



The Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies at George Washington University presents

A Dialogue for a ~~New~~ Moral Agenda
*** a bipartisan, interfaith discussion ***

When: May 23-24, 2005

Where: The Elliott School, George Washington University (1957 E St NW, Washington, DC)

MONDAY, MAY 23rd

CHECK-IN

10:00 a.m. - 10:25 a.m

OPENING STATEMENTS

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Amitai Etzioni, *author of "The Spirit of Community"*

SESSION 1

10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

The Basics: moral persuasion versus moral legislation; finding a shared moral language

DIALOGUE STARTERS:

Christopher Beem, *The Johnson Foundation*

Linda Chavez, *President of the Center for Equal Opportunity*

Glenn Smith, *author of "Politics of Deceit"*

(Lunch Break)

SESSION 2

1:45 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.

The Family, Schools, and Community:
initiating and furthering character education

DIALOGUE STARTERS:

Robert Cochran, *founder of Pepperdine's Institute on Law, Religion, and Ethics*

Neil Gilbert, *Chernin Professor of Social Welfare, UC Berkeley*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Wade Horn, *Asst. Secretary for Children and Families, U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services*

SESSION 3

4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Moral Culture and the Media

DIALOGUE STARTERS:

Rev. Brenda Bartella Peterson, *former DNC Senior Advisor for Religious Outreach*

Amy Sullivan, *editor of The Washington Monthly*

Andrew Tyndall, *publisher of The Tyndall Report*

MONDAY, MAY 23rd (cont.)

Private Screening of a new Paramount film release:
“Mad Hot Ballroom”

Eleven-year-old New York City public school kids journey into the world of ballroom dancing and reveal pieces of themselves and their world along the way.

LOCATION: The White-Meyer House (1624 Crescent Place, NW)

TIME: 7 p.m.

Seating is limited, and thus on a first-come first-served basis. Please arrive early if you wish to secure a spot.
A small reception will follow the film.

TUESDAY, MAY 24th

CHECK-IN

8:45 a.m. - 9:05 a.m.

SESSION 4

9:10 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Moral Evaluation of the 24/7 Society

DIALOGUE STARTERS:

Wayne Baker, *author of "America's Crisis of Values: Reality and Perception"*

Simone Campbell, *Network: A National Catholic Social Justice Lobby*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Jim Towe, *Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives*

SESSION 5

11:35 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.

The Global Community: clash, coalitions, or dialogue?

DIALOGUE STARTER:

Douglas Johnston, *President of the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy*

(Lunch Break)

SESSION 6 – **CANCELLED DUE TO SPEAKER ILLNESS**

2:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Beyond Relativism: are there self-evident truths?

DIALOGUE STARTER:

Ron Thiemann, *Harvard Divinity School*