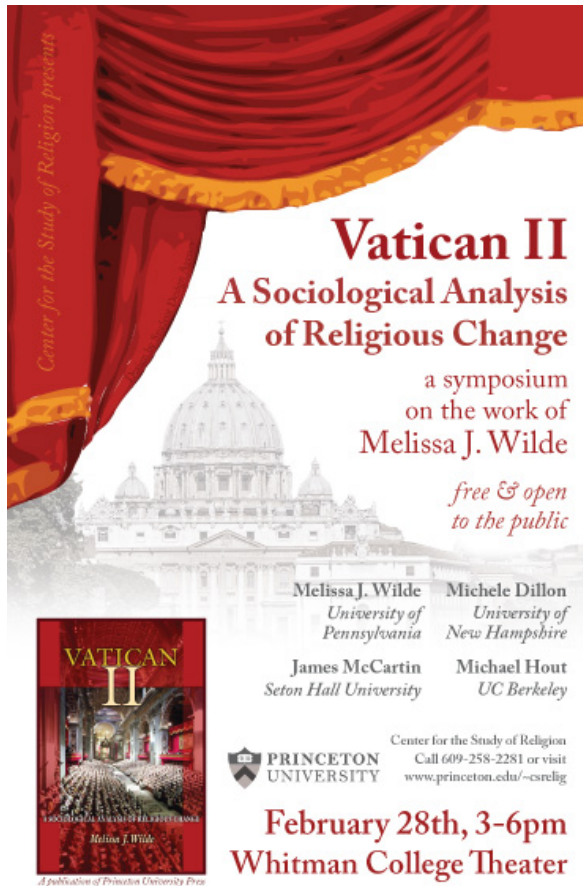


Center for the Study of Religion is pleased to announce:



Vatican II: A Sociological Analysis of Religious Change

a symposium on the work of

Melissa J. Wilde

Featuring:

Michele Dillon, University of New Hampshire

Michael Hout, University of California at Berkeley

James McCartin, Seton Hall University

Melissa J. Wilde, University of Pennsylvania

**Thursday, February 28, 2008
3:00 PM**

[Whitman College Theater](#)

About the Participants:

Michele Dillon is Professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire. Her research and writing focuses on religion broadly defined to explore its interrelation with culture, politics, identity, and the life course. Dr. Dillon's publications include *In the Course of a Lifetime: Tracing Religious Belief, Practice, and Change* (with Paul Wink; University of California Press, 2007), *Catholic Identity: Balancing Reason, Faith, and Power* (Cambridge University Press, 1999), *Debating Divorce: Moral Conflict in Ireland* (University Press of Kentucky, 1993), and *Handbook of the Sociology of Religion* (editor, Cambridge University Press, 2003). She is President-elect of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, and past-Chair of the American Sociological Association section for the sociology of religion.

Michael Hout earned a B.A. in History and Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Sociology from Indiana University. He taught at the University of Arizona for eight years before moving to Berkeley in 1985. He teaches courses on inequality and data analysis. In his research, Dr. Hout uses demographic methods to study social change in inequality, religion, and politics. He and Claude Fischer recently published *Century of Difference: How America Changed Over the Last One Hundred Years* (Russell Sage Foundation

2006), a book documenting and interpreting major social and cultural trends in the United States that exemplifies this approach. Another book, *The Truth about Conservative Christians with Andrew Greeley* (University of Chicago Press 2006) corrects the many false stereotypes about conservative Christians. A couple of illustrative papers include "Tightening Up: Declining Class Mobility during Russia's Market Transition" (Am. Soc. Rev., October 2004), "The Demographic Imperative in Religious Change" (Am. J. of Soc., Sept. 2001) and "How 4 Million Irish Immigrants Came to be 40 Million Irish Americans" (with Josh Goldstein, Am. Soc. Rev., April 1994). Previous books are: *Following in Father's Footsteps: Social Mobility in Ireland* (Harvard Univ. Press 1989) and, with five Berkeley colleagues, *Inequality by Design* (Princeton Univ. Press, 1996). Dr. Hout's honors include election to the National Academy of Sciences in 2003 and the American Philosophical Society in 2006. Dr. Hout currently chairs the Graduate Group in Sociology and Demography and the Berkeley Population Center. For 2006-2007, he is a Visiting Research Scholar at Princeton University's Office of Population Research.

James McCartin is Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Associate Director the Center for Catholic Studies at Seton Hall University. He received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Notre Dame in 2003. His research focuses on Catholic piety in the nineteenth- and twentieth-century United States. He was a visiting fellow at Princeton University's Center for the Study of Religion in 2006-07, during which much of the manuscript for *Transformed by Prayer: The Spiritual and Institutional Evolution of Twentieth-Century US Catholicism* (Harvard University Press, forthcoming) was completed. He is the author of pieces in such journals as *Labor: Studies in the Working Class History of the Americas*, *US Catholic Historian*, and the *Revue française d'études américaines*, and of a piece, "Praying in the Public Square: Catholic Piety Meets Civil Rights, War, and Abortion," in *The Columbia History of American Catholicism* (Columbia University Press, forthcoming).

Melissa J. Wilde is an assistant professor of sociology at the University of Pennsylvania who received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Berkeley in 2002. Her research focuses on the processes and factors that explain religious change. Notable publications include "The Demographic Imperative in Religious Change" (with Michael Hout and Andrew Greeley, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2001), "How Culture Mattered at Vatican II" (*American Sociological Review*, 2004) which won the 2005 Best Article Award from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, and her recent book, titled *Vatican II: A Sociological Study of Religious Change* (Princeton University Press, 2007).

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3/3/08 “Crossroads of Religion and Politics,” **Melissa Harris-Lacewell**, Princeton University, 4:30 PM, [Roberston Hall Bowl 016](#).

3/3/08 “Informants as Observers: Reflections on New Types of Fieldwork in Madagascar,” **Maurice Bloch**, London School of Economics

3/4/08 “Faith in the Halls of Power: How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite,” **D. Michael Lindsay**, Rice University, 4:30 PM, [Roberston Hall Bowl 016](#).

03/7-9/08 “Art History, Buddhist Studies, Tibet: New Perspectives from the Tibet Site Seminar,” Keynote lecture by **Deborah Klimburg-Salter**, University of Vienna. Saturday and Sunday: Papers by graduate-student participants in the 2007 Tibet Site Seminar, with responses from **Janet Gyatso**, Harvard Divinity School; **Marylin Rhie**, Smith College; and **E. Gene Smith**, Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center. Friday 4:30 PM; Saturday & Sunday 9:00 AM, [101 McCormick Hall](#). The conference is free but registration is required: <http://www.princeton.edu/~tibetsem/program-conference.htm>.

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