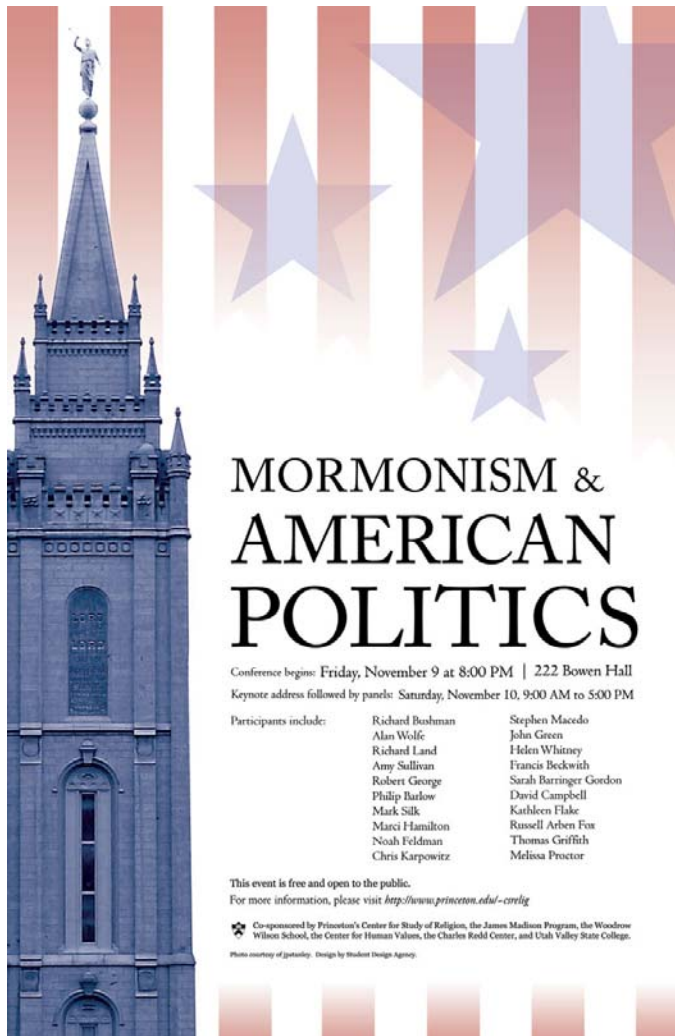


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**Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University**, is pleased to announce a conference:



**MORMONISM &  
AMERICAN  
POLITICS**

Conference begins: Friday, November 9 at 8:00 PM | 222 Bowen Hall  
Keynote address followed by panels: Saturday, November 10, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Participants include:

Richard Bushman	Stephen Macedo
Alan Wolfe	John Green
Richard Land	Helen Whitney
Amy Sullivan	Francis Beckwith
Robert George	Sarah Barringer Gordon
Philip Barlow	David Campbell
Mark Silk	Kathleen Flake
Marci Hamilton	Russell Arben Fox
Noah Feldman	Thomas Griffith
Chris Karpowitz	Melissa Proctor

This event is free and open to the public.  
For more information, please visit <http://www.princeton.edu/~csrelig>

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## **“Mormonism and American Politics”**

This interdisciplinary conference brings together historians, political scientists, philosophers, legal scholars, award-winning journalists, documentary filmmakers, and noted public intellectuals from a variety of faith traditions to discuss the contested intersection between religion and American politics as this issue is playing out currently on the national stage with regards to Mormonism.

The two-day conference will be held on November 9-10 in 222 Bowen Hall on the Princeton University campus (a map designating Bowen Hall is here: <http://www.princeton.edu/%7Epumap/buildings/110.html>).

The conference is free and open to the public. No advance registration is necessary.

Conference materials can be downloaded at:

<http://www.princeton.edu/~csrelig/mormonism&politics>

Hosted by the Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University, this conference is also sponsored by Princeton's James Madison Program in American Ideals and Institutions, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton's Center for Human Values, the Charles Redd Center, and the Religious Studies Program at Utah Valley State College.

The event begins at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and continues until 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 10. A complete conference schedule is given below.

Free parking is available on the Princeton University campus in the parking garaged and parking lot (Lot 3) adjacent to Bowen Hall. For directions and travel information see:

<http://www.princeton.edu/pr/park.shtml>. Members of the news media interested in attending should RSVP no later than noon Wednesday, Nov. 7 by e-mailing [csrelig@princeton.edu](mailto:csrelig@princeton.edu).

**About the Conference:**

Mitt Romney's run for the White House raises perennial questions about the place of religion in the public square and offers scholars an interesting occasion to reconsider the relationship between religion and American politics. The media has made much of Romney's religion and so have some sectors of the American public. What can we learn from public attitudes about Mormonism? Are the religious beliefs of a political candidate relevant to serving in office, and if so, how? Are there political implications to Mormonism? Do the careers of other Mormon politicians shed any light on this question? In what ways is Mormonism politically comparable to other religious groups?

Four separate panels will explore 1) the earliest encounters of Mormonism and American politics, 2) Mormonism as a case study for church/state issues 3) Mitt, Mormonism, and the media 4) the role religious identity plays in the public square.

Participants include Richard Bushman, Richard Land, Kathleen Flake, Philip Barlow, Marci Hamilton, Alan Wolfe, Helen Whitney, Mark Silk, Noah Feldman, Sarah Barringer Gordon, Stephen Macedo, Thomas Griffith, Melissa Proctor, Robert George, Russell Arben Fox, Chris Karpowitz, David Campbell, John Green, and Francis Beckwith.

**About Center for the Study of Religion:**

Founded in 1999, Center for the Study of Religion at Princeton University encourages greater intellectual exchange and interdisciplinary scholarly studies about religion among faculty and students in the humanities and social sciences. The Center aims to facilitate understanding of religion through an integrated program of support for Princeton faculty to pursue research and teaching on thematic projects, awards for Princeton graduate students to complete dissertation research, interdisciplinary seminars, undergraduate courses, public lectures, and opportunities for visiting scholars to affiliate with the Center.

**Other upcoming events at the Center for the Study of Religion include:**

11/12/07 "**The Impact of Faith in Public Service,**" a lecture by Congressman Frank Wolf, Virginia.

11/19/07 "**The Protocols of the Elders of Greenwich: The Secret American Plot to Rule the World,**" a lecture by Walter Mead, Council on Foreign Relations.

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