

# CREATING A RELIGIOUS STUDIES DEPARTMENT FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY



**April 21, 2006**  
**3-5 p.m.**  
**Avaya Auditorium,**  
**ACE 2.302**  
**(24th and Speedway)**

**Reception to follow**

Events of recent years have forcefully demonstrated the importance of religion in shaping both the diversity of American society and the complexity of our international relations. At a time when many of the world's conflicts and hopes for their resolutions have strong religious components, we need to understand the crucial role of religion in our world. The formation of a Department of Religious Studies at the University of Texas-Austin will provide an important venue for fostering such knowledge among our students and faculty and among the citizens of Texas.

Please join us to discuss the mission of a Department of Religious Studies at the University of Texas. We are interested in understanding your perspective as we develop ways to best educate our students for productive and meaningful lives in a complex global society.

## A Symposium with:

**Joel Gereboff**, Professor of Religious Studies at Arizona State University, specializing in the study of Judaism, and Chair of the Department of Religious Studies.

**Dale Martin**, Woolsey Professor of Religious Studies at Yale University, specializing in New Testament and Christian Origins.

**Robert Orsi**, Charles Warren Professor of the History of Religion in America, Harvard University, Chair of Harvard's Committee for the Study of Religion, and 2003 President of the American Academy of Religion.

**Angela Zito**, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Religious Studies at New York University, Director of the Religious Studies Program, and Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Religion and the Media.



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