Schedule of Panels

Friday, June 3

9:30-10:30AM: Welcome & Introductions
Courtney Bender, Omar M. McRoberts, and Jonathan VanAntwerpen

10:45AM-12:15PM: Spiritual Labors and Fields of Action
“Enchanted Entrepreneurs: The Mediated Labor of Psychics in New York City”
Karen Gregory, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
“A Mind Is a Terrible Thing to Waste: Arthur Fletcher, Spirituality, and the American Underclass”
David Hamilton Golland, Bronx Community College, City University of New York
“Pragmatic Engagements, Transcendent Orientations: An Ethnographic Study of the Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence”
Ian Lowrie, Rice University
Respondent: Philip Gorski, Yale University

1:15-2:45PM: Multidisciplinary Panel (Sociology, Political Theology, History)
Nancy T. Ammerman, Boston University
David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College
Pamela E. Klassen, University of Toronto
Moderator: Elizabeth McAlister, Wesleyan University

3:00-4:30PM: Media, Technology & Spiritual Representations in the Public Sphere
“Informatic Cosmologies: NBIC, Singularity and the Conscious Universe”
Abou Farman, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
“Free the Jena Six! Black Technospiritual Practices and Racial Justice in the Digital Age”
Stephanie Greenlea, Yale University
“Sex, Lies, and Buddhism: Buddhism in the American Media Imagination”
Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies
Respondent: Courtney Bender, Columbia University

5:00-7:00PM: Frequencies Reception
A celebration of the launch of Frequencies, a collaborative genealogy of spirituality, curated by Kathryn Lofton and John Lardas Modern
Saturday, June 4

9:30-11:30AM: Public & Private Formations of Spiritual Identity
“The Soul-Killing System: J. Gresham Machen’s Critique of Progressive Reform”
Finbarr Curtis, University of Alabama

“Between Politics, Race and Theology: Forging Public Muslim Youth Identities”
Arshad Ali, Teachers College, Columbia University

“From ‘Rules’ to a ‘Relationship’: The Spiritual Faith and Political Passions of American Evangelicals”
Sophie Statzel, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

“A Revolutionary Spirit: The Myth of Cesar Chavez”
Luis Léon, University of Denver

Respondent: Josef Sorett, Columbia University

11:45AM-1:15PM: Multidisciplinary Panel (Political Theory, Religious Studies, Anthropology)
Ruth Marshall, University of Toronto
John Lardas Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
Joel Robbins, University of California, San Diego
Moderator: Omar M. McRoberts, University of Chicago

2:15-3:30PM: Closing Discussion
Courtney Bender and Omar M. McRoberts