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The Murdoch University Theology Program invites you to a series of lectures from this year's Murdoch University International Theologian

Professor Brad Gregory

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Embodied Souls and Their Rivals: Human Nature since the Middle Ages

Narratives of Human Nature: From Theology to Biology?

Thursday 21 May 2015
6.30pm – 8.00pm

Western conceptions of human beings have proliferated expansively since the time of medieval Latin Christianity's embodied souls. Taking a long-term genealogical perspective, Professor Gregory will argue that the narrative that best accounts for the variety of rival conceptions alive today is not a unilinear replacement of religion with secular views, but an increasing pluralization of competing, intersecting claims about human nature.

How Great the Fall? The Reformation Era and Human Nature

Wednesday 27 May 2015
6.30pm -8.00pm

Crucial to this pluralizing process in the long term were the disagreements in the Reformation era between Catholics and Protestants over the extent and depth of postlapsarian human nature.

The Mechanization of Man

Wednesday 3 June 2015
6.30pm – 8.00pm

Crucial as well to the process was the advent of mechanistic conceptions of the nature, including human nature, beginning in the new philosophies of the seventeenth century.

Venue:

Kim E Beazley Lecture Theatre
Murdoch University
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Brad S. Gregory is Professor of History and Dorothy G. Griffin Collegiate Chair at the University of Notre Dame (USA), where he has taught since 2003. Professor Gregory specializes in the history of Christianity in Europe during the Reformation era and on the long-term influence of the Reformation era on the modern world. He has given invited lectures at many of the most prestigious universities around the world.

Professor Gregory's first book, *Salvation at Stake: Christian Martyrdom in Early Modern Europe* (Harvard, 1999) received six book awards. In 2005, he was named the inaugural winner of the first annual Hiett Prize in the Humanities, a \$50,000 award from the Dallas Institute of Humanities and Culture given to the outstanding mid-career humanities scholar in the United States. His most recent book is entitled *The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society* (Belknap, 2012), which has received two book awards.

