The Bible, the Economy, & the Poor
A Kripke Symposium
February 14–15, 2013

Thursday: The Biblical Tradition

8:15–8:30 Gathering, Introductions, and Welcome

8:30–9:15 Gale Yee, “The Creation of Poverty in Ancient Israel”

9:15–10:00 Ronald A. Simkins, “The Widow and Orphan in the Political Economy of Ancient Israel”

10:15–11:00 Gordon Brubacher, “Solomon, Incorporated”

11:00–11:45 Marvin Chaney, “The Political Economy of Peasant Poverty: What the Eighth-Century Prophets Presumed but Did Not State”


1:15–2:00 Nicolae Roddy, “You Didn’t Build That: A Prophetic View of the Political Economy from Exile”


4:00–4:45 Brigitte Kahl, “Justification and Justice – Reading Paul with the Economically Vanquished”

4:45–5:30 Leonard J. Greenspoon, “God Stands Together with The Poor: How Jews Viewed Poverty and Aided the Poor in the Post-Biblical Period”

Friday: Theological and Ethical Responses


9:15–10:00 Charles McDaniels, “Financialization and the Changing Face of Poverty: Muslim and Christian Perspectives”

10:15–11:00 Jay Carney, “The Danger of Description: The Ethnic Labeling of the Poor in Colonial Rwanda”

11:00–11:45 Tom Kelly, “Challenging the Status Quo: How Rutilio Grande, S.J. Used Scripture to Address Socio-Economic Inequality”

12:30–1:15 Kent Van Til, “‘Luxury’ in Babylon: Revelation 18 as Economic Critique”


3:00–3:45 Thomas Massaro, S.J., “The Bible and Social Justice: Has Anything Changed in our Third Millennium?”

4:00–4:45 Roger Bergman, “Teaching and Learning an Option for the Poor”

4:45–5:00 Closing Comments

All Sessions are in the Harper Center 3029