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Publications, Papers and Appointments Record as of September 2010

PUBLICATIONS: *

- (1) Iain T. Benson, "The Jurisdiction of Science: What the Evolution/Creation Debate is *Not* About", *Journal for Christian Scholarship*, Vol. 43, Issue 3 & 4, (2007), 1-29;
- (2) Iain T. Benson, "The Freedom of Conscience and Religion in Canada: Challenges and Opportunities", *Emory International Law Review*, Vol. 21, (2007), 111-166;
- (3) Iain T. Benson, "Do 'values' mean anything at all? Implications for law, education and society", *Journal for Juridical Science*, Vol. 33, Issue 1, (2008), 3-22;
- (4) Iain T. Benson "Physicians and Marriage Commissioners: Accommodation of Differing Beliefs in a Free and Democratic Society", *The Advocate* Vol. 66 Part 5, September (2008), 747-752;
- (5) Iain T. Benson, "The case for religious inclusivism and the judicial recognition of religious associational rights: A response to Lenta", *Constitutional Court Review*, Vol. 1, (2008), 295-310;
- (6) Iain T. Benson, "Religious Rights are Not Just About Individualism" *The Lawyer's Weekly*, Vol. 29, No. 23, October 23, 2009 pp. 5, 7.

* While Research Fellow at UFS and Professor Extraordinary (latter as of November 1, 2009):

- (7) Iain T. Benson, "Taking Pluralism and Liberalism Seriously: The Need to Re-understand "Faith" "Beliefs" "Religion" and "Diversity" in the Public Sphere" (forthcoming in the *Journal for the Study of Religion*. ISSN 1011-7601, March 2010). Revised opening session paper at the Conference "In the Presence of Faith: An Inter-disciplinary Symposium on South African Studies in Religion" held in Johannesburg February 24-26th, 2010 Co- Sponsored by the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER) and the Centre for Culture and Languages in Africa (CCLA), University of Johannesburg.
- (8) Iain T. Benson, "Religion, faith and the public university in South Africa: Unexamined faiths and the public place of religion - emerging challenges for the law." *Acta Theologica*, (being refereed), 2010.
- (9) Iain T. Benson, "*Living Together With Disagreement: Pluralism, The Secular and the Fair Treatment of Beliefs in Canada Today*" Monograph with a Response by Alex Fielding, Published by The Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, Camrose, Alberta, May 2010.
- (10) Iain T. Benson, "Ontario Divisional Court Releases Important Decision for Religious Employers: Comment on Heintz v. Christian Horizons", *Charities and Not-for-Profit Newsletter* (June 2010) available on web <http://millerthomson.com/index.cfm?cm=MTIssue&ce=details&primaryKey=9207>
- (11) Iain T. Benson "Re-understanding the Public Sphere and the Fair Treatment of Beliefs in Canada" *Canadian Diversity*, Sept/October 2010 (forthcoming)
- (12) Iain T. Benson, "*Religious Inter-faith Work in Canada and South Africa with Particular Focus on the Drafting of a South African Charter of Religious Rights and Freedoms*" Iain T. Benson, based on a talk given at Bloemfontein, (revised and submitted September 2010, awaiting Peer Review).
- (13) Forthcoming: Iain T. Benson, "Religious Education IS Public Education", *Ottawa Citizen*, September 2010.
- (14) Forthcoming: Iain T. Benson, "*Fairness, the Freedom of Religion and the Meanings of "Pluralism" and the "Public"*", Submitted September 2010, Revised and shortened version of "Living Together with Disagreement" (see above), forthcoming in Les Jacobs ed., Law and Society Series from the University of British Columbia, Canada.

CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- (1) Invited Paper “*You Can ask Too Much of Equality*”: *Necessary Limits on the Courts, the Charter and the State*”, The Charter and Equality Panel at Conference “The Charter @ 25” McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, Montreal, Quebec, February 14 – 16, 2007.
- (2) Invited to Present the Chester Ronning Lectures, 2007: “*Living Together with Disagreement: Pluralism, the Secular and the Fair Treatment of Beliefs in Canada Today*” Chester Ronning Centre for Faith and Public Life, Augustana Campus, Camrose Alberta, Saturday February 17, 2007; Christ Church Parish, Calgary Alberta, Sunday, February 18, 2007. (see publication information below, University of Alberta).
- (3) “*Challenges to the Accommodation of Beliefs*”, Faculty of Law, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, April 20, 2007.
- (4) “*What’s Out There?*”: *The Cultural Context in Which we Work, Live and Publish*” Panelist for the 25th Anniversary National Conference of the Canadian Church Press Conference, Toronto, Ontario, May 5, 2007.
- (5) “*Views of the “Secular”, Pluralism and the Accommodation of Beliefs*”, Lecture to M.B.A. Students, Paris, France, May 21, 2007.
- (6) “*Respect and Disrespect for Religions Today in Canada*” Talk to the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Vancouver, Vancouver, British Columbia, May 31, 2007.
- (7) Invited Lecture: “*Conscience and Religion, the Need for a New Paradigm Regarding Conflicting Beliefs in Democratic Cultures*”, Faculty of Law, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, November 2007.
- (8) “*Can Law Avoid Creating Culture and Religion in its Own Image?: The Context for Diversity, Religion and Culture in MEC for Education: KwaZulu-Natal and Others v Navaneethum Pillay*”, (Invited paper presentation to lead to case comment/article for first issue of South African Constitutional Court Review, see eventual publication information, below). Talk given at Lourensford Wine Estate, South Africa, August 2008.
- (9) “*Some Thoughts on Natural Faith and Condition(s) of Pluralism in Canada Today*” *Responding to the Crisis of Responsibility: A Philosophical Challenge* A Conference in Honour of Professor Thomas Langan, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada, September 27, 2008.

- (10) *“Religious Inter-faith Work in Canada and South Africa with Particular Focus on the Drafting of a Charter of Religious Rights and Freedoms for South Africa”*, Public Lecture, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, December 9, 2008.
- (11) *“Some Contextual Aspects of the Family and Rights: Associational or Individual?”*, Catholic Organization for Life and Family (A Project of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops), Conference “The Family, Society and the State: Roles and Responsibilities”, Keynote Speech, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada March 27, 2009.
- (12) *“Law and Politics in Focus: A Paper for the Fellowship of Catholic Scholars”* St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 3, 2009.
- (13) *“Religion and the Public Sphere: An Examination of Christian Horizons”* Panel Presentation to the Canadian Constitution Foundation Annual Conference “Race, Religion, Equality and Freedom”, Toronto, Ontario, Canada October 4, 2009.
- (14) *“Human Rights and Religious Associations: Case Study of the Heintz v. Christian Horizons Decision”* Ronning Forum, Co-sponsored by the University of Alberta (Augustana Campus) and The King’s University College, Edmonton, Alberta, October 7, 2009.
- (15) *“Human Rights and the State of Religious Freedom in Canada”* Faculty Colloquium, St. Mary’s University, Calgary, Alberta, Canada October 8, 2009.
- (16) *“Religion and Multiculturalism in Canada: The Need for a Paradigm Shift”* to a Session “Cosmopolitanism and Religiosity” in Conference “Towards a Democratic Cosmopolis: Diaspora, Citizenship and Recognition”, Main Paper, Founder’s College, York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 22, 2009.
- (17) *“The ‘Secular’ as Stalking Horse for Anti-religious Secularism: Practical Examples from Constitutional Decisions in Canada and South Africa”*, A ‘Secular Age’. Tracing the Contours of Religion and Belief, International Conference, June, 2009, Mater Dei Institute, Dublin, Ireland.
- (18) *“Standing Freedom on its Head: “Equality” and “Non-discrimination” and the Suppression of Democratic Liberties: Law, Liberty and Convergence”* American Public Philosophy Institute American Political Science Association, 2009 Annual Meeting & Exhibition Toronto, Ontario, Canada 3 September, 2009

- (19) *"Is Canada Moving Towards or Away From Religious Inclusivity in the Public Sphere"*, A Paper for a Conversation on "Religion in the Public Square in Canada", Hosted by the Canadian Embassy to the Holy See At the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences Casina Pio IV Vatican City, 11 May, 2010 (revised 18 May, 2010);
- (20) *"Religion and the Public Sphere: The Need for Accommodation and Some Meanings of Diversity"* Opening panel paper at a Conference, "In the Presence of Faith: An Inter-disciplinary Symposium on South African Studies of Religion", sponsored by the Centre for Culture and Languages in Africa (CCLA) and the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WISER). Revised and retitled as: *"Taking Pluralism and Liberalism Seriously: The Need to Re-understand "Faith" "Beliefs" "Religion" and "Diversity" in the Public Sphere."* Forthcoming in the *Journal for the Study of Religion* (see above);
- (21) *"Unexamined faiths and the public place of religion - emerging challenges for the law"* For the Conference on Religion, Faith and the Public University in South Africa, Faculty of Theology, University of the Free State, 23-24 March 2010, Religion, faith and the public university in South Africa: (see above);
- (22) Forthcoming; 17th Annual Conference on Law and Religion, Invited speaker, *"Law and Secularism"* Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA, October 1 – 6th, 2010;
- (23) Forthcoming; *"Living Together with Disagreement and the Limits of the Law"* Inaugural Lecture, Faculty of Law, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa, October 14, 2010;
- (24) Forthcoming: Plenary Speaker, Plenary Session of the Pontifical Academy of the Social Sciences, Holy See, Vatican City "Law and Religion in North America" May 2011.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS:

- (1) *Member, Continuation Committee, Drafting the South African Charter of Religious Rights and Freedoms* (since late 2007). The Committee includes, in addition to Prof. Benson, the following: *Prof. P Coertzen* (Stellenbosch, chairperson and theologian), *Prof. Rassie Malherbe* (Constitutional jurist University of Johannesburg; *Dr. Chris Landman* and *Dr. Willem Langeveldt* (then Commissioners of the Commission for Cultural, Religious and Language Rights); *Sheik Achmat Sedick* and *Rabbi Fox*; and *Mr Eric Jackson* of the Church of the Latterday Saints (who has now left the Committee and is replaced by *Shawn Boshoff*). *Dr Nokosola Mdende* (UNISA/ University of the Western Cape, African Indigenous Religions) were later co-opted as member of the Continuation Committee. More recently, the *Rev A Knoetze* (Commissioner of the CRL-Commission) has also been co-opted as a member. The Charter is slated for signatures in October 2010 at which point it will move to the political phase for enactment under Section 234 of the South African Constitution.

- (2) *Research Associate, South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights, and International Law (SAIFAC), Johannesburg* (2008);

- (3) *Senior Research Fellow, Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, University of Edmonton, Augustana Campus, Camrose, Alberta* (2010);

- (4) *Director*, (Announcement forthcoming, October 2010), appointed to the Founding Board (Chairman and 11 Directors) of the ***Global Centre for Pluralism***, a Joint Project of the Government of Canada and the Aga Khan Development Network (Ottawa, Canada). The Chairman is *HH the Aga Khan* and the other Directors include: *Kofi Annan* (Former Sec'y Gen. United Nations; Chair, Africa Progress Panel); *Michelle Bachelet* (Former President of Chile); *Adrienne Clarkson* (Former Governor-General of Canada); *Yash Pal Ghai* (International Law Expert and Professor Emeritus Public Law, University of Hong Kong); *Azim Nanji* (Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University, USA) and *Hughette Labelle* (Chancellor, University of Ottawa, Former President Canadian International Development Agency).

-End of Record (September 15, 2010)-