Symposium on Religion and Public Health
Invitation to Participate or Attend

April 5th - 5:00 p.m. SciTech C209
April 6 - 7th - 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
- Religion and Food Security
- Health and Human Rights
- Reproductive Health
- Disability
- Mental Health

To register, visit www.ecu.edu/religionprogram online.
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Keynote Speakers

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 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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