American Dilemma:
Religion, Race and Democracy

Tuesday, October 7, 2014
12:30 – 1:30 pm
Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center

Join Professor Long at a reception in the Ohio Room following his presentation.

Free and Open to the Public; Classes Welcome
The Speaker

- Former President, American Academy of Religion
- Co-founder of the international journal, History of Religions, with Mircea Eliade and Joseph Kitagawa
- Author of numerous publications, including Significations: Signs, Symbols, and Images in the Interpretation of Religion and Alpha: The Myths of Creation

Over the span of 50 years, Charles H. Long has served on faculties at major universities in and outside the United States and has lectured on many major U.S. campuses. His intellectual legacy has influenced generations, and his work remains highly influential in religious studies, as well as African American studies, sociology, and related disciplines. Long's studies of religion interrogate a wide range of human activities—cultural, political, and global developments—as well as activities formally designated as religious. He contends that religion is the fundamental work of human beings; it constitutes sets of values that have evolved from human interactions and exchanges. From such a perspective, Professor Long has described and illuminated religious activities and expression in economic domains such as the U.S. stock market.

The Subject

Professor Long examines the foundational elements of religion in the conception of America and traces its implications into the twenty-first century. In doing so, Long exposes some of the most critical issues challenging contemporary American democracy today, particularly the enduring elements of race and religion.

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