

UWMC Collegium

Tuesday, October 6

Terrace Room

4:00 p.m.

Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes of 09-08-2009
3. Dean's report (Smith – S-Drive)
4. Steering Chair's report (Montgomery – S-Drive)
5. Student Services report (Beck)
6. Student Government Association report (Heise)
7. Senate report (Whitaker, Steffen)
8. Campus Child Care: report, discussion (Hassel/Holdusen – S-Drive)
9. Campus Shared Reading: report, discussion (Herda-Rapp)
10. Library Task force: implications for UWMC (Dettman)
 - a. Resolution (S-Drive)
11. Announcements (attached here)
12. Adjournment

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. CHANCELLOR'S "TOWN HALL" – Thursday October 8 – DE Classroom

2. THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN BUILDING AMERICAN COMMUNITY

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 7 pm in the UWMC Theater

This panel discussion, featuring Jim Veninga and Jim Lorence, plus guests Paul Boyer, Professor Emeritus of History at UW Madison and Jeff Kaplan, Associate Professor of Religious Studies and the Director of the Institute for the Study of Religion and Violence at UW Oshkosh, will explore these questions:

How might religion sustain as well as detract from America's common good and sense of community? How have the differences between fundamentalist and liberal theologies influenced America's political scene and helped create the "culture wars" of the past 25 years? Is it possible that a societal shift towards the search for common ground may even now be occurring, one that accepts religious pluralism, and recognizes the validity of multiple pursuits of truth and meaning?

Veninga will explore the public face of religion in America and ways in which religious communities have tried to shape an American civil religion, endeavors that at various times have both strengthened and weakened community in America.

Boyer will focus on two groups, bible prophecy believers (30 – 40 % of Americans) and the Amish, in understanding the role of religion in creating but sometimes undermining community in America.

Kaplan will discuss the challenges and opportunities for the building of a national Islamic Umma (community) in the United States in the post 9/11 environment. He will also focus locally on the experience of a small Muslim community in the Fox Valley to demonstrate the challenges of pluralism; pluralism in the Islamic community's relationship with the dominant Lutheran-Catholic culture of the area and in terms of sectarian tensions within the community itself.

A question and answer session will follow the panel discussion, and a reception will be held in the Terrace Room immediately after the event.