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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Economics and Christian Desire

JANUARY

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WEDNESDAY

8:30 am

Registration and Refreshments

9:00 - 10:00

“The Economy of Love:

What Genesis can Teach us About Money”

Scott Bader Saye

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee

10:30 – 11:45

Breakout sessions

11:45 – 1:00

Fair Trade Fair (Atrium)

Lunch

1:00 to 2:00pm

“Dis-interested Money: What Christians can Learn from Islamic Banking”

Scott Bader Saye

2:00 – 2:30

Responses

2:30 – 2:45

“Woe to the Rich?” Aiden Enns

2:45 - 3:00

Closing Prayers

3:00 – 5:00

MASS Film Festival

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY

9:00 – 9:20

Opening Meditation

Aiden Enns

9:20 – 10:00

“Being Consumed”

William Cavanaugh

10:00 – 10:30

“Subverting our Bourgeois Tendencies”

Aiden Enns

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee

11:00 – 12:15

Breakout sessions

12:15 – 1:15

Lunch

1:15 – 2:15

“Anatomy of a Meltdown”

William Cavanaugh

2:15 – 2:45

Responses

2:45 - 3:00

Closing Prayers

BREAKOUT SESSIONS



William Cavanaugh
Scott Bader-Saye
Elden Wiebe
Aiden Enns
Tyler Williams
Valentina Almaraj
....and more



BREAKOUT SESSION

Is the free market really free? I will lead a discussion on the kinds of freedom and unfreedom produced by the prevailing market system, and talk about alternative ways to conceive of freedom.

William Cavanaugh is Professor of Catholic Studies and Senior Research Fellow, CWCIT DePaul University. He received a B.A. in theology from Notre Dame in 1984, and an M.A. from Cambridge University in 1987. After working as a lay associate with the Holy Cross order in a poor area of Santiago, Chile, Cavanaugh worked at the Center for Civil and Human Rights at the Notre Dame Law School. He then studied at Duke University, where he received a Ph.D. in religion in 1996. Cavanaugh specializes in political theology, economic ethics, and ecclesiology. In addition to many journal articles, he has published the following books: *Torture and Eucharist* (Blackwell, 1998), *Theopolitical Imagination* (T. & T. Clark, 2002), *Being Consumed* (Eerdman, 2008), and *The Myth of Religious Violence* (Oxford University Press, 2009). He is a popular speaker, having given invited talks at dozens of universities in the United States, as well as in Australia, Canada, England, Belgium, Spain, Italy, and Sweden. ✨

Lecture #1: Being Consumed- A man recently sold advertising space on his forehead. What does this tell us about our culture? I will examine the history and dynamics of consumerism, and talk about the covert theology found in consumerism as an ideology. I will then discuss Christian theological and practical responses. ✨

Lecture #2: Anatomy of a meltdown- The recent global economic crisis is often seen as based in a misguided materialism, but I will argue the opposite: our economy is based on a flight from the material world, the attempt to transcend it. I will then discuss how a biblically-based economy would be more grounded in material reality. ✨

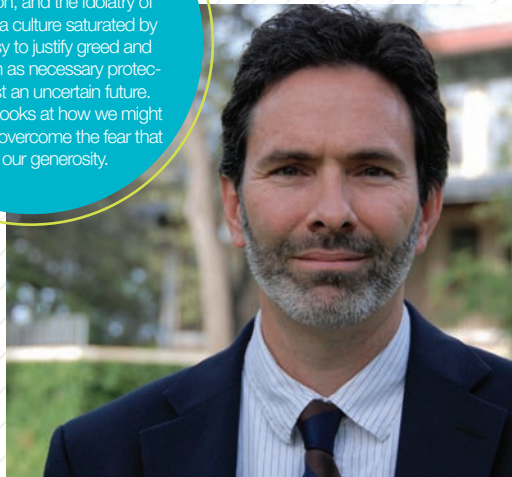
Scott Bader-Saye is Professor of Christian Ethics and Moral Theology at Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX. A graduate of Davidson College (A.B.), Yale Divinity School (M.Div.), and Duke University (Ph.D.), he teaches and writes in the areas of politics, economy, culture, and Jewish-Christian-Muslim dialogue. His publications include *Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear* and *Church and Israel After Christendom*. He also serves as Theologian in Residence at St. Julian of Norwich Episcopal Church, a mission in northwest Austin. ✨

Lecture #2: Dis-interested Money: What Christians can Learn from Islamic Banking - As the only Abrahamic tradition that has preserved its prohibition on usury (lending money at interest), Islam has had to create a fundamentally different system of lending, borrowing, banking, and investing. In so doing, they have created a model for retaining the human face in economic exchange. This presentation looks at what Christians might learn by reconsidering our own historical prohibition of usury in light of the Islamic model. ✨

Lecture #1: The Economy of Love: What Genesis can Teach us About Money - In contrast to the dominant secular theories that picture economy as an arena of inevitable competition and conquest, this presentation explores the possibility that true economy is rooted not in conflict but in the mutually beneficial exchange of good that Genesis calls “blessing.” ✨

BREAKOUT SESSION

The Economy of Fear: Greed, Accumulation, and the Idolatry of Security - In a culture saturated by fear, it is easy to justify greed and accumulation as necessary protections against an uncertain future. This session looks at how we might through faith overcome the fear that stifles our generosity.





BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1. Spirituality and Voluntary Simplicity
2. Practical Dimension of Voluntary Simplicity.

Spirituality and Voluntary Simplicity.

The inner journey of spiritual growth invites us to ask difficult questions. Who am I becoming? How can I find the strength to resist consumer pressures? As we take time to reflect in silence, as we seek out friends or mentors who can reinforce an alternative path, we develop a new, deeper sense of self.

Practical Dimension of Voluntary Simplicity. Religious “rules,” like the Rule of St. Benedict for example, have inspired noble souls for centuries. At best, they stabilize our traditions and guide us into a deep sustaining way of life. With the age of indulgence almost at its peak, disillusioned consumers need gentle instruction on embarking upon

Aiden Enns is the co-founder and editor of Geez magazine, a quarterly 80-page magazine based in Winnipeg which has won numerous awards. It strives for “holy mischief in an age of fast faith.” To challenge our consumer habits, every winter he volunteers with a little campaign called Buy Nothing Christmas. He has previously been on the “100-mile Diet” -- for 100 days you eat food grown within 100 miles -- and discovered it’s a lot easier with a strong supportive community. He holds graduate degrees in journalism (from UBC) and religion (from University of Manitoba), is a sessional instructor at Menno Simons College (affiliated with the University of Winnipeg), and is a former managing editor of Adbusters magazine and letters editor at the Vancouver Sun. ✨

retreat, stepping back from the stress of acquisition and forward into the bliss of letting go. Here’s our suggestion for a new religious rule for today. ✨