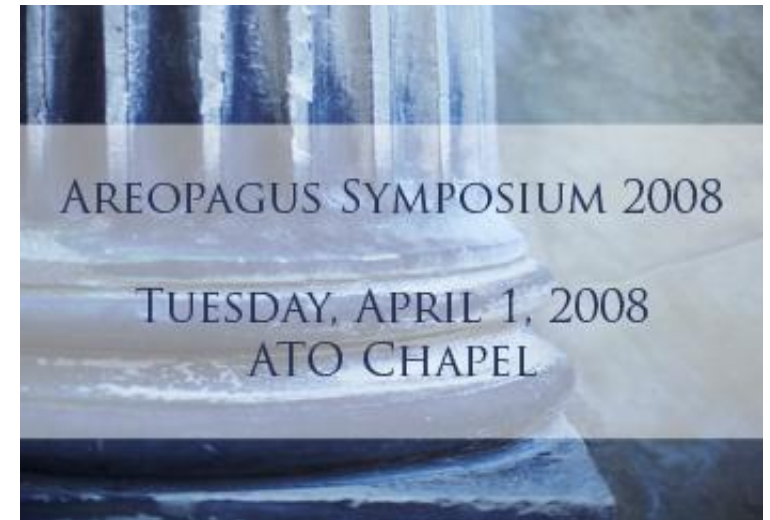


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## About the Presenters

Tom Atchison

Dr. Tom Atchison graduated from the University of Illinois-Champaign, Dallas Theological Seminary and earned his PhD in Systematic Theology from Trinity International University. He served on staff with Campus Crusade for Christ for over 12 years in Texas, the Philippines and Illinois. Since 1992, Dr. Atchison has pastored Fox Valley Church (Evangelical Free Church of America) in West Dundee, IL. Dr. Atchison has been actively involved in social justice by helping to launch the Grace Community Development Association and serving on its board. Additionally, under his leadership, Fox Valley Church helped start Administer Justice, an organization that provides legal, conflict resolution and financial counseling services for low income families in need.

Michael T. Cooper

Dr. Cooper earned a BED from Texas A&M University, MA from Columbia Biblical Seminary and School of Missions and a PhD from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He is the director of the School of Biblical and Religious Studies at Trinity International University and teaches New and World Religions, Missions and Theology. He has contributed numerous academic papers, articles and chapters dealing with missions in Western society and the revival of Pagan religions. He is a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Evangelical Missiological Society and an academic advisor for the Lausanne Committee's Issue Group addressing new spiritualities in a postmodern world. He is also editor of *Sacred Tribes Journal* and a research fellow of the Western Institute for Intercultural Studies.

Dale Prows

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints has a lay ministry meaning that all of the church leaders and teachers serve on a volunteer basis with no monetary compensation. For the past 3 years, Dale Prows has been serving as the Bishop of the Buffalo Grove 1st Ward, which is a congregation of about 300 members in the Buffalo Grove area. Bishop Prows has served as a Bishop and as a local church leader for the past 25 years in Buffalo Grove, Illinois; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Chesapeake, Virginia; Salt Lake City, Utah and Baltimore, Maryland. He also served as a full-time missionary for 2 years in the Washington D.C. area. Bishop Prows and his wife, Linda, are the proud parents of 3 children (Jeffrey 22, Gina 19, and Holly 15) and Bishop Prows works full time as the Vice President of Procurement for Indalex, Inc., a nation wide aluminum extruder, to support his family.

Michael D. Reynolds

Dr. Reynolds received his BS from Illinois State University, his MA in Urban Ministry from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and his DMin from McCormick Theological Seminary. Dr. Reynolds, who has extensive experience in the corporate business world, maintains on-going ministry involvement as the pastor of a growing urban church, New Life Celebration Church. He has special interests in mentoring and urban leadership development. In addition to his central leadership role in the TEDS MA/UM Program, he occasionally teaches at the Trinity's Deerfield campus.

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## Program

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Piano Prelude

Introduction: Dr. Michael T. Cooper  
Background to Areopagus Symposium  
Introduction of the topic: Religion and Politics  
Introduction of presenters

First Response: Bishop Dale Prows  
Response to topic: Religion, Politics and the Mormon Faith

Second Response: Pastor Tom Atchison  
Response to topic: Religion, Politics and the Evangelical Faith

Presenters' Dialogue

Response from Rev. Dr. Michael Reynolds

Audience Questions

Conclusion

Piano Postlude

Reception

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