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WELCOME

Dear Friends,

By any measure, 2014 was a busy and productive year International Center for Law and Religion Studies. In addition to our annual international symposium in Provo, we participated in or co-organized more than 25 other conferences, held on every continent except Antarctica.

In February I was invited to give a keynote address at a regional consultation held in Jakarta on "Promoting the Freedom" of Religion or Belief in ASEAN." This event helped foster two significant new studies on religious freedom issues in the ASEAN region. In May, the Center co-organized a regional conference in Stellenbosch, South Africa, which witnessed the organization of the African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies. We also co-organized a conference in June in Como, Italy on "Religions and Constitutional Transitions in the Muslim Mediterranean: 'The Pluralistic Moment", which provided the occasion for the formal launch of a new Center on Law and Religion in the Mediterranean Region at Insubria University.

We continued our long-standing annual tradition of co-organizing a conference at Central European University in Hungary (this year's on "Varieties of Secularism"), as well as our more recent support for the Oxford Journal of Law and Religion Academy in June and events to support the work of the UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion and Belief at the time of his annual report in October in New York. We also continued



involvement in conferences and training programs in Latin America, India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, and former Soviet space (this year with a conference in Poland). In November we helped cosponsor the first G20 Interfaith Summit in Brisbane, Australia. We hope to organize similar events at future G20 Summits.

In July we launched a new major initiative in Provo: a Religious Freedom Annual Review, designed both to provide continuing legal education credit for lawyers and to provide information and resources for others interested.

We have this year expanded opportunites for students by creating a Student Management Board, whose members assist with Center work during the school year and have opportunities to travel with us and participate in conferences around the world. Our Student Research Fellows program continues, with 10-15 students spending summers working both on Center projects and in worldwide offices of Area Legal Counsel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

On the publications front, our near daily Headlines transmission has won acclaim from religious freedom experts worldwide; we have lauched four Facebook pages, a YouTube Channel, and a Twitter account, and we are poised for a major upgrade to our websites in 2015. We are nearing completion on five major publication projects: an International *Encyclopedia of Law and Religion* we are co-editing, the final version of papers on Religion and the Secular State from the 18th Quadrennial Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, two volumes from the Third Conference of International Consortium of Comparative Law (ICLARS), held in Virginia in 2013, and the second editions of both our 4-volume treatise Religious Organizations and the Law and the casebook Law and Religion: National, International, and Comparative Perspectives.

In all of this we are ever conscious of how much of our success depends upon collaboration with others. We are particularly grateful for our outstanding International Advisory Council, who work energetically to identify new sources of support. Many

of the IAC have contributed in person, once again this year, to the success of our international conferences. We are always grateful as well for support from our Academic Advisory Board, and from so many others who make the global scope of our activities possible.

The significance of religion and of freedom of religion or belief to modern life becomes more obvious with each passing year, and we are grateful to be able to work in support of this great principle in collaboration and friendship with so many others.

Sincerely yours,

The mission of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies is to help secure the blessing of freedom of religion or belief for all people

One of the critical needs of our time is for greater expertise and dialogue at the intersection where religion and belief come into contact with law and government. We live in a world where violence related to religion is on the rise and where approximately three-fourths of the earth's population lives in countries with high or very high restrictions on religion. A growing body of evidence points to a strong correlation between protecting religious freedom and increased levels of security, economic prosperity, rule of law, education, health, and other social goods. The International Center for Law and Religion Studies is global leader in contributing to religious freedom expertise and dialogue. As an academic institute at a major American law school, the Center partners with universities and organizations in dozens of countries to build the field of law and religion studies.

Since its inception in 2000, the Center has:

- Helped organize more than 160 academic conferences and workshops in approximately 45 countries.
- Engaged with thousands of scholars, government officials, and community and religious leaders.
- Consulted on proposed legislation and constitutional amendments in 52 countries.
- Produced numerous scholarly works and training materials on church-state legal issues.
- Involved more than 1,000 students in its work.

These activities build the intellectual infrastructure of religious freedom reform and support the adoption of sound legal policies.





W. Cole Durham, Jr.

Directo

IW. Cole Durham, Jr., is the founder and director of the International Center for of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Professor Durham has had a law scholarship, with specific emphasis church-state law. He currently serves as president of the International Consortium for Law and Religion Studies, based in Milan, Italy, and is co-editor-in-chief of the Oxford Journal of Law and Religion. He has authored numerous important works in the field of law and religion. In 2009 he was awarded the International First Freedom Award by the First Freedom Center in Richmond, Virginia, and in 2013 he received an honorary doctorate from Ovidius University in Constanța, Romania.



Robert T. Smith

Managing Director

As managing director since 2006, and activities of the Center. He is also the Center's regional advisor for Africa executive vice-president and general counsel to CaseData Corporation, and served previously as chairman of the Corporate and Tax Department at the law firm of Kirton & McConkie. Professor Smith received a bachelor's degree in accounting from BYU and is a magna cum laude graduate of the University of Notre Dame, where he earned a Masters of Business Administration. He is also a magna cum laude graduate of the J. Reuben Clark Law School, where he was named to the Order of the Coif and served as Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review.



Elizabeth A. Clark

Associate Director

Professor Elizabeth Clark has helped organize and execute dozens of activities around the world. In addition to cobeen the lead drafter of several amicus briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court and has provided expert commentary on pending legislation in several countries. She leads the Center's efforts in Eastern and Central Europe and manages the Center's annual International Law and Religion Symposium. Before joining the law school, Professor Clark specialized in appellate litigation with the firm of Mayer, Brown & Platt in Washington, D.C. She graduated summa cum laude from BYU Law School and was editor-in-chief of the BYU Law Review. Professor Clark speaks Russian, Czech, German and French.



Gary B. Doxey

Associate Director

Gary Doxey joined the Center in 2005. Latin America and heads the Center's development effort. He has co-authored several commentaries on draft legislation and amicus briefs in Latin America. He also teaches in the History Department at BYU. Professor Doxey's career has been divided between academia and public service. Prior to joining the law school, he was chief of staff and general counsel to Utah governors, Mike Leavitt and Olene Walker, assistant professor of history at BYU, and associate general counsel to the Utah Legislature. He has a Ph.D. in History from Cambridge University and a J.D. from BYU. He speaks or reads several languages and has authored several scholarly publications.



Brett G. Scharffs

Associate Director & Associate Dean

Brett Scharffs is associate dean at the law school, Francis R. Kirkham Professor of Law, and associate director of the Center. Professor Scharffs' teaching and scholarly interests include comparative law and religion, philosophy of law, and international business law. He graduated an M.A. in philosophy. He was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, where he his J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was senior editor of the Yale Law Journal. He is a visiting professor each year at Central European University in Budapest and is a regular contributing scholar in law education programs in China and Vietnam. He has written more than 50 articles and book chapters.



David M. Kirkham

Senior Fellow

David Kirkham, a professor in the BYU Department of Political Science, came for Security Studies in Germany, where he was associate dean and professor of International Politics and Democratic Studies. He previously was on the faculty of the US Air Force Academy. During his government service, he conducted international negotiations and diplomatic United Nations (with duties primarily in Africa). Hehas officially represented the United States and the UN in more than forty nations on six continents. He speaks French and German and holds a Ph.D., George Washington University. He has been named Director of BYU's London Centre, beginning July 2015.



Donlu D. Thayer Senior Editor

Donlu Thayer is the Center's senior editor, with responsibility for publications, the Center's three websites, the Center's newsletters, and producing the Law and Religion Headline News sent daily to subscribers worldwide. She is also Associate Editor for the *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* and performs editorial management for the forthcoming Brill Publishers' comprehensive Inernational *Encyclopedia of Law and Religion*. Since joining the Center in 2009, Donlu has had a hand in writing or editing virtually every major scholarly work and amicus brief sponsored or produced by the Center or Center personnel. She holds BA, MA, and JD degrees from BYU. Prior to joining the Center, she had long and active career as a writer, editor, and teacher in BYU's English Department and Honors Program.



Deborah A. Wright
Coordinator and Administrative Assistant

With the Center since 2001, Deborah Wright supervises the administrative staff and coordinates the activities of all Center personnel. Organization and scheduling of the Center's many conferences, including logistics, travel, accommodations all around the world, fall upon her shoulders. Most especially, the continued success of the annual International Law and Religion Symposium would be impossible without Deborah's competence and tireless efforts in the year-round efforts of organization, planning, communication, and coordination of events and facilities, of faculty, students, delegates, hosts, and visitors, all of which combine to bring to pass such a complex undertaking. Everyone in the Center's office at Brigham Young University is utterly dependent upon her service.

ACADEMIC ADVISORY BOARD

The Center is honored to be served by the distinguished group of globally recognized scholars who comprise its Academic Advisory Board.



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INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

IAC LEADERSHIP

Members of the International Advisory Council (IAC) play critical roles in promoting the cause of religious freedom worldwide. The members of the IAC host international delegates at the Center's annual symposium in Provo, travel to many parts of the world to participate in important religious conferences, and otherwise generously share their time, talents, and other resources to move the work forward.







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IAC ACTIVITIES

SPRING MEETING

2014 Spring Meeting of the International Advisory Council

The Annual Spring Meeting of the International Advisory Council took place in Salt Lake City April 3-4. The focus was "Religious Freedom in a Changing World." Elder Bruce C. Hafen, an emeritus General Authority of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, addressed "Family Law, Marriage, and the Temple." The Spring Meeting included briefings about emerging issues in religious freedom and developments around the world.

COMO

From May 28 to June 6 IAC members travelled to Italy to participate n the "IAC Italy Study Group: The Legacy of Lorenzo Snow." BYU Law School Dean Jim Rasband and Professors Cole Durham and Jim Toronto accompanied the group as they toured Florence, the Cinque Terre, the Piedmont region, and beautiful Lake Como. They participated in a significant conference on law and religion in the Muslim Mediterranean and witnessed the launch of an important new center at Insubria University in Como dedicated to law, religion, and the economy in the Mediterranean region.

SYMPOSIUM

The International Advisory Council gathered in Provo, Utah for the 21st Annual International Law and Religion Symposium, where they helped befriend and host more than 80 VIP delegates attending the symposium from 40 different nations. The symposium's theme was "Varieties of Secularism, Religion, and the Law." Members of the IAC gathered for their own special devotional with Elder Robert F. Orton, an emeritus General Authority of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The ICLRS Student Research Fellows program invites students from BYU Law School to participate in international externships and guided indivdiual research projects. Fellows gain practical experience as well as significant research and writing experience, important for launching and sustaining their careers, while enjoying opportunities for personal encounters with global leaders in the field of religious freedom, all the while offering vital service to the work of the Center and to the cause of religious freedom worldwide. This year's students — Ryan Andersen, Eva Brady, Bennett Briggs, Morgan Brungard, Vlctoria Chen, Ryan Davis, Tara Fitzgerald, Travis Hyer, Branden Kartchner, Daniel Lyman, Annalee Moser, Monique Mullenaux, Lauren Robins, Brian Sabey, Cade Shiozaki, and Jarvis Yat-Him Yau — spent time in Argentina, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Russia, South Africa, and Salt Lake City before returning to Provo to complete their assignments.







TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL INTERNATION

More than 80 distinguished delegates from 40 countries gathered at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, October 5-8, 2014, to participate in the 21st annual International Law and Religion Symposium: "Varieties of Secularism, Religion, and the Law." The keynote speaker at the opening session was U.S. Senator Orrin Hatch, to whom the Center awarded its 2014 Distinguished Service Award. Senator Hatch has had a prominent role in religious freedom legislation during his career in the United States Senate over multiple decades. Of particular note is that he was a principle sponsor and mover of the landmark Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Senator Hatch provided an interesting account of the passage of that law, which was recently upheld in the Burwell v. Hobby Lobby; and he shared several important practical, political, and legal perspectives on religious freedom.

Plenary sessions of the Symposium focused on secularism and social tensions, different types of secularism, and the difference between secularism, as an ideological end, and secularity, as a framework for pluralism. Break out sessions of the Symposium considered religious freedom issues in various parts of the world, including sessions on Latin America, Mexico and Brazil, Southeast Asia, Central and Western Europe, Australia, the Middle East and Northern Africa, Far East Asia, Western Africa, Russia, Ukraine and Armenia.

This year's Symposium was extremely successful in large measure because of the generous support provided by the Cornerstone Endowment and the help of the many volunteers, hosts, and students who assisted with all aspects of the event.





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ISLAMIC WORLD

RELIGIONS AND CONSTITUTIONAL TRANSITIONS IN THE MUSLIM MEDITERRANEAN: THE PLURALISTIC MOMENT JUNE 3-5, 2014, INSUBRIA UNIVERSITY, COMO, ITALY

Insubria University on beautiful Lake Como was the setting for the 2014 regional conference for the Islamic World. This conference focused on law and religion in the Muslim Mediterranean. It was an outgrowth of a similar conference in Como, Italy in 2010 and a conference in Ifrane, Morocco at Al-Akhawayn University in November 2013.

The conference provided an opportunity to bring together scholars, government officials, and civil society leaders from the Middle East, North Africa, and southern Europe to discuss three basic questions related to religious freedom: constitutionalism, the role of religious parties, and the status of religious minorities. In addition to several individual speakers, the conference consisted mainly of a series of panel discussions: one on Italy, and the others on countries affected by the recent political and social turmoil in the Middle East: Tunisia, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, Palestine, Algeria, and Jordan.

The 2014 conference provided the impetus and the venue for launching a new academic center dedicated to law and religion studies in the Muslim Mediterranean: The Insubria Center on Religion, Law, and Economy in the Mediterranean Area, Insubria University, Como, Italy (REDESM). This center promises to become a regular partner on religion-law activities in the region.

LATIN AMERICA

THE 14TH COLLOQUIUM OF THE LATIN AMERICAN CONSORTIUM FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN THE CONTEXT OF CRIMINAL LAW

SEPTEMBER 1-2, 2014, NATIONAL ACADEMY OF LAW OF CORDOBA

The colloquium was successful from the perspective of strengthening religious freedom scholarship in Latin America and building the network of Latin American experts. The Center has been intimately involved with the Latin American Consortium since the beginning, and members of the Consortium are rising to become recognized experts not only in their own region but elsewhere. As a side event of cultural and religious significance, Scott Isaacson, a senior advisor for Latin America, and Professor Gary Doxey were able to arrange a VIP tour for members of the Consortium to visit the construction site Cordoba Temple site of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE ARGENTINE COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY: RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN THE 21ST CENTURY: RELIGION, STATE, AND SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2014, UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL DE CÓRDOBA

This impressive international event was held in the Faculty of Law and Social Science of the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, one of oldest universities in the Western Hemisphere. Participants included academic, government, religious, and civil society leaders from all over Latin America, Spain, and a few from North America. The Congress examined religious freedom holistically in the 21st Century. The pope senthispersonalgreeting to be read in the opening session. A cardinal from the Holy See spoke in the closing session, along with Professor Cole Durham and Professor Juan Navarro Floria.

In addition to these conferences, the Center was active in other ways in Latin America during 2014. Professor Gary Doxey, together with our long-time colleague from Argentina, Juan Navarro Floria, were invited as outside experts to attend a mark-up session of a comprehensive new bill regarding religious organizations that is before the National Congress of the Dominican Republic. In addition, the Center assisted with legislation in Costa Rica and Bolivia and provided research for a brief submitted to the Constitutional Court of Colombia.

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G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT

G20 INTERFAITH SUMMIT: "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM NOVEMBER 16-18, 2015, GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA

This was the first of a major series of annual conferences in which the Center is engaged with other major partners. The G20 Interfaith Summit brought scholars, lawyers, political office holders, and other opinion leaders together with faith and interfaith leaders from around the world for three days of discussion and dialogue as a substantial contribution to the G20 Economic Forum. The conference showcased the scholarly and societal contributions of various faith traditions and philos-ophies from around the world. This conference also created opportunities for communication and relationship building and raised the profile of participating communities, groups and organizations.

Cole Durham was a moderator for one of the conference panels, and presented on the panel entitled "Religious Rights and Economic Development: International Perspectives." Conference panels focused on religious freedom's impact on the economy, humanitarian aid, social cohesion and charitable giving, among other things. Attendees came from countries all around the Pacific region, Asia, the Middle East, South America, and Europe. Given the number of attendees, this conference was almost double the size of the Center's annual International Symposium in Provo.

The Center is helping to organize the next G20 Interfaith Summit in Istanbul, Turkey, November 16-18, 2015.





REGIONAL CONFERENCES

EASTERN EUROPE

RELIGION IN THE CONTEXT OF GLOBALIZATION: LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE FUNCTIONING OF RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS NOVEMBER 4-6, 2014, JAGELLONIAN UNIVERSITY, KRAKOW, POLAND

This conference provided an opportunity to bring together scholars, government officials, and civil society leaders from Eastern Europe to discuss questions of functioning of religious organizations and religious freedom at Jagellonian University, the oldest university in Eastern Europe. The Center supported the conference as its major Eastern Europe initiative for 2014.

Cole Durham was the keynote speaker in the historical Aulum Collegium hall at Jagellonian University. Professor Elizabeth Clark played a major role in helping to organize the conference and participated as a presenter. Most of the conference consisted of twelve panel discussions, which covered such topics as "Religion and European Legal Values of Democracy, the Rule of Law, and Human Rights"; "Legal Regulation of the Activities of Religious Organizations in Modern Society"; "The Place of Religion in Education: Problems and Perspectives on Solutions in Various Countries"; and "Religion and Mass Media"; among others. More than sixty presentations were shared during the discussions by presenters from Armenia, Belarus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Great Britain, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Ukraine, and the United States.



LAW AND RELIGION IN AFRICA: THE QUEST FOR THE COMMON GOOD IN PLURALISTIC SOCIETIES MAY 26-28, 2014, STELLENBOSCH, SOUTH AFRICA

Scholars, government officials, religious leaders and advocates for religious freedom from diverse religious traditions throughout sub-Saharan Africa came together to discuss themes ranging from religious persecution, marriage and divorce, state registration of religion and the autonomy of religious societies. The program included some 60 presentations by participants from over a dozen countries.

The capstone of this year's conference was the organization of the African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies (ALCARS) during a formal meeting at the conclusion of the conference. The mission of ACLARS is to help create and nurture the field of law and religion studies in Africa by co-sponsoring future conferences and publications with assistance from the Center. Keynote addresses by Justice Albie Sachs (Retired) of the South African Constitutional Court and Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng of the South African Constitutional Court garnered attention from the national media of South Africa. Each made an eloquent plea for the advancement of religious freedom as well as for greater justice and morality in society. Justice Albie Sachs' remarks were made more eloquent by the fact that he lost an arm and much of his sight in a terrorist blast while pursuing justice for black Africans under Apartheid. Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, an ordained Pentecostal minister, spoke passionately for the positive societal role religious values play, such as in the formulation of laws to promote morality and eliminate corruption.



OXFORD JOURNAL OF LAW AND RELIGION SUMMER ACADEMY

SACRED AND SECULAR : VARIETIES OF SECULARISM AND INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FROM THE PERSPECTIVES OF COMPARATIVE LAW, INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND FOREIGN POLICY JUNE 23-27, 2014, ST. HUGH'S COLLEGE, OXFORD, UNITED KINGDOM.

More than 100 participants and presenters from 20 countries joined ICLRS at the Second Annual Oxford Journal of Law and Religion Summer Academy at St. Hugh's College, Oxford University. The summer academy is a major international event that brings together leading academics, policymakers, international officials, and practicing lawyers working in the field of law, religion, and international relations. The 2014 event included parliamentarians and other government officials from around the world, editors of the Oxford Journal of Law and Religion, members of clergy, representatives of NGOs and think-tanks, academics and organizational researchers, as well as students, publishers, journalists, and other visitors.

Four keynote addresses were delivered during the Academy: by Baroness Elizabeth Berridge, Member, House of Lords, and Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on International Freedom of Religion or Belief of the British Parliament; Professor Mary Ann Glendon, Learned Hand Professor of Law, Harvard Law School, and Commissioner, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom; Professor Paul Fiddes, Professor of Systematic Theology in the University of Oxford and formerly Principal of Regent's Park College and Chairman of the Theology Faculty, and Professor Marie-Claire Foblets, Director, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle, Germany, and Professor of Law at the Catholic University of Leuven/Louvain, where she was formerly Head of the Institute for Migration Law and Legal Anthropology.



CERTIFICATE TRAINING PROGRAMS

The Center has established influential Certificate Training Programs in both China and Vietnam

China

The fifth China Certificate Training Program on Religion and Rule of Law took place July 28-August 8, 2014 in Beijing, China. The event was organized under the auspices of the Pu Shi Institute for Social Science, the Peking University School of Law, and the Beijing Foreign Studies University School of Law. As a support to these institutions, the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, in partnership with the Institute for Global Engagement, provided help with the curriculum and arranged international faculty for the training. As in previous years, the two-week program included a major oneday academic conference that attracted about 100 experts and participants. The theme of the conference was "Religion and the Rule of Law: Legislation on Religious Organization." The training program and the conference received coverage in the country's academic and legal media.

The curriculum for the training was taken from the Chinese translation of the seminal textbook, Law and Religion: National, International, and Comparative Perspectives by Cole Durham and Brett Scharffs. Prominent Chinese scholars joined with an outstanding group of international experts to provide the training. More than 56 university professors, religious leaders, researchers, judges, and advanced graduate students completed the training and were awarded certificates. Many of the participants expressed desire to engage in further research in the field of law and religion. Two Chinese scholars were invited to visit BYU for a semester to further their research.

Vietnam

The Center was pleased to help organize the third annual Certificate Training Program on Religion and the Rule of Law in Vietnam. This year's 10-day training program took place July 14-23 in Da Nang, the major city of Vietnam's central region. The training program featured leading Vietnamese academics working on law and religion issues in their country, along with an illustrious faculty of experts from other parts of the world. The event was reported on TV news and in four Vietnamese newspapers. In connection with the training, two visiting scholars have spent time at BYU Law School to further their research on religion and the rule of law, with more scholars to come in subsequent years.

The program was held under the auspices of Vietnam National University (VNU), Da Nang; the University of Social Sciences and Humanities—VNU, Hanoi; the Da Nang Foreign Language University; the International Center for Law and Religion Studies at BYU; and the Institute for Global Engagement (IGE). This program is part of an unprecedented joint agreement signed in 2013 between VNU, the Center, and IGE to work together to pursue excellence in law and religion studies. Professors Brett Scharffs and Cole Durham led much of the training program using the Vietnamese translation of their textbook, Law and Religion: National, International, and Comparative Perspectives. A significant new grant from the John Templeton Foundation and a generous donation from David and Linda Nearon made the continuation of this annual training possible.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ANNUAL REVIEW

The inaugural installment of an important new component of the Center's work took place on the BYU campus in Provo, Utah on July 7-9, 2014: the Religious Freedom Annual Review. The Annual Review is a new conference series aimed at specialists and non-specialists alike—lawyers and non-lawyers, educators, students, and interested members of the public. Its purpose is to provide upto-date and stimulating presentations and discussions on important topics and current developments in religious freedom law, both domestically and internationally. The Annual Review is a natural evolution of our Discussion Series Lectures over the past several years and reflects that series' enthusiastic reception with students, professionals, and the public.

More than 100 participants attended the First Annual Review in 2014, entitled "Religious Freedom in a Secular World." The event included panels on the U.S. Supreme Court's recent Hobby Lobby decision and its effect on religious freedom laws in the U.S., a discussion of religious freedom implications of LGBT rights, the economic case for religious freedom, and a host of other issues. An entire day was devoted to international topics including international instruments protecting religious freedom for individuals and religious organizations. CLE credit, including ethics and civility, was available for lawyers and continues to be available through recordings of the conference. The 2015 Annual Review is scheduled for July 6-8.

2014 YEAR

January 6-9: Athens, Greece – Fifteenth Meeting of Experts of the International Religious Liberty Association: "Religions, Secular Society, and Religious Liberty in the Mediterranean Area: How to Interact in our
January 13-15: Kansas City, Missouri – Annual Conference of the J. Reuben Clark Law Society: "Obedience to Law is Liberty."
January 15-16: London, UK – "Religion, Democracy and Law," London Metropolitan University.
February 19-20: Jakarta, Indonesia – "Promoting the Freedom of Religion or Belief in ASEAN."
February 24-25: Atlanta, Georgia – "A Global Conversation: Exploring Interfaith and International Models for the Interaction of Religion and State," Emory University.
March 4: Washington, D.C. – Symposium on Religious Freedom, Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.
March 5: Provo, Utah – Wheatley Forum Religious Liberty Lecture: Michael Moreland, "Institutional Religious Freedom," Brigham Young University.
March 12: Provo, Utah – Wheatley Forum Religious Liberty Lecture: Brett Scharffs, "Our Fractured Attitude Towards Corporate Conscience," Brigham Young University.
March 21: Provo, Utah – "Religious Tolerance and American Muslims," Brigham Young University.
April 3-4: Salt Lake City, Utah – Spring Meeting of the International Advisory Council of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies: "Religious Freedom in a Changing World."
May 12-25: Budapest, Hungary – Courses on Law and Religion, Central European University.
May 23-24: Budapest, Hungary – "Varieties of Secularism," Central European University.
May 26-28: Stellenbosch, South Africa – Annual Meeting of the African Consortium for Law and Religion Studies: "The Quest for the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies," Stellenbosch University.
June 3-5: Como, Italy – "Religions and Constitutional Transitions in the Muslim Mediterranean: The Pluralistic Moment," Insurbia University.
June 7-8: London, UK – "Magna Carta, Religion, and the Rule of Law," The Temple.
June 17-19: Vladivostok, Russia – "Religion in a Changing World."
June 23-27: Oxford, UK – Oxford Journal of Law and Religion Summer Academy: "Sacred and Secular: Varieties of Secularism and International Religious Freedom from the Perspectives of Comparative Law, Int Oxford University.
July 7-9: Provo, Utah – Religious Freedom Annual Review: "Religious Freedom in a Secular World," Brigham Young University.
July 14-23: Da Nang, Vietnam – Third Vietnamese Religion and the Rule of Law Certificate Training Program, Vietnam National University.
July 22: Vienna, Austria – Annual Meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law.
July 21-25: Vienna, Austria – Nineteenth World Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law.
July 28-August 8: Beijing, China – Fifth Chinese Religion and the Rule of Law Certificate Training Program.
August 18-22: Florence, Italy – International Religious Liberty Association Meeting of Experts.
September 1-2: Cordoba, Argentina – Fourteenth Colloquium of the Consorcio Latinoamericano de Libertad Religiosa (Latin American Consortium for Religious Liberty): "Religious Liberty in the Context of Crim
September 3-5: Cordoba, Argentina – International Congress of the Argentine Council for Religious Liberty (Consejo Argentino para la Libertad Religiosa): "Religious Freedom in the 21st Century: Religion, State



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- China Pu Shi Institute, 3rd Meeting of Experts
- Luxembourg Max Planck Institute

February

- United Kingdom Wilton Park discussion on Freedom of Religion or Belief
- Nigeria University of Lagos training program on law and religion

March

- Israel Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
- Detroit Wayne State University Law School

April

- Salt Lake City International Advisory Council Spring Meeting
- Hungary Central European University courses on law and religion

May

- Armenia Eastern European Regional Conference
- Namibia African Consortium of Law and Religion Studies
- Mexico Latin American Consortium for Religious Liberty

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