

**Media, Material, and Visual Components of Contemporary American Religious *Erlebniswelten* (“Experience Worlds”)**

Heidelberg University, August 16 – 18, 2012

**Thursday August 16, 2012**

- 18:15**      **Opening Lecture:**  
**Kathryn Lofton (Yale University):** *Spiritless Space: A Religious History of the Office Cubicle*
- 20:00**      **Reception**

**Friday August 17, 2012**

- 09:00 – 09:15**    **Introduction**
- 09:15 – 11:00**    **Panel 1**  
**Anthony Santoro** (Heidelberg University): *CongreNations: The Raider Nation, the Church of the Nation, and Experiences in the “In-Between”*  
**Sebastian Emling** (Heidelberg University): *Feel the Fieldwork! Researching and Being Researched at the Creation Museum*  
**Katja Rakow** (Heidelberg University): *Multisensory Worship at the Megachurch: Making Sense of Mediation and Sensation in Researching American Evangelicalism*
- 11:00 – 11:30**    - Coffee Break -
- 11:30 – 13:00**    **Panel 2**  
**Omri Elisha** (Queens College, New York): *Giving in a Material World: Charitable Gifts, Spiritual Mediations, and the Trouble with Materiality in American Evangelicalism*  
**Kelly J. Baker** (University of Tennessee, Knoxville): *“The horror! The horror!”: Abject Objects and the Study of American Religions*
- 13:00 – 14:00**    - Lunch Break -
- 14:00 – 15:00**    **Panel 3**  
**Monika Sauter** (FAU Erlangen-Nuremberg): *“There is No Time to Change Your Mind”: Rapture, Conversion, and Love in Evangelical Popular Culture*

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- 14:00 – 15:00**    **Panel 3 (continued)**  
**Jennie Chapman** (University of Hull, UK): *“Study So You Can be Prepared”: Interpretation as an Act of Agency in the Left Behind Series*
- 15:00 – 15:15**    - Coffee Break -
- 15:15 – 16:15**    **Panel 4**  
**Shreena N. Gandhi** (Kalamazoo College): *Yoga’s Magazine: The Yoga Journal and Advertising Culture*  
**Dimitry Okropiridze** (Heidelberg University): *Text – Actor – Context and the Space in Between: Introducing “The Power Team” into the Field of Performative Communication*
- 16:15 – 16:30**    - Coffee Break -
- 16:30 – 17:30**    **Panel 5**  
**Jens Kugele** (LMU Munich): *Forms of Narration: Memory, Space and Materiality in the National Cathedral, Washington, DC*  
**Maarten Paulusse** (Heidelberg University): *Studying Spirituality in the Context of Religious Advocacy*

**Saturday August 18, 2012**

- 10:00 – 12:00**    **Workshop 1 (Kelly J. Baker & Anthony Santoro)**
- 12:00 – 13:00**    - Lunch Break -
- 13:00 – 15:00**    **Workshop 2 (Kathryn Lofton & Katja Rakow)**
- 15:00 – 15:30**    - Coffee Break -
- 15:30 – 17:30**    **Workshop 3 (Omri Elisha & Sebastian Emling)**
- 17:30 – 18:00**    **Discussion and Wrap Up**
- 18:00**              **Call to Steaks - BBQ**

