



## AGENDA FOR THE PROGRESSIVE FAITH BLOG CON, 2006!

<b>FRIDAY 7/14</b>	<b>What's happening:</b>	<b>Led by:</b>
Afternoon	<b>Arrive</b> , check into hotels, get conference packet & badge	
7:00pm	<b>Welcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The planning committee</b></li> </ul>
7:15pm	<b>Ecumenical Jewish worship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rachel Barenblat (Velveteen Rabbi)</b></li> <li>• <b>Andrew Schamess (Semitism.net)</b></li> <li>• <b>Harriet Goren</b></li> </ul>
8:15pm	Blogger dinner/social gathering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Covered by registration fee</li> </ul>
<b>SAT. 7/15</b>		
8:00am	<b>Ecumenical Buddhist meditation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lorianne DiSabato (Hoarded Ordinaries)</b></li> </ul>
9:00am	Kick off the morning events	
9:15-10:30am	<b>Panel 1: Roots &amp; Branches: The Nature of Our Community</b> * Ecumenical and interfaith blogging engagement * Challenges and blessings of pluralism * Engaging those more conservative than we	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rachel Barenblat (Velveteen Rabbi)</b></li> <li>• <b>Chris Tessone (Even the Devils Believe)</b></li> <li>• <b>Emily Ronald (Pluralism Project)</b></li> <li>• <b>Hussein Rashid (Islamicate)</b></li> </ul>
10:45-11:30am	<b>First Breakout Session: Faith Affiliation/Interest</b> * Jewish blogosphere * Christian blogosphere * Islamosphere * Buddhist blogosphere * Other affinity groups as participation warrants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christianity: Chris Walton (Philocrites)</b></li> <li>• <b>Buddhism: Lorianne DiSabato (Hoarded Ordinaries)</b></li> <li>• <b>Judaism: Rachel Barenblat (Velveteen Rabbi)</b></li> <li>• <b>Islam: Hussein Rashid (Islamicate)</b></li> <li>• <b>Paganism (Emily Ronald)</b></li> </ul>
11:30-12:15pm	<b>Second Breakout Session: Topical Interest</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scripture: Rabbi Jill Jacobs (Radical Torah &amp; JSpot)</b></li> <li>• <b>Ritual: Chris Tessone (Even the Devils Believe)</b></li> <li>• <b>Meditation: Lorianne DiSabato (Hoarded Ordinaries)</b></li> </ul>
12:15-1pm	Lunch break	
1-2pm	<b>Panel 2: Talking Tech</b> * Increasing Site Traffic * CSS, Podcasting, and New Software * Building our internal network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chris Walton (Philocrites)</b></li> <li>• <b>Steve Rockwell (CrossLeft)</b></li> <li>• <b>Michelle Murrain (Pearlbear's Blog)</b></li> </ul>

2:15-3:45pm	<b>Panel 3: Faith and Politics, A Path to Engagement</b> * Relating faith and political action * Blogging and its place in the history of progressive faith activism * Faith is bigger than partisan affiliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Thurman Hart (Xpatriated Texan)</b></li> <li>• <b>Mik Moore (JSpot)</b></li> <li>• <b>Bruce Wilson (Talk 2 Action)</b></li> </ul>
4-5:30pm	<b>Breakout Sessions 3 &amp; 4: Topics in Politics</b> <i>Two rotations of 45 minutes each, with the same three topics each rotation. Attendees get to do two of the three.</i> * Int'l Relations/War on Terror/Peace * Poverty and Hunger in the US * Responding to the Religious Right	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Int'l Relations: RJ (Huffington Post) &amp; Andrew Schamess (Semitism.net)</b></li> <li>• <b>Poverty in US: Nathan Newman (Progressive States Network)</b></li> <li>• <b>Religious Right: Talk to Action, Interfaith Alliance, Jennifer Butler (Faith in Public Life)</b></li> </ul>
5:30-6:30pm	Free time! :-)	
6:30-8:15pm	Dinner break	
8:30pm	<b>Ecumenical Muslim zikr</b> (meditative prayer) followed by discussion/Q-and-A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hussein Rashid (Islamicate)</b></li> </ul>
9pm	<b>Roundtable: What Does Progressive Faith Mean?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Rabbi Arthur Waskow (Shalom Center)</b></li> <li>• <b>The Rev. Dr. Bruce Prescott (Mainstream Baptist)</b></li> <li>• <b>Pastor Dan Schultz (Street Prophets)</b> (Read roundtable participants' bios <a href="#">here.</a>)</li> </ul>
10pm	<b>Late night</b> gathering (Open-mic/music session)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Emily Ronald</b></li> <li>• <b>Bruce Wilson</b></li> </ul>
<b>SUN. 7/ 16</b>		
9am	Brunch	
10:30am	<b>Christian ecumenical worship</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Chris Tessone (Even the Devils Believe)</b></li> <li>• <b>Thalia Cady / Mata H. (Time's Fool)</b></li> <li>• <b>Michelle Murrain (Pearlbear's Blog)</b></li> </ul>
11:30am	<b>Brainstorming session: Where Do We Go From Here?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The planning committee</b></li> </ul>
12:15pm	<b>Closing circle &amp; goodbyes</b>	
Afternoon	Optional trip into NYC for those who are sticking around?	