

*The President's*  
**AUTHOR SERIES**  
INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

*Thursday, November 12, 2009*  
*5:30p.m. Henry West Banquet Room*  
*6:45p.m. The Globe Theater*



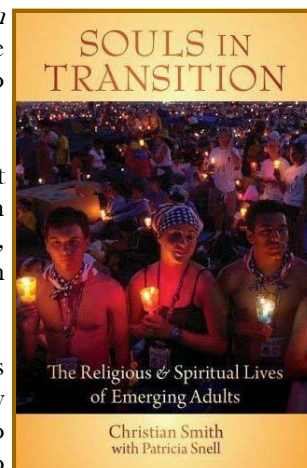
The guest for this semester's President's Author Series is Christian Smith. Dr. Smith is The William R. Kennan Jr. Professor of Sociology & Director of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society at the University of Notre Dame. He received his bachelor's degree from Gordon College and his master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from Harvard University. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Dr. Smith served on the faculty at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Dr. Smith is the author or editor of twelve books including *American Evangelicalism: Embattled and Thriving* (The University of Chicago Press, 2008), *Passing the Plate: Why American Christians Don't Give Away More Money* (Oxford University Press, 2008), *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* (Oxford University Press, 2005), and *Moral Believing Animals: Human Personhood and Culture* (Oxford University Press, 2003).

The topic of our discussion this semester is Dr. Smith's *Souls in Transition: The Religious Lives of Emerging Adults in America* (Oxford University Press, 2009). This text "tells the definitive story of the religious and spiritual lives of emerging adults, ages 18 to 24, in the U.S. today. This is the much-anticipated follow-up study to the landmark book, *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers*. Based on candid interviews with thousands of young people tracked over a five-year period, *Souls in Transition* reveals how the religious practices of the teenagers portrayed in *Soul Searching* have been strengthened, challenged, and often changed as they have moved into adulthood" (from the Oxford University Press website).

The evening will commence with a dinner in Henry West Banquet Room hosted by Dr. Henry Smith and Mrs. Teresa Smith. The session will then adjourn to the Globe Theater, where Dr. Smith will converse with John Wilson, Editor of *Books & Culture*, and field questions from an audience of students from the John Wesley Honors College.

For more information concerning this semester's President's Author Series event, please contact [honors.forum@indwes.edu](mailto:honors.forum@indwes.edu). With advanced reservation (by October 29, 2009), there is limited space for faculty members and their spouses to attend the dinner and the discussion. Copies of *Souls in Transition* are also available for purchase in the IWU Bookstore.



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