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NOTE: Room C101 in the David Strong Building has been reserved each day from 9am-5pm as a social space. Feel free to use it at your leisure.

SATURDAY JUNE 1

TIME	EVENT	BUILDING – ROOM #
9am - noon	Executive Meeting	David Strong - C114
2pm – 4pm	Annual General Meeting	David Strong - C116/118
6pm – 7pm	President's Reception	SSM Building – Upper Lobby
7pm – 10pm	Film Presentation (see details below)	Social Sciences/Mathematics - A104

Michael Wilkinson (Trinity Western University) presents "*Lonnie Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippie Preacher*", a documentary about a hippie who has a vision of Jesus while taking drugs, and then preaches to many hippies, leading them to Christianity during the Jesus People movement in the 1970s. Two prominent evangelical denominations experience growth in California at this time because of his work. However, Lonnie Frisbee, the Hippie Preacher, is also a homosexual and eventually dies of AIDS. The church, after learning so, writes him out of their history. The film is produced and written by David Di Sabatino, and asks some hard questions about why the church acted as it did, and also raises some interesting questions about Charismatic movements and those who lead them. The documentary was nominated for an Emmy Award, was featured at film festivals across North America, and shown on PBS. A clip of the film can be viewed at <http://www.lonniefrisbee.com>

SUNDAY JUNE 2 Morning Sessions

PLACE	9am – 10:30am	10:45am – 12:15pm
David Strong C108	<p style="text-align: center;">MODERN ISLAM</p> <p>Chair: Ahmad F. Yousif (International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization, Kuala Lumpur)</p> <p>a. Merin Shobhana Xavier (Wilfrid Laurier University) "Praying in Arabic and Singing in Tamil: A Sufi Urs in Toronto"</p> <p>b. Pamela Andrews (Memorial University of Newfoundland) "Religion @ The Edge: The Nation of Gods and Earth"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: GROWING UP CANADIAN: MUSLIMS, HINDUS, BUDDHISTS</p> <p>Chair: Rubina Ramji (Cape Breton University)</p> <p>a. Ruby Ramji (Cape Breton University)</p> <p>b. John Simpson (University of Toronto at Mississauga)</p> <p>c. Marie-Paule Martel-Reny (Concordia University)</p>
David Strong C112	<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE</p> <p>Chair: Hayley Glaholt (Northwestern University)</p> <p>a. Mary I. Hale (St. Mary's University) "Quakers, Tree Huggers, and Idle No More: Comparisons, Contrasts, and Speaking to Power in The Canadian Public Sphere"</p> <p>b. Scott Kline (St. Jerome's University) and Megan Shore (Kings University College) "Pinellas Hope: A Catholic Response to Homelessness"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROUNDTABLE: AFTER APPROPRIATION: EXPLORATIONS IN INTERCULTURAL PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION (UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY PRESS)</p> <p>Chair: Patricia Dold (Memorial University of Newfoundland) Respondent: Francis Landy (University of Alberta)</p> <p>a. Tinu Ruparell (University of Calgary) "Locating Comparative Philosophy in Relation to Religion"</p> <p>b. Ahmad F. Yousif (International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization, Kuala Lumpur) "Studying the 'Other': Challenges and Prospects of Muslim Scholarship on World Religions"</p> <p>c. Morny Joy (University of Calgary) "Women's Rights and Religions: Explorations in Comparative Philosophy and Religion"</p>
David Strong C118	<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGION AND SOCIALITY</p> <p>Chair: Marie-Paule Martel-Reny (Université Concordia, Montréal)</p> <p>a. Michael Hawley (Mount Royal University) "Navigating Heteronormativity: The Case of KY/3HO Community in Calgary"</p> <p>b. Paul Joosse (University of Alberta) "The Presentation of the Charismatic Self in Everyday Life: Reflections on a Canadian New Religious Movement" (Ph.D. Graduate Student Essay Contest Winner)</p> <p>c. Deba Mitra Barua (University of Saskatchewan) "Pressure to be Friends: An Emerging Trend in the Hierarchical Relationships in an Immigrant Community in Toronto"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA AND THE NORTH</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. Nicholas Shrubsole (University of Waterloo) "First Nations Sacred Sites and Section 2(a): Cases from British Columbia and the Challenge of Natural Physical Space for Religious Freedom in a Liberal Democratic Canada"</p> <p>b. Jason Redden (University of Manitoba) "The advent of Christianity, politics and revivals on British Columbia's North Coast in the late Nineteenth century"</p> <p>c. Catherine Caufield (University of Alberta) "Inculturation: Mapping A Path of Struggle to Inclusivity and Diversity"</p>
David Strong C122	<p style="text-align: center;">SCIENCE, RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY</p> <p>Chair: David Feltmate (Auburn University at Montgomery)</p> <p>a. Justin Jaron Lewis (University of Manitoba) "Miracles Trouble"</p> <p>b. Neil George (York University) "The Invention of Science and Religion: Marginalizing Dissent in Nineteenth-Century Debates on Science and Religion"</p> <p>c. Sheldon Richmond (Independent Scholar) "The Rationality of Doing and Then Understanding"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: UTOPIAN VISIONS, SOCIAL REFORM, AND THE GENDERING OF UTOPIAN COMMUNITIES</p> <p>Chair: Michael Hawley (Mount Royal University)</p> <p>a. Sean Ashley (Simon Fraser University) "Celestial Marriage and the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms"</p> <p>b. Gillian McCann (Nipissing University) "Utopian Visions and the Canadian Theosophy 1891-1945"</p> <p>c. Nicola Mooney (University of the Fraser Valley) "The Contingencies of Householding: Gender Opportunities and Constraints within Sikhism"</p>

SUNDAY JUNE 2
Afternoon Sessions

PLACE	1:45pm – 3:15pm	3:30pm – 5pm
David Strong C108	<p style="text-align: center;">TIBETAN BUDDHISM</p> <p>Chair: Richard Berg (Lakehead University)</p> <p>a. Mihai Derbac (University of Calgary) "Phylogenetic Analysis of the bSam gtan mig sgron's rDzogs chen Sems sde"</p> <p>b. Benjamin Wood (University of Victoria) "Parent-Child Conflicts in Tibetan Buddhist Autobiography"</p> <p>c. James B. Apple (University of Calgary) "Phylogenetics and Philology in the Study of Tibetan Kanjurs: The Case of the Tibetan Dunhuang version of the Sūtra of Jayamati"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: EARLY BUDDHISMS IN NORTH AMERICA</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. John Harding (The University of Lethbridge) "Revisiting Global Buddhism's North American Debut"</p> <p>b. Alison Marshall (Brandon University) "Serving others was your life-long ambition: Chinese Buddhisms and identity in pre-1950s prairie Canada"</p> <p>c. Jackie Larm (University of Edinburgh) "1,000 Tibetans. Tibetan Immigration and Religion Then and Now"</p>
David Strong C112	<p style="text-align: center;">CHALLENGES FOR MODERN CHURCHES</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. Iaroslav Pankovskiy (University of Alberta) "The Ukrainian Orthodox Church: Communicating Via the Web"</p> <p>b. Kerry Fast (Independent Scholar) "Keeping the (Old) Order: Corporeal Punishment Among Old Colony Mennonites"</p> <p>c. Janet McLellan (Wilfrid Laurier University) "Challenges, Conflicts and Continuities in Small-town Rural Ontario Churches"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MULTICULTURALISM</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. Jonathan Napier (University of Calgary) "The Metaphors of Multiculturalism"</p> <p>b. Andrew Gow (University of Alberta) "Commensality, 'convivencia' and models for every-day interaction in a pluralist society"</p> <p>c. Roselle M. Gonsalves (University of Calgary) "The Social Diaspora: Maintaining Community at the Peripheries of an Ethno-Religious Identity"</p>
David Strong C118	<p style="text-align: center;">SEXUALITY AND THE BODY IN SACRED TEXTS</p> <p>Chair: Yasaman Samiksha Munro (Wilfrid Laurier University/University of Waterloo)</p> <p>a. Lauren Chomyn (University of Alberta) "Riddles From the Margins of the Strange Sex: The Wisdom of Solomon's Judgment Story (1 Kgs 3:16-28)" (MA Graduate Student Essay Contest Winner)</p> <p>b. Daniel Saenz (Concordia University) "A Queer Approach to Male Sanctity and Christology"</p> <p>c. Pooriya Alimoradi (Concordia University) "About Mani's lameness: Notes on Descriptions of Māni in Fihrist and Dēnkard"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HINDUISM</p> <p>Chair: Harold Coward (University of Victoria)</p> <p>a. Katherine Young (McGill University) "An Elite on the Edge: Dilemmas of Reversal in a Hindu Tradition"</p> <p>b. Hillary Rodrigues (University of Lethbridge) "Great Goddess @ the Edge"</p>
David Strong C122	<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGION AND CANADIAN LAW</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. David Seljak (St. Jerome's University) "Creed, Multiculturalism and Human Rights in Ontario"</p> <p>b. Kornel Zathureczky and Jack Laughlin (University of Sudbury) "Codifying Pluralism: The Supreme Court of Canada and World Religions discourse"</p> <p>c. Alexandra Pleshoyano (University of Sherbrooke) "Restorative Justice You and I: On the edge of a Reconciliation"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ROUNDTABLE: RELIGION AND THE ENVIRONMENT</p> <p>Chair: Noel Salmond (Carleton University)</p> <p>a. Laura Sinclair (Carleton University) "The Green and Dark Green of Missa Gaia"</p> <p>b. Lauren Tansley (Carleton University) "Julia Butterfly Hill's Piety: A Starkian Case Study Arguing that Environmentalism is a Religion"</p> <p>c. Katja Schiffer-Graham (Carleton University) "Successes and Failures of Indigenous Concepts of the 'Sacred' in Canadian Environmentalism and Conservation"</p> <p>d. Noel Salmond (Carleton University) "Incommensurable Discourses on the Environment: The Rhetoric of the Government of Canada versus Idle No More"</p>

MONDAY JUNE 3 Morning Sessions

PLACE	9am – 10:30am	10:45am – 12:15pm
David Strong C118	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF GENDER IDENTITY IN SELECT HINDU TEXTUAL TRADITIONS</p> <p>Chair: Hayley Glaholt (Northwestern University)</p> <p>a. Adela Sandness (St. Francis Xavier University) "Giving Voice: On Water, Cows and Embodied Speech in the Rg-Veda"</p> <p>b. Patricia Dold (Memorial University of Newfoundland) "Voices of Protest in Puranic Accounts of Sati"</p> <p>c. Lemieux, Angelika Maeser (Vanier College, St. Laurent, QC) "Writing from the Margins : Female Protest and Empowerment in 'I Hanuman'"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGION, CULTURE AND IDENTITY</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. Spencer Bullivant (University of Ottawa) "Nonreligious Summer Camps: Creating a Non-religious Identity in the United States"</p> <p>b. Trevor Murphy (Saint Mary's University) "The Edge of the Ocean: Religion in Contemporary Acadian Identity"</p> <p>c. Marie-Paule Martel-Reny (Université Concordia (Montréal)) "Le programme éthique et culture religieuse au Québec: Perspectives des étudiants"</p>
David Strong C116	<p style="text-align: center;">EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANITY</p> <p>Chair: David Seljak (St. Jerome's University)</p> <p>a. Scott Wall (Waterloo-Wilfrid Laurier Joint Program) "Diversity is Sacred? – An Evangelical Ideal and its Social Context"</p> <p>b. Rebekka King (Emory University) "The Bible and Beyond: Evangelical Material Culture, Experiencing and Exhibiting History"</p> <p>c. Michael Tapper (St. Paul University, Ottawa) "Inconsistency Among Canadian Evangelicals? An Analysis of Trinitarian Belief in Music Practices"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. F.V Greifenhagen (Luther College, University of Regina) "Qu'ran and Bible: From Geiger to Reynolds"</p> <p>b. Brooke Brassard (University of Waterloo) "Two Prophets: The Use of Islam by Nineteenth Century Latter-day Saints"</p>
David Strong C122	<p style="text-align: center;">JUDAISM, DEATH AND THE HOLOCAUST</p> <p>Chair: Justin Jaron Lewis (University of Manitoba)</p> <p>a. Michael Oppenheim (Concordia University) "Not 'Any Tom, Dick and Harry'" Heschel and Buber on the Holocaust"</p> <p>b. Christopher M. Moreman (California State University, East Bay) "A Survey of Jewish Beliefs in and Experiences with Death, Dying, and the Afterlife"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGION AND LITERATURE</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. Bill James (Queen's University) "Two Novels about Vietnam: Karl Marlantes' Matterhorn and Kim Thúy's Ru"</p> <p>b. Jeannine M. Pitas (University of Toronto) "Between Beauty and Burslesque: The Virgin Mary in the Poetry of Marosa di Giorgio"</p> <p>c. Rose M. Tekel (St. Francis Xavier University) "Hermann Hesse's View of Religion: @ the Edge or the Centre"</p>
Cornett A229	<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGION AND THE SPECTACLE</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. Kathleen A. Riddell (University of Waterloo) "Beyond Illusion: The Critical Structuring of Religious Experience in the Spectacle"</p> <p>b. Morganna Malyon (Brandon University) "Understanding the historical interplay of performance, religion and racism in rural Manitoba from 1880 to 1950"</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MODERN TRENDS IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. Alain Bouchard (Université Laval et Collège de Sainte-Foy) "Le grand roque du vampire : Twilight, mormonisme et imaginaire contemporain"</p> <p>b. Florence Pasche Guignard (University of Toronto) "Gender-Reveal Parties as an Example of a New Ritualization of Pregnancy"</p> <p>c. David Feltmate (Auburn University at Montgomery) "Meanings, Methods, and Religion and Mass Media: Contributions of the Yale School of Cultural Sociology to the Study of Religion and Media"</p>

Graduate Luncheon Roundtable – CSRS Sedgewick B Wing, noon – 1:30pm

"Academically Skilled: (How) Does Grant Writing Differ from Dissertation Writing"

As scholars it is our profession to write in multiple ways: we write references, give written feedback, collate research results, report data, construct analyses, and supply teaching philosophies for our dossiers. We write lectures and presentations, book reviews, articles, monographs, and responses. We write grant applications, encyclopedia entries, recommendations for policy, and some of us write for news media. These modes of writing differ in their goals and the methods for their execution, but they are all forms of writing that appear in the career of an academic, and that one is expected to know how to do. This luncheon will offer some snapshots and best practices for 3 different genres of writing that are important to our development as scholars.

MONDAY JUNE 3

Afternoon Session

PLACE	3pm – 5pm
TBA	<p>Roundtable Discussion: Callum Brown's <i>Religion and the Demographic Revolution: Women and Secularisation in Canada, Ireland, UK and USA since the 1960s</i>.</p> <p>This roundtable will include a presentation by Callum Brown on his new book, as well as comments on his work from Canadian scholars in a range of fields related to the topic of this book. Scholars will comment on the Canadian content of Brown's new work, focusing on its relation to their particular areas of expertise, but also placing their discussion in a broader transnational framework. This is followed by discussion, comments and questions from the audience.</p> <p>Lynne Marks (University of Victoria) (Organizer) Nancy Christie (Western University) Michael Gauvreau (McMaster University) Peter Gossage (Concordia University) Paul Bramadat (CSRS, University of Victoria)</p> <p>This CSSR event is part of the Congress funded international speaker series, with the CHA as co-organizer."</p>

MONDAY JUNE 3

Evening Session

PLACE	Craiggie Lecture 7:00pm – 10pm
Eliot 168	Sean Freyne (Trinity College, Dublin), " <i>Roman Period Galilee: The Task of Recreating the World of Jesus and his First Followers</i> "

TUESDAY JUNE 4
Morning Sessions

Congress Big Thinking Lecture Series
Doug Saunders
7:45am – 8:55am

CSRS/CSSR Open Forum with Doug Saunders
“The Myth of the Muslim Tide”
10am – 11:30am
Philip T. Young Lecture Hall

PLACE	9am – 10:30am	10:45am – 12:15pm
David Strong C108		<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: Religion in the Public Sphere: East and West — East</p> <p>Chair: Paul Bramadat (CSRS, University of Victoria)</p> <p>a. Richard Mann (Carleton University) “Of Cultural Complexes and Temples: The Use of Public Space in a Global Hindu Context”</p> <p>b. Jeff Newmark (University of Winnipeg) “The Other as Activist: Tokugawa Outcastes in the Public Sphere”</p> <p>c. Marybeth White (Wilfrid Laurier University) “Public Space, Religious Place: A Lao Buddhist Community’s Re-Creation of Sacred Space in Rural Canada”</p>
David Strong C112	<p style="text-align: center;">EARLY AND MEDIEVAL BUDDHISM</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. Christopher Jensen (McMaster University) “Oneiric Visions, Social Expectations and Editorial Agendas: Using Lotus Sutra Miracle Tales to Explore Dreaming in Medieval Chinese Buddhism”</p> <p>b. Martin Adam (University of Victoria) “Hierarchy and Equality in the Pali Canon”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">PEDAGOGY, METHOD AND THEORY</p> <p>Chair: Rose M. Tekel (St. Francis Xavier University)</p> <p>a. Cheryl Gaver (Sheridan College) “Religion @ the Edge: Still Another Definition”</p> <p>c. Nathan, Loewen (Vanier College) “Teaching an Introduction to the Global Philosophy of Religion”</p>
David Strong C116	<p style="text-align: center;">RELIGION AND THE CLASSICAL WORLD</p> <p>Chair:</p> <p>a. Vaia Touna (University of Alberta) “The Meadows of Artemis and the Marginal Self”</p> <p>b. Richard A. Berg (Lakehead University) “Reading Plato’s Phaedo as Mystery Religious Experience”</p> <p>c. Dong Qiumin (Henan University) “Confucius: Ethos and the Integrative Nature of Early Chinese Rhetoric”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TRAUMA, LOSS and RELIGIOUS STRIFE</p> <p>Chair: Catherine Caufield (University of Alberta)</p> <p>a. Sarah Lynn Kleeb (University of Toronto) “Meaning and Violation: On the Exclusive Character of Narratives of Loss and Redemption”</p> <p>b. Tamsin Jones (CSRS, University of Victoria) “Bearing Witness: Responding to Trauma and Religious Experience”</p> <p>c. Sharon Lindenburger (Western University) “Reading Who We Are, Not Who the Other Is: Is Psychoanalytic Identity Theory Applied to Sacred Texts a Factor In Religious Strife”</p>

TUESDAY JUNE 4
Afternoon Sessions

PLACE	1:45pm – 3:15pm	3:30pm – 5pm
David Strong C108	<p style="text-align: center;">PANEL: Religion in the Public Sphere: East and West – West</p> <p>Chair: Paul Bramadat (CSRS, University of Victoria)</p> <p>a. Carlos Colorado (University of Winnipeg) "Maximalist Challenges to an Inclusive Public Sphere: The Limits of Open Secularism"</p> <p>b. Justin D. Klassen (Independent Scholar) "Secularism and Ideology"</p> <p>c. Jennifer Selby (Memorial University of Newfoundland) "Performative Effects?: Defining Islam in Canadian Public Commissions"</p>	