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## **Religion & the White House**

### ***David Holmes Discusses The Faiths of the Postwar Presidents***

**Atlanta, GA.** – Religion and the presidency have long been intertwined in this country, whether discussing John Kennedy’s Catholicism or Billy Graham’s friendship with numerous Presidents. Join us tomorrow night (Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>) at 7pm as David Holmes, professor of religious studies at the College of William and Mary, discusses his new book ***“The Faiths of the Postwar Presidents: From Truman to Obama.”***

Holmes examines not only the beliefs professed by each president but also the variety of possible influences on their religious faith, such as their upbringing, education, and the faith of their spouse. In each profile close observers such as clergy, family members, friends, and advisors recall churchgoing habits, notable displays of faith (or lack of it), and the influence of their faiths on policies concerning abortion, the death penalty, Israel, and other controversial issues.

Library Journal says *“This is an admirable and colorful yet balanced look at our recent Presidents and their religious beliefs. It will have wide appeal for all readers and particularly for those interested in presidential history.”*

The talk is free and open to the public. Copies of ***The Faiths of the Postwar Presidents*** will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

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