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The national debate over race has intensified in the last eight months as the killings of Michael Brown, Eric Garner and Freddie Gray (among many others) by police officers have sparked nationwide protests and exposed strong disagreements about the extent of racial injustice in modern America. To help us grapple with these crucial issues among our own community, the Boisi Center invited three theologians to discuss the intersection of race, religion and movements for social change. Billed as a “campus conversation,” the March 25 event drew several hundred students, faculty and staff to the large Devlin 008 auditorium, and connected them to a broader, semester-long e r i (e l)4s.4(e)--3l.5(h)7.6(e i)-14.3(u)-11.2(n)4.6(3)l(e )}5.2(r)-5.2(s)-3.5(a)11th ta b(a)-16.2()10.2(t)--4.7(s o)9(f a)4.5(e)1.1(6.5(h)7.6(e)-11(c a)2.5“uisr sios a.6(e)-5.2(m t)11.8(u)05 O .1977a4.12.4(l 7.1(i)-8.5(a)-22.3(l c7 t8(i r)8.6(e)n)2i C)-9m a 9(m)-17.9amnl c3.92(i n)10.2(tm)13nu1.2



## religion and u.s. foreign policy

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Shaun Casey, special representative for religion and global affairs at the U.S. State Department, spoke at a Boisi Center event on April 9 about the State Department's efforts to take religion more seriously in its dealings with foreign states. Casey, currently on leave from Wesley Theological Seminary, explained that understanding the religious convictions of others is a high priority for Secretary of State John Kerry (a proud BC alum) and the Obama administration in general. The administration's efforts are aimed at engaging religious actors and communities in order to advance pluralism, human rights and global stability.

Casey described the evolution of the State Department's Office of Religion and Global Affairs and its efforts to further the administration's goal of engagement. His office advises the Secretary of State

on issues connected to religion. It also acts as an entry point for religious leaders



Shaun Casey, special representative for religion and global affairs at the U.S. State Department, addressing a Boisi Center event on April 9.

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