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Schedule of Events

TH | OCT 31 | 4pm | Once Upon a Time in Kathmandu: How Hinduism Made Me a Better Catholic | Dr. Francis X. Clooney, Parkman Professor of Divinity and Professor of Comparative Theology at Harvard University | Room 1090 Lincoln Hall

TH | NOV 7 | Noon | Discussion of Acts of Faith | Eboo Patel | University YMCA

TH | NOV 7 | 6-8pm | Keynote | Diversity is Not Just the Differences You Like | Eboo Patel | Alice Campbell Alumni Center Lounge & Ballroom

FR | NOV 8 | 3:30pm | From Missionary 'Focus' to Neighborly 'Commitment': Chicago Lutheran Stories in Christian-Muslim Relations | Dr. Mark Swanson | St. Andrew's Lutheran Church and Campus

FR | NOV 8 | 5:15pm | Beyond Tolerance: Building Mutuality and Affection through Interfaith Engagement | Part 1: dinner and discussion with Dr. Mark Swanson, Dr. Marcia Hermansen, Dr. Jennifer Grayson, Dr. Safwat Marzouk, and Dr. Michael Dann | Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center, 106 South Lincoln, Urbana

SA | NOV 9 | 12:45pm | Beyond Tolerance: Building Mutuality and Affection through Interfaith Engagement | Part 2: lunch and discussion with Rabbi Alan Cook, Pastor Leah Roberts-Mosser, Pastor Dawn Blackman, Imam Ousmane Sawadogo, Ms. Amy Felty, and Dr. Nicole Anderson-Cobb | Sinai Temple, 3104 West Windsor, Champaign

SU | NOV 10 | 3pm | I'd Like to Buy an Enemy | Ted & Company TheaterWorks premiere | Lincoln Hall Theater

Speaker & Performer Biographies

Francis X. Clooney, S.J., earned his doctorate in South Asian languages and civilizations and taught at Boston College for 21 years before joining the faculty and Harvard Divinity School.

Eboo Patel is an author, speaker, educator, and interfaith leader. He founded Interfaith Youth Core on the idea that religion should be a bridge of cooperation rather than a barrier of division.

Dr. Mark Swanson is Harold S. Vogelaar Professor of Christian-Muslim Studies and Interfaith Relations and Associate Director of Center of Christian-Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago.

Dr. Marcia Hermansen is Director of the Islamic World Studies Program and Professor in the Theology Department at Loyola University Chicago where she teaches courses in Islamic Studies and the academic study of religion. She received her Ph. D. from the University of Chicago in Arabic and Islamic Studies.

Dr. Jennifer Grayson serves as Rabbi Aaron D. Panken Assistant Professor of History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati and at Xavier University in Cincinnati. She researches Arabic-speaking Jewish communities in the medieval Islamic world.

Dr. Safwat Marzouk is Associate Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Ted & Company TheaterWorks | Led by veteran actor Ted Swartz, Ted & Company TheaterWorks uses humor, professional storytelling, and other types of performance to talk about issues of faith and social justice.