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Center for the Study of Religion presents  
a lecture in the series *Princeton Lectures in Religion and Cognition*

**The Role of Maturationally Natural Cognition in Science and Religion**



a lecture by  
**Robert N. McCauley**  
*William Rand Kenan Jr. University Professor*  
Philosophy Department, Emory University

February 7, 2008 at 4:30 PM  
Jones Hall 100  
Free and Open to the Public

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**About Robert N. McCauley:**

Robert N. McCauley is the William Rand Kenan Jr. University Professor at Emory University, where he has appointments in the Departments of Philosophy, Psychology, Anthropology, and Religion. Throughout his career, McCauley has carried out research in both the philosophy of science and the cognitive science of religion. He is the co-author with E. Thomas Lawson of *Rethinking Religion* and *Bringing Ritual To Mind*, the editor of *The Churchlands and Their Critics*, and the co-editor with Harvey Whitehouse of *Mind and Religion*. McCauley has won awards and fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the American Academy of Religion, the Lilly Endowment, and the British Academy. In 2007 McCauley was the first Distinguished Award Lecturer at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Oxford. He has published more than seventy papers in such journals as *Philosophy of Science*, *Philosophical Psychology*, *Synthese*, *Consciousness and Cognition*, *History of Religions*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, and *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*.

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**Other upcoming events at the Center for the Study of Religion include:**

2/8/08 "Evangelicals and the 2008 Primaries," a roundtable with **Darren Dochuk**, Purdue University/CSR; **Michael Hout**, University of California at Berkeley; **Melani McAlister**, George Washington University, and **Robin H. Rogers-Dillon**, Queens College, City University of New York, 4:30 PM, [East Pyne 010](#).

2/21-23/08 "[Mysticism, Reformation, and the Birth of Modernity](#)" a conference organized by **Sara S. Poor** and **Nigel Smith**, Princeton University, Location TBA

2/26/08 "Crazy for God: How I Grew Up as One of the Elect, Helped Found the Religious Right, and Lived to Take All (or Almost All) of It Back," **Frank Schaeffer**, 4:30 PM, [Roberston Hall Bowl 016](#).

2/28/07 "Vatican II: A Sociological Analysis of Religious Change" a symposium with **Melissa J. Wilde**, University of Pennsylvania, 3:00 PM, Location TBA.

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