

**RELIGION AND THE CITY:
OUR URBAN HUMANITY AND THE WORLD BEYOND**

A Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Martin Marty Center
and
the 80th Birthday of Martin Marty
February 5-6, 2008

Tuesday, February 5
The University of Chicago Gleacher Center
450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive
Chicago, Illinois

2:00 p.m.
Plenary Address
Ray Suarez, The News Hour with Jim Lehrer
Between City and Suburb: Congregational Changes

3:30 p.m.
Breakout Sessions

Religious Architecture and the City

Robert S. Nelson

Robert Lehman Professor, Department of the History of Art
Yale University

Church architecture, like religious art, is a curious topic, of some interest to modern architectural historians and architects, of some interest to religious scholars, and to clerics, but not important in and of itself to any of these groups. Yet the buildings cost a great deal of money and are the initial points of contact for newcomers and a source of identity for long-term members. What is or should be the message of church architecture?

Diaspora Religions in Chicago: The Case of Islam

Malika Zeghal

Associate Professor of Anthropology and Sociology of Religion and Islamic Studies
The University of Chicago Divinity School

Mosques and Islamic cultural centers in Chicago describe a spatial centrifugal evolution from inner city to suburbs that goes hand in hand with a socio-economic embourgeoisement of these religious communities. At the same time, a younger generation of Muslims is responding to this evolution towards suburban-middle class conservative Islam by trying to do social work and solve inner city issues on the basis of their religious beliefs.

What Athens has to do with Jerusalem: Location and the Origins of Ethics

William Schweiker

Edward L. Ryerson Distinguished Service Professor of Theological Ethics

Director, The Martin Marty Center

In the third century AD Tertullian famously asked, “What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?” but the role of the city has in fact been central to the moral thinking of theologians and ethicists throughout human history, from Hebrew prophets, Socrates, and Jesus, to such moderns as Rousseau and Thoreau.

5:00 p.m.

Chicago and the Traditions of Gospel Music

performance by

The Sons and Daughters of Levi

Salem Baptist Church of Chicago

Walter Owens, Jr., Minister of Music and Arts

6:00 p.m.

Reception

River East Arts Center

435 East Illinois Street

Chicago, Illinois

Wednesday, February 6

The University of Chicago Gleacher Center

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9:00 a.m.

Panel Discussion: ***Immigration and Religion in the City***

Moderator:

James W. Lewis

Executive Director

The Louisville Institute

Panelists:

Mary Meg McCarthy

Executive Director

National Immigrant Justice Center

William J. Adelman

Professor Emeritus of Labor and Industrial Relations

The University of Illinois

Greg Wangerin
Executive Director
Interfaith Refugee and Immigration Ministries, Chicago

11:00 a.m.

Plenary Address

Martha C. Nussbaum, Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor
of Law and Ethics in the Divinity School, the Law School, the Department of Philosophy,
and the College, The University of Chicago

Religious Violence and the City

12:30 p.m.

Perspectives and Prospects:

Humane and Cosmopolitan Religion in the 21st Century City

Summary Plenary Discussion
with Martin Marty and friends