

# Religion & the Shifting Demand for Philanthropy

## Resources from Panelists

In the U.S., religion remains by far the largest recipient of individuals' charitable giving, though that proportion has been declining for years—reflecting major shifts in American religiosity and religious practice. In light of the shift of lessened giving coupled with a growing need for philanthropic efforts, we will explore the emerging patterns of everyday giving and volunteering as well as major trends in big philanthropy, asking how they impact and reflect shifts in religious life, civil society, and public discourse. Finally, we will address the overlapping themes of religion and philanthropy in a time of political uncertainty when it comes to funding sources, the nature and role of community, individual obligation, and the changing shape of moral imagination.

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[Religion and Philanthropy Syllabus](#)

[Religion in Philanthropic Organizations: Family, Friend, Foe?](#) Edited by Thomas J Davis

[Hoosier Philanthropy: A State History of Giving](#) Edited by Gregory R. Witkowski

[Religion, Charity, and Philanthropy in America](#) by David P. King

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[The Shifting Landscape of American Philanthropy](#)

[The Past, Present, and Future of Workplace Giving in the United States](#)

[Charitable Cause Pluralism and Prescription in Historical Perspective](#)

[Campus Protests, Donor Secrecy, and a Moment for Reform](#)

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[An Introduction to Muslims and Politics in the United States](#)

[Religion, Peacebuilding, and Social Cohesion in Conflict-affected Countries](#) by Fletcher D. Cox, Catherine R. Orsborn, and Timothy D. Sisk (2014)

[Standing Shoulder to Shoulder Against Anti-Muslim Bigotry: Interfaith Activism in America in a Time of Crisis](#)

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