



THE MU DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS STUDIES PRESENTS

The 12th Annual Distinguished Lecture on Religious and Public Life

# Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States

Understanding the current cultural and political climate in the United States requires reckoning with Christian nationalism. Christian ideals and symbols have long played an important role in public life in the United States, but Christian nationalism demands far more than a recognition of religious heritage. At heart, Christian nationalism fights to preserve a particular kind of social order, an order in which everyone—Christians and non-Christians, native-born and immigrants, whites and minorities, men and women—recognizes their “proper” place in society. In this lecture Andrew Whitehead will illustrate the scope and tremendous influence of Christian nationalism on debates surrounding the most contentious social issues dominating American public discourse. Drawing on findings from his new book, *Taking America Back for God* (OUP), Dr. Whitehead will show how Christian nationalists’ desire for political power, rigid social boundaries, and hierarchical order creates significant consequences for all Americans. This talk is free and open to the public. A short reception will immediately follow the talk. Copies of Dr. Whitehead’s book will be available for purchase.



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