The Paul B. Henry Institute will hold its ninth biennial Symposium on Religion and Public Life from April 27-29, 2017, at the Prince Conference Center on the campus of Calvin College. The Symposium provides opportunities to present current research, to foster personal and professional networks and collaboration, and to learn about research opportunities in the field. Symposium attendance is open to anyone interested in the intersection of religion and public life. And a plug for the setting: Grand Rapids and the surrounding region has become a hot-spot to visit, with a vibrant art scene, brewery culture, and lakeshore attractions.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS
Participation in the Henry Symposium is open to scholars across the disciplines, including political science, sociology, history, economics, international relations, philosophy, religious studies, and development studies. Those interested in presenting a paper or organizing a panel on any aspect of the relationship between religion and public life should submit a one-page proposal by February 15, 2017. The proposal should include a tentative paper/panel title, a brief description of the focus of the presentation (one to three paragraphs), your institutional affiliation, and your contact information, including an email address. Proposals received after February 15 will be considered on a space-available basis. Notification of accepted proposals will be no later than February 28, 2017.

THEMES AND SPECIAL EVENTS
While the Symposium is open to all topics about religion and public life, we will have several special events and panels at the Symposium this year. U.S Senator Ben Sasse (R-Nebraska) will present the annual Paul B. Henry Lecture, and Boston University’s Charles Glenn, an expert on education policy, will present the Center for Public Justice’s annual Kuyper Lecture. We are also in the planning stages on special plenary panels on the politics of evangelicals, the media and the presidential election, race and politics, and faith and international relations. Stay tuned for an updated call in mid-January.

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