



The 3rd Annual James Sawers, Jr. Interfaith Speaker Series November 7-9, 2019 presenting

Dr. Wendy Cadge, Professor of Sociology at Brandeis University

The Charleston Interreligious Council invites you to join us for our third annual James Sawers, Jr. Interfaith Speaker Series on Nov. 7-9. Dr. Wendy Cadge is an expert in contemporary American religious demographics and will focus on the intersections of religion and the sites of everyday lived experience, such as healthcare, higher education, and more. The series of free lectures and workshops are open to the public and will be held at locations around Charleston.

Thursday, November 7, 2019 ~ 4:00 PM

Boston's Hidden Sacred Places

Arnold Hall, Jewish Studies Bldg., 1st Floor, 96 Wentworth St, (downtown)

This presentation will describe what can be learned about spirituality and religion in the contemporary American landscape by looking at sacred places that exist outside of congregations. In this lecture, Cadge will share how her research of more than 60 sacred spaces in and around greater Boston applies to other spaces with a spiritual mission within secular institutions.

Friday, November 8, 2019 ~ 12:00 noon

Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine

Roper-St. Francis Hospital, Board Room, Cancer Center, 2085 Henry Tecklenburg Dr. (West Ashley), Charleston, SC 29414.

This session explores how spirituality and religion are present in hospitals and how healthcare professionals, including chaplains, navigate the topics with patients and families.

Friday, November 8, 2019 ~ 3:30 PM

A Case of Religious Acceptance

Alumni Center, School of Education, College of Charleston, 86 Wentworth St.

A conversation based on the case study that researches the Buddhist and Jewish communities in western Massachusetts, New York and California. A story of a Jewish born mother who became a Buddhist priestess wants her son to have a bar mitzvah at a synagogue in Syracuse, New York. The rabbi will have to or need to decide (source: The Pluralism, Project, Harvard University).

Saturday evening, November 9, 2019 ~ 7:00 PM

God Around the Edges: Moral Frameworks in Times of Crisis

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1519 Sam Rittenberg Blvd. (West Ashley)

In her latest book with the same title, Cadge examines who chaplains are and what scholars can learn about how people make sense of suffering by analyzing their daily work. In this presentation, attendees will hear the analysis, explanations, and practices that chaplains have developed around suffering, resilience, hope, and other aspects of personal experiences. This research is based on several years of ethnographic and historical research in Boston.

Please join us for all or any of the lectures. All are open and free to the public.



Dr. Wendy Cadge, Professor of Sociology at Brandeis University

Dr. Cadge is a Professor in the Department of Sociology and the Social Science Division Head at Brandeis University (Waltham, MA). She is an expert in contemporary American religion, especially related to chaplaincy, religion in public institutions, religious diversity, religion and immigration and the religious and moral aspects of healthcare. She is an award-winning teacher, the author of several books and has published more than 75 articles and is co-editor of *Religion on the Edge: De-Centering and Re-Centering the Sociology of Religion*. She recently helped launch the Chaplaincy Innovation Lab (<http://chaplaincyinnovation.org>).

Her published books include: *Paging God: Religion in the Halls of Medicine and Heartwood*, *The First Generation of Theravada Buddhism in America*. Her current book project, *God Around the Edges? Moral Frameworks in Times of Crisis* asks who chaplains are and what scholars can learn about how people make sense of suffering by analyzing their daily work.

She received her BA from Swarthmore College with majors in religions, sociology and anthropology, and her MA and PhD in sociology from Princeton University.

About Charleston Interreligious Council

Charleston Interreligious Council seeks to build bridges of understanding to promote sensitivity, tolerance, respect and fellowship among religious groups. It fulfills this mission by developing, presenting and/or sponsoring educational programs to promote intra- and inter-religious dialogue; conducting, sponsoring and/or supporting inter-religious events, service-oriented projects and activities; increasing public awareness of inter-religious issues and shared concerns. Formerly known as Christian-Jewish Council of Greater Charleston, Charleston Interreligious Council works to provide educational opportunities that reflect its mission and goals.

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