



Salt & Light

THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN THE
GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

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9:00am–3:30pm

Park Street Church · Boston, MA

Speakers



DR. MARTIN ALLABY is a British physician graduated from the University of Oxford. He is a general practitioner at St. Bartholomew's Medical Center in Oxford and a public health consultant to the National Health Service. Martin served as a medical missionary in Nepal from 1999 to 2006. After returning from Nepal, Martin earned a doctor of philosophy degree at the Oxford Center for Mission Studies. His doctoral studies focused on Evangelicals and their perceptions and attitudes about corruption. He recently published a book entitled *Inequality, Corruption and the Church: Challenges and Opportunities in the Global Church* (2013) on Amazon.com. Martin chairs the charity "Faith In Government," (www.faithingovernment.org.uk) which supports Christian organizations in developing countries that are working to transform government from the inside.



REV. JOEL EDWARDS was, until December 2014, the International Director for Micah Challenge, a global Christian response to extreme poverty. He is also the chairman of the Exposed Campaign, a global faith-based campaign against corruption. Prior to his role within Micah Challenge, Joel was General Director of the Evangelical Alliance UK, a post he held for over 10 years. He was also formerly a Commissioner on the Equality and Human Rights Commission for the UK.

Currently Joel is an Advisory Member of Tony Blair's Faith Foundation. He also serves as a member of the Advisory Board on Human Rights & Religious Freedom with the British Foreign & Commonwealth Office. A regular broadcaster with the BBC and other UK and international media channels, Joel is often asked to bring a Christian perspective to current issues. Joel is an honorary Canon of St Paul's Cathedral, London, and has an honorary doctorate from St. Andrews University, Scotland. He is currently a doctoral student at St. John's, Durham where he is also a Visiting Fellow of the College.



BILL ENGLISH received his PhD in Political Science from Duke University in 2010 and was a Postdoctoral Research Associate with the Political Theory Project at Brown University in 2010-11. He is a political theorist with wide ranging interests in Political Economy, Public Policy, and the Philosophy of Social Science. His dissertation examined the nature of ethical persuasion and its role in institutional change, and his work has been published in the *American Political Science Review*, the *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, and *Society*. As a Lab Fellow from 2011-13, English pursued empirical and normative investigations of institutional corruption; and as a current research fellow with the Harvard Initiative for Learning and Teaching, he examines ethics education and the public role of universities. English is currently working on book project that will explore common sources of institutional corruption and outline strategies for reform. He is a parishioner at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Harvard Square and currently sits on the board of the Abigail Adams Institute, a non-profit educational initiative in the greater Boston area.



ROBERTO LAVER is an international lawyer with over thirty years of combined professional experience in law and development, non-profit leadership and academia. In 1989, he joined the World Bank where he worked as senior counsel and project manager on justice reform. After leaving the World Bank, Roberto worked in several capacities including legal advisor and business consultant on Latin America at a major Boston law firm, associate adjunct professor at the Fletcher School and president of the New England Latin America trade association. In 2003, he moved from the practice of law to serve as the executive director of a faith-based association, the Forum of Bible Agencies. In the above roles, Roberto has traveled extensively throughout Latin America, Africa, Asia and Europe. Since 2010, Roberto has been advising international development organizations, as well as supporting faith-based initiatives worldwide, on anti-corruption efforts. He was a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School (2012–2014) and a network fellow at Harvard's Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics pursuing research on the intersection between systemic corruption and socio-cultural norms. Roberto holds a law degree from the Buenos Aires University Law School and LL.M and SJD degrees from the University of Virginia Law School.



JUAN CARLOS PORTILLA is a Visiting Scholar at Boston College Law School and an international lawyer. He previously worked for the Defense Ministry of Colombia, and served his country as diplomat at the Office of Colombia before the Central American Bank for Economic Integration, located in Tegucigalpa-Honduras. In 2009, Colombian president Alvaro Uribe appointed him to be Superintendent of Surveillance and Private Security. Juan Carlos shut down private armies with links to drug trafficking and criminal gangs, demonstrating the government's commitment to tackling the drug crisis. As Superintendent, he also played a leadership role in the approval of a bill reforming the statute governing the private security industry in Colombia's Senate Committee on Defense, National Security and Foreign Affairs. He is a lawyer from the Sabana University School of Law, Colombia, and holds a LL.M. in Public International Law from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University.



SCHOLASTICA WILSON is the Founder and Executive Director of Center for Leadership Development (CLD), a non-profit development organization located in Maryland, USA. She also founded GiveCare International, a faith based non-profit organization serving basic needs in underserved communities. Over the past 16 years, Scholastica has worked across a wide spectrum of people and initiatives, assisting for profit and non-profit organizations in the United States and abroad with their set-up and strategic management needs. She has served on several think tanks including, United Nations Development Program (UNDP)'s Learning Bank Committee of the National Partnership Forum (NPF), Lagos Nigeria; Structural Training and Entrepreneurial Program (STEP)—a program of the International Finance Corporation (IFC); Department for International Development (DFID) and the British Council. Ms. Wilson serves on a few boards including, New Covenant Dominion Federal Credit Union (NCDFCU), USA-Africa, Bowels of Mercy International and Computers for African Schools. Her immediate past engagements include Director of Development, New Covenant Community Development Corporation (NCCDC), New York; Teaching Faculty, Ambassadors College of Ministries and Theological Seminary. Scholastica holds a Master of Science degree in Economics and a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics & Statistics. She is a World Executive MBA candidate (2015), George Washington University, Washington DC. Prior to this, she commenced her doctoral studies in Transformational Leadership. Scholastica is an ordained Christian Minister and is married to Olajide Olagunju, an attorney.

Corruption affects us all. It takes place in the global North and South and undermines God's desire for justice in our nations, societies and relationships.

At the Salt & Light Conference, you will be encouraged to grapple with the injustice of corruption in our societies from the perspective of Christian faith. Our excellent cadre of speakers include an Anglican minister and advisor to Tony Blair's Faith Foundation, a British medical missionary to Nepal and doctor in philosophy, a former Colombian government official, a Nigerian non-profit executive, a doctor in political

science and Harvard fellow and a former World Bank senior counsel.

Through our speakers, we will learn about the meanings, forms and impacts of corruption in our societies; how Scripture speaks to the issue; how Evangelicals (and other Christians) are reacting to this social injustice; and what might we do, locally and globally, to be more effective in our Christian witness.

You will not want miss this unique opportunity to tackle one of the most significant challenges of our times.

Program

- 9:00 AM** Welcome and Introduction
Simon Fowler
- 9:15–10:00AM** Session 1: *Framing the issue: Corruption and Its Impact*
Roberto Laver
- 10:00–10:45AM** Session 2: *Biblical Perspective on Corruption*
Joel Edwards
- 10:45–11:00AM** Break
- 11:00 AM–12:45 PM** Session 3: *Corruption in Society: Church Attitudes and Responses*
Martin Allaby, Bill English, Scholastica Wilson, Juan Carlos Portilla
- 1:00–2:00 PM** Lunch
- 2:00–3:30 PM** Session 4: *Fighting Corruption: Towards a More Effective Church Engagement*
Interactive panel with all speakers

