

# Symposium on Religion and Public Health

Invitation to Participate or Attend

**April 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 p.m. SciTech C209**

**April 6 - 7<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m. (ALL DAY) Jenkins Auditorium**

Abstract Submission Deadline: March 23

Early Registration Deadline: March 30

Cost: \$30 for nonstudents and \$15 for students (goes toward meals)

**Subthemes include the following and more:**

Religion as Invisible Factor  
in Health Disparity

Reproductive Health

Mental Health

Religion and Food Security

Health and Human Rights

Disability

To register, visit [www.ecu.edu/religionprogram](http://www.ecu.edu/religionprogram) online.  
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## Co-sponsors

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## Keynote Speakers



Dr. John Blevins

Dr. John Blevins of Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health is a specialist in interdisciplinary work in practical theology, public health program development and the Interfaith Health Program. He works on a variety of global health initiatives. His research endeavors to critically reflect on religious or public health practices using contemporary theology, cultural theory, and public health scholarship.



Dr. Ellen L. Idler

Dr. Ellen L. Idler is director of the Religion and Public Health Collaborative, Samuel Candler Dobbs Chair of Sociology in Emory College, joint faculty in the Department of Epidemiology, Rollins School of Public Health, and a senior fellow at the Emory Center for Ethics. She is known for her research on religion as a social determinant of health, health perceptions, disability and quality of life, particularly in aging populations.

"Improvement in the health of populations depends upon a strong assessment of all factors affecting health, including the knowledge and beliefs of constituents. In fulfillment of their social mission, religious communities can provide substantial and sustained resources to address health inequities to improve the public health."

—James Curran



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