Brief Welcome
Prof. Michael Smith, Program Director

Panel One—9:00 am

Peter Robert Brewton
Kingdom in the Ghetto: How Christian Organizations Embody the Kingdom of God in the American Inner City

Wyatt Fore
Amazing Gays: A Case Study in Christian Queer Activism

Nicholas Jordan
Cash or Charisma? Three Arenas of Transformational Leadership

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Two—10:05 am

Nina Otchere-Oduro
Tell Me I’m Black Enough: The Power of Discourse on the Contemporary Debate on Black Authenticity

Blake Segal
Tiptoeing on the Threshold: Exploring Buddhist Conceptions of the Ultimate through Performative Meditation

Anna Natasha Joukovsky
Epic Beginnings: History, Myth, and Revision in Ulysses and The Waste Land

Brief commentary and discussion followed by a very short break

Panel Three—11:10 am

Margaret E. Byrne
Dirt Poor: Women and Land Ownership in Africa

Rebecca F. Elliott
Where the Kids Have No Names: Celebrity Activism and the Popular Western Discourse on Africa

Allison McNearney
Exemplary Response or Misleading Success Story? An Analysis of Uganda’s Fight against the HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Brief commentary and discussion followed by a lunch recess. Please note the time to reconvene: 1:15 pm, sharp.
Panel Four—1:15 pm

Kaitlin Clary BottocK

Only Jihad will Liberate: The Rise of Islamic Fundamentalism among Palestinian Refugees in Arab host countries

Mai Omer Hassan

Between Turbans and Ostrich Feathers: The Beginnings of the Second Sudanese Civil War

Daniel Rhyne Coates

From Strangers to Neighbors: Building Community in Ciudad Bolivar, Bogotá

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Five—2:20 pm

Grace Kittredge Healy

Big Steps, Small Footprints: Environmental Ethics and Its Implications for the Theory and Practice of Rural Development

Matt Sherman

The Microfinance Revolution: Making Business Sense Out of Poverty Alleviation

Ben McVane

Getting Better All the Time? Revisiting the “Darwinian” Argument for Inevitable Moral Progress

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Six—3:25 pm

May Alston

Pulling Weight: Justifying Federal Intervention against Overweight-Obesity in the United States

Victoria L. Ingenito

The Imperative of Embryonic Stem Cell Research: A Comparative Study on the Politics of Research and Policy

Jennifer Meghan Hayes

Civilian Nuclear Power and Just National Policy Practices: A Rawlsian Analysis of Reactor Siting

Brief commentary and discussion

Panel Seven—4:30 pm

A.J. Kornblith

On Your Knees: The Efficacy of Apologies in American Political Communication

Daniel Keyserling

From the Fool’s Gold Mouthpiece: An Examination of Conceptual Metaphor and Rhetorical Technique in Presidential Speeches from 1941 to 2008

Katherine Klem

Untouchable No Longer: A Theory of Tobacco Control

Brief commentary and discussion

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