Department of Near East & Asian Studies, Wayne State University
- ◆ **Keith Huey**, Chair, Department of Religion and Bible, Rochester College (Michigan): Developing a Muslim-Christian Dialogue Course at an Evangelical College

## Interfaith Workshop, Saturday (con't)

- ♦ **Ida Glaser**, Academic Director of the Centre for Muslim-Christian Studies in Oxford, and Rice University: Curricular Development in the UK
- ♦ **Sidra Ali**, Harvard Divinity School: Curricular Development, Harvard Divinity School

## Jewish-Muslim Curriculum Development, Sunday 9am-12:30pm

St Andrews Hall, Wayne State University  
431 E Congress St, Detroit, MI 48226

- ♦ **Saeed Khan**, Department of Near East & Asian Studies, Wayne State University
- ♦ **Howard Lupovitch**, Director of the Cohn-Haddow Center for Judaic Studies, Department of History, Wayne State University: Curricular development through trust building
- ♦ **Sidra Ali**, Harvard Divinity School: Curricular Development, Harvard Divinity School
- ♦ **Norman Lewis**, Information Systems Management, Mike Ilitch School of Business, Wayne State University

The workshop may be attended at no charge by conference attendees. For further information on the workshop, see <http://clas.wayne.edu/citizenship/IEW18>, or scan:



Interfaith Curriculum Workshop

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## Executive Board Reception Information

**6-8pm, Thursday, April 12**

As a special treat, Rafael de Oliveira Costa will present some highly current remarks and insights on Corruption in Brazilian Public Life, where he is part of the Public Ministry of the State of Sao Paulo.

Join us for light refreshments and an opportunity to meet and greet the Executive Board of the Center.

## About H-Citizenship and the Center's Blog

H-Citizenship is an online discussion forum that promotes interdisciplinary research and intellectual exchange about citizenship within a global community. In particular, H-Citizenship encourages analysis of the relationship between citizens and the political, social, economic, and cultural communities of which they are a part. Toward these ends, H-Citizenship fosters the study of citizenship as an interdisciplinary academic field and establish a forum to stimulate and shape public discourse about citizenship.



H-Citizenship

All scholars in the field of citizenship are cordially encouraged to join the conversation. See <http://clas.wayne.edu/citizenship/HCIT> or scan the QR code to find it:



CSC Blog

In addition, the Center hosts a blog at [blogs.wayne.edu/citizenship](http://blogs.wayne.edu/citizenship) where posts and discussion are welcomed on the subject of citizenship in any form.

## Book prize competition for 2019

The Center for the Study of Citizenship at Wayne State University announces its 2019 Book Prize in the Study of Citizenship.

The Center for the Study of Citizenship at Wayne State University, the premier global institution dedicated to the interdisciplinary study and promotion of citizenship, offers its 2019 book prize for the best book on citizenship published in the previous two years. The Center welcomes nominations that consider citizenship, broadly defined as membership in communities, in the context of any geographic area or time period and from any disciplinary perspective, including but not limited to sociology, economics, politics, history, literature, communications, education, media studies, legal studies, environmental studies, public health, or the arts.

The winner will be announced at the 16th annual Conference in Citizenship Studies at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan in March 2019. The winner will be invited to speak at the 2020 conference. Books published between September 2016 and September 2018 are eligible for consideration and nominations may be made by publishers or individuals. The postmark deadline for entries is September 1, 2018. Four copies of nominated works should be sent to the Center.



Book Prize

## Call for Papers - DEADLINE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

### **Technology and Citizenship** **Sixteenth Annual Conference in Citizenship Studies** **Wayne State University** **Detroit, Michigan, USA, March 28—30, 2019**

Technology—the use of it, exposure to it, protection from it, and even the absence of protection from it—has direct influence on the access people do, or do not have to the full rights and benefits of citizenship. For example, advances in health care technology have long had direct implications for citizenship, with access to medical interventions in birth and death at the center of debates over the rights of the unborn and the dying.

The revolution in information technology and widespread use of social media raises a different set of issues in the study of citizenship. Widespread use of social media has disrupted and displaced the public sphere, reshaping how citizens engage each other, transforming how they exercise their rights as citizens by doing such things as recording police encounters or mobilizing to protest or raising awareness of issues. Social media use has also been shown to be susceptible to exploitation and a spread of misinformation that undermines the meaningful exercise of citizenship rights.

Among the many questions raised for citizenship studies by uses of technology: What have been the consequences and what are the implications of advances in artificial intelligence for how the boundaries of citizenship are drawn? How are rights, obligations, and privileges shaped by uses of different kinds of information technologies such as mass media, print media, and social media? In what ways does citizen access to infrastructure technologies such as electricity, sanitation, or transportation shape experiences of freedom and public power? How do uses of computing, information, and infrastructure technologies shape not only citizens' relationship to public power but also the ways societies constitute and conceive of both the state and the citizen?

The Center for the Study of Citizenship invites proposals for its 16th Annual Conference in Citizenship Studies. We welcome proposals that examine such topics as:

- ◆ Historical (or possible future) changes in the role of technology;

- ◆ Matters related to uses of technology in citizen insurgency;
- ◆ Accounts of the impact of technology on the social and political constructions of citizenship;
- ◆ Theories that critically engage the dynamics of technology, sovereignty, and citizenship;
- ◆ Relationships among technology, authority, power, or responsibility;

Although the program committee will give preference to proposals directly relevant to the theme, proposals evaluating all aspects of the study of citizenship are welcome. We invite panel proposals, individual submissions, and suggestions for book sessions focused on exciting, new scholarship in the field of citizenship studies.

To apply, please submit your proposal online at: [www.clas.wayne.edu/Citizenship/Abstract-Submission-Page](http://www.clas.wayne.edu/Citizenship/Abstract-Submission-Page).

**Please submit your materials no later than 5:00pm EDT on Friday, September 28, 2018.**



Abstract  
Submission Form

We will notify applicants of their acceptance to present work at the conference by October 15, 2018. We will invite presenters to submit full papers for further review by our advisory board.

#### **International Scholars:**

Through the generosity of several donors, The Keast Lion Fund provides a limited number of scholarships for international scholars. These funds will be distributed on a competitive basis. Scholarships include three nights of lodging and a discounted conference registration rate for the participant, but no transportation. If you wish to be considered for a scholarship, please indicate it in your abstract submission.

For international scholars who submit proposals by **September 1, 2018**, the program committee will make early decisions about acceptance and scholarships by **September 15, 2018**.



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