

Introduction

Parameters of Faith: Religion in the Western Reserve is the ninth in the series of Western Reserve Studies Symposia. Begun in 1985 and designed to provide a forum for students and scholars of northeastern Ohio's history and culture, the objective of the symposia is to advance the exploration of the distinctive aspects of Ohio's Western Reserve.

This year's program hosted by the American Studies Program at Case Western Reserve University was suggested by issues raised at previous symposia around the subject of religion in the region. Fittingly, we are pleased to open the Symposium in the Amasa Stone Memorial Chapel. On the second day of the Symposium, we will return to Adelbert Hall where last year the Symposium made its debut in the newly restored building.

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Our investigation into "the parameters of faith" within the Western Reserve will be guided by scholars, authors and commentators. Included here is a program for the Symposium in its entirety, a list of presenters, their papers and abstracts in the order of presentation.

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