

**Emory University**  
**Religion, Conflict and Peacebuilding Initiative**  
**Speakers List**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Emory Affiliation, Email Address</u></b>	<b><u>Areas of Interest, Expertise</u></b>
Abbas Barzegar	Graduate Division of Religion <a href="mailto:abarzga@emory.edu">abarzga@emory.edu</a>	Formations of Sunni-Shi'ite conflicts; Muslim communities in the United States; Islamic politics in the Middle East
Michael Berger	Department of Religion and Institute for Jewish Studies <a href="mailto:mberg02@emory.edu">mberg02@emory.edu</a>	Rabbinic texts and culture; medieval Jewish culture; modern Jewish thought
Elizabeth M. Bounds	Candler School of Theology and Graduate Division of Religion <a href="mailto:ebounds@emory.edu">ebounds@emory.edu</a>	Conflict transformation/peacebuilding; interfaith engagement with special attention to gender and ethnicity/race
Matthew Bersagel Braley	Graduate School of Religion Ethics and Society Program <a href="mailto:matthew.bersagel-braley@emory.edu">matthew.bersagel-braley@emory.edu</a>	Religion and public health; models of truth and reconciliation; globalization; Christian social ethics
Kirstyn Brown	Office of Religious Life <a href="mailto:ksbrow3@emory.edu">ksbrow3@emory.edu</a>	Inter-religious Council
Vincent J. Cornell	Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies <a href="mailto:vcornel@emory.edu">vcornel@emory.edu</a>	Islamic studies; Middle East and South Asian studies; Sufism; Islamic law; Islamic theology and philosophy; contemporary Islamic thought; moral theology and philosophy; mystical traditions in the Mediterranean world
Tara Nancy Doyle	Department of Religion <a href="mailto:tndoyle@emory.edu">tndoyle@emory.edu</a>	South Asian religion; socially engaged buddhism; Tibetan freedom movement; Buddhist conversion among Dalits
John Dunne	Department of Religion <a href="mailto:jdunne@emory.edu">jdunne@emory.edu</a>	Buddhism; conflict in Buddhism; Buddhist perspectives on violence and conflict; contemplative studies
Tom Flores	Graduate Division of Religion <a href="mailto:tvflore@emory.edu">tvflore@emory.edu</a>	Conflict transformation/peacebuilding skills; religion and conflict, including psychodynamics of violence; religion, peacebuilding and interfaith dialogue
David O. Jenkins	Candler School of Theology <a href="mailto:dojenki@emory.edu">dojenki@emory.edu</a>	Asset-based community development; non-profit leadership; disability studies (particularly L'Arche); refugees and immigration policy; contextual education
Richard C. Martin	Department of Religion <a href="mailto:rcmartin@emory.edu">rcmartin@emory.edu</a>	Religion and violence; Islam and social conflict

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Saralyn Masselink	Candler School of Theology <a href="mailto:smassel@emory.edu">smassel@emory.edu</a>	Journeys of Reconciliation
Mary Elizabeth Moore	Candler School of Theology <a href="mailto:mmoore3@emory.edu">mmoore3@emory.edu</a>	Imagination, contemplation and peacebuilding; transformative education; global feminist theologies; environmental justice; cultural diversity; practical theology and repair of the world
Gordon D. Newby	Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies <a href="mailto:gdnnewby@emory.edu">gdnnewby@emory.edu</a>	Muslim-Jewish-Christian relations, particularly in the pre-modern period as a model for today
Laurie Patton	Department of Religion <a href="mailto:lpatton@emory.edu">lpatton@emory.edu</a>	Early Indian ritual and narrative; women and Hinduism in contemporary India; comparative mythology; literary theory in the study of religion
Michael J. Perry	School of Law <a href="mailto:mperry@law.emory.edu">mperry@law.emory.edu</a>	Law, morality and religion; religious faith and liberal democracy; religion and human rights
Edward L. Queen	Center for Ethics <a href="mailto:equeen@emory.edu">equeen@emory.edu</a>	Religion and conflict; religion and human rights; religion and democratization/civil society; nation-building; Balkans/Southeastern Europe, Caucasus/Central Asia, Middle East
Don Seeman	Department of Religion and Institute for Jewish Studies <a href="mailto:dseeman@emory.edu">dseeman@emory.edu</a>	Modern Jewish thought, including Jewish mysticism and mystical violence; ethnography of religious experience; political and religious violence in Israel Middle East; Ethiopian Jews and Jewish ethnography
Jessica Smith	Candler School of Theology <a href="mailto:jessica.m.smith@emory.edu">jessica.m.smith@emory.edu</a>	Journeys of Reconciliation
Luther E. Smith, Jr.	Candler School of Theology <a href="mailto:luther.smith@emory.edu">luther.smith@emory.edu</a>	Nonviolent strategies of social change; mediation processes; reducing systemic violence against children and youth
Theophus "Thee" Smith	Department of Religion <a href="mailto:thee.smith@emory.edu">thee.smith@emory.edu</a>	Prejudice reduction; conflict resolution with specialization in the legacy of racial violence
Joshua Thomas	Graduate Division of Religion <a href="mailto:joshua.thomas@emory.edu">joshua.thomas@emory.edu</a>	Interfaith education with children and youth; identity, faith and forgiveness; Christian theologies of religious pluralism; narrative and peacebuilding; Bosnia