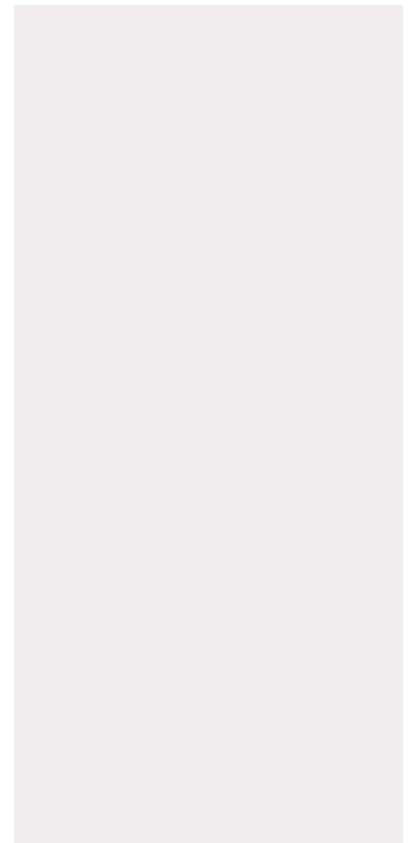




Two major events at the Boise Center stand out among our spring 2014 semester programs:

our annual Prophetic Voices lecture and a major panel on healthcare reform.

We decided on our ideal lecturer in the fall when we came across an article and interview in the Wall Street Journal featuring Russell Moore. Newly appointed as the president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Moore now occupies one of the key places in what Lionel Trilling called the "blood crossroads" where religion and politics meet. Moore was at pains to let the world know that this was not one's grandparent's SBC. We are not a moral majority he made it clear; we are a prophetic minority. A dissenting church, it would seem, had decided that dissent was its proper role.











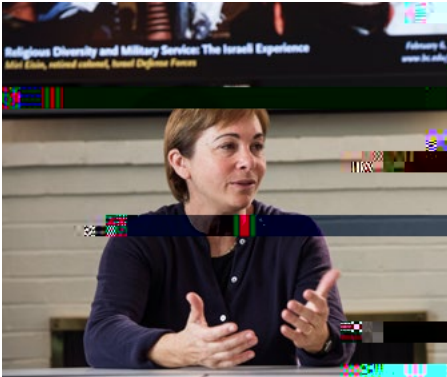
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Israel's religiously and ethnically diverse military highlights the virtues of modernity as well as tensions that can arise when modernity is confronted with traditional values.

The Boisi Center's second lunch event of the semester featured retired Israeli colonel Miri Eisin, who spoke about religious diversity in the Israeli army. In seeking to be both a liberal and a Jewish state with a diverse citizenry, Israel faces many instances of rights in conflict. Its military is a poignant microcosm: it is a place where

Israeli society's diverse components are able to interact intimately, and because of this, it can also highlight stark differences among its different groups.

Eisin explained that the military is comprised of Jewish, Christian, Druze,



Retired Israeli colonel Miri Eisin speaking about religious diversity in the Israeli military

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Joseph Gerson, of the American Friends Service Committee, spoke about campaigning for nuclear disarmament, the power of grassroots efforts, and his Jewish and Quaker influences at a Boisi Center lunch on January.

The Boise Center was pleased to host visiting scholar David Cowan during the spring 2014 semester. Cowan is a senior tutor in politics and religion at King's Evangelical Divinity School, and an approved tutor at the University of St. Chester, both in the U.K. In addition, he

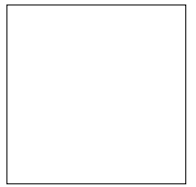
has over twenty- ve years of experience working as a communications advisor for companies and organizations throughout the world.

At the Boise Center, Cowan researched-diplomacy and communicating religion in American foreign policy, with a focus on Christianity and Islam. His latest book,

*Strategic Interfaith Dialogue* (London: Routledge, 2013) is available at <http://www.routledge.com/9781136212165/9781136212165>



Boisi Center visiting scholar David Cowan presenting on theological discourse in an age of social media



“Evangelicalism is still Protestant, and resolutely so, but we’ve been able to work together, starting with the pro-life movement, in a way that has caused Evangelicals and Catholics to form deep, deep alliances in the public square. I think the relationship between Evangelicals and Catholics has never been better.”

- Russell Moore, April 2, 2014

“The basics for anybody working out of a Catholic tradition is the dignity of the human being as made in the image and likeness of God. A dignity that takes seriously human beings, not just as souls that are encased in bodies, but as embodied souls and as people living a mortal life who are vulnerable and can suffer.”

- Cathleen Kaveny, April 24, 2014