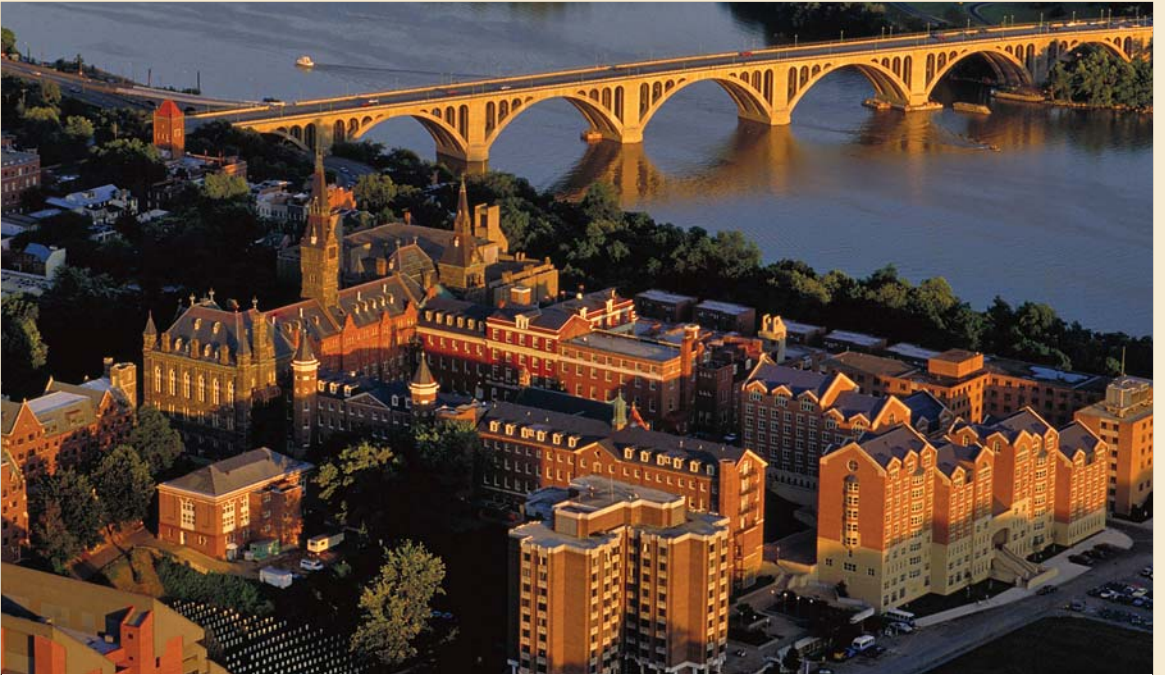




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Religion is a force for both good and ill in today's world. A source of solace and solidarity, it can also foster enmity and violence. The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs explores the intersection of religion with contemporary global challenges: relations among states and societies; democracy and human rights; global development; and cultural globalization. Two foundational premises guide the Center's work: that scholarship on religion and its role in world affairs can help to address these challenges effectively; and that the open engagement of religious traditions with one another and with the wider society can promote peace.



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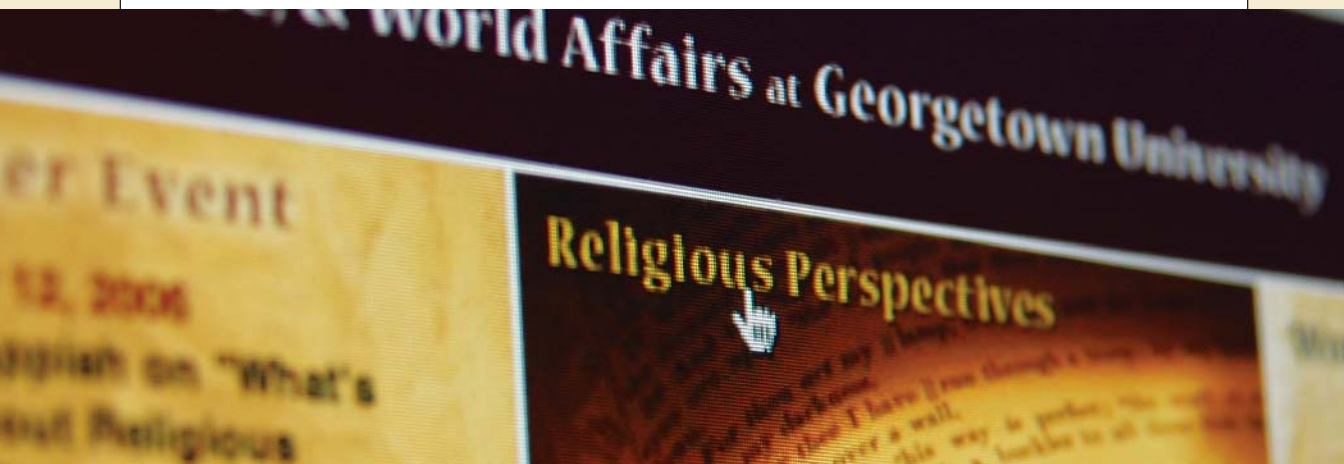
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Berkley Center Databases



Berkley Center Databases provide a vital resource for students, scholars, and religious and government leaders seeking a more complete understanding of how the world's religious communities engage global policy challenges.

In collaboration with the Henry Luce Foundation and Georgetown's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, the Center is creating a *Religion and Development Database* that will track the global engagement of religious communities around questions of health, education, and poverty relief.

Religious Perspectives Database

Different religious traditions approach ethical and political questions in diverse but related ways. The Religious Perspectives Database allows users to compare and contrast key scriptural passages and contemporary positions across multiple traditions and topics. <http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/perspectives>

World Events Database

The World Events Database is an up to date collection of scholarly and public affairs events relating to questions of religion, peace, politics, and society. It includes conferences, seminars, and other events worldwide that feature text, audio, and/or video. <http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/worldevents>

About The Center



“This new center will allow Georgetown to harness its academic strength and unique ability to foster interreligious dialogue in the pursuit of peace.”

— John J. DeGioia, President of Georgetown University

The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs is at the heart of a university-wide effort to make Georgetown a global leader in the interdisciplinary study of religion and the promotion of interreligious understanding. Key collaborative partners on campus include the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, the Program for Jewish Civilization, and the Catholic Studies Program.

Created in March 2006 through a generous gift from William R. Berkley, the Center seeks to deepen our understanding of religion, society, and politics in today’s world, to engage different religions in dialogue, and to promote peace.

The Berkley Center’s research, teaching, and outreach activities build on Georgetown’s academic strengths, international ties, Washington, DC, location, and Catholic and Jesuit commitment to service to the world.

Thomas Banchoff (Department of Government/School of Foreign Service) is the Center’s first director. Its faculty steering committee includes Ahmad Dallal (Arabic and Islamic Studies), Patrick Deneen (Government), Ariel Glucklich (Theology), and Katherine Marshall, formerly of the World Bank, and now a Senior Fellow in residence.

Center Themes



The Center addresses key themes at the intersection of religion and contemporary global challenges: international relations; democracy and human rights; global development; and cultural globalization.

Two Center book projects explore the dynamics of religious pluralism in today's world: *Democracy and the New Religious Pluralism* and *Religious Pluralism, Globalization, and World Politics*. The books, edited by Thomas Banchoff and forthcoming with Oxford University Press, feature essays by leading scholars including Anthony Appiah, Peter Berger, Jean Bethke Elshtain and Martha Nussbaum.

Religion and International Relations

Center programs examine religion's double-edged quality as both a driver of war, terrorism and civil conflict, and as a source of mediation, reconciliation, and peacebuilding.

Religion, Democracy, and Human Rights

The engagement of religious communities with democratic institutions and human rights agendas is a core focus of Center activity.

Religion and Global Development

Center programs illuminate the crucial, but still poorly understood impact of religion on global economic and social development.

Religion, Culture, and Identity

Interfaith relations and religious-secular interaction in culture and society—at both the national and international level—are key Center themes.

Center Programs



Center programs bring top scholars and practitioners to Georgetown to address contemporary issues, support innovative faculty research and teaching, and engage students as producers – not just consumers – of knowledge.

What is special about religious disputes? Why are many moral and political disputes within and across nations made difficult to resolve once they have religious stakes? K. Anthony Appiah of Princeton University addressed these questions at Georgetown in September 2006 – five years after the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Berkley Center Postdoctoral Fellowships provide an opportunity for young scholars to reside in the Center and explore new research directions. The Center also hosts accomplished scholars and policy professionals as *Senior Fellows*.

Faculty Seminars bring together scholars across departments to develop shared, interdisciplinary research agendas that address contemporary policy challenges. *Faculty Grants* for summer research and curricular development support innovative scholarship and teaching across departments and schools.

The *Undergraduate Fellows Program* engages students outside the classroom as researchers and participants in public policy debates. The *Junior Year Abroad Network* provides a forum for students abroad to reflect on the intersection of religion, society, and politics in their host countries and share their knowledge and experience with the wider Georgetown community.

For information on these and other programs, visit: <http://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu>