

# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ANNUAL REVIEW



## THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2016

8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9:00–9:15 a.m.	<p><b>Welcome (Room 2254)</b></p> <p>Moderator: Elizabeth A. Clark, <i>Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University</i></p> <p>Brett G. Scharffs, Francis R. Kirkham, <i>Professor of Law and Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University</i></p> <p>Christine Hurt, <i>Associate Dean for Faculty and Curriculum and Rex J. and Maureen E. Rawlinson Professor, J. Reuben Clark Law School, BYU</i></p>
9:15–10:15 a.m.	<p><b>Keynotes (Room 2254)</b></p> <p><b>Defending Religious Freedom in a Secular Age: Fundamental Principles, Practical Priorities, and Fairness for All</b></p> <p>Elder Lance B. Wickman, <i>General Counsel, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and Emeritus General Authority</i></p>
10:15–10:30 a.m.	<b>Break</b>
10:30–11:30 a.m.	<p><b>Religious Liberty v. Secularity: Is the American Founding Still Useful? (Room 2254)</b></p> <p>Matthew S. Holland, <i>President, Utah Valley University</i></p>
11:45–1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch (Rooms 2258–60)</b>
1:15–2:15 p.m.	<p><b>Workshop Session 1</b></p> <p><b>Choice A (Room 2295)</b></p> <p><b>Understanding Media Coverage of Religion</b></p> <p>Terry Mattingly, <i>nationally-syndicated religion journalist and Senior Fellow for Media and Religion at The King's College in New York City</i></p> <p>Questions to be discussed: How can I better understand what I hear and see in the media? How do I get good information on religion and religious freedom issues?</p> <p><b>Choice B (Room 2265)</b></p> <p><b>What does the Separation of Church and State Really Mean? The First Amendment's Establishment Clause</b></p> <p>Mark Goldfeder, <i>Director of Law and Religion Student Program and Spruill Family Senior Fellow in Law and Religion, Emory University School of Law</i></p> <p>Questions to be discussed: Does the Establishment Clause prohibit all government involvement with religion? When are religious symbols permitted in public places? What does separation of church and state really mean?</p> <p><b>Choice C (Room 2267)</b></p> <p><b>Muslims, America, and Religious Freedom</b></p> <p>Imam Muhammad Musri, <i>Senior Imam, President and Chairman of the Board of the Islamic Society of Central Florida</i></p>

Questions to be discussed: What types of challenges to religious freedom are faced by Muslims? Are Muslims trying to impose Sharia law or replace the U.S. Constitution? Are Muslims able to integrate into American Society? How are Muslims defending their religious freedom?

**Choice D (Room 2254)**  
**How Can I Discuss Religious Freedom Effectively?**

Michael D. Frandsen, *Director, Public Affairs, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

Questions to be discussed: How can I convey messages about religious freedom without being misunderstood? How can I persuasively articulate the case for religious freedom? How best can religious believers communicate concerns about their values to those who don't share their religious beliefs?

2:15–3:15 p.m.	<p><b>Workshop Session 2</b></p> <p>(Same rooms and choices as offered in Workshop Session 1 above.)</p>
3:15–3:30 p.m.	<b>Break</b>
3:30–5:30 p.m.	<p><b>Political Trends and Religious Freedom: Where Are We And Where Are We Going On Religious Freedom Issues Nationally? (Room 2254)</b></p> <p>Moderator: David M. Kirkham, <i>Senior Fellow for Comparative Law and International Policy, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University</i></p> <p><b>The Role of Religion and Religious Tolerance in the Upcoming Election</b></p> <p>David Masci, <i>Senior Writer/Editor, Pew Research Center</i></p> <p><b>"Christian Bigots" and "Muslim Terrorists": Religious Liberty in a Polarized Age</b></p> <p>Thomas C. Berg, <i>James L. Oberstar Professor of Law and Public Policy, University of St. Thomas School of Law</i></p> <p><b>State of the States: Religious Freedom in State Legislatures</b></p> <p>Tim Schultz, <i>President, First Amendment Partnership</i></p> <p><b>Strategies for Reducing Perceived Conflict between Religious Freedom and LGBT Rights</b></p> <p>Brett G. Scharffs, Francis R. Kirkham <i>Professor of Law and Director of the BYU International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School</i></p>

## FRIDAY, JULY 8, 2016

8:30 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9:00–10:00 a.m.	<p><b>What Should Religious Freedom Mean in Society? Prioritizing Religious Freedoms (Room 2254)</b></p> <p>Alexander Dushku, <i>Shareholder, Kirton &amp; McConkie</i></p>

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**(De)constructing American Community: Religious Freedom as Substance and Symbol (Room 2254)**

Steven D. Smith, *Warren Distinguished Professor of Law and Co-Executive Director, Institute for Law & Religion, University of San Diego School of Law*

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10:15–10:30 a.m. **Break**

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10:30–11:30 a.m. **Interfaith Cooperation: How Can We Work Together to Promote Religious Freedom? (Room 2254)**

Moderator: Elizabeth A. Clark, *Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University*

**Interfaith Cooperation to Promote Religious Freedom in Muslim Majority Countries**

Imam Muhammad Musri, *Senior Imam, President and Chairman of the Board of the Islamic Society of Central Florida*

**What Politics Can Learn from the Family: Jews, Latter-day Saints, and the Case for Religious Freedom**

Daniel I. Mark, *U.S. Commissioner for International Religious Freedom*

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11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m. **Lunch (Rooms 2258–60)**

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1:15–2:15 p.m. **Workshop Session 3  
Choice A (Room 2295)  
How Broad is Religious Freedom? Constitutional and Legislative Protections**

Thomas C. Berg, *James L. Oberstar Professor of Law and Public Policy, School of Law, University of St. Thomas*

Questions to be discussed: How does the First Amendment to the Constitution protect religious activities? How do the courts balance religious freedom claims against public interests? Do Religious Freedom Restoration Acts authorize discrimination?

**Choice B (Room 2265)  
Religion and the Workplace: Rights and Accommodations**

M. Christian Green, *Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University*

Questions to be discussed: What rights do I have as a worker to practice or manifest religious beliefs in the work place? What religious liberty rights are most often threatened in the workplace and, if I have a concern, how do I effectively approach my supervisor, human resources department or management? As an employer, how do I properly accommodate religion? What threats exist regarding accreditation of professionals and how might they be addressed?

**Choice C (Room 2267)  
Religion in Public Schools: What Rights Do Parents and Students Have?**

Scott E. Ferrin, *Professor, David O. McKay School of Education, Brigham Young University*

Questions to be discussed: What rights do students have to practice or manifest religious beliefs in public schools? What rights do parents have regarding mandatory curricula that violate their conscientious beliefs? How do I effectively approach school district administrators? How do I effectively enlist other parents in the cause of religious liberty?

**Choice D (Room 2254)  
How Do I Get Involved? Where Can I Make a Difference?**

Steven T. Collis, *Chair, Religious Institutions and First Amendment Practice Group, Holland & Hart, Denver, Colorado*

Questions to be discussed: How can I get involved on religious freedom issues? What have others done in their individual capacities to get involved? Where I can make a difference?

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2:15–3:15 p.m. **Workshop Session 4**  
(Same rooms and choices as in Workshop Session 3)

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3:15–3:30 p.m. **Break**

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3:30–4:30 p.m. **Religious Freedom at the Supreme Court Now and in the Future (Room 2254)**

Moderator: David M. Kirkham, *Senior Fellow for Comparative Law and International Policy, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University*

**The Roberts Court and Religious Freedom**

Hannah Smith, *Senior Counsel, Becket Fund*

**What Will the New Supreme Court Do on Religious Freedom?**

Gene C. Schaerr, *Partner, Schaerr | Duncan, and Adjunct Professor, J. Reuben Clark School of Law, Brigham Young University*

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4:30–5:45 p.m. **Current Developments in Europe? (Room 2254)**

Moderator: Brett G. Scharffs, *Francis R. Kirkham Professor of Law and Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University*

David M. Kirkham, *Senior Fellow for Comparative Law and International Policy, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University*

Michael L. Jensen, *Area Legal Counsel, Office of General Counsel, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*

**Closing Remarks (Room 2254)**

W. Cole Durham, Jr., *Susa Young Gates Professor of Law and Founding Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University*

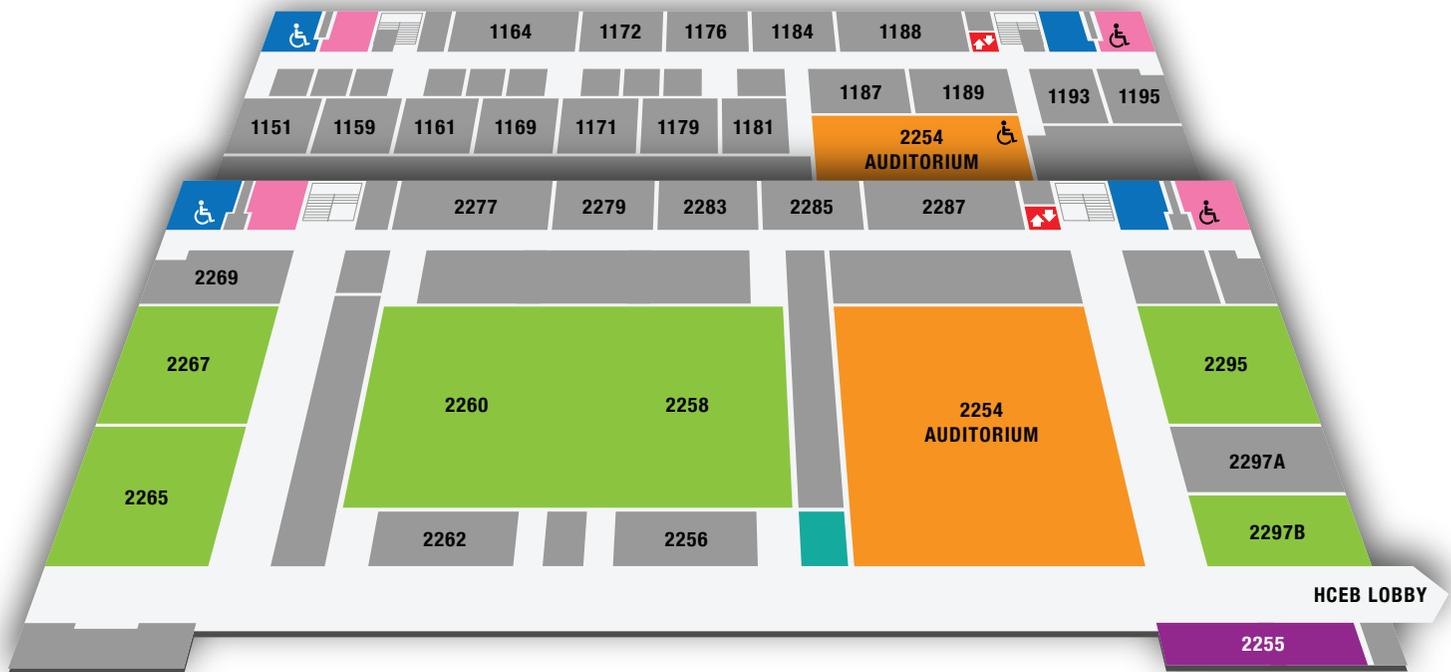
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## BYU Conference Center

● 2254	Keynote, Plenary, and Workshop Sessions
● 2258 2260	Lunch
● 2265	Workshop Sessions
● 2267	Workshop Sessions
● 2295	Workshop Sessions
● 2297B	Registration Desk
● ●	Restrooms
●	Elevator

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Main Level

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