“In the theory and practice of international affairs, few issues are as important and as little understood as the role of religion. Our partnership with the Luce Foundation is a way to build and transmit knowledge in a crucial area.”

Robert Gallucci, Dean, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service

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INTRODUCTION

Religion is a critical but often neglected factor in world affairs. The Henry R. Luce Initiative on Religion and International Affairs, announced in 2005, seeks to deepen American understanding of religion as a factor in international policy issues. The Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service is the recipient of a two-year grant from the Luce Foundation. This report outlines the 2006–07 activities of the Luce/SFS Program on Religion and International Affairs, implemented in collaboration with the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs at Georgetown University.

As the oldest Catholic and Jesuit University in the United States, located in the nation’s capital, Georgetown is committed to deepening our understanding of religion and its role in world affairs. The Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, founded in 1919, educates young leaders to excel in a world marked by increasing cultural and religious diversity. The School is home to the Mortara Center for International Studies, the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, the Program for Jewish Civilization, and fourteen other centers and programs. Building on these strengths, the Luce/SFS Program on Religion and International Affairs convenes thought leaders and practitioners and builds knowledge resources for faculty, students, policymakers, and a broader public grappling with the complex intersection of religion and world affairs.

The Luce/SFS Program focuses on two thematic areas: religion and global development and the religious sources of foreign policy. The Foundation’s support enables progressive teaching, research, and outreach activities in both areas, as well as innovative publications and web-based knowledge resources.

The 2006–07 program highlights included symposia on Evangelicals and US Foreign Policy; Religion, Migration, and Foreign Policy; Faith-Inspired Organizations and Global Development Policy; several publication projects; and the creation of a Religion and Development database. This report outlines these and other accomplishments and looks forward to plans for 2007–08.
The Luce/SFS Program on Religion and International Affairs is examining two crucial topic areas in-depth: the evolving relationship between religion and global development; and the religious sources of foreign policy in comparative perspective.

**Religion and Global Development** The program examines the role of religious groups and ideas in both donor and developing countries, and the prospects for greater religious-secular cooperation in the development field. Its components include graduate student research fellowships; a religion and development database; and the creation and dissemination of “religious literacy” materials for development professionals in government, NGOs, and international organizations.

**Religious Sources of Foreign Policy** The program addresses the impact of religion on the foreign policies of key states around the world, placing the US case in an international context. Its key components include new undergraduate and graduate courses. In addition, it includes symposia that bring together scholars and policy experts around emergent issues, such as the mobilization of religious groups around foreign policy, the intersection between religion, migration, and foreign policy, and the politics of international religious freedom.

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**THE EDMUND A. WALSH SCHOOL OF FOREIGN SERVICE**

Founded in 1919 to educate students and prepare them for leadership roles in international affairs, the School of Foreign Service conducts an undergraduate program for over 1,300 students and graduate programs at the Master’s level for more than 700 students. Under the leadership of Dean Robert L. Gallucci, the School houses more than a dozen regional and functional programs that offer courses, conduct research, host events, and contribute to the intellectual development of the field of international affairs. In 2007, *Foreign Policy* ranked the School’s graduate programs first in the nation.

**THE BERKLEY CENTER**

The Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, created within the Office of the President in March 2006, is part of a university-wide effort to build knowledge about religion’s role in world affairs and promote interreligious understanding in the service of peace. Through research, teaching, and outreach activities, the Center explores the intersection of religion with four global challenges: diplomacy and transnational relations, democracy and human rights, global development, and interreligious dialogue. Thomas Banchoff, Associate Professor in the Department of Government and the School of Foreign Service, is the Center’s first director.
MILESTONES

September 2006 — Katherine Marshall, the World Bank’s leading authority on ethics, religion, and development, joins the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs as Senior Fellow and Visiting Associate Professor of Government. Marshall oversees the Luce/SFS Program on Religion and Development.

December 2006 — Selection of SFS/Luce Graduate Fellows, who work on research, publications, and database projects related to religion and development.

March 28, 2007 — Symposium on Evangelicals and Foreign Policy, featuring Richard Cizik (National Association of Evangelicals), Richard Land (Southern Baptist Convention), and Luis Lugo (Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life).

March 29, 2007 — Launch of Religion and Development Database, an interactive resource tracking the activities of religious organizations in global development across traditions, regions, and issue areas.


August 2007 — Completion of first Religious Literacy materials, centered on the approach of faith communities to the HIV/AIDS crisis. The publication will be presented at an event for the DC-based policy community in early fall 2007.

August 2007 — Thomas Farr, first Director of the State Department’s Office of International Religious Freedom (1999–2003), joins the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service as a Visiting Associate Professor and the Berkley Center as a Senior Fellow. He will teach courses on the domestic politics of foreign policy and on international religious freedom in 2007–08.
With the UN’s Millennium Summit and renewed worldwide efforts to combat economic and social inequality in the context of globalization, development has moved up the global agenda. Religious communities have long been among the most engaged in the fight against poverty and disease and advocating for education and shelter.

Against this backdrop, the lack of communication and cooperation among religious and secular actors in the development field is striking. Development professionals in governments and NGOs have tended to view religion as marginal—or as divisive or dangerous. Leading religious groups have viewed the state-directed development enterprise with suspicion.

The Luce/SFS Program on Religion and Global Development serves two related goals. Through teaching and research activities it builds knowledge about the role of religious communities in global development—as a source of ethical commitment, material resources, professional expertise, and effective policy implementation. Through outreach activities, the Luce/SFS program brings together practitioners and analysts for structured conversations about the challenges of development policy and the potential for deeper collaboration across the religious/secular divide.
FACULTY EXPERT

Katherine Marshall has worked for over three decades on international development, with a focus on issues facing the world’s poorest countries. As a senior fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs and a Visiting Associate Professor, she coordinates the Luce/SFS Program on Religion and Global Development. Before coming to Georgetown, Marshall served with distinction and held many leadership positions at the World Bank. From 2000–2006, her mandate covered ethics, values, and faith in development work, as counselor to the World Bank’s President. Marshall is the author of several books, including Mind, Heart, and Soul in the Fight Against Poverty (2004) and Development and Faith: Where Mind, Heart, and Soul Work Together (2007). She serves on the Boards of several NGOs and on advisory groups, is a Trustee of Princeton University, and directs the World Faiths Development Dialogue (WFDD).

CURRICULAR INNOVATION

During the spring 2007 semester, Katherine Marshall taught a new graduate level course, Religion and Development. The course, open to master’s students within the School of Foreign Service, explored the relationship between religion and development policy at two levels—the approaches of varied faith communities, rooted in scripture and tradition, and the interaction of religious and secular forces around a range of particular case studies, including HIV/AIDS, gender, poverty, and the environment. The course is designed to help prepare students interested in serving in government and international organizations, NGOs, or the private sector. It will be offered again during the spring 2008 semester.

STUDENT RESEARCH

The Luce/SFS program awarded three graduate research fellowships during the 2006–07 academic year. The fellowships are designed to extend intellectual engagement beyond the classroom and to support students as creators of knowledge in an emergent, understudied area. The three fellows selected after an open competition—Nicole Cordeau, Rebecca Davis, and Amy Beth Vander Vliet—worked on three major projects: a background report on faith-based organizations and development in the United States; a religious literacy report on the involvement of faith groups in combating HIV/AIDS; and the Religion and Development Database. A renewed fellowship competition will take place in fall 2007.

RELIGIOUS LITERACY MATERIALS

Given the central role of religious groups in both donor and developing countries, it is striking how little we know about their activities. Having functioned on a national and transnational basis for decades, religious groups are a key part of the evolving global development landscape. In order to increase religious literacy in the development field, the Luce/SFS program is generating reports that map the engagement of religious communities around vital development challenges. The first report is entitled “Faith Communities Engage the HIV/AIDS Crisis: Lessons Learned and Paths Forward,” and was completed in August 2007. Among the topics to be covered in 2007–08 are the provision of shelter and the protection of children.
LUCE/SFS SYMPOSIUM

Faith-inspired Organizations and Global Development Policy: US and International Perspectives  On April 16, 2007, the Luce/SFS Program and the Berkley Center convened leaders of faith-based NGOs and policy analysts to discuss their increasing role in mobilizing public support, collaborating with national governments and international institutions, and implementing policy on the ground. The emphasis was on US-based NGOs that interact with national governments and international organizations across a range of issue areas, including education, health care, gender, humanitarian relief, microfinance, and the environment. Panelists explored the specific tensions around ethical and practical considerations centered on the proper relationship with public authorities and the special nature of the connection between faith, poverty, and social justice.

THE PARTICIPANTS

Panel: Framing the Discussion
How Faith-Based Organizations are Involved in Development Work Today

CHAIR: Katherine Marshall, Berkley Center
Hady Amr, Brookings Institution, Doha Center
David Beckmann, Bread for the World
William O’Keefe, Catholic Relief Services
Director of Advocacy
Steven Weir, Habitat for Humanity International

Panel: Politics Encounters Substance
Exploring Facets of the Debates about the Roles of FBOs

CHAIR: Carol Lancaster, Director, Mortara Center, Georgetown
Douglas Balfour, Geneva Global
Doug Basset, Compassion International
Deborah Dortzbach, World Relief
William Recant, American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee
BACKGROUND PAPER AND IN-DEPTH INTERVIEWS

In advance of the symposium, SFS/Luce graduate fellows helped to craft a background paper reviewing and mapping the emergent constellation of faith-inspired organizations in development policy and practice, based in the United States. In-depth interviews were also conducted with symposium participants that explored the faith dimension of their work and potential links between specifically religious goals (including proselytizing) and broader commitment to poverty alleviation and social justice. Both the background paper and the interviews are available on the web and will be published as printed reports.

FAITH-BASED NGOS: THE COMPARATIVE PROJECT

The April 2007 symposium, focused on the US, is part of a broader comparative project. Active faith-based organizations exemplify an international trend, though patterns of activity and associated issues differ in different regions of the world. Faith-based NGOs, rooted in diverse world traditions, are an essential part of the global civil society revolution and, more broadly, of international relations and politics. Through a series of meetings with stakeholders and background reports, the Luce/SFS Program and the Berkley Center will map the role of faith-based organizations around the world and point to best practices and areas for collaboration. Further meetings are planned for Doha, Qatar (November 2007) to explore the role of faith-based organizations in the Muslim world, and Europe (spring 2008) to examine the European context.

RELIGION AND DEVELOPMENT DATABASE

Development professionals, academics, and the media often neglect the role of religion in development because of a lack of reliable information. The figures gathered by the OECD, the UN, and other organizations draw heavily on government and census data that ignore religion. The programmatic work of religious groups often goes unnoticed. The Religion and Development Database, hosted on the Berkley Center website and supported by the Luce/SFS program, maps religious organizations, programs, and events related to development. Published in April 2007, it is now in a start-up phase.
Scholars and policymakers spend considerable effort exploring the effects of domestic politics on international affairs. The domestic-international nexus is especially complex and poorly understood when it comes to religion.

The US case is most familiar. Since the 1960s, scholars and commentators have noted the persistence of “civil religion” as an element of US foreign policy, most evident in the frequent invocation of biblical imagery in foreign policy rhetoric, especially prominent in the wake of September 11, 2001. Over the last decade, the religious sources of US foreign policy have become more complex, infusing policy areas as different as human rights, global health, religious freedom, and the environment. Political-religious dynamics in other countries have received much less attention. In Asia, the Middle East, and elsewhere, pressures for democratization have increased the impact of domestic religious forces on states and their foreign policies, while globalization and migration flows have strengthened transnational religious communities mobilized around international and political policy agendas.

The Luce/SFS Program on the Religious Sources of Foreign Policy places the US experience in broader perspective. Through teaching and research it builds knowledge about the impact of religion on foreign policy, while its outreach activities bring together thought leaders and policymakers to explore the practical challenges posed by impact of domestic religious forces on international affairs. In 2006–07, the Luce/SFS program centered on the experience of the United States and Europe—on the prominence of evangelicals in the US and the impact of migration on the religion-foreign policy nexus on both sides of the Atlantic. In 2007–08, the focus will be on the international politics of religious freedom—specifically, the ways in which different national understandings of religion and its governance are impacting national foreign policies and international diplomacy.

MORTARA CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Mortara Center for International Studies is a critical partner in the implementation of the Luce/SFS Program on Religion and International Affairs. Located within the School of Foreign Service, the Center is at the heart of campus-wide activities centered on foreign policy and international relations, one of Georgetown’s research and teaching strengths. Center Director Carol Lancaster is a leading expert on development policy and its links back to domestic US politics. She is author, most recently, of *Foreign Aid: Diplomacy, Development, Domestic Politics* (University of Chicago Press, 2006).
LUCE/SFS SYMPOSIUM

Religion, Migration, and Foreign Policy  On April 23, 2007, in collaboration with the Institute for the Study of International Migration (ISIM), the Luce/SFS program sponsored a symposium on Religion, Migration, and Foreign Policy. Immigrants and refugees primarily of Muslim, but also of Buddhist, Hindu, and other religious backgrounds, have increasingly migrated to Christian-majority countries on both sides of the Atlantic. The symposium brought together analysts, policymakers, and advocates to explore changing ethnic and religious demographics in Europe and the United States and their impact on foreign policy agendas, with special attention to the role that religion plays in defining the interconnections between immigrants’ countries of origin and destination. The second symposium will take place in 2007–08.

PARTICIPANTS

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Dr. Helen Rose Ebaugh, University of Houston
Mr. Mark Hetfield, Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society
Mr. Cem Özdemir, Member, European Parliament

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION

The Institute for the Study of International Migration, founded in 1998, is part of the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service and affiliated with the Law Center at Georgetown University. ISIM focuses on all aspects of international migration, including the causes of, and potential responses to, population movements, immigration and refugee law and policy, comparative migration studies, the integration of immigrants into their host societies, and the effects of international migration on social, economic, demographic, foreign policy, and national security concerns. Dr. Susan Martin, Donald G. Herzberg Associate Professor of International Migration, is the Institute’s Executive Director.
LUCE/SFS SYMPOSIUM

Evangelicals and Foreign Policy  On March 28, 2007, in collaboration with the Berkley Center, the Mortara Center for International Studies, and the Program for Jewish Civilization, the Luce/SFS program organized a major symposium on Evangelicals and Foreign Policy, the first in a series designed to explore the religious sources of foreign policy. Participants included leading representatives of evangelical associations, as well as prominent analysts and policy experts. Panelists addressed the degree to which evangelical engagement around development and foreign policy agendas has increased over the last decade. They also explored specific issues that have most galvanized the evangelical community (e.g., religious freedom, support for Israel, family values, human trafficking, poverty, genocide, etc.). The symposium, and structured interviews with the participants beforehand, explored how evangelical leaders mobilize public support for their positions and collaborate with other religious—and secular—advocacy organizations.

PARTICIPANTS

Panel: Relief, Development, and Evangelical Engagement
CHAIR: Carol Lancaster, Director, Mortara Center, Georgetown
Serge Duss, World Vision
Rachel McLear, Harvard University
Chris Seiple, Institute for Global Engagement

Panel: American Foreign Policy and the Evangelical Moment
CHAIR: Jacques Berlinerblau, Director, Program for Jewish Civilization, Georgetown
Richard Cizik, National Association of Evangelicals
Richard Land, Southern Baptist Convention
Luis Lugo, Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life
In August 2007, Thomas Farr joined the Berkley Center and the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service as a Visiting Associate Professor within the Luce/SFS Program on Religion and International Affairs. Farr is one of the world’s leading experts on the global politics of religious freedom. He served as the first Director of the State Department’s Office of International Religious Freedom from 1999–2003, and is now completing a book, *World of Faith and Freedom: Why Religious Liberty is Vital to American National Security in the 21st Century*, to be published by Oxford University Press. Farr will teach two courses—on the politics of international religious freedom and the religious sources of US foreign policy—and he will organize several seminars and symposia for faculty, students, policy-makers, and the wider public.

"Full-fledged advocacy and lobbying are still relatively new among evangelical relief and development organizations."

*Serge Duss, World Vision*

"The liberal Jew, the black in the inner city, the Hindu, and the Buddhist will discover, despite all the terrible stereotypes about this movement, that we care about their freedom and their rights."

*Richard Cizik, National Association of Evangelicals*

"Evangelical communities have a heightened awareness of human rights abuses and suffering in many parts of the world as a consequence of their far-flung foreign mission enterprises."

*Richard Land, Southern Baptist Convention*
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The Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding is a premier center for the study of the Muslim world and a leader in Western-Islamic dialogue.

The Program for Jewish Civilization is unique in its emphasis on the global dimension of Judaism, its ethical aspects, and its interactions with other cultures and faith traditions.

The Mortara Center for International Studies seeks to advance scholarship and inform policy by combining the expertise of scholars and the experience of practitioners.

The Center for Peace and Security Studies explores the full range of military and non-military factors that influence peace and security issues around the world.

The School of Foreign Service is also home to leading interdisciplinary area studies centers and programs, including the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, the BMW Center for German and European Studies, the Center for Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies, the Center for Latin American Studies, the African Studies Program, and the Asian Studies Program.