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Publication
Selected papers from this conference were published in a special journal issue of The Journal of Ecumenical Studies, Winter 2009 44(1). To order copies of this issue, click here.

Murray Friedman Memorial Lecture
Dr. Martin Marty, Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, The University of Chicago
After the Fundamentalisms: Ours and Theirs

Papers Presented:
Anne C. Loveland, T. Harry Williams, Professor Emerita, Louisiana State University
Testing the Limits of Religious Advocacy at the U.S. Air Force Academy, 2005–06

Peter Lillback, President, Westminster Theological Seminary
Pluralism, Post-Modernity, and Religious Liberty: The Abiding Necessity of Free Speech and Religious Convictions in the Public Square

Elliot Dorff, Rector and Distinguished Professor of Philosophy, American Jewish University (formerly University of Judaism)
What If the Majority’s Religion Is Not Yours? Religion and State in American From a Jewish Perspective

Stanley Carlson-Thies, Director of Social Policy Studies, Center for Public Justice
The Faith-Based Initiative: Both Cause of Contention and the Solution to an Impasse?

Marshall Breger, Professor, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America

James Tonkowich, President, The Institute on Religion and Democracy
And You Will Be a Blessing to All Nations: Evangelicals, Jews, and Paths to Shalom

Zev Chafets, Author and Journalist
A Match Made in Heaven: What Jews And Evangelicals Can Do for Each Other

John Green, Director, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, University of Akron
Support for Israel in the American Public: Present and Future

Steven M. Cohen, Research Professor of Jewish Social Policy, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion
Beyond Distancing: Alienation from Israel Among Younger Adult American Jews