



Notre Dame Institute *for*  
**ADVANCED STUDY**

## **Mind, Soul, World: Consciousness in Nature**

### **Introduction**

**Monday, March 14, 2016 – Morning Session (9:00 to 10:30 p.m.)**

### **Conclusions and Discussion of Closing Thoughts and Comments**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – Mid-Afternoon Session (4:00 to 5:30 p.m.)**

### **Moderator**

**Brad S. Gregory** is Professor of History and Dorothy G. Griffin Collegiate Chair at the University of Notre Dame and he serves as Director of the Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study. He specializes in the history of Christianity in Europe during the Reformation era and on the long-term influence of the Reformation era on the modern world. His principal research interests center on Christianity in the Reformation era (sixteenth and seventeenth centuries), including magisterial Protestantism, radical Protestantism, and Roman Catholicism approached comparatively and cross-confessionally, the long-term ideological influences and institutional consequences of the Reformation era on the making of the modern Western world, and methodology and theory in the understanding of religion and history. His first book, *Salvation at Stake: Christian Martyrdom in Early Modern Europe* (1999) received six book awards. His most recent book is a wide-ranging reinterpretation of the making of the modern Western world entitled *The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society* (2012).



### **Presenter**



**David Bentley Hart** is a Templeton Fellow in residence at the NDIAS for the 2015-2016 academic year. His most recent appointment is as the visiting Danforth chair of St. Louis University; he has also held positions at The University of Virginia, Duke University, and Providence College. His specialties are philosophical theology, systematics, patristics, classical and continental philosophy, and Asian religion. His most recent work has concerned the genealogy of classical and Christian metaphysics, ontology, the metaphysics of the soul, and the philosophy of mind.

Hart's principal scholarly books are *The Beauty of the Infinite* (2003); *The Doors of the Sea* (2005); *In the Aftermath* (2007); *Atheist Delusions* (2009); and *The Experience of God* (2013). He has also published a popular history of Christianity (2007), a volume of short stories, and over 150 articles in such scholarly journals as *Modern Theology*, *The Scottish Journal of Theology*, and *Pro Ecclesia*, as well as in such trade publications as *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *First Things*, and *Commonweal*.

He is the winner of the 2011 Michael Ramsey Prize of the Church of England, and he has served as visiting chair both at Providence College and St. Louis University. He has also been an endowed fellow of the Center for Theological Inquiry in Princeton.