

# Colloquium Schedule--WS 06

## God, World Religions, and Controversy

Feb. 1: Video: *Heaven—Where Is It? How Do We Get There?*

Feb. 8: Discussion: video and article\* (“The Clash of Civilizations” by S. Huntington); mediated by Prof. Shannon Jackson.

Feb. 15: Speaker: Prof. Gerald Wyckoff, SBS: “I am convinced that He does not play dice with the Universe’ -Einstein”.

Feb. 22: Video: *Whose World: An Explanation of Science and Belief—Does God Exist?*

Mar. 1: Discussion: speaker and video; mediated by David Watkins.

Mar. 8: Spring Break

Mar. 15: Speaker: Prof. Gary Ebersole, Religious Studies: TBA.

Mar 22: Discussion: speaker and BB article, “The Academic Study of Religion”\* .

Mar. 29: Speaker: Prof. Clancy Martin, Philosophy: “What is God?”

Apr. 5: Video: *Does God Exist?*

Apr. 12: Speaker: Dr. Sarah Coburn, United Campus Ministries; will speak on our book, *God Without Religion*.

Apr. 19: Discussion: *God Without Religion*; mediated by Dr. Sarah Coburn.

Apr. 26: Discussion: the new Colloquium—does it work? How should we modify it? Mediated by a member of HSAC .

\* articles can be found on Colloquium BlackBoard site.

The book this semester: *God Without Religion: Questioning Centuries of Accepted Truth*, Sankara Saranam (Pranayama Institute: 2005).

### Guiding questions:

1. How do sacred texts influence cultural activity (including politics) and society?
2. What are competing interpretations of God? How do these interpretations influence everyday practices and political conflict?
3. What influences an individual's interpretation of God?