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MISSION

The Centre for Studies in Religion and Society is an interdisciplinary research centre located at the University of Victoria in Victoria, British Columbia. Its mission is to foster the scholarly study of religion in relation to any and all aspects of society and culture, both contemporary and historical.

The CSRS hosts several national public policy research networks, sponsors graduate student, faculty and sabbatical fellowships, and produces a dynamic annual program of public lectures and seminars.

The CSRS is committed to pluralism and dialogue, attracting participants whose backgrounds and perspectives reflect a wide variety of religious and secular points of view.

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Paul Bramadat

This column gives me the opportunity to remember some of the remarkable people and events we hosted this year.

We have been fortunate to host fellows and visitors from Asia, Europe, the United States and of course from almost every province in Canada. Our fellows have been scholars, students, clergy, policy makers, critics and advocates and have been rooted in many disciplines: law, religious studies, history, sociology, epidemiology, public health, theology, philosophy, literary criticism, anthropology and political science.



Paul Bramadat

Even a superficial glance at today's headlines should indicate how important it is that places exist in which people with such diverse approaches to religion and society can meet, disagree, debate, explore, and establish often perspective-challenging friendships.

This report will provide readers with a brief account of some of the events we hosted last year. I would highlight productive meetings of all of the authors involved in two distinct research projects – one on radicalization and securitization and another on religious and cultural reasons for vaccine hesitancy. As a result of those face to face meetings, one of the projects is in press and the other is nearing readiness for submission.

As well, among other events, our *Distinguished Lecture in Islam* featured a special lecture on women in Islam; we worked with the Anglican Diocese to host a series of talks on religion in the contemporary world; we worked with H  l  ne Cazes from the French Department and the local Catholic community to shine the spotlight on a special collection of old European religious texts; and at IdeaFest we organized a public forum with UVic scholars to consider a number of religious controversies ranging from the "Pussy Riot" furor in Russia to the debate around the Office of Religious Freedom in Canada.

These events and fellows demonstrate the unique contribution the Centre makes to the life of the university, the city and the broader world. While I am immensely proud of the way my friends and colleagues have embodied the mandate of the CSRS, I am equally excited about what we have in store for the near future. If you are interested in our new research projects, coming events and the fellows who will call the Centre home for part of the coming year, please visit us on-line or stay tuned for the coming newsletter.

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SCHOLARS-IN-RESIDENCE WHO FORM THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWS



Abdelmadjid Benhabib (University of Tlemcen, Algeria)
A Study of Noah's Story in the Qur'anic Text



Nathan Loewen (Vanier College)
Teaching a Global Introduction to the Philosophy of Religions



Judith Berman (University of Pennsylvania)
Indigenous Perspectives on Religion: George Hunt's Unpublished Manuscripts on the Kwakwaka'wakw Winter Ceremonial



Megan Macdonald (University of London)
The Performance of Religious Identity: Embodied, Material, Temporal



Bruce Bryant-Scott (University of Wales)
Interruption: The Implications of the Philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas for Christian Theology in Canada



Mohammad Molavi (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran)
A comparative Study of the position of Hadith in Modern Qur'anic Commentaries: (Fi- zilāl – el- Qur'ān; Al- minār, min- vahyi el- Qur'ān, and Al-furqān)



Elizabeth DeVolder (University of British Columbia)
The Silver Lining: Neoliberalism, Philanthropy and the Marketing of Hope



Sam Reimer (Crandall University)
Educational Outcomes Among Private Religious Schools in Canada: Insularity, Religious Preservation, and Tolerance



Mathew Guest (Durham University)
Christianity and the University Experience in Contemporary England



Muhammad Said (State College for Islamic Studies, Indonesia)
Interest and Riba in Islamic Financial Business Institutions: The Perspective of Ethico-Legal Hermeneutics



William James (Queen's University)
Religious Diversity in English Canadian Fiction in the 21st Century



Merinda Simmons (University of Alabama)
Selling Slave Religion: Theorizing Experience in the American South



Tim Labron (Concordia University College of Alberta)
The Academy and Society on Religion and Science

CSRS ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE



Celeste Pedri (Beader)
maziniminensikaan: Performing Ojibwe Spirituality Through the Art of Traditional Beading

HAROLD COWARD INDIA RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP



Rinku Lamba (Jawaharlal Nehru University, India)
Bhakti and the Shaping of Social Imaginaries in Colonial India

UVIC FACULTY FELLOWSHIPS



Martin Adam (Pacific and Asian Studies)
Action and Agency in Early Buddhist Ethics



Megan Swift (Germanic and Slavic Studies)
Drawing an Atheist Paradise: Soviet Book Illustrations and the Battle for the Fairy Tale in Leninist and Stalinist Society, 1917-53

VANDEKERKHOVE FAMILY TRUST GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS



Gaelan Gilbert (PhD Cand., UVic English)
*Political Ecology and Future Community
in the Later Middle Ages*



Chihiro Saka (MA Cand., UVic Pacific and Asian Studies)
*Exploring a Women's Position in Buddhist History:
Kumano bikuni's Appropriation of Buddhism to the Needs of
Women in Medieval Japan*

WINNIFRED LONSDALE GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP



Alison Murray (MA Cand., UVic History)
*Christianity, Medicine and Agency:
Monstrous Births in Early Modern France*

IAN H. STEWART GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP



Caleb Langille (MA Cand., UVic English)
*Ethical Monstrosity or Dis-Enclosure?:
Christianity as Radical Politics in Two Movements*

RELIGIOUS STUDIES TEACHING FELLOWSHIPS



Tamsin Jones (UVic Religious Studies)
*Beyond Truth: Trauma Theory and
Religious Experience*



Ben Wood (University of Toronto Religious Studies)
*Non-Sectarianism and Soteriology in Tibetan
Buddhism According to Losel Tengyong (b. 1804)*

RELIGIOUS STUDIES TA GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP



Justine Semmens (PhD Cand., UVic History)
*The Shifting Dynamics of Sexual Deviance
in Catholic Reformation France, 1550-1650*

SPECIAL GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP



Emily Smith (MA Cand., UVic English)
*Edification Without Assurance Vayleth Not Much":
Predestination and Incarnation in Sixteenth-Century
Reformation Drama*

ASSOCIATE FELLOWS

Harold Coward

*Religious Studies in Canada: A Personal
Retrospective and Religion; Encyclopedia of
Food and Agricultural Ethics*

Erica Cruikshank Dodd

*Liturgical Instruments of the Early
Christian Church*

Robert Florida

Ethical Issues in Modern Buddhism

Michael L. Hadley

*Faith-Based Ethics for Uganda; Religious
Understandings of a "Good Death" in
Uganda's Hospice*

Graham McDonough

*What Catholic Schooling Means to
Adolescents as Lay Persons in the Church*

Terence Marner

*The Medieval Concept of "L'Homme Armé" in
the Victorian Hymn and in the 20th-Century
American Western*

Jordan Paper

*Comparative Religion Methodology:
Studying Religion from Other than the
Standard Christian Paradigm*

Joseph Polzer

*Buffalmacco's Murals in the Campo Santo of
Pisa; and The Oeuvres of Simone Martini and
Lippo Memmi, c. 1313-1334*

Michael Reed

*Ely, Art-Production and the Benedictine
Reform, c. 10th-11th Centuries*

John Sandys-Wunsch

*An Introduction to the Old Testament for
Non-Specialists*

Radha Banerjee Sarkar

*Silk Road: A Crossroad of Ideas on Art,
Religion and Trade*

Genevieve von Petzinger

*Signs and Symbols: Tracking Geometric
Rock Art Across the Landscape of Upper
Paleolithic Europe*

LECTURES & EVENTS

CSRS THURSDAY PUBLIC LECTURES *An eclectic offering of weekly presentations by fellows and associates of the Centre. Audio recordings of the talks are available at www.csr.s.uvic.ca.*

Sept. 20, 2012	Paul Bramadat , Director, CSRS; UVic History; UVic Religious Studies	<i>Refugees and Radicals: Fault-Lines in Canadian Approaches to Religion</i>
Sept. 27, 2012*	Tamsin Jones , UVic Religious Studies	<i>Giving Testimony: The Production of Truth in Response to Religious and Traumatic Experience</i>
Oct. 4, 2012	Andrew Rippin , UVic History	<i>One Word, Multiple Meanings: Early Muslim Treatments of Polysemy in the Qur'ān</i>
Oct. 12, 2012	Gaelan Gilbert , CSRS Vandekerkhove Graduate Student Fellow; UVic English	<i>From House to House: Allegory & Future Community in Middle English Literature</i>
Oct. 18, 2012	Rinku Lamba , Harold Coward India Research Fellow; Jawaharlal Nehru University	<i>Social Imaginaries in Colonial India: An Analysis of the Influence of the Bhakti Movement</i>
Oct. 25, 2012	Celeste Pedri , CSRS Artist in Residence	<i>maziniminensikaan: Performing Ojibwe Spirituality Through the Art of Traditional Beading</i>
Nov. 1, 2012	Martin Adam , CSRS Faculty Fellow; UVic Pacific and Asian Studies	<i>Are Good Intentions Enough? On the Place of Knowledge in Buddhist Ethics</i>
Nov. 8, 2012	Judith Berman , CSRS Visiting Research Fellow; University of Pennsylvania	<i>Indigenous and Anthropological Perspectives on Religion: George Hunt's Unpublished Manuscripts on the Kwakwaka'wakw Winter Ceremonial</i>
Nov. 15, 2012	Katherine Young , McGill University	<i>Religion, Caste and Politics in a Hindu Tradition</i>
Nov. 29, 2012	Chihiro Saka , CSRS Vandekerkhove Graduate Student Fellow; UVic Pacific and Asian Studies	<i>The Nuns of Kumano and Their Pictorial Sermons</i>
Jan. 10, 2013	David Higgins , University of Vienna	<i>Can we Reason our Way to Enlightenment? Tibetan Meditation Trends in the Wake of the Great Debate</i>
Jan. 17, 2013	Peyman Vahabzadeh , UVic Sociology	<i>Exilic Meditations: Reflections on Displacement and the Impossibility of Return</i>
Jan. 24, 2013	Alison Murray , CSRS Winnifred Lonsdale Graduate Student Fellow; UVic History	<i>Religion and Science: Monstrous Births in Early Modern France</i>
Jan. 31, 2013	Daromir Rudnyckyj , UVic Pacific and Asian Studies	<i>Globalizing Islam: Malaysia's Islamic Finance Project</i>
Feb. 7, 2013	Megan Swift , CSRS Faculty Fellow; UVic Germanic and Slavic Studies	<i>The Battle for the Fairy tale Under Lenin and Stalin</i>
Feb. 14, 2013*	Taiaiake Alfred , UVic Indigenous Governance	<i>Smoke is Still Rising: The Eclipse of Christianity and Resurgence of Indigenous Spirituality among First Nations in Canada</i>
Mar. 7, 2013	Ben Wood , CSRS Religious Studies Teaching Fellow; University of Toronto Religious Studies	<i>Conflict in the Life Stories of Tibetan Buddhist Masters</i>
Mar. 14, 2013*	Wendy Fletcher , Vancouver School of Theology	<i>Nowhere to Run, Nowhere to Hide: How Now for Christianity in Canada?</i>
Mar. 28, 2013	Justine Semmens , CSRS Religious Studies TA Student Fellow; UVic History	<i>A Good Reputation is More Valuable Than Money: Women, Knowledge, and Slander in Sixteenth-Century France</i>
Apr. 4, 2013*	Siobhan Chandler , Wilfrid Laurier University	<i>Spiritual But Not Religious: Navel Gazing or a New Paradigm for Religious Faith in Modern Times?</i>

* indicates lectures generously supported by the Anglican Diocese of BC through the John Albert Hall Endowment.

SPECIAL LECTURES

Religious Communities as Legal and Political Orders
Jeremy Webber, UVic Faculty of Law
 (keynote lecture at the *Conference on the Governance of Religious Diversity in India, China and Canada*)
 November 22, 2012, David Lam Auditorium



Milman family to America, 1950

Photo: courtesy Isa Milman

Speaking Our Loss, Sharing Our Journeys: Second-Generation Writers on the Holocaust
 Featured authors **Jacque Buncel** and **Isa Milman** with moderator **Charlotte Schallié**, UVic Germanic Studies
 November 28, 2012
 Legacy Art Gallery

An Evening with Daniel Boyarin
 Acclaimed author and rabbinic scholar **Daniel Boyarin** read from and reflected on his newest book, *The Jewish Gospels: The Story of the Jewish Christ*
 May 24, 2012, Church of St. John the Divine

Café Scientifique: If Spirituality Matters to the Dying, Shouldn't it also Matter to Their Health Care Providers?
Paul Bramadat, UVic CSRS, and **Kelli Stajduhar**, UVic Nursing
 February 27, 2013, Sticky Wicket Pub - Maple Room

MEICON 5th Annual Student Conference On the Middle East and the Islamic World
 Panels and presentations by students from across Canada with keynote speaker, **Zayn Kassam** who presented her lecture, *Studying the Middle East and Islam in an Age of Empire*.
 March 23, 2013
 UVic Engineering/Computer Science Building



Photo: Shaheer B. C.

Panelists at the MEICON 5th Annual Student Conference



INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: GOVERNANCE OF RELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN INDIA, CHINA AND CANADA

November 22 - 24, 2012
 Cadboro Commons, Haro Room
 University of Victoria

The historical development of the Chinese, Indian and Canadian states, and their approaches to religion, have followed markedly different paths. In the PRC, state policy toward religion has been guided by a two-pronged approach of prohibition and the privileging of a few "sanctioned" religions. India has its own contradictions in this regard, as a place where significant openness toward religion has coexisted with an entrenched caste system and episodes of extreme inter-religious conflict. In Canada, our view of ourselves as a tolerant, secular society has been weakened through challenges raised by numerous groups against the implicitly Christian bias that underlies many of our norms and institutions.

This symposium represented an exciting opportunity for legal, political and religious studies experts from each of these countries to engage in an in-depth discussion and comparison of state-religion dynamics in three radically different contexts. The event advanced new scholarly frameworks for assisting governments to better understand and respond to the complexities of religious diversity in our increasingly globalized world.

DISTINGUISHED LECTURE IN ISLAM

A biennial public lecture related to Islamic history, culture or society by a distinguished international scholar of Islam.



Photo: Pomona College

Representations of Muslim Women: Image and Reality
Zayn R. Kassam, Department of Religious Studies, Pomona College, Claremont, CA
 March 21, 2013

Muslim women are frequently depicted by Western media in images and stories that cast Islamic societies, and Muslim men in particular, in a negative light. Such gendered representations have been used to justify interventions against Muslim societies while also contributing to Islamophobic policies at home. In contrast, we might ask, What are the realities some Muslim women face, and what are they doing to address them?

Zayn Kassam is an historian of Islam and an international lecturer on gender relations in Muslim societies. She is the author and editor of numerous articles and books including *Women and Islam* (Praeger, 2010) and the forthcoming *For What Sin Was She Slain? A Muslim Feminist Theology*.

LECTURES & EVENTS



REEL SPIRITUALITY

An informal film and discussion series exploring the relationship of cinema with human spirituality.

- Sept. 28, 2012 – *Made in Dagenham* (Nigel Cole, UK, 2010)
- Oct. 26, 2012 – *Where Do We Go Now?* (Nadine Labaki, Lebanon, 2011)
- Nov. 30, 2012 – *Brassed Off* (Mark Herman, UK, 1997)
- Jan. 25, 2013 – *Groundhog Day* (Harold Ramis, USA, 1993)
- Feb. 22, 2013 – *About Schmidt* (Alexander Payne, USA, 2002)

CSRS COMMUNITY SEMINAR

May 28 and 29, 2013
Catholic Legacies in Victoria

Since 1993, the CSRS community seminar has created opportunities for community members to engage with UVic researchers on issues of local concern. In celebration of UVic's 50th anniversary the CSRS, Sisters of St. Ann Archives and the Royal BC Museum collaborated to present *Catholic Legacies in Victoria* – two days of seminars, lectures and exhibits that brought to vivid life the stories of Roman Catholic missionaries during the period of Victoria's colonial settlement.

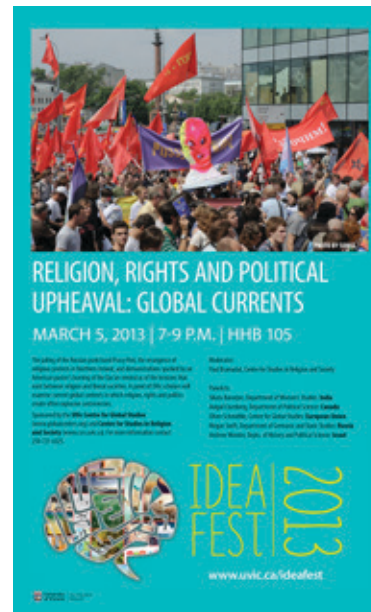
Event highlights included:

- Keynote address by **Hélène Cazes**, UVic French
- Manuscript viewing at UVic Special Collections
- Guest lecture by **David Kingma**, Gonzaga University
- Tours at Sisters of St. Ann Archives, Sisters of St. Ann Pioneer School House and the Royal British Columbia Museum and Archives



IDEAFEST 2013

March 5, 2013
Religion, Rights and Political Upheaval: Global Currents



- Panelists:
- Sikata Banerjee**, UVic Women's Studies: *India*
 - Avigail Eisenberg**, UVic Political Science: *Canada*
 - Oliver Schmidtke**, UVic Centre for Global Studies: *European Union*
 - Megan Swift**, UVic Germanic and Slavic Studies: *Russia*
 - Andrew Wender**, UVic History; Political Science; Religious Studies: *Israel*

The jailing of the Russian punk band Pussy Riot, the resurgence of religious protests in Northern Ireland, and demonstrations sparked by an American pastor's burning of the Qur'an remind us of the religious tensions that exist in contemporary democratic societies. A panel of UVic scholars, moderated by **Paul Bramadat** (UVic CSRS), examined current global contexts in which religion, rights and politics create often explosive controversies.

CSRS COMMUNITY ONLINE

Become a part of the CSRS online community. Visit us on the web at www.csrsvic.ca or follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Vimeo. Contact us at csrsvic@uvic.ca to be added to our e-distribution list to receive our annual newsletter, report, and information about our lectures and events.



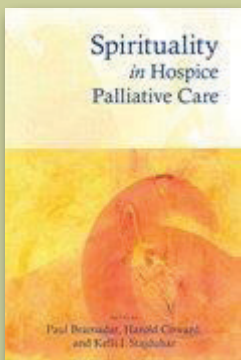
CSRS COMMUNITY ON CAMPUS

CSRS Director reappointment: We are pleased to announce that Paul Bramadat has been re-appointed as CSRS Director. The process took place in the early spring and resulted in Paul receiving a unanimous vote in favour of his reappointment. During his first term as director (2008-2012), Paul guided the Centre through the significant financial challenges resulting from the market downturn of 2008; embarked on numerous research initiatives that have resulted in books, articles, reports, special lectures and roles in major research networks; and oversaw the creation of the Artist-in-Residence Fellowship, Harold Coward India Research Fellowship, Ethics and Culture Fellowship, and Religious Studies Teaching Fellowship. We look forward to our colleagues – community members and researchers alike – collaborating with us as we continue to build on the Centre’s research and outreach excellence during Paul’s second five-year term as director.

CSRS Administrative changes: In early July we wished **Leslie Kenny** a fond farewell. Leslie is pursuing new professional adventures in the publishing sector. We thank Leslie for her many contributions to the CSRS over the last ten years, and bid her well in all her future endeavours.

We welcomed **Robbyn Gordon Lanning** as Administrative Coordinator on July 15. Robbyn comes to us from the UVic School of Nursing where she helped build and shape the strategic direction of research at the School. Robbyn will share more about herself and her role at the CSRS in the 2013-14 Newsletter.

PUBLICATIONS



- **Paul Bramadat, Harold Coward and Kelli I. Stajduhar**, eds. 2013. *Spirituality in Hospice Palliative Care*. New York: State University of New York Press.
- **Elizabeth Causton**. 2012. *Religious Understandings of a Good Death in Hospice Palliative Care: A Guide for Health Care Practitioners*. Based on material contained in *Religious Understandings of a Good Death in Hospice Palliative Care*, edited by **Harold Coward** and **Kelli I. Stajduhar**, SUNY Press.
- *In Press*: **Paul Bramadat** and **Lorne Dawson**, eds. *Religious Radicalization and Securitization in Canada and Beyond*. University of Toronto Press.
- *In Progress*: **Paul Bramadat, Maryse Guay, Julie Bettinger, and Real Roy**, eds. *Religious and Cultural Roots of Vaccine Hesitancy Refusal (tentative title)*.
- *In Progress*: **Paul Bramadat and Rinku Lamba**, eds. *The Governance of Religious Diversity in India, China and Canada (tentative title)*.

STAFF & COMMITTEES

STAFF

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Operations ¹	
Expenses	
Salaries and Benefits	\$187,785
Administration & Communications	\$31,508
Total Expenses	\$219,293
Revenue	
CSRS Endowments (UVic Foundation)	\$180,056
Grants, Donations and Recoveries	\$39,328
Total Revenue	\$219,203
Excess of Revenue over Expenses	\$90

¹For the period Apr 1, 2012 to Mar 31, 2013. Figures reflect core staff and administration only; they are not inclusive of special-purpose research, project, and fellowship budgets.

Total Revenues	
Combined Endowment, Library and Fellowship Funds (UVic Foundation)	\$194,170
Donations	\$99,695
SSHRC Connection Grant	\$25,600
Anglican Diocese of BC John Albert Hall Trust	\$13,000
Pathways to Prosperity	\$20,000
Province of BC	\$8,245
Royalties	\$1,280
Friends Memberships	\$200
Total	\$362,190

CSRS Endowment	
Principal March 31, 2013	\$5,414,250
Principal March 31, 2012	\$5,301,379
Growth of Principal (March 2012-13)	+\$112,871