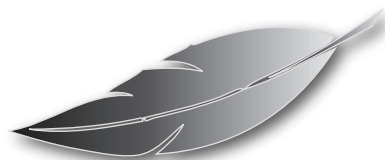




PROGRAM SESSIONS



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28

M28-1

Participatory Mission Theology

Thursday, 8:00 am–6:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover G

A28-200

Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars Workshop Part I

Thursday, 12:00 pm–5:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Matthew Williams, The Fund for Theological Education, Presiding
Sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and The Fund for Theological Education

This two-part workshop is designed for students from under-represented racial/ethnic groups who are considering the pursuit of a PhD or ThD in religion, theology, or biblical studies. The goals of this workshop are to introduce prospective graduate students to the professional guilds, provide opportunities for participants to dialogue with distinguished faculty and current graduate students, provide useful information on the graduate application process, and increase the pipeline for future faculty of color in the guild. Students who participate in this workshop have been preselected from an application pool.

M28-201

Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians

Thursday, 1:15 pm–8:30 pm

Saint Luke's Church, 435 Peachtree Street NE

Theme: *Exploring Postcolonial Missiology: Part One*

1:15 pm Registration and Social Gathering Time

1:45 pm Welcome and Announcements

2:00 pm Maria Erling, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg
Reluctant Insiders: Anglican and Lutheran Participation at Edinburgh, 1910

3:30 pm Break

4:00 pm Rowan Strong, Murdoch University
Mission and Empire: The Origins and Continuities of Anglican Missionary Understanding

5:30 pm Vespers

6:30 pm SALT Conference Dinner at Location TBA

For more information, visit the SALT website at anglicanlutherantheologians.org.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

A29-104

Religion in the Schools Task Force Meeting

Friday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

Hyatt Regency, Spring

Diane L. Moore, Harvard University, Presiding

M29-2

New Directions in Religious Studies: Conference for Middle and Secondary School Teachers

Friday, 8:00 am–4:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Fairlie

M29-3

Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies

Friday, 8:30 am–12:45 pm

Lutheran Theological Center, 700 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Theme: *Listening Closely; Defining the Conversation*

Lutheran women in theological and religious studies, as well as some local Lutheran clergy women, gather annually for scholarship, worship, and friendship. Lutheran women scholars, including graduate students and women who teach or study at Lutheran institutions, are invited.

Papers and presentations will highlight the work of Lutheran women of color in the United States and Swedish feminist Luther scholars visiting the United States. Registration will include information on local transportation.

For questions or to register and make a dinner reservation, please contact Sandra Mejia-Vega at 1-773-380-2885 or sandra.mejia@elca.org.

M29-4

Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians

Friday, 8:30 am–12:45 pm

Saint Luke's Church, 435 Peachtree Street NE

Theme: *Exploring Postcolonial Missiology: Part Two*

8:30 am Coffee and Conversation

9:00 am Jorgen Skov Sorensen, Council on International Relations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Denmark

From the Authority of Edinburgh 1910 to the Authenticity of the Individual 2010

10:35 am SALT Business Meeting

11:05 am Short Break

11:15 am Jayakiran Sebastian, Church of South India



Not Hurrying on to a Receding Future, nor Hankering after an Imagined Past

For more information, visit the SALT website at anglicanlutherantheologians.org.



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Friday, October 29

A29-100  

SOLD OUT

Dealing with Ecological Despair: Religion, Ecology, and Hope in the Classroom

Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Margaret Swedish, Center for New Creation, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group, the Forum on Religion and Ecology, and the Sustainability Task Force

This workshop, led by activist and author Margaret Swedish, is intended for those who teach in the area of religion and ecology/religion and nature. Many who teach in this field face the problem of ecological despair in both their own research and teaching, and in the students that are learning about global environmental issues. In this workshop, participants will discuss experiences of ecological despair and share techniques for dealing with it in the classroom.

There will be a lecture, question and answer session, and group discussion.

A29-101 

Leadership Workshop: Cultivating Interdisciplinarity

Friday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: *Opportunities for Curriculum, Faculty Development, and Hiring*

Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and the Teagle Foundation

Panelists:

Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

Edwin David Aponte, Lancaster Seminary

L. DeAne Lagerquist, Saint Olaf College

Steve Young, McHenry County College

Separate registration is required. See page 21 for details.

A29-102 

Luce Seminars on Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology Fellows: Cohort Two

Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover G

John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

This all-day seminar will be the second meeting of the second cohort of the American Academy of Religion/Henry Luce Foundation Summer Seminar Fellows. By invitation only.

A29-105

Status of Women in the Profession Committee, Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, and Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force Joint Meeting

Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Techwood

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, and Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College, and Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

A29-106

History of Religions Jury Meeting

Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, University

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding

A29-108

Regions Task Force Meeting

Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Roswell

Brian Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding

A29-109

International Connections Committee Meeting

Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Piedmont

Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

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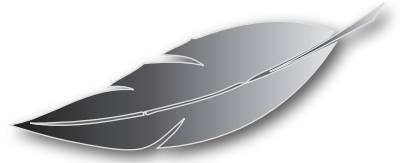
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A29-111**Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting**

Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Marietta
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Presiding

A29-112**Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting**

Friday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Lenox
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

A29-115  **Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars Workshop Part II**

Friday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB
Matthew Williams, The Fund for Theological Education, Presiding
Sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and The Fund for Theological Education
By invitation only.

A29-116**Technology Task Force Meeting**

Friday, 9:00 am–11:00 am
Hyatt Regency, Greenbriar
Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara, and
Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas, Presiding

M29-100**Models of God and Other Ultimate Realities**

Friday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, International 3

M29-101**North American Paul Tillich Society**

Friday, 9:00 am–11:30 am
Hyatt Regency, Hanover F

M29-102**Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies Board Meeting**

Friday, 9:00 am–11:30 am
Hyatt Regency, Auburn

M29-5**Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)**


Friday, 9:00 am–11:00 am
Marriott Marquis, International 2
Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College, New York, and Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Theme: *Gynocentric Matrix of Indic Traditions: Dharma, Culture, and the Feminine*

Panelists:

- Pankaj Jain, University of North Texas
Ecofeminism and the Bishnois of Rajasthan
Kathleen Erndl, Florida State University, Tallahassee
“When a Woman Becomes Chandika”: Justice, Violence, and the Feminine in Popular Hindi Film
Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai’i, Manoa
Dharma, Females, and the Challenge of Education in Rural Chhattisgarh
Frederique Appfel-Marglin, Smith College (Emerita)
Enacting the World with the Goddesses of Orissa
Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College
Dance of Light at the Feet of a Dark Girl: Kali in Kazi Nazrul Islam’s Songs

M29-6**Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting**

Friday, 9:00 am–5:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, International 10

A29-103 **Religion and Media Workshop: Religion Counts**

Friday, 9:30 am–5:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover C
Theme: *Demographic Technologies and the Politics of Surveillance*
9:15 am–9:45 am Welcome
Katharine Henderson, Auburn Theological Seminary
9:45 am–11:15 am *Counting Religion/Religious Counting*
John Durham Peters, University of Iowa
Titus Hjelm, University College London
Bruce Lawrence, Duke University
11:30 am–1:00 pm *Mobilizing Minorities*
William Elison, Stanford University
Brannon Ingram, University of North Carolina
Rupa Viswanath, University of Pennsylvania
1:00 pm–2:30 pm Lunch Discussions
2:30 pm–3:00 pm U. S. Census Videos
3:00 pm–4:30 pm Roundtable: *Secularism, Number, and the Nation: The American Case*
Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania
Janet Jakobsen, Barnard College
John Lardas Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
Separate registration is required. See page 22 for details.



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Friday, October 29

M29-103

Qur'an Group and the Institute of Ismaili Studies

Friday, 9:30 am–2:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 6

Theme: *The Meaning of the Word: Lexicology and Tafsir*

This workshop will explore how exegetes approach the meanings of individual words in the Qur'an, and how religious beliefs are informed by discussions of lexicology. Whilst lexicology is regarded as playing a crucial part in the interpretation of the Qur'an, there are few studies of how exegetes approach these questions. The workshop will focus on two areas: 1) The interplay between the development of theological ideas and the interpretation of individual words; and 2) The methodologies that exegetes employ when dealing with questions of lexicology.

If you are interested in attending, or have any questions, please contact Stephen Burge, sburge@iis.ac.uk.

M29-104

North American Association for the Study of Religion Executive Council Meeting

Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Kennesaw

M29-112

GLOPENT Americas Meeting

Friday, 10:00 am–1:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Harris

M29-110

Explorations in Theology and Apocalyptic Working Group

Friday, 10:15 am–2:45 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 8

M29-105

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Friday, 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 2

Rita Sherma, Taksha University and ITBB, and Kathleen Erndl, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *Feminism in Dharma Traditions*

Panelists:

Phil Goldberg, Taksha University

The Feminization of Guru Teachings and Transmissions in the West

Veena Howard, University of Oregon, Eugene

Gandhi's Understanding of the Feminine

Nikky Singh, Colby College

Feminist Perspectives from Sikh Dharma

Sherry Fohr, Converse College

Inadvertent Feminism in Shvetambar Jainism

Rita Gross, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

New Perspectives on Models of Female Empowerment in Buddhist History

M29-106

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 11:00 am–5:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International A

A29-113

SOLD OUT

African-American Religion and Civil Rights Tour

Friday, 12:00 pm–5:00 pm

Meet in Hyatt Regency Lobby

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

Sponsored by the Afro-American Religious History Group, Black Theology Group, Religion, Social Conflict, and Peace Group, Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Consultation

This walking tour examines four sites among Atlanta's treasure house dealing with the African American religious experience and specifically the Civil Rights struggle.

The Auburn Avenue Research Library on African American Culture and History

is dedicated to preserving African American heritage by providing a home to the manuscripts, photographs, oral histories, books, periodicals, and works of art that contain the history of peoples, of nations, of beliefs and dreams, and of a past worth sharing with the future.

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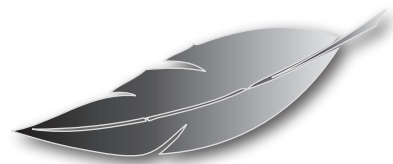
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The **African American Panoramic Experience (APEX) Museum** interprets and presents history from an African American perspective in order to better understand and appreciate the contributions of African Americans to America.

Ebenezer Baptist Church has been a spiritual home to many citizens of the “Sweet Auburn” community. After giving a trial sermon to the congregation at the age of nineteen, Martin Luther King Jr. was ordained as a minister, where he remained until his death.

The King Center utilizes diverse communications media to educate people all over the world about King’s life, work, and his philosophy and methods of nonviolent conflict-reconciliation and social change.

A29-114

AAR Leadership Summit Luncheon

Friday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Courtland

John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Members of AAR’s Board of Directors, Committees, and Task Forces are invited to this luncheon to recognize their service to and leadership within the Academy.

M29-108

Women’s Caucus

Friday, 12:00 pm–3:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Auburn

M29-109

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Friday, 12:30 pm–6:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 5

Theme: *Art and Pedagogy Workshop*

A29-107

Job Placement Task Force Meeting

Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Vinings

Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University, Presiding

A29-200

AAR Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Executive Conference Suite 219

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

A29-201

SOLD OUT

Rethinking Islamic Studies Workshop

Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Carl Ernst, University of North Carolina, and Richard C. Martin, Emory University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Study of Islam Section and Contemporary Islam Group

The purpose of the workshop is two-fold. The main goal is to identify and discuss research problems in the study of Islam that are now confronting scholar members of the American Academy of Religion. Participants (AAR members, including graduate students and faculty) will receive a copy of *Rethinking Islamic Studies: From Orientalism to Cosmopolitanism*, edited by Carl W. Ernst and Richard C. Martin (University of South Carolina Press, 2010), in which fourteen scholars write on specific problems, methods, and theories in Islamic studies today. Within this framework, a second goal is for participants to meet in broad thematic breakout groups, to present current research projects for review, and to offer constructive analysis by members of the group. Each group will be led by two scholars experienced in research, publication, and grant funding.

The thematic breakout groups are:

Ethics and Law

Jonathan Brockopp, Pennsylvania State University

Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

Gender and Sexuality

Kecia Ali, Boston University

Scott A. Kugle, Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World

History and Historiography

Vincent Cornell, Emory University

Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, Saint Louis

Religion, Politics, and Society

Charles Kurzman, University of North Carolina

Bruce Lawrence, Duke University

Ritual and Practice

Joyce Flueckiger, Emory University

Frederick Denny, University of Colorado

Text and Interpretation

Tamara Sonn, College of William and Mary

Andrew Rippin, University of Victoria

M29-200

Bonhoeffer Society Editorial Board and Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, 1:00 pm–6:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Roswell



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M29-202

North American Paul Tillich Society

Friday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Edgewood

M29-203

Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies Board Meeting

Friday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Greenbriar

M29-204 ★

Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

Friday, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International B

David Ferguson, University of Edinburgh
The Ascension of Christ in the Theology of Thomas F. Torrance

Our session will begin with a thirty-minute meeting for members.
See www.tftorrance.org for more information.

M29-209

Womanist In-Gathering

Friday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, International 1

VISIT THE EXHIBIT HALL!

Hyatt Regency, Grand Hall Ballrooms

A29-202



SOLD OUT

Teaching about Food, Justice, and Sustainability Workshop

Friday, 1:30 pm–5:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover F

A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida, David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, and Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group, the Forum on Religion and Ecology, the AAR Task Force on Sustainability, and the Animals and Religion Consultation

This interdisciplinary and participatory workshop will explore pedagogical issues and strategies around food, justice, and sustainability. Food is an increasingly popular way to engage critical thinking and personal choice, as well as to explore economic, environmental, health, and social justice issues in our global food system. Local and sustainable food alternatives, both urban and rural, provide connections to campus action, ethical reflection, and spiritual life. This workshop on food, justice, and sustainability will present an overview of issues and challenges that can be incorporated into existing and new religion courses, examples of useful topics for in-depth treatment, and teaching strategies for graduate and undergraduate levels. Attendees will have opportunities to discuss particular issues of interest with a panel of experienced teachers and will receive a bibliography.

Peggy Barlett, Emory University
Overview of Key Issues in Sustainable Food for Religion and Theology Courses

Sandra Robertson, Victory Church
Connecting to Place: Addressing Food Deserts in Atlanta

Carol Newsom, Emory University
The Bible and the Earth

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University
Religious Communities and Food: The Green Seminary Initiative

M29-205

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Friday, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 2

Kusumita P. Pedersen, St. Francis College, and Purushottama Bilimoria, University of Melbourne, Presiding

Theme: *Representations of the Feminine in the Modern Period*

Panelists:

Carl Olson, Allegheny College
The Feminine Thread in Two Novels of Bankimchandra Chatterji

Elisabeth Benard, University of Puget Sound
The Jetsunma Phenomena in Tibetan Buddhism

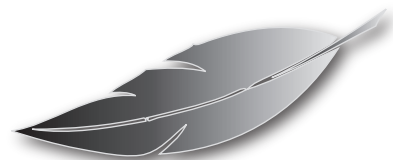
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Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University
The Enactment and Aesthetics of Female Impersonation: Performing Satyabhama in Telegu South India

Pramila Venkateswaran, Nassau Community College
A Face of the Feminine in Tamil Nadu: Reading Kannaki in "Cilappatikaram"

M29-206  

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group

Friday, 2:00 pm–7:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 4

2:00 pm Theme: *Psychological and Religious Perspectives on Southern Cultures and Sensibilities*

Panelists:

- Mindy McGarrah Sharp, Phillips Theological Seminary
- Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University
- Jessica Van Denend, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Luther Seminary

3:30 pm Break

4:00 pm Theme: *Jung's Red Book (Norton W. W. and Company, 2009): Explorations at the Edge of Genius and Madness*

Panelists:

- Felicity Brock Kelcourse, Christian Theological Seminary
- Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union
- Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary

5:30 pm Lisa Cataldo, Fordham University

Praxis Reflection on Jung's Red Book: Mandala Meditation

7:00 pm PCR annual dinner at a local restaurant. Location TBA.

A29-203

Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force Meeting

Friday, 3:00 pm–7:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Piedmont

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

M29-207

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

Friday, 3:30 pm–5:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International C

Barbara Anne Keely, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding

Theme: *What Is Meant by "Spiritual Formation" in the Shaping of Religious Leaders?*

The purpose of this workshop is to explore what is understood by "spiritual formation" and how the formation of students is being incorporated into master-level degree programs. Presentations include goals for spiritual formation within programs, courses being taught, and spiritual growth experiences offered. The workshop will explore the implications for teaching and research.

Barbara Anne Keely will present insights gleaned from a consultation with faculty from twelve seminaries. The panel will expand the conversation to a broader ecumenical context.

Panelists:

- Doug Hardy, Nazarene Theological Seminary
- Tim Hessel-Robinson, Brite Divinity School
- Elisabeth Koenig, General Theological Seminary
- Valerie Lesniak, Seattle University

M29-300

Art/s of Interpretation Group

Friday, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Edgewood

Greg Alles, McDaniel College, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Eliade*

Casey Koons, Syracuse University
Matter over Mind: Mircea Eliade and Cognitive Science

Bryan Rennie, Westminster College
Mircea Eliade and the Cognitive Study of Religion: Consonances between Cognitive Science and Eliadean Concepts

Lisa J. M. Poirier, Miami University
Mapping Missions with GIS: Sacred Spaces in Contact Zones

M29-301

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Friday, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 2

Anne Valley, University of Ottawa, Presiding

Theme: *The Feminine in Jainism*

Panelists:

Nika Kuchuk, University of Ottawa
From Icon to Temple: The Embodied Presence of the Goddess Padmavati

Christian Haskett, Washington & Lee University
The Visual Vocabulary of Possession Performance and the Categories of Jain and Woman

Bradley Boileau, University of Ottawa
Between the Veil and the Vow: Ascetic Wifehood, Jain Sati, and the Devotional Cult of Rajulmata at Mount Girnar

Sherry Fohr, Converse College
Indigenous Feminism in Shvetambar Jainism



PROGRAM SESSIONS

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M29-302

Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network

Friday, 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Greenbriar

The Network has explored “feminist” and “liberation” dimensions of its work. At this annual gathering, discussion will focus on the development of “critical theologies” from a variety of feminist liberation starting points. All are welcome.

RSVP: Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER), 1-301-589-2509, mbunt@hers.com or to Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, 1-617-495-5751, or eschussler@hds.harvard.edu.

M29-303

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 8

Theme: *Theorizing Religion*

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo, Presiding

Elysee Nouvet, York University
Rattling “el Mundo”: Sensing Power through Piety

Ann Burlein, Hofstra University
Knowledge Is Made for Cutting: Using Foucault’s “Birth of the Clinic” to Resituate the Contemporary Prominence of Cognitive Science Accounts of Religion

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University
Linguistic versus Discursive Grounds for the Systematic Neglect of Theories of Religion

Arthur McCalla, Mount Saint Vincent University
Benjamin Constant: Theorist of Religion and Modernity

Responding:

Nancy Levene, Indiana University

M29-304

North American Paul Tillich Society

Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Auburn

M29-305

Women and Religion Section and the Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 6

Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Theme: *The Scholarly Contributions of Rita Gross*

Colleagues of Rita Gross will examine her scholarly contributions in six different areas.

Judith Simmer Brown, Naropa Institute
Tibetan Buddhist Studies

Kathleen Erndl, Florida State University
Teacher and Mentor

Nancy Falk, Western Michigan University
Colleague

Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary
Contributions to Buddhist-Christian Dialogue

Terry Muck, Asbury Theological Seminary
Buddhist-Christian Studies

Rosemary Radford Ruether, Pacific School of Religion
Women and Religion

Responding:

Rita Gross, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

M29-306

Karl Barth Society of North America

Friday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 7

Amy Marga, Luther Theological Seminary
Barth and Catholicism in the 1920s: How the Encounter Drove Him More Deeply into Reformation Theology

Arne Rasmussen, Umea University, Sweden
Were Barth’s Politics in the 1930s Really Reactionary? Historians in Dispute

M29-307

Film Screening: *Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer*


Friday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

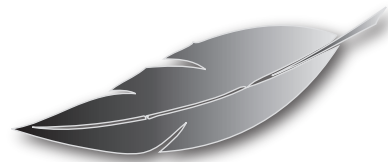
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Join us for a sneak preview of a new feature film and book on monasticism and eremitic practices. For centuries monks, nuns and spiritual hermits have prayed the Jesus Prayer in far away caves and monasteries. They have remained mostly unknown to the rest of the western world... until now. In early 2011, the documentary feature film and book *Mysteries of the Jesus Prayer* will take you on an epic journey of prayer and discovery.

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Follow Dr. Norris J. Chumley and V. Rev. Dr. John McGuckin of Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary as they discover the ancient texts and truths behind the ancient prayer. Companion book will be published by HarperOne, coming Feb. 8, 2011. Visit www.MysteriesoftheJesusPrayer.com for more information and free newsletters.

M29-308

Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions

Friday, 4:30 pm–6:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Harris

M29-400

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion Preconference Meeting

Friday, 6:00 pm–8:45 pm
Hyatt Regency, Lenox

M29-412

Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet

Friday, 7:00 pm–9:30 pm
Commerce Club, 34 Broad Street
Keynote Speaker: Murray Rae, University of Otago, New Zealand

A29-401

Welcome Reception

Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Centennial I

Join your friends and colleagues for conversation and fun at the Welcome Reception. Light refreshments, cash bar, and live jazz combine to make this a great way to catch up with friends old and new.

M29-402

Society for Hindu–Christian Studies

Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Fairlie
Theme: *Book Discussion of Michelle Voss Roberts' Dualities: A Theology of Difference (Westminster John Knox Press, 2010)*
John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Panelists:
Laurel Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary
Brad Bannon, Harvard University
Lance Nelson, University of San Diego
Francis X. Clooney, S. J., Harvard University
Responding:
Michelle Voss Roberts, Rhodes College

M29-403

New Religious Movements Group

Friday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Auburn
Theme: *Ethics in the Study of New Religious Movements*
Join us for an open discussion on the variety of ethical issues related to the scholarly study of new religious movements.

M29-404

Religious Studies Review Annual Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Roswell

M29-405

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies Reception

Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

M29-411

The Word Made Fresh

Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, International 6
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
Amos Yong, Regent University
In the Days of Caesar: Pentecostalism and Political Theology
Responding:
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary
Graham Ward, University of Manchester

The Word Made Fresh is an annual lectureship held in conjunction with the Society of Evangelical Scholars, which seeks to stimulate creative dialogue among scholars on themes reflective of evangelical Christianity. See *The Word Made Fresh: A Call for a Renewal of the Evangelical Spirit* at <http://people.bu.edu/bpstone/theology/word.html>.



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M29-406

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

Friday, 7:30 pm–9:00 pm

First Congregational Church Commons, 125 Ellis Street NE

Theme: *Spirituality and the Spirituals in the Struggle for Civil Rights*

Please join us for an experience of the transformative hope made real through the music of the spirituals in the African American struggle for civil rights. Led by James Abbingtion, associate professor of church music and worship at Emory University's Candler School of Theology, the evening's events will take place at First Congregational Church, in the Church Commons at 125 Ellis Street NE, directly behind the historic church building.

From Peachtree Center, which is near the conference hotels, walk 1–2 blocks west to Courtland Street NE, then 1–2 blocks south to Ellis Street.

For more information, please visit the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality's website at http://sscs.press.jhu.edu/annual_meeting/index.html.

A light reception will follow. All are warmly invited.

A29-402

Film: *Color of Paradise*

Friday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Michael Pittman, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group 1999, directed by Majid Majidi. Farsi, with English subtitles. 90 minutes.

Set in Tehran and the countryside of Iran, *The Color of Paradise (Rang-e Khoda)* explores the world from the point of view of Muhammad, a blind boy, whose widowed father, Hashem, would rather not be burdened by his son so that he can remarry and pursue a "normal" life. Majidi employs child and untrained actors, minimal non-diegetic music, and simple cinematography — all of which add to the simplicity and spiritual power of the film. Through the heightened senses and feelings of Muhammad, the audience is invited to view the world, and themselves, anew.

"*The Color of Paradise* is a fable of a child's innocence and a complex look at faith and humanity. Visually magnificent and wrenchingly moving, the film tells the story of a boy whose inability to see the world only enhances his ability to feel its powerful forces." (www.sonypictures.com)

A29-403

Film: *Songs from the Second Floor*

Friday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Kevin Cryderman, Emory University and Georgia Gwinnett College, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

2000, directed by Roy Andersson. Swedish, with English subtitles. 98 minutes.

Taking place in a Swedish-speaking Everycity and shot as static-camera tableaux, Roy Andersson's deadpan absurdist dark comedy *Songs from the Second Floor* (2000) follows an interlocking network of characters amidst an economic recession of apocalyptic dimensions. The film opens as Pelle Wigert (Torbjörn Fahlström) has been ordered by his CEO Lennart (Bengt C. W. Carlsson) to lay off 1,000 workers. Pelle follows the order but, in protest, smashes his boss over the head with a gold club. Meanwhile, the ghostly populace has turned away from faith. Even church leaders obsessively talk about their loss in housing values, and a massive traffic jam runs through the center of the city as thousands flee to an unknown destination rather than confront their unquestioned faith in the free market. Alongside the cars, stockbrokers walk through the street flagellating each other in penance in Monty Python-esque fashion. At the center of the narrative is the family of Kalle (Lars Nordh), who burns down his furniture store in an attempt to reap the insurance and then turns to selling Jesus icons to try to turn a profit, but no one is buying.

M29-407

A Chants Encounter: Pagan Gospel/Jam Session

Friday, 8:00 pm–10:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 3

M29-408

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Caucus

Friday, 8:00 pm–9:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Edgewood

M29-409

Animals and Religion Friends Reception

Friday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Baker

The Animals and Religion Consultation invites all interested scholars and activists to our reception and Humane Society of the United States film viewing.

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
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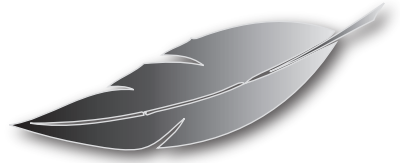
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M29-410 **Pluralism Project Reception**

Friday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Theme: *Case Studies of Multireligious America*

You are invited to join us for our annual reception honoring Pluralism Project friends, affiliates, and advisors. This year's program will explore new developments in our Case Study Initiative, which seeks to apply the case method to the disputes and dilemmas of multireligious America. Highlights from our recent case study workshops, courses, and our 2010 Case Study Summer Fellowship program will serve as a starting point for discussion. We invite you to bring your ideas for new cases, as well as your reflections on utilizing the method in your own teaching context. Visit www.pluralism.org/casestudy for more information.

M29-413 **Feminist Studies in Religion Reception**

Friday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Greenbriar

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M30-1***Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* Board Meeting**

Saturday, 7:00 am–9:30 am

Hyatt Regency, Marietta

M30-2**North American Paul Tillich Society**

Saturday, 7:00 am–8:00 am

Marriott Marquis, M109

M30-3***Spiritus* Editorial Board Meeting**

Saturday, 7:00 am–9:00 am

Hyatt Regency, Spring

M30-421 **Regent College Breakfast Reception**

Saturday, 7:00 am–8:30 am

Hyatt Regency, Courtland


A30-1 **New Members' Breakfast**

Saturday, 7:30 am–8:45 am

Hyatt Regency, Dunwoody

John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

New (first-time) AAR members in 2010 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.

A30-2 **Regional Officers' Breakfast**

Saturday, 7:30 am–8:45 am

Hyatt Regency, Fairlie

Brian Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding

Networking and information session for those who serve the AAR in the regions. By invitation only.

A30-3**Theological Education Steering Committee Meeting**

Saturday, 7:30 am–8:45 am

Hyatt Regency, Greenbriar

John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A30-4**Sustainability Task Force Meeting**

Saturday, 7:30 am–8:45 am

Hyatt Regency, Edgewood

Bobbi Patterson, Emory University, Presiding

A30-5**Academic Relations Committee Meeting**

Saturday, 7:30 am–8:45 am

Hyatt Regency, Harris

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding

M30-4***Dialog* Editorial Council Meeting**

Saturday, 7:30 am–11:30 am

Hyatt Regency, Kennesaw

M30-5**Society for Hindu–Christian Studies Board Meeting**

Saturday, 7:30 am–8:30 am

Marriott Marquis, International B



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Saturday, October 30

M30-7

Art/s of Interpretation Group

Saturday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

Hyatt Regency, Roswell

Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Theme: *Reclaiming Eliade*

Carl Olson, Allegheny College
Conflicting Methodological Metaphors: Eliade and Deleuze in Dialogue

Jess Hollenback, University of Wisconsin
What's Wrong with Symbols? Revisiting Mircea Eliade in 2010

Ali Zaidi, State University of New York, Canton
The Fantastic Fiction of Mircea Eliade

M30-8

La Comunidad

Saturday, 8:30 am–11:30 am

Marriott Marquis, L403

Saturday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A30-100

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, M304

Elizabeth Lawson, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Student Town Hall Meeting: Come, Listen, Learn, Get Involved!*

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

Students comprise one third of the membership of the AAR. We bring renewed vitality and fresh perspectives to the study of religion. And, yes, we know how to have a good time. Can we shape the future of the Academy? Yes we can! Join us for our Student Town Hall, a forum where you can offer your suggestions, hear about new initiatives led by the Graduate Student Committee, and get a preview of this year's student-focused programming. Topics about which we are most concerned include: how you can be involved in the AAR; ways you can be a force for positive change in your department; and of course, how you can secure research funding and navigate the career search. Our future is full of promise.

Panelists:

Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University

Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University

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A30-101

Special Topics Forum

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Louis A. Ruprecht Jr., Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Bondage and Liberation: Questioning Debts to Slavery and Enslavement to Debt*

Sponsored by the American Lectures in the History of Religions



Opal Moore

Few ideas carry greater resonance in a variety of religious traditions, literatures, and practices than the twinned conceptions of bondage and liberation. And few patterns bear greater poignancy in this postcolonial moment than the seemingly endless cycle of bondage, liberation, and renewed forms of oppression. This is the disturbing antiprogressive undertone of the Modern that came into singular focus during the French Revolution and its aftermath: today's liberators become the oppressors of tomorrow; the guillotine is placed in the service of human rights; the world Camus imagined, one with "neither victims nor executioners," fails to materialize. Building on the 2009 AAR/ALHR panel's interest in "the nexus of religion and colonialism," this panel explores the themes of bondage and liberation with a particular focus on the connections among religions and economies. The panel will point to new theoretical possibilities opened by renewed attention to economic and class concerns in the study of the history of religions in our "new" age of globalization.



Gregory Schopen

Panelists:

Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

Gregory Schopen, University of California, Los Angeles

Opal Moore, Spelman College

A30-102 CANCELLED

Wildcard Session

Theme: *The Politics of the Veil: Author Meets Critics with Joan Wallach Scott*

A30-103

Buddhism Section

Marriott Marquis, A706

Daniel Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding

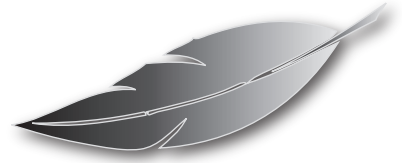
Theme: *The Impact of Biological Theories of Evolution on East Asian Buddhism Around the Early Twentieth Century*

Erik J. Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University
Invocation of Darwinism by Chinese Buddhists in the 1920s and 1930s

Justin R. Ritzinger, Harvard University
Dependent Coevolution: Kropotkin's Theory of Mutual Aid and Its Appropriation by Chinese Buddhists

Responding:

Charles B. Jones, Catholic University of America



A30-104 **Christian Systematic Theology Section**

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B

Joy Ann McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *An Ecumenical Exchange on Kathryn Tanner's Christ the Key* (Cambridge University Press, 2010)

Panelists:

Janet Martin Soskice, University of Cambridge

Ian A. McFarland, Emory University

Hilda Koster, Concordia College, Moorhead

Responding:

Kathryn Tanner, University of Chicago

A30-105 **Ethics Section**

Marriott Marquis, A707

Felicia George Euell, Montclair United Methodist Church, Presiding

Theme: *Ethical Diversity in the Face of War*Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
*Terrorism/Empire/Anti-Terrorism: Reflections on Justice and Trauma*Jonathan Koscheski, Florida International University
*The Earliest Christian War: Second and Third Century Martyrdom and the Creation of a Christian Culture of Violence*Nahed Artoul Zehr, Florida State University
*The Just War and Jihad Traditions in the "Long War"*Alejandro Chavez Segura, University of Saint Andrews
*Ethics of War and Violence in Buddhism: Compassion and Loving-kindness, the Antidote for Violence and War*Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry
Witnessing Moral Injury: The First Truth Commission on Conscience in War

Business Meeting:

Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, and Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

A30-106**Philosophy of Religion Section**

Marriott Marquis, A701

Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Theme: *Analytic Philosophy of Religion*Kaitlin Magoon, University of Chicago
*Seeing God in the Dark: Recent Wittgensteinian Approaches to an "Apopahatic" Epistemology*Jacob Sherman, Cambridge University
*The Stubborn and Resplendent Weight of Things: Philosophy of Religion Beyond the Linguistic Turn*Jonathan Teubner, University of Cambridge
*Taste and See: Cooperation and Epistemic Transformation (A Response to Sarah Coakley)*John Knight, Marist College
Falsification, Kripke's Causal Theory of Reference, and Analytic Theology

A30-107**Religion and Politics Section**

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Global Dynamics*Harvey Stark, Princeton University
*Muslim-American Soldiers Fighting in Muslim Countries*M. Christian Green, Emory University
*Apostasy, Blasphemy, Conversion, and Defamation: The New Alphabet of Religion and International Human Rights*Michael Kessler, Georgetown University
*Funding Religion as Part of Foreign Policy: The Silence of the Establishment Clause*Dalia Fahmy, Rutgers University
Understanding Moderate Political Islam: What Can the Case of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood Tell Us?

A30-108  **Teaching Religion Section**

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Mike Gutzler, Pennsylvania State University, Abington, Presiding

Theme: *The Dumbest Generation: How the Digital Age Stupefies Young Americans and Jeopardizes Our Future (Or, Don't Trust Anyone Under 30): A Response from the Religion Department*

Panelists:

Derek Nelson, Thiel College

Daniel J. Peterson, Seattle University

Brenda Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University

Virginia Bartlett, Vanderbilt University

Responding:

Mark Bauerlein, Emory University

A30-109 **Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group**

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Shelly Rambo, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Responses to Serene Jones's Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2009)Amy Carr, Western Illinois University
*Liturgies for the Living Dead: Jones, Lange, and the Tension between Trauma as Disabling Terror and Liberating Trope*Annie Hardison-Moody, Emory University
*Gestures of Fragility and Hope: Reflections of Relationality in Serene Jones's Trauma and Grace: Theology in a Ruptured World*Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
*Dreams of Disruption: Serene Jones's Theology of Grace and the Future of Evangelical Feminism*Jenny Daggers, Liverpool Hope University
The Promise of Maternity and the Kindness of God: Trinitarian Reflections on Serene Jones's Maternal Loss

Responding:

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary



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Saturday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A30-110

Afro-American Religious History Group

Marriott Marquis, L405-406

Josef Sorett, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: *Missionary Innovation: African American Religion and the New South*

Lerone Martin, Emory University

Selling to the Souls of Black Folk: Atlanta, the Phonograph, and the Transformation of American Religion and Culture, 1920–1941

Elizabeth Jemison, Harvard University

Writing and Righting Race: Women's Interracial Cooperation in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church and Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Brandi Hughes, University of Michigan

(En)Gendering the Trans-Nation: The Missionary Sojourns of Black Womanhood from Atlanta through Monrovia

Brandon Winstead, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

"We are Responsible to God": Black Nazarene Women's Theology of Evangelistic Responsibility and Its Relationship to Their Contributions to the Church of the Nazarene's Gulf Central District, 1953–1969

Responding:

Paul Harvey, University of Colorado

Business Meeting:

Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania, and Kathryn Lofton, Yale University, Presiding

A30-111

Chinese Religions Group and Confucian Traditions Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual and Its Malcontents*

Michael Ing, Harvard University

The Ancients Did Not Fix Their Graves: Failures in Early Confucian Ritual

Kenneth Holloway, Florida Atlantic University

Ritual as a Marker of Religious Community in Pre-Qin China

Catherine Hudak Klancer, Boston University

The Play's Not the Thing: Religious Belief and Ritual Infraction in the Analects

Keith Knapp, The Citadel

Daughter-in-law, There is a Maggot in My Soup: Medieval Accounts of Unfilial Children

Responding:

Ute Huesken, University of Oslo

A30-112

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

Marriott Marquis, A703

Terry F. Godlove, Hofstra University, Presiding

Theme: *Emile Durkheim and Australian Aboriginal Religions*

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

Ethnographic Traces and Visual Devices in the Les Formes Élémentaires de la Vie Religieuse: Emile Durkheim and the Aboriginal Aranda in Alice Springs

Ian Keen, Australian National University

Warner's Durkheimian Analysis of Yolngu ("Murngin") Religion and Society: A Reassessment

Stephanie Frank, University of Chicago

The Limits of Rationality and Transparency: "Australian Totemism" and Moral Authority in Durkheim's Elementary Forms

Marion Maddox, Macquarie University

Breaking the Great Australian Silence: How Durkheim Makes Room for Indigenous Religious Life

Responding:

Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago

A30-113

Gay Men and Religion Group

Marriott Marquis, A601

Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University, Presiding

Theme: *Exploring Gay Male Desire*

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary

Playing Desire Ritually: Thinking Compassionate Strippers and Seductive Preachers from the "Pew"

Patrick S. Cheng, Union Theological Seminary, New York

"I am Yellow and Beautiful": Queer Asian Reflections on Gay Male Cyberculture and Theology

Catherine Roach, University of Alabama

Men Who Love Men and the Women Who Love to Read About It: Gay and Slash Romance in the "Erotic Faith" of Popular Romance Fiction

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University

Who Is He And What Is He To You? The Internet, the Down Low, and the Virtual Performance of Black Gay Masculinities

Responding:

Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ


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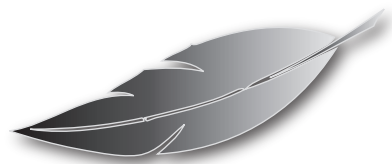
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A30-114 **Indigenous Religious Traditions Group**

Marriott Marquis, A705

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *Trickster, Game, and Struggles for Self-Determination*Karyna Do Monte, Florida International University
*Politics of Language in the Brazilian Amazon: A Case Study of the Madeira River Dam Complex*Angela D. Blaver, Kennesaw State University, and Kathleen J. Martin, California Polytechnic State University
*"Trickster's Art and Artifice": Indigenous Peoples, Missionary Interpretations*Anais Spitzer, University of New Mexico
*A Hedging Toss: The Role of Game and the Game of Roles in Navajo Cosmology*Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Tracking the Celestial Tiger Across the Sky

Responding:

Roger Maaka, Eastern Institute of Technology

A30-115**Islamic Mysticism Group**


Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Omar Ali-De-Unzaga, Institute of Ismaili Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Revisiting al-Qushayri and His Legacy*Matthew Ingalls, Yale University
*Recasting the Risala in Fifteenth-Century Egypt*Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College
*On the Subtleties of Method and Style in the Lata'if al-isharat of al-Qushayri*Alan Godlas, University of Georgia
*Influences of al-Qushayri's Lata'if al-isharat on the Qur'anic Commentaries of Ruzbihan al-Baqli and the Kubrawi School*Francesco Chiabotti, Provence University
*The Spiritual and Physical Progeny of 'Abd al-Karim al-Qushayri*Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University
Al-Tafsir al-kabir: The Influence and Authenticity of al-Qushayri's Major Commentary

Responding:

Annabel Keeler, University of Cambridge

A30-116 **Religion and Popular Culture Group**


Marriott Marquis, M301

John Lardas Modern, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Humor in Popular Culture: The Sacred, the Satirical, and the Scatological*Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee
*"Dum, Dum, Dumb, Dumb, Dumb": Humor, Religious Intolerance, and South Park*David Feltmate, University of Waterloo
*It's Funny Because It's True? Religion and Humor in The Simpsons*Steven A. Benko, Meredith College
*The Passion and Monty Python's Life of Brian: Laughter and Religious Laughter*Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
"It's the Same Shit!": Nostalgia, Alienation, and the Chicana Sacred in George Lopez's Comedy

Business Meeting:

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College, and Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

A30-117 **Science, Technology, and Religion Group**

Marriott Marquis, A602

Francisca Cho, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *The Science of Morality: Recent Trends and Future Prospects*Ki Joo Choi, Seton Hall University
*Moral Praiseworthiness: Scientific and Theocentric Assessments in Dialogue*Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University
*Can There Be a Eudaimonics?*Joseph Bankard, Northwest Nazarene University
Moral Instincts and the Problem with Reductionism: A Critical Exploration into the Work of Marc Hauser

Responding:

Jeffrey Schloss, Westmont College

Lori Marino, Emory University

Michel Spezio, Scripps College



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Saturday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

A30-118

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

Marriott Marquis, L508

Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College, Presiding

Theme: *Liturgy, Sacrament, and Prayer*

Kendall Walsler Cox, University of Virginia
Liturgy, Kenosis, and Creation: Living Before God Without God In Jean-Yves Lacoste's Experience and the Absolute

Andrew Prevot, University of Notre Dame
Prayer and Experience: Between Jean-Yves Lacoste and Jean-Louis Chrétien

Daniel Wade McClain, Catholic University of America
Sacramental Bodies and Sacramental Politics: Discipleship at the Horizon of Secularism

Min-Ah Cho, Emory University
The Quest for Heterological Sacramentality: Rethinking the Body of Christ through Michel de Certeau

A30-119 *New!* ★

Religion and the Literary in Tibet Seminar

Marriott Marquis, L507

Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Tibetan Literature Up to the Twelfth Century*

Panelists:

- Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley
- Carl Yamamoto, Towson University
- Benjamin Bogin, Georgetown University
- Lara Braitstein, McGill University
- José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Bryan J. Cuevas, Florida State University
- Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
- Frances Garrett, University of Toronto
- Janet Gyatso, Harvard University
- Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University
- Jann Ronis, University of Virginia
- Nicole Willock, Indiana University

Business Meeting:

Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding

A30-120 ★

Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Seminar

Marriott Marquis, M109

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *Philosophy: Indian and Chinese Perspectives*

Panelists:

- David Lawrence, University of North Dakota
- Sthaneswar Timalisina, San Diego State University
- Yong Huang, Kutztown University
- Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University

Responding:

Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

Business Meeting:

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, and Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding

A30-121 ★

Animals and Religion Consultation

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom A

Celia Deane-Drummond, University of Chester, Presiding

Theme: *Thinking Animals, Rethinking Theology: Abrahamic and Indigenous Traditions*

Eric Daryl Meyer, Fordham University
Jacques Derrida, Gregory of Nyssa, and the Human-Animal Distinction in the Song of Songs

David Grumett, University of Exeter
Christ the Lamb of God and the Christian Doctrine of God

Geoffrey Claussen, Jewish Theological Seminary
Compassion for Animals in the Thought of the Musar Movement

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University
Towards a Native American Theology of Animals

Responding:

David Clough, University of Chester

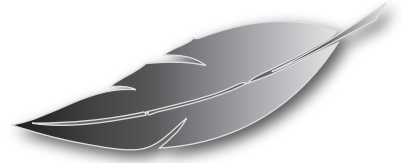
Business Meeting:

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding

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A30-122**Body and Religion Consultation and North American Hinduism Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M105

Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding

Theme: *Deities, Humans, and Temples: Hindu Bodies in Transnational Contexts*George Pati, Valparaiso University
*Construction and Deconstruction of Temple Bodies and Identities*Arthi Devarajan, Emory University
*Dancing "From Within": Pedagogies of South Indian Identity among Suburban American Hindus*Shana Sippy, Carleton College
*The Desecration of Divine Bodies: Tracing the Development of a Hindu Discourse, Moving From Bodies in Pain to Models of Moral Virtue*Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College
Truant Ascetics? Transnationalism, Salvation, and the Contested Body in the Sathya Sai Movement

Responding:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

A30-123 ★ **Buddhism in the West Consultation and Religion and Migration Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, A708

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Alfred University, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Women Migrants, Migrating Women's Buddhism: The Complexities and Challenges for Buddhist Women in Oceania*Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama
*Genealogies of Nonviolent Resistance between Oceania and the Himalayas: Women as Participants and Symbols in the Paribakha Community and the Tibetan Satyagraha Protest Movement*Bante Sujato, Santi Forest Monastery
*The Trials of Ordination for Buddhist Nuns in Contemporary Australia and Ancient India*Kalzang Dorjee Bhutia, University of Alabama
*Evoking Buddhist Landscape in Aotearoa: Women as Agents of the Adaptation of Buddhism to New Zealand Soil*Ruth Gamble, Australian National University
Laying out the Dead: The Shifting Traditions of Tibetan Women's Role in the Disposal of the Dead, from Tibet, to Exile, to Australia

Business Meeting:

Marie Marquardt, Agnes Scott College, Presiding

A30-124 ★**Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M101

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Children's Agency in Contested Spaces*Cristina Traina, Northwestern University
*Children as Workers: Deconstructing Christian Traditions*Jon Waind, McGill University
*The Language of Rights and the Order of Love: Tracing Feminist Trajectories of Justice to a Good Place for Children*Sean O'Neil, University of Florida
At Play in Peril: Children's Spiritual Points of View in Films Treating Latin American Military Regimes of the 1970s

Responding:

Kristin Herzog, Durham, NC

Business Meeting:

John Wall, Rutgers University, and Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding

A30-125 ★**Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, L506

Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Islam in the Borderlands: Remixing Mestizaje*Harold Morales, University of California, Riverside
*Luces Sobre Islam: Locating Latino/a Muslims within Virtual Borders*Patrick Bowen, University of Denver
*Culture and Identity in The Latino Muslim Voice Newsletter*Adan Stevens-Diaz, Temple University
The Muslim Narrative among United States Latinos/as

Responding:

Ruth Mas, University of Colorado

Business Meeting:

Luis Leon, University of Denver, Presiding



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Saturday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

A30-126 ★

Liberal Theologies Consultation

Marriott Marquis, L505

Daniel McKanan, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Liberalism, Cosmopolitanism, and Public Reason*

Emily R. Mace, Princeton University
"The Brotherhood of Jesus with a Plus": Christian and Post-Christian Perspectives in a Fin de Siècle Sunday School

Matthew Hagele, Florida State University
Religious Community: Locke and Institutional Participation

Michael L. Raposa, Lehigh University
On Being a Liberal Theologian in a Postliberal Age

Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University
Revisiting Public Reason: Sen's Contribution to Debates on Justice and Its Import for Theological Reflection

Responding:

Ellen M. Umansky, Fairfield University

Mary Doak, University of San Diego

Business Meeting:

Krista Duttonhaver, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

A30-127 ★

Liberation Theologies Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A704

Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding

Theme: *Practicing Liberation Theology in the Twenty-first Century*

Panelists:

Jenny Te Paa, College of Saint John the Evangelist, Auckland

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Ivan Petrella, University of Miami

Business Meeting:

Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding

A30-128 ★

Religion and Cities Consultation

Marriott Marquis, M102

Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Religion in Cities: The Changing Faithscape*

Richard Bohannon, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

What Counts as a City? Reflections on Religion and the City in a Globalizing World

Lissa McCullough, Los Angeles, CA
Paolo Soleri on Urban Evolution and Religion

Catherine Bowler, Duke University
Victory and the American Prosperity Gospel

Sarah Raven, Iliff School of Theology
"Don't Push Me Cuz I'm Close to the Edge": The Problem of Theodicy in Urban Poetry

Responding:

Lawrence Mamiya, Vassar College

Business Meeting:

Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

A30-129 ★

Religion in Europe Consultation

Marriott Marquis, L504

Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Ferment in Contemporary Europe*

John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Monasticism as a Force for Religious and Cultural Renewal in Post-Communist Russia

Brian Bennett, Niagara University
The Myth of Cyril and Methodius and Competing Visions of Europe

Ina Merdjanova, Sofia University
Post-Communist Wars in the Balkans and Interreligious Peacebuilding

Business Meeting:

Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, and Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding

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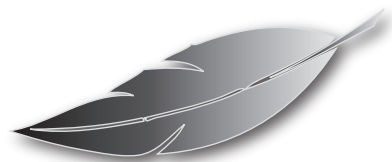
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A30-130 ★ **Religion in Southeast Asia Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, L503

Jason Carbine, Whittier College, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Borders, Identities, and Hybridities within and beyond Southeast Asia*Francis Bradley, University of Wisconsin
*The Patani Scholarly Network and the Rise of Islamic Educational Institutions in Southeast Asia*Catherine Newell, University of London
*Dhammakaya Meditation: The "Unorthodox" Heart of a Global Buddhist Movement*Eu Kit Lim, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
*"What's this Hybridity Stuff?" Examining the Promise of Resistance in Constructions of Hybrid Identities Among Malaysian Pentecostal Chinese*Jessica Lee Patterson, University of San Diego
A Buddha's Identity Crisis

Responding:

Elizabeth Collins, University of Ohio

Business Meeting:

Jason Carbine, Whittier College, and Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

A30-131 ★**Religion, Memory, History Consultation**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *Remembering Loss: The Work of Memory in Facing the Violence of the Past*Leigh Sangster, Emory University
*Collective Memory, Postmemory, and Buddhist Imagery in Contemporary Tibetan Art*Brian Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
*Memory of Disaster: From Simulacra to Agency*Mona Hassan, Duke University
*Remembering Baghdad: Visual, Musical, and Literary Commemorations of the City's Fall to the Mongols in 1258*Brandi Denison, University of North Carolina
Redemption in the American West: Confounding Colonial Memories through Powwows

Business Meeting:

David Reinhart, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Presiding

A30-132 *New!***Ricoeur Consultation**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover C

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Ricoeur, Liturgy, and the Phenomenology of Religious Experience*Mark Godin, Glasgow, United Kingdom
*Paul Ricoeur and Worshipful Inventions: Tracing Liturgical Imagination through the Art of Narrative Identity*Michele Petersen, University of Iowa
*Paul Ricoeur and the Heart of Meaning*Brian A. Butcher, Pacific College
Figuring Liturgically: A Ricoeurian Approach to Liturgical Theology

A30-133 ★**Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, A702

David Simonowitz, Pepperdine University, Presiding

Theme: *Portmanteau Space: Bringing Religious Meanings to Nonreligious Space*Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University
*Space without Place: Borderless "Spirituality" within a Global City in Asia*Alain Epp Weaver, University of Chicago
*Palestinian Refugee Cartography and the Sacralization of Space*Daniel Sack, University of Chicago
Prayer at the Crossroads: The O'Hare Airport Chapel as Religious Space

Responding:

David Bains, Samford University

Business Meeting:

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, and Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College, Presiding

A30-134 ★ **Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M108

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching for Transformation: Examining the Lessons, Challenges, and Possibilities of Community-based Pedagogy*

Panelists:

Nathaniel Smith, Emory University

Jennie S. Knight, Emory University

Charon Hribar, Union Theological Seminary

Charlene Sinclair, Union Theological Seminary

Colleen Wessel-McCoy, Union Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Shannon Craigo-Snell, Yale University, Presiding



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Saturday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A30-135 ★

Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Consultation

Marriott Marquis, M302

Natalie Avalos Cisneros, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Intellectual Modes of Resistance Activity*

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary
Multiculturalism, Race, and Politics

Karen Crozier, Fresno Pacific University, and Helen Easterling Williams, Azusa Pacific University
Activism Within and Beyond Identity Politics

Responding:

Emilie M. Townes, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Katie G. Cannon, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

A30-136

Publications Committee Meeting

Marriott Marquis, L501

Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University, Presiding

A30-137 CANCELLED

Pitts Theology Library Special Collections Tour

Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

A30-138

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum Tour

Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Buses pick up at Hyatt Regency-Baker Street Exit

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion and Politics Section and the Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is home to the presidential papers of the Carter Administration. An exhibit of significant events occurring during Carter's life and political career includes photographs with interpretative text. Several exhibits focus on important twentieth century issues such as war and peace, disarmament, and the economy.

Tour fee: \$20.

A30-139

High Museum of Art Tour

Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Meet in the Hyatt Regency Lobby

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and the Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies

The High Museum of Art's collections consist of more than 11,000 pieces and include nineteenth and twentieth century American and decorative art, significant European pieces, modern and contemporary art, photography, African art, and folk art.

Tour fee: \$15.

M30-100

African Association for the Study of Religions

Marriott Marquis, M303

Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco, and Mutombo Nkulu-Nsengha, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Theme: *The State of African Religious Studies Scholarship*

Robert Baum, University of Missouri
Innovations in Traditional Societies: New Perspectives on the Precolonial History of African Religions

Elias Bongmba, Rice University, AASR President 2010-2015
Reflections on Gender in Colonial Religious Thought

Melissa Browning, University of Chicago
Researching Religion in Post-Colonial Space

Discussion

Business Meeting:

Lilian Dube, AASR North American Representative 2010-2015, Presiding

M30-101 ★

Colloquium on Religion and Violence

Marriott Marquis, L404

Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Jon Pahl's Empire of Sacrifice: The Religious Origins of American Violence (New York University Press, 2010)*

Panelist:

Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

Responding:

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

Michael Hardin, Preaching Peace

10:45 am Business meeting, open to all interested persons.

The Colloquium on Religion and Violence is an international association founded in 1990, which is dedicated to the exploration, criticism, and development of René Girard's mimetic model of the relationship between violence and religion in the genesis and maintenance of culture.

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
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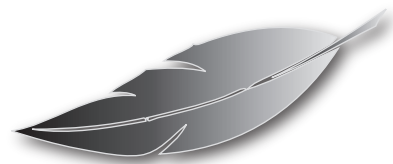
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M30-102 **Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)**

Saturday, 9:00 am–10:30 am

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Kusumita P. Pedersen, St. Francis College, and Jeffery Long,
Elizabethtown College, PresidingTheme: *Panel Discussion of Interpreting Ramakrishna, by Swami
Tyagananda and Pravrajika Vrajaprana (Motilal Banarsidas, 2010)*

Panelists:

- Francis X. Clooney, Harvard Divinity School
- Gerald James Larson, Indiana University, Bloomington (Emeritus),
University of California, Santa Barbara (Emeritus)
- June McDaniel, College of Charleston
- Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles
- Anantanand Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

Responding:

- Swami Tyagananda, Hindu Chaplain, Harvard University and
Massachusetts Institute of Technology Ramakrishna Vedanta
Society, Boston
- Pravrajika Vrajaprana, Sarada Convent, Vedanta Society of
Southern California


M30-104 CANCELLED**Jesuit College and University Chairs**

Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

M30-106**North American Paul Tillich Society**

Saturday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

Marriott Marquis, International 4


M30-107 **Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation**

Saturday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

Marriott Marquis, International A

Theme: *Reductionism in the Cognitive Science of Religion*

- Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose
Against Reductivism in Causation
- Paul Cassell, Boston University
Ritual, Religious Experience, and Adaptive Social Organization
- Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina
*Biocognitive Straw Men and Sui Generis Defensives: Science, Religion,
and the Rhetoric of Reductionism*

M30-108 **Niebuhr Society**

Marriott Marquis, International 6

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Reinhold Niebuhr and Martin Luther King, Jr. in the Era of
Obama*

Panelists:

- Christopher Evans, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
- William D. Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
- David Little, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

- Kevin Carnahan, Central Methodist University, Presiding

M30-109**International Society for Chinese Philosophy**

Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International B

Chung-ying Cheng, University of Hawai'i, Presiding

Theme: *Seeking New Meanings of God and Dao: Dao of God and God of
Dao*


- Chung-ying Cheng, University of Hawai'i
*On Supreme Sincerity and Ultimate Enlightenment as Divinity: Dao
of God and God of Dao in Zhong Yong*
- Robert Neville, Boston University
*Making Ultimate Reality Intimate: Contrary Images of Buddha-mind,
Dao, and God*

- Joseph Grange, University of Maine
*God as Rising Up, Soul as Expression: Dao as Unsayable, Dao as
Livable*

- Chad Meister, Bethel College
God of Dao and Theosis in Christian Philosophical Theology

Responding:

- Chung-ying Cheng, University of Hawai'i
- Robert Neville, Boston University

M30-110 **Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies**

Marriott Marquis, International 7

Terry C. Muck, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Can/Should Buddhists and Christians Do Buddhology/Theology
Together?*

Panelists:

- Grace Burford, Prescott College
- Wendy Farley, Emory University
- John Makransky, Boston College
- Amos Yong, Regent University

11:00 am Business meeting



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Saturday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

M30-111

Society for the Study of Anglicanism

Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 5

Martyn Percy, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Presiding

Theme: *The Bonds and Limits of Communion: Fidelity, Diversity, and Conscience in Contemporary Anglicanism*

The Annual SSA meeting is co-hosted by the Center for Anglican Communion Studies at the Virginia Theological Seminary and Ripon College Cuddesdon

Speakers:

Rob Slocum, Saint Catharine College, Kentucky

Bishop Ted Gulick, Diocese of Kentucky

Responding:

Paul Collinns, Chichester, UK

Mark Chapman, Oxford, UK

Gerard Mannion, Leuven, Belgium

10:30 am Coffee Break

Plenary

Short Business Meeting

All are welcome, please rsvp to Leslie Steffensen, lsteffensen@vts.edu. For more information, please contact Martyn Percy, mpercy@ripon-cuddesdon.ac.uk; Rob Slocum, rslocum@genevanonline.com; or Barney Hawkins, bhawkins@vts.edu.

M30-112 ★

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

Marriott Marquis, International 9

Janet Ruffing, Yale University, President-elect, Presiding

Theme: *2010 Presidential Address*

9:00 am Steven Chase, Collegeville Institute

Reading Job: *Entertaining Spiritualities of Suffering*

10:30 am Business meeting

All are welcome. For more information, please visit the SSCS website, sccs.press.jhu.edu, or contact Anita Houck, Secretary, ahouck@saintmarys.edu.

M30-113

Polanyi Society

Marriott Marquis, International 1

Theme: *The Next Generation Engages Polanyi, Part One*

M30-114

Association for the Study of Esotericism

Hyatt Regency, University

Theme: *Symposium on Esotericism in the Academy*

Panelists:

Claire Fanger, Rice University

Lee Irwin, College of Charleston

Arthur Versluis, Michigan State University

Symposium followed by open discussion. For more information, visit www.aseweb.org.

M30-118

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Saturday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

Marriott Marquis, International 2

Jack Llewellyn, Missouri State University, and Brian Black, University of Lancaster, Presiding

Theme: *Selves and Experience: Shankara and The Self Possessed*

Panelists:

Andrew Fort, Texas Christian University
Shankara, Smith, and "Experience"

Chakravarti Ram-Prasad, University of Lancaster
The Self That Cannot Be Possessed: Sankara on the Self and Sankara's Self

Sthaneswar Timalina, San Diego State University
Embodiment and the Altered Ego: Interface between Shankara and a Shaman

J. E. Llewellyn, Missouri State University
Knowing Kamashastra in the Biblical Sense: Shankara's Possession of King Amaru

Neil Dalal, University of Alberta
Clouding Self-Knowledge: The Ambiguity of Samskaras in Shankara's Theory of Liberation

Responding:

Frederick Smith, University of Iowa

M30-123

Karl Barth Society of North America

Marriott Marquis, International 8

Theme: *The Eucharist and Ecumenism by George Hunsinger (Cambridge University Press, 2008)*

Panelists:

William G. Rusch, Former Director of the NCCC Commission on Faith and Order

Susan K. Wood, Marquette University

Donald Dayton, Azusa Pacific University

Responding:

George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary

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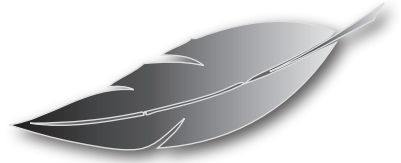
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M30-124**Søren Kierkegaard Society**

Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

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John Davenport, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *Selfhood, Church, and Society*Robert L. Perkins, Stetson University
*Kierkegaard's Political Theology*J. Michael Tilley, Georgetown College
*Immersion and Reflective Action: Kierkegaard and Social Theory*Will Williams, Baylor University
Irony as the Birth of Kierkegaard's "Single Individual"

M30-125 ★**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group**

Saturday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

Hyatt Regency, Piedmont

Greg Schneider, Pacific Union College, Presiding

Theme: *Works in Progress/Business Meeting*

M30-126**Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum**

Saturday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

Marriott Marquis, International C

M30-116**Art/s of Interpretations Group**

Saturday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Techwood

Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Farmington, Presiding

Theme: *Remembering Eliade — Mircea Eliade and the Imagination of Matter: An Empirical Approach*

Panelists:

David Carrasco, Harvard University

Charles Long, University of California, Santa Barbara

M30-117 ★**Christian Theological Research Fellowship**

Saturday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Vinings

Joel Scandrett, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: *Edinburgh and Ecumenism — 100 Years On*

On the centennial of the historic Edinburgh Missionary Conference, this session will explore that event's ongoing influence, particularly in the area of ecumenical promise and challenge.

Marilyn McCord Adams, University of North Carolina
*Recent Developments in the Anglican Communion, or Ecumenism Misapplied*Joseph Bracken, Xavier University
*Catholicism, Ecumenism, and "the One and the Many"*Hans Boersma, Regent College
Heavenly Participation: Ecumenical Dialogue and the Recovery of a Sacramental Mindset

Business Meeting:

Bernie A. Van De Walle, Ambrose University College, Presiding

A30-141  **Special Topics Forum**

Saturday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

Hyatt Regency, Lenox

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

Theme: *LGBTIQ Mentoring Lunch*

Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force

All graduate students and junior scholars who identify outside of normative gender histories and/or sexualities are welcome to join us for an informal lunch. No fee or preregistration is required; please bring your own lunch.

Panelists:

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Horace Griffin, Pacific School of Religion

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary

Jennifer Harvey, Drake University

Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion

Laurel Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary

Daniel T. Spencer, University of Montana

Traci C. West, Drew University

Saturday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A30-140

Plenary Address

Saturday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

Hyatt Regency, Centennial II-IV

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Frans de Waal: Morality before Religion — Empathy, Reciprocity, and Fairness in our Fellow Primates*

Homo homini lupus – “man is wolf to man” – is an old Roman proverb popularized by Thomas Hobbes. Even though it permeates large parts of law, economics, and political science, the proverb fails to do justice to our species’ thoroughly social nature as well as to canids, which are among the most gregarious and cooperative animals. For the past quarter century, this cynical view has also been promoted by an influential school of biology, followers of Thomas Henry Huxley, which holds that we are born nasty as a result of “selfish” genes. Accordingly, it is only with the greatest possible effort that we can hope to become moral beings. Charles Darwin, however, saw things differently: he believed in continuity between animal social instincts and human morality. He wrote an entire book entitled *The Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals*. Modern psychology and neuroscience support Darwin’s view about moral emotions. Human moral decisions often stem from “gut” reactions, some of which we share with other animals. de Waal will elaborate on the connection between morality and primate behavior. Other primates show signs of empathy, prosocial tendencies, reciprocity, and a sense of fairness that promote a mutually satisfactory *modus vivendi*. de Waal will review evidence for continuity to support the view that the building blocks of morality are older than humanity.

Panelists:

Frans de Waal, Emory University

M30-120

North American Association for the Study of Religion Business Meeting

Saturday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

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M30-122

Christian Theological Research Fellowship

Saturday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 4

Bernie A. Van De Walle, Ambrose University College, Presiding

Theme: *A Discussion of James K. A. Smith’s Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview, and Cultural Formation (Baker Academic, 2009)*

This session welcomes James K. A. Smith to interact with those in attendance on his new book, *Desiring the Kingdom*, the first volume in Baker’s Cultural Liturgies series. In this work, Smith seeks to revision Christian education as a formative process that redirects our desire toward God’s Kingdom and its vision of flourishing. In the same way, Smith revises Christian worship as a pedagogical practice that trains our love.

Panelist:

James K. A. Smith, Calvin College

Responding:

D. Stephen Long, Marquette University

Saturday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

A30-200

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Overcoming Institutional Resistance to Underrepresented Scholarship*

Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee

This Special Topics Forum will focus on barriers to and strategies for promoting and disseminating insurgent, undisciplined, paradigm-shifting intellectual projects in the academy. The intent is not so much to focus on career survival strategies for individual academics, but to speak about the politics of what knowledge and methodologies are legitimized in the academy, which types of intellectual projects are allowed for different kinds of scholars, and what strategies can be employed to further intellectual projects that may be subversive to the patriarchal, racist, imperial, and capitalist status quo.

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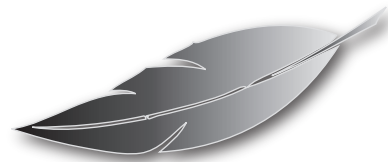
Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good

Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Spelman College

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside



A30-201 **Special Topics Forum**

Marriott Marquis, L506

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond the Rainbow Generation? Religion and Pluralism in a Globalized World*

Sponsored by the International Connections Committee

Religious and cultural diversity has evolved from, at times, parochial efforts to encourage members of the majority culture in the world to move beyond their comfort zone to face new challenges, as we struggle to forge a world community out of disparate individuals connected by globalization and commodification. What are the challenges we face as a world community and how might we meaningfully rethink our new roles and collective responsibilities as global citizens? In what ways do religions help and/or hinder these idea(l)s of and efforts for a world community? How do people of faith seeking to participate as responsible global citizens evoke their faith traditions as inspiration in this quest and, conversely, how might loyalty of and commitment to respective faith tradition inhibit their quest for global citizenship? In addition to religious pluralism, what about pluralisms that exist within a religious tradition? What might these intrareligious pluralisms signify in terms of possibilities and limitations for community?

Panelists:

- Diana Eck, Harvard University
- Mike Grimshaw, University of Canterbury
- Changgang Guo, Shanghai University
- Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University
- Marion Maddox, Macquarie University
- Paul Morris, University of Wellington

A30-202  **Special Topics Forum**

Marriott Marquis, A703

Kimberly Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: *How to Get Published*

Sponsored by the Publications Committee

Based on notions that scholars have an understanding of the books needed in the fields of religion, religious studies, and theology, the AAR publishing program with Oxford University Press (OUP) produces quality scholarship for religious scholars and their students. OUP is an outstanding international publisher and the AAR has published hundreds of titles, many of which have become critical tools in the development of our fields and in training new scholars. AAR/OUP books include five published series: Academy Series; Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series; Religion, Culture, and History Series; Religion in Translation Series; and Teaching Religious Studies Series.

The panel provides an opportunity to hear from experienced OUP and AAR editors, and to ask any and all questions you might have regarding the AAR/OUP series. Also, the *JAR* Editor will discuss essay publishing. You will have opportunities to speak with individual editors. In addition, come meet an author who has journeyed from start to finish in the publishing process and can answer your most pressing questions.

Panelists:

- Michael Patrick Murphy, University of San Francisco
- Theodore Vial Jr., Iliff School of Theology
- Anne E. Monius, Harvard University
- Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Jacob N. Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology
- Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton University
- Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press
- Patricia Thomas, Oxford University Press

A30-203**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Mormon Studies Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M302

Kelly J. Baker, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Theme: *Mormon Art and Literature*

- Margaret Young, Brigham Young University
- Mormon Literature: Where are We Going? Where have We Been?*

- Sara Patterson, Hanover College
- This Is the (Right) Place: Memorializing Sacred Space and Time in Salt Lake Valley*

- Gideon Burton, Brigham Young University
- The Scope of Mormon Cinema*

- Colleen McDannell, University of Utah
- The Story Lives Here: Faith, History, and the Instructional Film*

Responding:

- David Morgan, Duke University

A30-204 **Buddhism Section**

Marriott Marquis, A706

Frances Garrett, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Medicine: Transnational Traditions and Local Contexts*

- Amy Paris Langenberg, Brown University
- Obstetrical Buddhism: Pregnancy According to the Mūlasarvāstivāda Vinaya*

- Pierce Salguero, Johns Hopkins University
- How to Read a Buddhist Medical Treatise: The Social Logic of Medical Metaphors in Early Medieval Chinese Buddhism*

- Joshua Capitanio, University of the West
- Indian and Chinese Conceptions of the Body in the Medical Writings of Tiantai Zhiyi*

- Juhn Ahn, University of Toronto
- Worms, Germs, and Technologies of the Self: Buddhism and Medicine in Early Modern Japan*

- Erik J. Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University
- Microbiology and Buddhist Discourses on Science in Early Twentieth Century China*

Responding:

- Janet Gyatso, Harvard University



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Saturday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

A30-205

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and African Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, A602

Cynthia Hoehler-Fatton, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Just Between Us? Ritual Syncretism across Religion, Society, and Politics in Contemporary Africa*

Peter Hoelsing, Florida State University
“Obulamu Bulungi”: Spirit Possession and Social Harmony in Southern Uganda

Dianna Bell, Florida State University
Understanding Muslim Participation in Christian Services in Mali, West Africa, through Communitas

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
Homologous Sacrifice: “Dozo” Hunting, Islam, and the Failure of Religious and Political Pluralism in Côte d’Ivoire, West Africa

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University
Oral Tradition and Ritual Meaning among Masowe Apostles

Responding:

Rosalind Hackett, University of Tennessee

A30-206

Ethics Section

Marriott Marquis, A707

On-cho Ng, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Theme: *Ethics of the Other(s): Levinas in Dialogue with Buddhism (Indian and Chinese), Confucianism, Daoism, and Islam*

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University
Acting Toward the Other With/out Violence in Buddhism

Tsingsong Vincent Shen, University of Toronto
Ethics of Generosity to the Other in the Awakening of Faith and Huiyuan’s Concept of Huixiang

Fei Lan, University of Toronto
Selfhood and Otherness: A Comparative Look at the Father–Son Relationship in Light of Levinas and Dai Zhen’s Philosophy

Yong Huang, Kutztown University
Daoist Ethics of the Other: Patient Relativism in the Zhuangzi

Mohammad Ashraf Adeel, Kutztown University
The Dialectics of the Unseen: An Ethics of the Other in the Qur’an

A30-207

History of Christianity Section

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Daniel Ramírez, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Thomas A. Tweed’s Crossing and Dwelling (Harvard University Press, 2008)*

Panelists:

Richard Callahan, University of Missouri

Marie Marquardt, Agnes Scott College

Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside

Grant Wacker, Duke University

Responding:

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Texas

A30-208

North American Religions Section and Native Traditions in the Americas Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Defining Religious Freedom: Reading Tisa Wenger’s We Have a Religion: The 1920s Pueblo Indian Dance Controversy and American Religious Freedom (University of North Carolina Press, 2009)*

Panelists:

Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Kenneth Mello, Southwestern University

Responding:

Tisa Wenger, Yale University

A30-209

Religion and Politics Section and Religion, Memory, History Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A601

David Reinhart, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Presiding

Theme: *Political Memory: Possibilities in Religious Remembering*

Alain Epp Weaver, University of Chicago
Remembering the Nakba in Hebrew: Sacramental Memory Performance at the Sites of Destroyed Palestinian Villages

Luke Blair, University of Pennsylvania, and John Stevenson, University of Chicago
What Do the Dead Say? “Let the Saviors Rule”


Christopher J. Dowdy, Southern Methodist University
Exchanging Absences: Memory Work, Unilateral Repentance, and Commemorative Silence at Sites of Racial Violence

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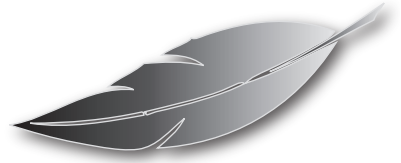
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Kevin O'Neill, University of Toronto
The Passion of Guatemala: The Politics of Truth and Resurrection

Responding:

Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago

A30-210

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Marriott Marquis, M101

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Twenty-first Century Christianity in Social Context*

James Fenimore, United Methodist Church
High-tech Worship: Christian Worship Technology and Gender Politics

Philip Webb, DePaul University
Family Values, Social Capital, and Contradictions of American Modernity

Seth M. Walker, University of South Florida and Valencia
Community College
*"Hic Fribus Conficiat Ceruisa": The Economic Dimensions of Monastic
Brewing in the Contemporary World*

A30-211 ★

Religion in South Asia Section

Marriott Marquis, M304

John E. Cort, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in the Study of Religion in South Asia*

Brian Collins, University of Chicago
Apaddharma as a State of Exception; or, Parashurama the Werewolf

Simone Barretta, University of Pennsylvania
*The Tantric Self: Body, Mind, and Society in the Tantric Saivism of
Medieval Kashmir*

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University
Isma'ili Ginans (Hymns) as a Means of "Boundary Maintenance"

Elliott McCarter, University of Texas
Tales from Kuruksetra

George Pati, Valparaiso University
*Sneham as Bhakti: Bhakti as Emancipation in the Modern Malayalam
Poems of Kumaran Asan*

Responding:

John Stratton Hawley, Columbia University

Business Meeting:

John E. Cort, Denison University, and Robin Rinehart, Lafayette
College, Presiding

A30-212

Study of Islam Section

Marriott Marquis, A704

Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking History, Reimagining Community*

Matthew Pierce, Boston University
*Killing the Imams: Classical Shi'i Narratives of the Twelve Imams and
the Necessity of Martyrdom*

Mimi Hanaoka, Columbia University
The Politics of Piety in Early Islamic Persia

Mona Hassan, Duke University
*Islamist Remembering and Longing for a Lost Caliphal Ideal: The
Politics of Memory, Culture, and Emotion*

Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
*The Concept of the Golden Age in the Thought of Muhammad Salim
al-Awra*

Adam Gaiser, Florida State University
*Dueling Hajjis: Race, Ritual, and Authority in the Hajj Accounts of
Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad*

Responding:

Omid Safi, University of North Carolina

A30-213 ★

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group

Marriott Marquis, L401

Phillip Cary, Eastern University, Presiding

Theme: *Rhetoric and Soteriology*

Stephen Pardue, Wheaton College
*Intellectual Humility in Augustine: A Christological and Linguistic
Account*

Amalia Jiva, Boston University
*Between Fear of Reification and Gratitude for Revelation: Augustine's
Linguistics of Incarnation*

Christopher A. Stephenson, Lee University
*"Aware How Ill I Was, Unaware How Well I Was Soon to Be": The
Rhetoric of Medicine and Healing in Augustine's Soteriology*

Jonathan Teubner, University of Cambridge
*Peripatetic Prepositions: The Soteriological Significance of Pilgrimage
Images in Augustine's Enarrationes in Psalmos*

Business Meeting:

Phillip Cary, Eastern University, Presiding

A30-214 ★

Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Kalzung Dorjee Bhutia, University of Alabama, Presiding

Theme: *Remembering What is Forgotten: Reassessing the Traveling Oral
Archive as a Source of Empowerment for Buddhist Women*

Leah Weiss Ekstrom, Boston College
*Disrupting Gender Disparity in Contemporary North American Buddhism:
Remembering and Fostering Women Teachers, Students, and Buddhist Feminism*

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama
*Forgotten Lives: Forgetting and Remembering Women in Tibetan
Buddhist Traditions of the Himalayas through Oral Life Stories*

Ruth Gamble, Australian National University
*Forgotten Conversations: Disruptions in the Transmission of Oral
Instructions for Women from Tibet, through Exile, to the West*

Responding:

Rita M. Gross, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Business Meeting:

Roger Jackson, Carleton College, and John J. Makransky, Boston
College, Presiding



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A30-215

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group and Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, M102

Chas Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Presiding

Theme: *Pagan Masculinities*

Helen A. Berger, West Chester University
Pagan Men and Gender Equity by the Numbers

Christopher W. Chase, Iowa State University
Song of Mari: Male Becoming Masculine in American Paganism, 1970–1977

Marion G. Mason, Bloomsburg University
Gender Differences among Pagan Seminary Students

Responding:

Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania

Mark Justad, Guilford College

A30-216

Daoist Studies Group

Marriott Marquis, L507

David Mozina, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

Theme: *World of an Object: The Social and Cosmic Networks of Daoist Material Culture*

David Boyd, Indiana University
The Embodiment of Immortality

Suzanne Cahill, University of California, San Diego
Mirrors and Daoism in Han through Tang Dynasty China

Jonathan Pettit, Indiana University
Resurrecting Maoshan: The Renovation of Temple Ruins in Medieval Daoism

Neil McGee, Columbia University
Wang Liyong's Transformations of Lord Lao and Its Place in the Visual Propaganda Program of Song Gaozong (r. 1127–1162)

Responding:

Gil Raz, Dartmouth College

Business Meeting:

Xun Liu, Rutgers University, and Gil Raz, Dartmouth College, Presiding

A30-217

Evangelical Theology Group and Korean Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, L508

Soong-Chan Rah, North Park Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelicalism in Korean Context*

Chong Kim, University of Central Missouri
Jesus the Filial Son: Kil Son-ju and the Korean Protestant Discourse on Confucianism

William Yoo, Emory University
Inside the Mental and Spiritual World of Yun Chi Ho, the First Korean Southern Methodist

Elizabeth Underwood, Eastern Kentucky University
Constructing a Heritage: The Yanghwajin Controversy and Evangelicalism in Korea

Myung-Sahm Suh, University of Chicago
The Rise and Development of the Christian Right in the Republic of Korea

Responding:

Andrew Sung Park, United Theological Seminary

A30-218

Hinduism Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: *Yoga, Divinity, and Power in the Hindu Purāṇas*

Shaman Hatley, Concordia University
Yoginis, Yāmala Tantras, and the Mother Goddesses of Kāṭīvarṣa: A Study of the Skanda Purāṇa

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University
Lords of Yoga in the Īśvara Gītā: Mainstreaming the Yoga of the Pāśupatas

Sucharita Adluri, Cleveland State University
Actualizing Viṣṇu: Defining Yoga in the Viṣṇu Purāṇa

Travis L. Smith, University of Florida
"A Gentle Approach": The Early Skanda Purāṇa on the Pāśupata Appropriation of Varanasi

Responding:

James Fitzgerald, Brown University

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
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
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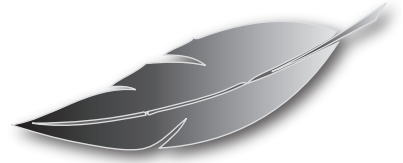
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A30-219 ★**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group**

Marriott Marquis, A701

Wilberforce O. Mundia, Shaw University, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard on Politics, Justice, and the Single Individual*Deidre Green, Claremont Graduate University
*Works of Love in a World of Violence: Feminism, Kierkegaard, and the Limits of Self-Sacrifice*Tamara Monet Marks, Florida State University
*The Martyr is the Suffering Single Individual*David R. Law, University of Manchester
*Redeeming the Penultimate: Discipleship and Church in the Thought of Søren Kierkegaard and Dietrich Bonhoeffer*Ashley Cake, Syracuse University
Cornel West as Kierkegaard's "Single Individual": A Christian Conscience in Pursuit of Social Justice

Business Meeting:

Andrew J. Burgess, University of New Mexico, and Sylvia Walsh, Stetson University, Presiding

A30-220**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group**

Marriott Marquis, A708

Kirk A. Bingaman, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *"Who am I Anyway?" Psychological and Religious Perspectives on Identity*Alberto Varona, California Institute of Integral Studies
*Soul-splitting Headache: Imagining a Soul by Leaving the Best for Last and the Worst Left Behind*Leanna Fuller, Vanderbilt University
*The Role of Collective Identification in Congregational Conflict*Anisah Bagasra, Claflin University
*Religious Commitment, Acculturation, and Identity Formation among Twenty-first Century Muslim-Americans*David Hogue, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
*Making/Breaking Connections: Implications of Cognitive Social Neuroscience and Attachment Theory for Religion, Ritual, and Human Bonding*Marirose Lescher, Claremont Graduate University
A Most Peculiar Self

A30-221 ★ **Qur'an Group**

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

Ludmila Zamah, University of Winnipeg, Presiding

Theme: *Varieties of Qur'anic Issues*Toni Tidswell, Curtin University
*The Qur'an as Critique and Standard for the Hadith: The Case of Bilqis*Bahar Davary, University of San Diego
*Ecology and Islam: Contemplation of Water, Wind, Coral, and Fish*Nermeen Mouftah, University of Toronto
*Making English an Islamic Language: Redefining Authority and Meaning through Modern English Translations of the Qur'an*Joel Blecher, Princeton University
*Variants, Mistakes, and Conceptions of Inimitability in a Medieval Qur'an Commentary: Notes on an Early Fragment of al-Khatib al-Iskafi's Durrat al-Tanzil wa-Ghurrat al-Tawil*Isra Yazicioglu, Saint Joseph's University
Perhaps Their Harmony is Not that Simple: Said Nursi's Interpretation of the Relationship between Modern Science and the Qur'an

Business Meeting:

Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin, and Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

A30-222**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group**

Marriott Marquis, A702

Sylvia Marcos, Universidad Autonoma del Tierra, Chipas, Mexico, and Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Feminist and Decolonial Readings of Mary*Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco
*Gestures Toward a Decolonial Guadalupan Theology*Elina Vuola, University of Helsinki
*Decolonializing the Virgin Mary? Costa Rica's La Negrita and the Hierarchies of Race, Gender, Religion, and Class*Nancy Pineda-Madrid, Boston College
*Overturning Gendered Stereotypes of Latinas: Guadalupe and Malinche*Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco
*Imaging Mary in Africa: Grassroots Feminist Ecumenical Movements*David Sanchez, Loyola Marymount University
From Patmos to the Barrio: Subverting Imperial Myths

Responding:

Rosemary Ruether, Claremont Graduate University



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A30-223 ★

Religion, Media, and Culture Group

Marriott Marquis, L504

Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Theme: *Authenticity and the Real*

Vincent Gonzalez, University of North Carolina
Spirit Meters and Balls of Light: The Dynamics of Prayer in Bible-believing Protestant Video Games

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado
The Evidence of Things Unseen: Faith and Authenticity in the Blogosphere

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
"Something No White Man Has Ever Seen": Race, Religion, and the Ethnographic Gaze in 1930s American Film

Dan Mathewson, Wofford College
Smackdown for Jesus: Christian Professional Wrestling and the Play of the Real

Business Meeting:

Lynn Schofield Clark, University of Denver, and Jenna Tiitsman, Auburn Media and University of North Carolina, Presiding

A30-224 ★

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding

Theme: *Case Studies in Religion and Peacemaking*

John Kiess, Duke University
Religious Authority in Stateless Societies: The Case of the Catholic Church during the War in the Democratic Republic of Congo

Myles Werntz, Baylor University
Worlds Without Ends: Foucault and Augustine on Social Conscriptation and War

Joyce Dubensky, Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding
Religion, Social Conflict, and Peace: Educating Religious Leaders

Jonathan Agensky, University of Cambridge
Global Faith-based Humanitarianism and Emergent Transformations in the Evangelical Imaginary

Business Meeting:

Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

A30-225 ★

Ritual Studies Group and Body and Religion Consultation

Marriott Marquis, L503

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: *Problematizing Gender and the Concept of the Ritual Body*

Panelists:

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo
Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach
Donna Seamone, Acadia University

Responding:

Morny Joy, University of Calgary

Business Meeting:

Sarah Haynes, Western Illinois University, Presiding

A30-226 ★

Roman Catholic Studies Group

Marriott Marquis, M105

William Clark, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Theme: *Catholicism as Cultural Practice: United States Historical Sources*

Andrew Stern, Southern Catholic College
Scarlett O'Hara and Pauline DeCardeuc Heyward: Catholic Confederates in History and Imagination

Monica Mercado, University of Chicago
At Home in an International Church: Catholic Family Almanacs and Women Readers in Nineteenth Century America

Adrienne Nock Ambrose, University of the Incarnate Word
The Ephemeral Virgin: Representations of the Blessed Virgin Mary during America's "Chromo Craze" (c. 1865–1900)

Kathleen Holscher, Villanova University
A Doubled Higher Calling: American Catholics, Memory, and Military Saints

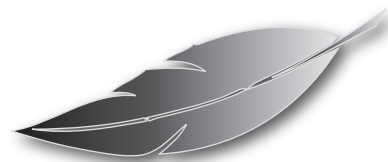
Business Meeting:

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University, and Daniel Speed Thompson, Saint Mary's University, Presiding

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A30-227 ★**Sacred Space in Asia Group**

Marriott Marquis, A705

Eve Mullen, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Pilgrimage, Volunteerism, and Mapping Religion*Juan E. Campo, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Mass Pilgrimage and the Modern State: Spatial and Ritual Transformations in a Hindu Pilgrimage*Dominick Scarangelo, University of Virginia
*Overcoming the Nation State, Neoliberal Economics, and Depopulation: The Revivification of a Japanese Local Sacred Site through the Rise of New Communities of Volunteerism and One Stubborn Man's Vision of "Nature Religion"*Albertus Bagus Laksana, Boston College
*Muslim Saints in the Island of the [Hindu] Gods: Pilgrimage, Identity, and Hybridity in Bali*Jason Carbine, Whittier College
Sāsanasuddhi, Simāsammuti: Historical and Global Thoughts about a Spatial Basis of the Buddha's Religion

Responding:

Brian J. Nichols, Rice University

Business Meeting:


Eve Mullen, Emory University, and Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding

A30-228**Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group and Religion and Sexuality Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M301

Heather White, New College of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Womanist Sexual Ethics in the Twenty-first Century*Monique Moultrie, Vanderbilt University
*Passionate and Pious: A Womanist and Cultural Analysis of Black Women's Sexual Decision-making*Alexis S. Wells, Emory University
*"I Just Wanna 'Sex-tify!': Sexual Testimony and the Construction of Black Female Desire in the Religious Discourse of Juanita Bynum*Stephanie M. Crumpton, Columbia Theological Seminary
*Crafting: A Womanist Pastoral Theological Exploration of African-American Women's Use of Cultural Aesthetics to Heal from Sexual Violence*Michelle R. Jackson, Vassar College
*A Womanist Theological Approach to Constructing an Inclusive Sexual Ethic: A Liberatory Message for Single African-American Christian Women*Phillis I. Sheppard, North Park Theological Seminary
Mourning the Loss of Cultural Self-objects: Black Embodiment and Religious Experience after Trauma

A30-229 ★ **World Christianity Group**

Marriott Marquis, M109

Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Panel Discussion on the Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity (Cambridge University Press, 2010)*

Panelists:

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University

Susanna Snyder, Emory University

Edward Phillip Antonio, Iliff School of Theology

Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego

Amos Yong, Regent University

Valerie Karras, Southern Methodist University

Responding:

Cristina Grenholm, Church of Sweden

Daniel M. Patte, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Jane Carol Redmont, Guilford College, Presiding

A30-230 **Animals and Religion Consultation and Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom A

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Fellow Primates: A Conversation with Frans de Waal on Cognition, Animals, and Religion*

Panelists:

Kimberley Patton, Harvard University

Armin W. Geertz, University of Aarhus

Frans de Waal, Emory University

Responding:

Gabriel Levy, University of Aarhus

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego



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Saturday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

A30-231

Christianity and Academia Consultation

Marriott Marquis, M303

C. Hannah Schell, Monmouth College, Presiding

Theme: *How Does the Academy Impinge on the Study of Theology?*

William Wright, Eureka College
Academic Theology as Contextual Theology

Douglas Henry, Baylor University
How Curiosity Killed the You-Know-What and What We Can Do About It: Griffiths's Intellectual Appetite

Annemie Dillen, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Joris Geldhof, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, and Annemie Patyn, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven

How Can the Catholic Character of a University be Maintained When its Christian Identity is Fading?

Timothy Hanchin, Boston College
Towards a Hermeneutics of Hospitality: Lonergan's Integral Hermeneutics in Christian Higher Education

Business Meeting:

David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding

A30-232

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Consultation

Hyatt Regency, Hanover C

Kirsi Irmeli Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Presiding

Theme: *The Lutheran Tradition: New Theological and Global Perspectives*

Farisani Elelwani, University of South Africa
The Challenges Facing Lutherans in South Africa

John Reynolds, Union Theological Seminary
The Heart in Sixteenth Century Physiology and the Role of Luther's Theology in the Life of the Believer

Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg
Martin Luther's Reception in Korea

Cecilia Nahnfeldt, Karlstad University, Sweden
Lutheran Vocation and Gender Relations

Business Meeting:

Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University, Presiding

A30-233

Middle Eastern Christianity Consultation

Marriott Marquis, L405-406

Vida Bajc, Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Scholars and Experts in Middle Eastern Christian History*

Kimberly Lerch, University of Illinois, Springfield
Sebokht's Legacy: Preserver, Producer, and Transmitter of Scientific Knowledge in the Middle East

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University
Arab Christian Physicians as Interreligious Mediators: Abu Shakir as an Ideal Type

David Bertaina, University of Illinois, Springfield
Science, Syntax, and Superiority: Elias of Nisibis on the Arabic and Syriac Languages

Robert Morehouse, Catholic University of America
Logical Contradictions: Ephraem's Attack on Philosophy in His Polemics against Bar Daysan and Mani

Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Qusta ibn Luqa: His Significance in the History of Christian-Muslim Relations

Responding:

Jon Hoover, University of Nottingham

Business Meeting:

Nelly van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University, Presiding

A30-234

Religious Conversions Consultation

Marriott Marquis, M108

Alexander Y. Hwang, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Cross-Cultural Dynamics of Conversion*

Rose Caraway, University of Florida
"Finding Religion": Evangelical Conversion and the Decline in Atheism in Post-Soviet Cuba

Garen Murray, Graduate Theological Union
(In)Famous Women: Confession, Conversion, and Celebrity in the Representation of Condemned Women

Edwin Zehner, Saint Lawrence University
Conversions, Therapies, and Other Forms of Change: Toward a More Interdisciplinary Approach

Ryan Williams, University of Cambridge
Deradicalization as Deconversion: Employing Deconversion as an Analytical Framework for Conceptualizing the Deradicalization of Islamic Extremists

Responding:

Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School, Ohio

Business Meeting:

Marc Pugliese, Brescia University, Presiding

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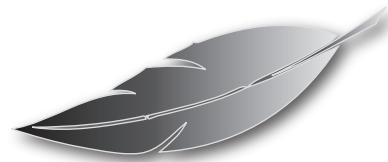
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A30-235 ★**Sociology of Religion Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, L505

Titus Hjelm, University College London, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu*Jens Köhrs, University of Bielefeld
*Religious Taste: A Theoretical Model to Explain Individual Religious Practice and Choices*Randy Reed, Appalachian State University
*Prophetic Capital: An Application of Pierre Bourdieu to Modern Apocalyptic Fundamentalism*Rebekka King, University of Toronto
*The Academe, the Author, and the Atheist: The Reception of the Study of Religion by Progressive Christians*Terry Rey, Temple University
*Catholic Religious Capital and the Haitian Revolution: The Priest and the Prophetess*Christopher Brittain, University of Aberdeen
Religion as a "Field": Bourdieu as a Resource for Analyzing the Conflict over Homosexuality in the Anglican Communion

Responding:

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

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Titus Hjelm, University College London, Presiding

A30-236 ★**Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B

Hak Joon Lee, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Presiding


Theme: *The Promised Land: Political Theology and Contemporary Social Movements*Lane Van Ham, University of Arizona
*Undocumented Immigration and the "World House": Spirituality in the Immigrant Advocacy Movement*Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College
*Transforming Spaces for Social Change: Prophetic Praxis in the United States Civil Rights and New Sanctuary Movements*Karen V. Guth, University of Virginia
*Beyond Nonviolence: The Feminist/Womanist Political Theology of Martin Luther King Jr.*Frederick L. Ware, Howard University
"Prophesy the Common Good!": The Promise and Problem of Moral Realism in the Political Theology of Martin Luther King Jr.

Responding:

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

Business Meeting:

Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

M30-105 **North American Association for the Study of Religion**

Marriott Marquis, International 3

Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: *Talal Asad, Three Decades in Review: The Use and Abuse of Anthropologies of Islam, Genealogies of Religion, and Formations of the Secular*Ananda Abeysekara, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
*The Untranslatability of Religion, the Untranslatability of Life: What Remains Unthought about Talal Asad's Thinking within Religious Studies*Markus Dressler, Istanbul Technical University
*From Sacred-Profane Binaries, Towards the Religio-Secular Continuum, and Back*Rosemary Hicks, Tufts University
*Asad, W. C. Smith, and Liberal Critiques of Individualist Ethics and Studies of Islam*Ruth Mas, University of Colorado
The Distanciation of the Secular

M30-200**Association of Practical Theology**

Marriott Marquis, International 7

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *The Clerical Paradigm Revisited: Does Interdisciplinary Evidence of "Wise Practice" Make Us Want to Reclaim the Clerical Paradigm for Practical Theology?*Larry Golemon, Virginia Theological Seminary
*Reclaiming a Professional (Not Clerical) Paradigm for Practical Theology*Ruthanna Hooke, Virginia Theological Seminary
*Performance Practices in the Teaching of Preaching*John Falcone, Boston College
"Wise Practice" and Class Habitus in Practical Theology

Responding:

Courtney Goto, Boston University

M30-201**College Theology Society Board Meeting**

Saturday, 1:00 pm–6:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Kennesaw



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Saturday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

M30-202

Phenomenology and Scripture Group

Saturday, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 6

Adam Wells, The University of Virginia, Presiding

How does scripture give itself? What would it mean to treat scripture as a phenomenon? How does scripture relate to (or create) tradition? This panel will explore phenomenological approaches to scripture. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Richard Oxenberg, Endicott College
Love and Death in the First Epistle of John: A Phenomenological Reflection

Randy Friedman, Binghamton University (SUNY)
The Allegory of Love

Madipoane Masenya, University of South Africa
Parent-Child Relationships with a Family Context: A Hermeneutical Phenomenology of Proverbs 1:8-9

Callid Keefe-Perry, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
Theopoetic Explorations and Fusings: Hyper-reality, Horizons, and the Reading of Scripture

Responding:

Petra Turner Harvey, University of Virginia

Matthew Puffer, University of Virginia

M30-203

Liverpool Hope and University of Manchester Symposium on Early Methodism: Texts, Traditions, and Theologies

Saturday, 1:15 pm–4:45 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 10

Theme: *New Horizons and Frontiers: Evangelical Preachers and Preaching*

1:00 pm Welcome

1:10 pm Short papers on evangelical preachers and preaching in Britain, North America, and the Caribbean.

Panelists:

Andrew Cheate, Liverpool Hope University

Ryan N. Danker, Boston University

Sharon Jaye Grant, Southern Methodist University

Rex D. Matthews, Emory University

Mark R. Teasdale, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

2:30 pm Questions and roundtable discussion.

Gareth Lloyd, University of Manchester, Presiding

4:15 pm Conclusion

For additional information, contact Gareth Lloyd at gareth.lloyd@manchester.ac.uk.

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Saturday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A30-300

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, L401-402

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: *Making the Case for the Importance of Religion*

Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee

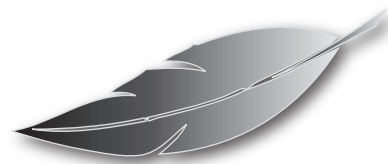
At a time when it is clear that religion needs to be taught in colleges and universities now more than ever, colleges and universities are threatening to eliminate faculty or whole departments and to reduce the role of religion in the general education curriculum. This Special Topics Forum will address the difficulties faced by departments of religion and discuss ways to reverse this trend, such as taking advantage of the way in which the field is emerging (comparative, interdisciplinary, critical, etc.) in ways that mirrors what the American Association of Colleges and Universities sees as central to the future of higher education.

Panelists:

Rosalind Hackett, University of Tennessee

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University



A30-301**Special Topics Forum**

Marriott Marquis, A703

Shaun Allen Casey, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Is the God Beat Dead?*

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

This panel of scholars and journalists will examine the evolution of religion coverage in various media, including the social, political, and economic factors shaping the media's treatment of religion.

Panelists:

Adelle Banks, *Religion News Service*Sarah Posner, *Religion Dispatches*

Mark Silk, Trinity College

Bob Smietana, *The Tennessean*

A30-302 **Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Music and Religion Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding

Theme: *Music of the American Southeast*

Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University

Hip-Hop as Sacred Canopy: KRS-One, Peter Berger, and La Frontera

Alisha Lola Jones, University of Chicago

In the Pocket: A Sacred Go-Go Beat Movement of Peculiar People

Jon Gill, Claremont Graduate University

The Ethereal Etched into the Existential: Auerbach and Benjamin's Literary Philosophy as Displayed Theologically by Tori Amos and Illogic

M. Cooper Harriss, University of Chicago

A Sense of Ending: The Album, Narrative, and Eschatology in Time (the Revelator) and The Tennessee Fire

A30-303 **Buddhism Section and Ritual Studies Group**

Marriott Marquis, M109

Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University, Presiding

Theme: *Begging Bowls and Rice Balls: Exoteric South Asian Buddhist Ritual in Comparative Perspective*

Panelists:

Robert DeCaroli, George Mason University

Vanessa Rebecca Sasson, Marianopolis College and McGill University

Todd Lewis, College of the Holy Cross

Alexander von Rospatt, University of California, Berkeley

Amy Paris Langenberg, Brown University

Responding:

Ute Huesken, University of Oslo

Business Meeting:

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, and Charles Hallisey, Harvard University, Presiding

A30-304 **History of Christianity Section**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Martha Finch, Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Body and Society at Twenty: Peter Brown and the History of Christianity*

Panelists:

Margaret R. Miles, Berkeley, CA

Constance Furey, Indiana University

Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Brown University

Matthew Day, Florida State University

A30-305 **Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

Marriott Marquis, M101

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, Presiding

Theme: *Social Justice and Religion*Tonya Nashay Sanders, University of Illinois, Chicago
*From Isolation to Collaboration: African-American Faith-based Partnerships in Local Community Development*Melissa James, Graduate Theological Union
*The Meaning of Service: Service and Meaning-making among Lutheran Volunteer Corps Participants*Sarah Fredericks, University of North Texas
Incorporating Environmental Justice into Sustainability Indicators: A Case Study of the Participation of Religious Studies Scholars in the Development of Policy Indicators

Responding:

Paul Morris, University of Wellington

A30-306 **Religion in South Asia Section**

Marriott Marquis, M304

Simon Brodbeck, Cardiff University, Presiding

Theme: *The Mahabharata: End and Endings*Christopher Austin, Dalhousie University
*Draupadi's Fall: Narrative Continuity and the Problem of Symmetries in the Mahabharata*Luis Gonzalez-Reimann, University of California, Berkeley
*Ending the Mahabharata: A Look at Some Closing Strategies*Michael Baltutis, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
*The Reinvention of Orthopraxy: Refuting Royal Performances in Book Fourteen of the Mahabharata*Tamar C. Reich, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Ends and Closures in the Mahabharata

Responding:

Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University



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Saturday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A30-307 ★

Study of Islam Section

Marriott Marquis, A704

Vernon James Schubel, Kenyon College, Presiding

Theme: *Authority and Ritual in Shi'i Islam*

Asma Sayeed, Lafayette College

Whither Sukayna and Nafisa? An Examination of Shi'i Women's Hadith Participation

Gurdofarid Miskinzoda, Institute of Ismaili Studies

The Significance of the Hadith of the Position of Aaron for the Formulation of Shi'i Doctrine of Authority

Karen G. Ruffle, University of Miami

"Majma' al-Nurayn": The Intercessory Mystical Light of Fatimah al-Zahra in Shi'i Theological and Hagiographical Literature

Elika Pourbohloul, Washington University, Saint Louis

The Ritual of Ta'ziyeh and the Crisis of Traumatic Reintegration

Responding:

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University

Business Meeting:

Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding

A30-308 ★

Teaching Religion Section

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Mary Ann Zimmer, Marywood University, Presiding

Theme: *Democracy's Hope: Feminist Classrooms as Counterpublic Spaces*

Panelists:

Sarah Azaransky, University of San Diego

Laurie Cassidy, Marywood University

Jennifer Reed-Bouley, College of Saint Mary

Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College

Responding:

Mary E. Hobgood, College of the Holy Cross

Business Meeting:

Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, and Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

A30-309

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Marriott Marquis, L505

Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Presiding

Theme: *Review of Hope Abundant: Third World and Indigenous Women's Theology (Orbis Books, 2010)*

Panelists:

Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside

Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Jenny Te Paa, College of Saint John the Evangelist, Auckland

Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University

Sharon A. Bong, Monash University

Responding:

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

A30-310

Women and Religion Section and Animals and Religion Consultation

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom A

Judith L. Bishop, Mills College, Presiding

Theme: *Women, Animals, and Religion: From Fleshy Objects to Embodied Subjects*

Beatrice Marovich, Drew University

Revolting Creatures: Women, Animals, and Transformation in the Martyr's Narrative

Rachel Muers, University of Leeds

The Female Mammal: Feminist-Theological Reflections on Women, Animals, and Embodiment

Margaret Robinson, University of Toronto

Veganism and Mi'Kmaq Legends: Feminist Natives Do Eat Tofu

Rebekah Sinclair, Claremont Graduate University

Who's On Butler's Plate? Mourning, Vulnerability, and the Consumption of Others

Responding:

Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University

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
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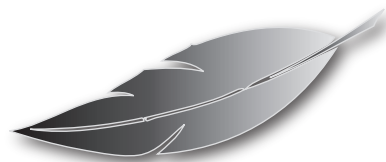
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A30-311**Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group; Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group; and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group**

Marriott Marquis, M108

Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Latino/a Theology and the Bible*

Panelists:

Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University

Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco

Loida Martell-Otero, Palmer Theological Seminary

Luis R. Rivera, McCormick Theological Seminary

Michael E. Lee, Fordham University

Nora O. Lozano, Baptist University of the Americas

A30-312 ★**Black Theology Group**

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B

Dianne Diakité, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *African-Centered Thought and African Religions in Black Theology*Ralph Watkins, Fuller Theological Seminary
*From Black Theology to Africana Theology: A Methodological Shift in the Construction of an African-centered Theology*Jawanza Eric Clark, Spelman College
*Reconceiving the Doctrine of Jesus as Savior in Terms of the African Understanding of an Ancestor: A Model for the Black Church*Adam Clark, Xavier University
*Black Theology, Afrocentricity, and the Womanist Challenge*Bryson White, Fuller Theological Seminary
Africana Theology, Ancestor Veneration, and George Washington

Business Meeting:

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology, and Stephen G. Ray Jr., Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

A30-313 ★ ✨**Buddhist Philosophy Group**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Cognitive-Scientific Studies of Buddhist Thought and Practice: Philosophical Interrogations of the Issues*David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College
*Buddhist Meditation as Scientific Practice? Sorting Out the Implications of the Neuroscientific Study of Meditation*William S. Waldron, Middlebury College
*Buddhism and Cognitive Science: Convergent Methods, Divergent Aims*Jay Garfield, Smith College
*Ask Not What Buddhism Can Do for Cognitive Science; Ask What Cognitive Science Can Do for Buddhism*Georges Dreyfus, Williams College
On the Very Idea of a Buddhism Science Dialogue

Business Meeting:

Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago, Presiding

A30-314 ★**Chinese Religions Group**

Marriott Marquis, M102

James A. Benn, McMaster University, Presiding

Theme: *Crossing Boundaries in Chinese Religions*Joshua Capitanio, University of the West
*"Un Taoisme Tantrique" Revisited: Tantric Elements and Paradigms in Daoist Ritual*Megan Bryson, Stanford University
*The Transformations of Baijie Shengfei and Mahakala: Religion and Ethnicity in Dali, Yunnan*Wu Hongyu, University of Pittsburgh
*The Nonregressing Path to the Rebirth in the Pure Land: The Pure Land Thought of Peng Shaosheng*Frederick Shih-Chung Chen, University of Oxford
The Great God of the Five Paths: A Blood-sacrifice Pagan Cult During the Reign of Emperor Wu of Liang, or a Religious Propagandist Story Fabricated by the Song Buddhist Vegetarian Reformists?

Business Meeting:

James A. Benn, McMaster University, and Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding

A30-315 ★**Christian Spirituality Group**

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

David Johns, Earlham School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *The Digital Spirit? Spirituality and the New Social Media*Theo Zijderfeld, Utrecht University
*Prayer 2.0: Online Prayer and the Transformation of Religion in a Media Age*Elizabeth Drescher, Santa Clara University
*Tweet if U ♥ Jesus: Spiritual Authority, Identity, and Community in the Digital Reformation*Mary Hess, Luther Seminary
*New Media, Ministry, and Mission: Teaching in the Global Classroom*Alyssa Ninan Nickell, Graduate Theological Union
Real Friendships in Virtual Reality: Embodying Spirituality in the Digital Age

Business Meeting:

Tim Hessel-Robinson, Brite Divinity School, Presiding



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Saturday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A30-316

Comparative Religious Ethics Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: *Ambivalent Moral Exemplars*

Emily Hudson, Boston University

Rama, the Ambiguous Exemplar: Perfection and Meaning-Without-Saying in the Valmiki Ramayana

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University

Vessantara: Ambiguous Moral Exemplar, Exemplary Exemplar of the Practitioner's Condition

Anne E. Monius, Harvard University

Evasive Exemplars and Appealing Anti-Heroes: Demons in Kampan's Iramavataram

Elon Goldstein, Harvard University

Appraising a Problematic Buddhist Hero, Assessing Visions of the Good Life: Harsba's The Joy of the Serpent-People in Light of Its Literary Precursor

Responding:

Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

A30-317

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and Japanese Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, M105

James L. Ford, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *Revisiting Religious Freedom in Modern Japan*

Emily Anderson, Washington State University

Censoring Christian Dissent in Modern Japan: Contesting Religious Freedom in the Pages of a Rural Christian Newsletter

Mark R. Mullins, Sophia University

Freedom "For" or "From" Religion? Recent Japanese Responses to Violence and Coercion

Suga Koji, Kokugakuin University, Tokyo

Between Theocracy and Secular Mobilization: Placing the Concept of "State Shinto" in a New Light

Trent Maxey, Amherst College

Between Tolerance and Freedom: State Policy and Buddhist Recognition in Meiji Japan

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

Pets, Death, and Taxes: Defining the Legal Boundaries of Religion

Responding:

Richard Jaffe, Duke University

A30-318 ★

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group

Marriott Marquis, L508

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *Protopresbyter Alexander Schmemmann: All Aspects of His Legacy*

Rico Gabriel Monge, Goleta, CA

Feuerbach, Nietzsche, and the "Life of the World": A Look at Key Philosophical Influences on Schmemmann's Theology

Brian Butcher, Simon Fraser University and Redeemer Pacific College

"Symbols and Symbolism in the Liturgy" Revisited: A Ricoeurian Critique of Schmemmann's Symbology

John Jillions, Saint Paul University

"Thicket of Idols": Alexander Schmemmann's Critique of Orthodoxy

Kristine Suna-Koro, Emory University

Beyond the Lures of Diaspora in the Times of World Christianity: Pondering Over Modern Western Fragmentation of Reality and Theology with Alexander Schmemmann

Business Meeting:

Paul Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas, and Eve Tibbs, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

A30-319

Ecclesiological Investigations Group

Marriott Marquis, M301

Michael A. Fahey, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Modernity and Its Ecclesial Discontents: Historical Imaginaries, Magisterium, and the Role of the Theologian*

Andrew Pierce, Trinity College, Dublin

Medievalism Redivivus

Hans Boersma, Regent College

Typological Similarity and Dissimilarity: Jean Daniélou's Analogical Theology of History

Mark Ryan, Georgian Court University

Charles Taylor's Modernity and the Church

Paul Lakeland, Fairfield University

Knowing Our Place(s): The Ecclesial Role(s) of the Theologian

Gerard Mannion, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven

The Evolution of Magisterium: Towards a Teaching Church that Learns

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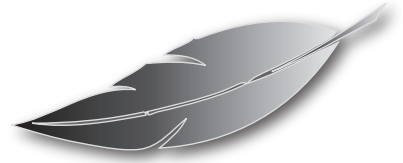


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A30-320

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover C

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming, Presiding

Theme: *Feminist Rethinkings: Evolution and Strategic Essentialism*

Donovan Schaefer, Syracuse University

Tight Genes: Evolutionary Theory and the Dancing Religious Body

Adriaan van Klinken, Utrecht University

Beyond the Patriarchy Framework: Feminist Theory and the Study of Masculinities and Religion

Tara Flanagan, Loyola University, Chicago

Opacity, Agency, and Relationality at the End of Life: Models of Self-Constitution from Judith Butler and M. Shawn Copeland

Leah McKeen, Wilfrid Laurier University

Evangelical Women and Theories of Agency

A30-321 ★

New Religious Movements Group

Marriott Marquis, A708

Catherine Wessinger, Loyola University, New Orleans, Presiding

Theme: *New Religious Identity and Popular Religious Idealism (Christian Science and New Thought)*

Panelists:

Dawn Hutchinson, Christopher Newport University

John K. Simmons, Western Illinois University

Janine Villot, University of South Florida

Dell deChant, University of South Florida

J. Gordon Melton, Institute for the Study of American Religion

Business Meeting:

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding

A30-322

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group and Religion and Humanism Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A701

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding

Theme: *Nineteenth Century Proposals for a Religion of Humanity*

Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

The Cathedral of Humanity on Halstead Street: Jane Addams, Auguste Comte, and Edward Caird

Ernest Rubinstein, Drew University

From Naturalism towards Humanism: An Emersonian Trajectory

John Halsey Wood, Saint Louis University

Whither the Church? Richard Rothe's Challenge to the Dutch Church

Emily R. Mace, Princeton University

"Fellowship Will Be Our Symbol": Practicing Religion in Felix Adler's Society for Ethical Culture

A30-323 ★

Practical Theology Group

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Teresa Snorton, Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc., and Jeanne Stevenson Moessner, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Disorderly Conduct: Creative Collaboration among Women Who are Practitioners and Academics in Practical Theology*

Panelists:

Insook Lee, Hood Theological Seminary

Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology

Beverly Wallace, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Sophia Park, Care and Counseling Center of Georgia

Jacqueline Kelley, Princeton Baptist Medical Center and Ingalls Center of Pastoral Ministries

Angella M. Pak Son, Drew University

Responding:

Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Thomas Beaudoin, Fordham University, Presiding

A30-324

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group

Marriott Marquis, L504

Randy L. Friedman, Binghamton University, Presiding

Theme: *New Perspectives on James and Dewey*

Panelists:

Stuart E. Rosenbaum, Baylor University

John J. Stuhr, Emory University

Responding:

Melvin Lee Rogers, University of Virginia

Michael Slater, Georgetown University

Saturday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A30-325 ★

Reformed Theology and History Group

Marriott Marquis, A706

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Reformed Churches and Historically Marginalized People*

Matthew J. Tuininga, Emory University
Reformulating the Two Kingdoms Paradigm: A Political Theological Approach to Racism

Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University
The Kairos of the Belhar Confession

Eduardus Van der Borgh, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
No Longer a Confessional Issue? A Comparison of the WARC Anti-Apartheid Theology in 1982 with Its Stance on the Issue of National and Ethnic Identity in 1997

Adam S. Borneman, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
“These Silken Ties”: Ecclesiastical Compromise and the Problem of Slavery in the Presbyterian Schism of 1837–1838

Business Meeting:

Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding

A30-326 🌸

Religion and Ecology Group and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Marriott Marquis, L405-406

John Lyden, Grand View University, Presiding

Theme: *Imagining the Ecological Other from Avatar to True Blood*

Jea Sophia Oh, Drew University
Watching Avatar through the Deleuzian 3Ds, Desire, Deterritorialization, and Doubling: A Postcolonial Ecotheological Review

Tyson-Lord Gray, Vanderbilt University
Environmentalism Goes Blue

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University
Green Vampires and the Trouble with Desire: Sustainability Ethics, Consuming Passions, and Erotic Restraint in True Blood, Twilight, and Daybreakers

Chris Klassen, Wilfrid Laurier University
Becoming the “Noble Savage”: Nature Religion and the Other in Avatar

A30-327

Tantric Studies Group

Marriott Marquis, M302

Theme: *Tantra, Cosmology, and the Body*

David Lawrence, University of North Dakota
Empowered Identity and Cosmic Embodiment in Monistic Saiva Tantra

Jeffrey Lidke, Berry College
The Resounding Field of Visualized Self-awareness: Hermeneutics of the Sri Yantra in Two Trika-Kaula Commentaries on the Nityasodasikarnava Tantra

Simone Barretta, University of Pennsylvania
Mapping the Cosmos: A Study of Tantric Saivite Initiation in the Svachchandantra and Its Commentary

Kerry Martin Skora, Hiram College
The Bodily Efflorescence of Words: The Crossing of Divine-voice and the Body-self in Abhinavagupta’s Cosmology

Responding:

Sthaneswar Timalisina, San Diego State University

A30-328 ★ 🌸

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group

Marriott Marquis, L503

Sharon Peebles Burch, Interfaith Counseling Center, Presiding

Theme: *Tillich and New Directions in Science and Theology*

Sam Powell, Point Loma Nazarene University
Tillich’s Theology and Cognitive Science: The Prospects for Theological Anthropology

Ryan T. O’Leary, University of Iowa
Being and Gaia: Seeking Resources Toward a Vocabulary for Naturalistic Theology

J. Patrick Woolley, University of Oxford
Tillich’s Critique of Einstein and the Struggle with Natural Theology: Geometry of Nature and the Finite-Infinite Relation

Adam Pryor, Graduate Theological Union
Tillichian Teleodynamics: An Examination of the Multidimensional Unity of Emergent Life

Business Meeting:

Russell Re Manning, University of Cambridge, Presiding

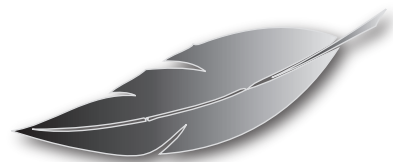
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A30-329 ★**Wesleyan Studies Group**

Marriott Marquis, A702

Douglas M. Strong, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Methodism and the Civil Rights Movement*Ellen J. Blue, Phillips Theological Seminary
*That White Preacher Who Took His Daughter to School: Andy Foreman and the New Orleans School Desegregation Crisis of 1960*Kevin M. Watson, Southern Methodist University
*In the Shadow of Segregation: Methodist Seminaries and the Civil Rights Movement*Joseph T. Reiff, Emory and Henry College
Born of Conviction: Methodist Ministers Provoking Civil Rights Debate in 1963 Mississippi

Responding:

F. Douglas Powe Jr., Saint Paul School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Priscilla Pope-Levison, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

A30-330 ★**Comparative Philosophy and Religion Seminar**

Marriott Marquis, A705

Tsingsong Vincent Shen, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Comparative Philosophy and Religion*Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
*The Necessarily Religious and Interreligious Context of a Robust Philosophy of Religion*Morny Joy, University of Calgary
*Is There a Postcolonial Ethics?*Tinu Ruparell, University of Calgary
*The Golden Mean*Takushi Odagiri, Stanford University
Rationalism within Empiricism: Nisida Kitaro and William James

Business Meeting:

Morny Joy, University of Calgary, Presiding

A30-331 ★**Religion in the American West Seminar**

Marriott Marquis, L507

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California, Presiding

Travis Ross, University of Nevada, Reno
*Sectionalism in California's Religious Periodicals: Place in Religious Rhetoric*Jonathan William Olson, Florida State University
*"Not Merely Asiatic but Pagan": Religion, Chinese Exclusion, and the American West*Barry Joyce, University of Delaware
*Creating an Axis Mundi in the American Southwest: Religion, Science, and the Sacred at the Chaco Culture National Historical Park*Brett Hendrickson, Arizona State University
Mexican-American Religious Healing and the American Spiritual Marketplace

Responding:

Tisa Wenger, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming, Presiding

A30-332 ★**Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, A707

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Queering Race, Politics, and Religion: Queer Values, Queer Worldmaking*Nessette Falu, Rice University
*Invisible Hands: An Epistemology of Black Religious Thought and Queer Sexual Desire Disrupting "Crystallized Culture"*Thelathia Young, Emory University
*Black Queer Family Values: Moral Agency Through Creative Resistance*Alicia Juskewycz, Princeton University
*"It's Not About Religion": LGBTQ-Related Problems, Uganda, and Managing Religion's Intersections Under United States Foreign Policy*B. Howell Belser, Emory University
A Revolution We Can Dance To: Queer Worldmaking and Sacred Practice at MondoHomo

Responding:

Janet Jakobsen, Barnard College

Business Meeting:

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, and Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

A30-333 ★ **Religion Education in Public Schools: International Perspectives Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, A601

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding

Theme: *Religion Education and Citizenship in Europe and Beyond*Robert Jackson, University of Warwick
*Religious Diversity in Education: The Toledo Guiding Principles (2007) and The Ministerial Recommendation from the Council of Europe (2008)*Janet Bordelon, New York University
*Religion Knows No Boundaries: The Translation of Toledo by the Tony Blair Faith Foundation*Wolfram Weisse, University of Hamburg
*Religious Education in Public Schools and the Challenge of Religious Diversity at the University Level: Policy Recommendations of the REDCo Project*Jeffrey Thibert, University of Illinois
The Ambiguous Relationship between Public Religion Education and the Promotion of Religious Freedom

Business Meeting:

Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico, Presiding



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Saturday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A30-334 ★

Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Premodern Christianity Consultation

Marriott Marquis, L506

Cameron Partridge, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Premodern Christianity*

Joseph A. Marchal, Ball State University
Intersex After, Before, and Below? The Management and Response of "Members" from a Premodern Paul to an Ultramodern Today

Katie Bugyis, University of Notre Dame
The "Faithful Bisynesse" of the Bee: Authorizing Women in Chaucer's Lyf of Seinte Cecile and The Second Nun's Tale

Mikael Haxby, Harvard University
Sexual Difference in the First Apocalypse of James

Samuel Kimbriel, University of Cambridge
Indwelling and Eros: Johannine Debates on the Role of Sexual Desire in the Purgation of the Soul

Rachel Smith, Harvard University
Exemplarity and Apophasis: Representing Holiness in Thomas of Cantimpré's Life of Lutgard of Aywières

Business Meeting:

Cameron Partridge, Harvard University, Presiding

A30-335 ★

Sikh Studies Consultation

Marriott Marquis, M303

Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *Reading Sikh Tradition: Postcoloniality, Textuality, and the Space Between*

Prabhsharandee Singh Sandhu, Birmingham University
Theorizing Religion and the Effects of Romanticism in Bhai Vir Singh and Puran Singh

Prabhsharanbir Singh, University of British Columbia
Disoriented Beings: Technics, Education, and the Crisis of a Postcolonial Sikh Subject

Jaspreet Kaur, Pleasanton, CA
Text and Textuality: A Reading of Osho's Ek Omkar Satnam

Gurveen Khurana, University of California, Riverside
Home and the World: The Nagar Kirtan and Sikh Diaspora

Business Meeting:

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding

A30-336 ★

Theology and the Political Consultation

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom C

Gregory Kaplan, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *Political Theology, Jewish, and Democratic: A Discussion of Bonnie Honig's Emergency Politics (Princeton University Press, 2009)*

Panelists:

Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University

Nancy Levene, Indiana University

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

George Shulman, New York University

Responding:

Bonnie Honig, Northwestern University

Business Meeting:

Corey D. B. Walker, Brown University, Presiding

A30-337 ★

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A602

Jill Petersen Adams, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *From Life to Death and Back Again*

Rodney Knowles IV, Boston University
Dead Man Singing: Don Piper, Near Death Experiences, and Evangelical America

M. Alyson Prude, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Body In and Beyond Death: Questions of Corporeality in a Tibetan Buddhist Context

Stanley Thayne, University of North Carolina
"Or Ever the Silver Cord be Loosed..."

Responding:

Christopher Moreman, California State University, East Bay

Business Meeting:

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University, Presiding

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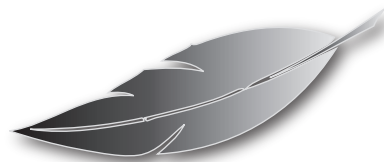
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M30-300

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Marriott Marquis, International 3

Paul Johnson, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: *The Legacy of Lévi-Strauss*

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
Bricolage and the Fractal Dynamics of Ritual: Claude Lévi-Strauss and His Legacy for the Study of Religion and Practice

Christopher I. Lehrich, Boston University
Overture and Finale: Lévi-Strauss, Music, and Religion

Paul-François Tremlett, University of London
Lévi-Strauss and Religious Studies

Responding:

Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside

M30-301 ★

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Marriott Marquis, International B

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

Theme: *Performance as a Site for Hindu-Christian Encounter*

Zoe Sherinian, University of Oklahoma
Religious Encounters through Tamil Outcaste Folk Drumming

Brenda Beck, University of Toronto
A Hindu Folk Epic Ripe with "Christian" Motifs

Eliza F. Kent, Colgate University
Battle Cries: Songs of the Salvation Army in South India

Responding:

George Pati, Valparaiso University

Business Meeting to follow at 6:00 pm.

M30-302

Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue

Saturday, 4:30 pm–6:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 8

Joshua Stanton, Hebrew Union College, and Stephanie Varnon-Hughes, New York, NY, Presiding

Theme: *The Promise and Challenges of Interreligious Dialogue*

Panelists:

Aimee Upjohn Light, Duquesne University

Stephen Butler Murray, Endicott College

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Nancy Fuchs-Kreimer, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College

Bud Heckman, Religions for Peace International

Christy Lohr, Duke University

Or Rose, Hebrew College

Madhuri Yadlapati, Louisiana State University

M30-303

Religion Dispatches Reception

Saturday, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Dunwoody

Saturday, 6:00 pm and Later

A30-401

Special Topics Forums

Saturday, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond the Boundaries Public Lecture Series I*

Shannon Montgomery, Georgia State University
"An Influence Among Humanity": Internal Religious Debate over Narrative Paradigms

Montgomery's project examines a 1911 controversy at Brigham Young University which ended in three professors being fired for teaching evolution. After detailing the basic controversy both nationally and at Brigham Young specifically, the project hones in on a letter signed by more than 80 percent of the student body in that year. The letter, written in support of the teachers, offered a contrasting narrative to that of the school administration. Lodged between embattled professors and school administration (with church officials), the students had to demonstrate fidelity to the religious institution even as they sought the widest academic vision. Montgomery also considers implications for the Church of Latter Day Saints over the next century. She argues that ultimately, the controversy represents a missed opportunity for the church to be viewed as relevant in secular discourse and opens up a discussion about the potential of religious organization in general to better engage in secular discourse.

M30-304

Harvard University Reception

Saturday, 6:00 pm–7:30 pm

French America Brasserie, 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd.

The Harvard University Reception (sponsored by the Harvard Divinity School, the Center of the Study of World Religions, and the Committee on the Study of Religion in FAS) at the AAR will take place on Saturday, October 30, 2010 from 6:00 pm–7:30 pm at the French American Brasserie at 30 Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd., Atlanta, Georgia 30308 (phone: 1-404-266-1440), a 5–10 minute walk from the conference hotels.

M30-418

Oxford Bibliographies Online

Saturday, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Spring

M30-400

The Fund for Theological Education

Saturday, 6:15 pm–8:00 pm



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Saturday, 6:00 pm and Later

Marriott Marquis, International 4
Theme: *Annual Reception Honoring 2010–2011 Doctoral Fellows, Alumni, and Friends*

A30-400

JAR Editorial Board Meeting

Saturday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Courtland
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, and Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

M30-401

Explorations in Theology and the Apocalyptic

Saturday, 6:30 pm–9:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, International 7
Philip Ziegler, University of Aberdeen, Presiding
Theme: *Christopher Morse's The Difference Heaven Makes: Rehearing the Gospel as News (Continuum, 2010)*
Sponsored by T&T Clark/Continuum
This is the first of two related sessions exploring the relevance of apocalyptic themes in contemporary Christian theology.
Panelists:

- Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary
- Nancy Duff, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Trevor Eppehimer, Hood Theological Seminary
- Donald Wood, University of Aberdeen

Responding:
Christopher Morse, Union Theological Seminary

M30-419

AAR Western Region Board Meeting

Saturday, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Auburn

M30-424

Celebrating the Life of Professor N. G. Barrier

Saturday, 6:45 pm–7:45 pm
Marriott Marquis, L403

A30-402

Centennial Fund Donors Reception

Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, AAR Suite
Members who have supported the Centennial Fund at \$100 and above are invited to a cocktail reception hosted by the AAR Board of Directors. Learn more about the Centennial Fund and how you can support the AAR at www.aarweb.org/donate. By invitation only.

M30-402 CANCELLED

Brigham Young University Reception

Saturday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

M30-403

Societe d'Etudes Internationales sur Alfred Loisy

Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
Marriott Marquis, L504
Theme: *Centenary of the Oath against Modernism*
C. J. T. Talar, University of Saint Thomas, Houston
Swearing against Modernism: Sacrorum Antistitum, September 1, 1910
Panelists:
Andrew Pierce, Trinity College, Dublin
Harvey Hill, Berry College
William Portier, University of Dayton









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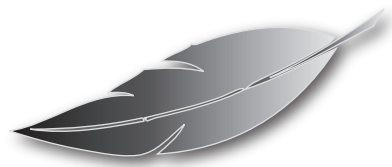
Georgetown University Reception

Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Lenox

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A30-404

Presidential Address

Saturday, 8:00 pm–9:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Centennial II-IV

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Ann Taves: "Religion" in the Humanities and the Humanities in the University*



Ann Taves

In recent discussions of the concept of religion, scholars of religion have paid considerable attention to the relationship between the "religious" and the "secular." In doing so, they have focused our attention outward on the relationship between religion and the state and the historical developments we associate with modernity. If we turn our attention inward to the academy, we can ask how our subject matter is positioned in relation to the subject matters of other disciplines in the humanities. What, we might ask, is the relationship between the subject matter of departments devoted to religious studies, art, literature, philosophy, music, and theater? This question focuses our attention on the place of religious studies in the humanities and in the academic landscape of the modern university more generally. Taves will suggest that an evolutionary perspective, which focuses on the emergent capacities that give rise to the subject matters that we study in the humanities, highlights the essential role that the humanistic disciplines play in our understanding of the human animal.

Panelists:

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

M30-405

Science and Religion Hospitality Event Sponsored by ZCRS, CTNS, and IRAS

Saturday, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Fairlie

The Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), a partnership of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, and the Center for Advanced Study in Religion and Science (CASIRAS) offers seminary courses, academic conferences, and public lectures, and shares offices with *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*; zygoncenter.org.

The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) supports research, provides MDiv and doctoral courses through the Ian G. Barbour Chair at the Graduate Theological Union, and publishes the peer-reviewed journal *Theology and Science*; www.ctns.org.

The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) is an open-membership organization that holds annual summer conferences and copublishes the peer-reviewed journal *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*; www.iras.org.

M30-406

Society for Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society

Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Greenbriar

M30-407

International Society for Chinese Philosophy

Saturday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 6

M30-408

Polanyi Society

Saturday, 7:00 pm–9:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 1

Theme: *The Next Generation Engages Polanyi, Part Two*

M30-409

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Discussion

Saturday, 7:00 pm–9:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International A

Theme: *Practical Theology and Spirituality for Religious Liberals*

Our annual conversation will explore how the discipline of practical theology can inform efforts to deepen spiritual disciplines within Unitarian Universalist congregations. Bringing practical and systematic theologians together with theologically reflective ministers, we will explore both particular practices and scholarly approaches to practice. Is there a distinctly liberal approach to practical theology or spiritual practice? What can systematic and practical theologians learn from one another, and from dialogue with congregational ministers?

Panelists:

Sharon Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School

Michelle Walsh, Boston University

Myriam Renaud, University of Chicago

Elaine Peresluha, South Church Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University

Clyde Grubbs, Pasadena, CA

Responding:

Anthony David, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta

A separate reception (M31-408) will be held Sunday evening. Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Harvard Divinity School, and the Unitarian Universalist Association Panel on Theological Education.

M30-420

Korean North American Systematic Theology

Saturday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, L503

Theme: *Panel Discussion of Sang Hyun Lee's New Book From a Liminal Place: An Asian American Theology (Fortress Press, 2010)*



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Saturday, 6:00 pm and Later

A30-403

JAAR Reception for Authors and Board Members

Saturday, 7:30 pm–8:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Courtland
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, and Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Reception for JAAR Editorial board members and JAAR authors.

A30-405

Film: *New York Doll*

Saturday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover D
Philip L. Barlow, Utah State University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Group and the Mormon Studies Consultation
2005, directed by Greg Whitely. 75 minutes.
New York Doll is a 2005 Sundance Film Festival award winner that treats the formation, demise, and 2004 reunion performance of the New York Dolls, an influential “glam-rock,” “proto-punk” band who performed in the early 1970s. On the verge of major success, the group was brought down by an excess of undisciplined sex, drugs, drink, and internal conflict. Three band members died, two went on to achieve modest individual musical success. Against this backdrop, the film centers on bassist Arthur “Killer” Kane, intersecting his role in the band, his conversion to religion (Mormonism), his poverty and loneliness, and his reunion performance with the band, all preceding his death from leukemia. At once provocative, surprising, and moving, the film lends itself to considerations of, among other themes, “redemption,” estrangement and reconciliation, and religion and culture.

A30-406

Film: *Dirt!*

Saturday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB
Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Presiding
Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group, the Forum on Religion and Ecology, and the Sustainability Task Force
2009, directed by Bill Benenson, Gene Rosow, and Eleonore Dailly. 86 minutes.
You are invited to watch the topical movie *Dirt!*, narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis. This movie brings to life the environmental, economic, social, and political impact that the soil has. Come, watch, and take part in a conversation about the Earth’s most valuable and underappreciated source of fertility — from its miraculous beginning to its crippling degradation. The opening scenes of the film dive into the wonderment of the soil. Made from the same elements as the stars, plants, animals, and us, “dirt is very much alive.” The real change lies in our notion of what dirt is. The movie teaches us: “When humans arrived two million years ago, everything changed for dirt. And from that moment on, the fate of dirt and humans has been intimately linked.” *Dirt* is more than a discussion of what is happening to Earth. It is a call to action.

A30-407

LGBTIQ Scholars and Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception

Saturday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, Imperial Foyer
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding
Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force and the Human Rights Campaign
LGBTIQ scholars of religion, scholars of LGBTIQ studies in religion, and friends are invited to a reception. Come network, see old friends, make new ones, and celebrate the growth of our community and our subfield within the AAR!

M30-410

Graduate Theological Union Reception









Saturday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, International 9

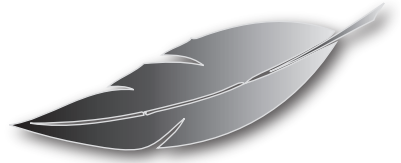
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Mid-Atlantic American Academy of Religion Regional Reception

Saturday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, International B

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M30-412 **New Religious Movement Group/*Nova Religio* Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 pm–11:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Marietta

M30-413 **Vanderbilt University Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 pm–9:30 pm
Marriott Marquis, A601

M30-414 **Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Reception**

Saturday, 8:30 pm–10:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, Imperial Ballroom Salon A
A reception for all past and future participants in Wabash Center workshops, colloquies, consultations, and grants. Come and learn about our programs and opportunities.

A30-408 **AAR Members' Party**

Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, Atrium A
AAR members are invited to join one another at the Members' Party for music and dancing.

M30-416 **De Gruyter and Brill Publishers Joint Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Roswell

M30-417 **Fortress Press Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, A602
AAR members are invited to join Fortress Press for something to drink...something to eat...and lots of good conversation!

M30-422 **Pro Ecclesia Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, International 4

M30-423 **Hispanic Theological Initiative Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Piedmont
Sponsored by Baylor University Press

M30-425 **University of Virginia Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm

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M31-1 **New York Theological Seminary and *Journal of World Christianity* Breakfast**

Sunday, 7:00 am–8:45 pm
Hyatt Regency, Fairlie

M31-2 **Temple University Breakfast**

Sunday, 7:00 am–8:45 pm
Hyatt Regency, Greenbriar

M31-5 **Center of Theological Inquiry Reception**

Sunday, 7:00 am–8:30 am
Hyatt Regency, Courtland
The Center of Theological Inquiry in Princeton warmly welcomes members, friends, and prospective applicants to a breakfast reception. David Ford and Peter Ochs will launch the book they completed with Daniel Hardy, *Wording a Radiance: Parting Conversations on God and the Church*.

A31-1 **AAR Annual Business Meeting**

Sunday, 7:30 am–8:45 am
Hyatt Regency, Dunwoody
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Join the AAR Board of Directors for a continental breakfast and a brief business meeting, including an important vote on new bylaws for the Academy.



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A31-2

International Members' Breakfast

Sunday, 7:30 am–8:45 am

Hyatt Regency, Centennial I

Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Breakfast, including a question and answer session, for international members of the AAR.

Sunday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A31-100

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, A704

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Past, Present, and Future of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession*

Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

The session is a discussion concerning the state of religion scholars of color within the AAR. Leading the discussion are the past chairs of the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee (REM). The panelists will discuss the difficulties scholars of color have historically faced and the problems they presently must overcome. In addition, they will explore the challenges and obstacles that the future may bring.

Panelists:

- Dwight Hopkins, University of Chicago
- Peter Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
- Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University
- Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

Whether the indigenous was understood as the decadent or noble savage, “indigeneity” always carried what Johannes Fabian calls “a denial of coevalness;” that is, an othering of the indigenous in time and space. Today, globalization exacerbates the symbolic violence and power asymmetries generated by colonialism. The local knowledge and religions of indigenous peoples are often expropriated to become the raw material for deterritorialized and heavily commodified religious movements that circulate through global electronic media. At the same time, ancestral lands and livelihoods of indigenous peoples are threatened by rapid economic change and ecological degradation. Globalization’s “time-space compression” has also put various peoples in each other’s backyards, challenging the colonial denial of coevalness. Thus, indigenous actors can now have access to global media to build transnational networks of resistance and solidarity on the basis of emerging pan-indigenous identities.

Panelists on this forum will explore critically the genealogy of and contradictions within the category of “indigeneity,” as well as religion’s changing role in the articulation and (de)construction of this category.

Panelists:

- Frank Brennan, Australian Catholic University
- Roger Maaka, Eastern Institute of Technology
- Mary MacDonald, Le Moyne College
- Lynda Newland, University of the South Pacific
- Jace Weaver, University of Georgia
- Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside

A31-102

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, M303

Stephanie McAllister, Brookline High School, Brookline, MA, Presiding

Theme: *AAR Guidelines for Teaching about Religion in K–12 Public Schools in the United States: Responses from Teachers and Teacher Educators*

Sponsored by the Religion in the Schools Task Force

In April of 2010, the AAR Board approved the *AAR Guidelines for Teaching about Religion in K–12 Public Schools in the United States*. This was the culmination of a three-year initiative guided by the AAR Religion in the Schools Task Force and involved teachers, teacher educators, and the full membership of the AAR. Once the *Guidelines* were published, members of the Task Force invited selected teachers and teacher educators who were not part of the vetting process to share the document with colleagues and to try to implement some of the recommended suggestions. This panel will feature some of those educators who will offer reflections about the usefulness of the *Guidelines* in their contexts.

Panelists:

- David Haberman, Indiana University

Responding:

- Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

A31-101

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, M302

Edward Phillip Antonio, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Indigeneity in the Age of Globalization*

Sponsored by the International Connections Committee


The construction of the category of “indigeneity” is inextricably connected with colonialism and imperialism. Conquerors, settlers, missionaries, and capitalist entrepreneurs saw “the indigenous” in opposition to their universal and developed civilizations and religions.

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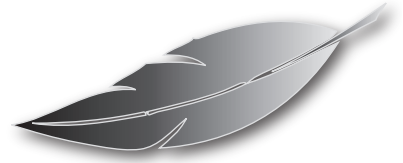
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A31-103 ★**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding

Theme: *Protestant Aesthetics*Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University
*Reforming the Literary God: Paul Ricoeur's Protestant Aesthetics*Gisela Kreglinger, Samford University
*The Protestant Imagination: Novalis's Hymns to the Night as an Expression of the Poet as Priest*David H. Perkins, Vanderbilt University
*Hell Yeah! Pairing Southern Religion and Punk/Postmodern Aesthetics in the Construction of Southern Gothic Music*Regina L. Walton, Boston University
"Contrary Reports": The Beauty of Holiness and Contemptus Mundi at Little Gidding

Business Meeting:

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, and Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding

A31-104 **Philosophy of Religion Section and the Society of Christian Philosophers**

Marriott Marquis, L401-402

Andrew Chignell, Cornell University, Presiding

Theme: Analytic Theology: *Authors, Editors, and Critics*

Panelists:

Ray Paul Bitar, Claremont Graduate University

Jesse Covenhoven, Villanova University

William Wood, University of Oxford

Responding:

Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge

Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame

Oliver Crisp, University of Bristol

A31-105 ★ **Religion and Politics Section**

Marriott Marquis, A706

Marion Maddox, Macquarie University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Politics in Theory and Practice*Bronwyn Roantree, Harvard University
*The Political Self and the Religious Self: Negotiating Multiple Identities in Contemporary Europe*Lucia Faltin, Cambridge Theological Federation
*Religious Identity and the Development of Secular Constitutionalism in Pluralistic Democratic Culture*David Buckley, Georgetown University
Secular Evolution: Understanding Democratic Change in State-Religion Relations

John Senior, Emory University

Tradition Reconsidered: Political Theology, Narrative, and the Formation of Political Identities

Robert F. Shedinger, Luther College

Resisting Religionization: The Academic Study of Religion and Islamic Revivalism in America

Business Meeting:

Andrew Murphy, Rutgers University, Presiding

A31-106 ★**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

Marriott Marquis, M301

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Secularization*Jennifer Veninga, Graduate Theological Union
*Imagining Theology in a Secular Age: Social Imagination as Methodology*Jeffrey Guhin, Yale University
*The Sources of Religion and the Future of Secularism: What the Founders Really Said and Why It Matters*George Gonzalez, Harvard University
Spiritual Discipline and the New Metaphors of Contemporary Business Management: A Methodological Proposal for Engaging Late Capitalist Cosmologies

Business Meeting:

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

A31-107 **Study of Islam Section and Contemporary Islam Group**

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B

Simon Wood, University of Nebraska, Presiding

Theme: *Islam and Ecology: A Reassessment Ten Years after the Earth Charter*David L. Johnston, University of Pennsylvania
*Intra-Muslim Debates about Ecology: Is Shari'a Still Relevant?*Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin
*Trends in "Green Islam" in Indonesia*Ahmed Afzaal, Concordia College
*Sacred Stewardship in a Reenchanted World? Lynn White Jr., Max Weber, and Mubammad Iqbal*Eleanor Finnegan, University of Florida
*Cultivating Nature on American-Muslim Farms: A Study of New Medinah, the Bawa Mubaiyaddeen Fellowship Farm, and the Dayempur Farm*Sarra Tlili, University of Florida
*The Qur'anic Concept of "Animal" and Its Impact on the Status of Nonhuman Animals*F. Canguzel Zulfikar, University of North Carolina
The Ecospiritual Ethics of Samiba Ayverdi

Responding:

Jonathan E. Brockopp, Pennsylvania State University



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Sunday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A31-108

Study of Judaism Section

Marriott Marquis, M109

Kenneth Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Presiding

Theme: *Old and New Paradigms for the Study of Judaism*

Alisha Pomazon, McMaster University
Hermann Cohen and Jewish Studies

Sergey Dolgopolski, University of Kansas
A Subjectless Thought: Personal, Impersonal, and A-personal in Rhetorical, Philosophical, and Talmudic Texts

Benjamin Sax, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Wissenschaft and Liturgical Theology: Ismar Elbogen's Early Influence on Franz Rosenzweig

Martina Urban, Vanderbilt University
A Sociology of Religious Knowledge: German Jewry and New Paradigms for the Study of Religion

A31-109

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Susan Abraham, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Polydoxy: Theologies of the Manifold*

Panelists:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Mayra Rivera, Harvard University

Laurel Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary

John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University

A31-110

Women and Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom C

Emily Culpepper, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: *Celebrating and Cerebrating Mary Daly (1928–2010)*

Panelists:

Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

Xochitl Alvizo, Boston University

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

Carol J. Adams, Dallas, TX

Traci C. West, Drew University

A31-111

Anthropology of Religion Group and Law, Religion, and Culture Group

Marriott Marquis, L508

Bron Taylor, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Producing Identification: Case Studies in Law, Anthropology, and Religion*

Tiffany Hodge, Emory University
Legal Anthropology and the Study of Islamic Law: Theoretical and Methodological Considerations

Kristen Tobey, DePaul University
"Objection, Your Honor — She's Talking About God": Martyrdom and the Courts in the Plowshares Nuclear Disarmament Movement

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado
Law Beyond Rules and Rulings: Stewardship of the Dead in Hawai'i

Teresa Click, Wichita State University
Kansas versus Roeder: Religious Identity, American Exceptionalism, and the Internet Experience

A31-112 ★

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Marriott Marquis, A708

Mimi Khúc, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Discipline, Depth, and Agency of Silence*

Panelists:

Wilburn Hansen, San Diego State University

Patrick S. Cheng, Union Theological Seminary

Rachel Bundang, Marymount School

Brett Esaki, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California

Business Meeting:

Nami Kim, Spelman College, and Michael Masatsugu, Towson University, Presiding

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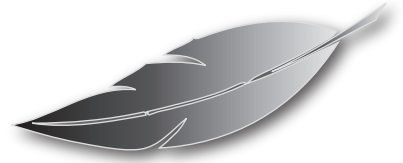
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A31-113 ✨**Bioethics and Religion Group and Science, Technology, and Religion Group**

Marriott Marquis, L506

Theme: *Making Good: Synthetic Biology and the Creation of the World*

Panelists:

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University
Michael Jewett, Northwestern University
Cristina Traina, Northwestern University
Paul Wolpe, Emory University
Joshua Leonard, Northwestern University
Leor Weinberger, University of California, San Diego

A31-114**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group**

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Geffrey B. Kelly, LaSalle University, Presiding

Theme: *Bonhoeffer's Relation to Kierkegaard*

Matthew David Kirkpatrick, University of Oxford
Nachlass Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A Guide to Understanding the Influence of Soren Kierkegaard on Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Brian Gregor, Boston College
On the Sociality of Revelation: A Dialogue Between Kierkegaard and Bonhoeffer

Jonathan Malesic, King's College, PA
Secrecy or Martyrdom: The Options for Bourgeois Discipleship in Kierkegaard and Bonhoeffer

Philip G. Ziegler, University of Aberdeen
Promerity in the Christologies of Bonhoeffer and Kierkegaard

A31-115 ✨**Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group**

Marriott Marquis, M105

Tamar C. Reich, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Women's Leadership: Embodied Dialogue Across Religions*

Jennifer Thompson, Emory University
"He Wouldn't Know Anything": Christian Women's Leadership in Jewish Communities

Angela Yarber, Graduate Theological Union
Ritual and Subversion: Bharatanatyam and Israeli Folk Dance Empowering Women's Leadership in Hinduism and Judaism

Sherry Fohr, Converse College
Ideal Women and Sati-Narratives in Hinduism and Jainism

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College
The HindJew in the Guru: Hybridity in Female Spiritual Leadership

Responding:

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University

Business Meeting:

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College, Presiding

A31-116 ✨**Comparative Theology Group and Mysticism Group**

Marriott Marquis, A602

June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Divine Union or Divine Relation? Mystical Marriage as a Third Way beyond Mutuality and Elisio Alteritatis*

Panelists:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Wendy Farley, Emory University
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University
Paul Collins, University of Chichester

Responding:

Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union

Business Meeting:

Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

A31-117 ✨**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Angela Zito, New York University, Presiding

Theme: *"Religion" in the Making: Social, National, and Global Formations*

J. Barton Scott, Montana State University
Priestly Nation: Religion, Empire, and Quaker Dissent

Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri
Globalization, Religion, and the Work of the Sea

Rupa Viswanath, University of Pennsylvania
Religion, Rights, and the Social: Pariahs in Colonial South India

Richard Amesbury, Claremont School of Theology
Interreligious Declarations of Human Rights: Grounding Rights or Constructing "Religion"?

Responding:

Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan

Business Meeting:

Tomoko Masuzawa, University of Michigan, and Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, Presiding



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Sunday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A31-118 ★

Hinduism Group

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Richard H. Davis, Bard College, Presiding

Theme: *The Hindu Exhibit: Representing Hinduism in Public Contexts*

Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University
Suet Pudding and Immoral Idols: E. B. Havell and the Spiritualization of Hindu Art

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington
The Secret Gandhi: Cinema, Caste, and Public Culture on the Eve of Colonialism in India

Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College
Heavenly Gates: Urban Representations of Transnational Hinduism, Exhibited Affect, and Sai Narratives of Redemption

Hanna Kim, Adelphi University
Bewitched and Bothered in Swaminarayan Akshardham: Boat Rides, Exhibitions, and the Trials of Representing Hinduism

Shana Sippy, Carleton College
Exhibition Agents and Agency: Contemporary Hindu Displays and Constitutions of Community

Business Meeting:

Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University, and Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding

A31-119 ★

Japanese Religions Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

John Harding, University of Lethbridge, Presiding

Theme: *“The Karma of Words Remains”: A Tribute to William R. LaFleur (1936–2010)*

Panelists:

Jacqueline Stone, Princeton University
Stephen Miller, University of Massachusetts
Linda Chance, University of Pennsylvania
Richard A. Gardner, Sophia University

Responding:

Gary L. Ebersole, University of Missouri, Kansas City

Business Meeting:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, and James L. Ford, Wake Forest University, Presiding

A31-120

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom A

Edwin David Aponte, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Crossing Disciplines at the Table: Latina/os in Conversation with Giorgio Agamben*

Panelists:

Orlando Espin, University of San Diego
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College
Néstor Medina, Seminario Evangélico de Teología, Matanzas, Cuba
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Princeton Theological Seminary

A31-121 ★

Native Traditions in the Americas Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group

Marriott Marquis, A601

Kenneth Mello, Southwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Health, Healing, and Death in Native American Religions and Communities*

Mark Clatterbuck, Montclair State University
Native Charismatic Healing in Big Sky Country

Carla Ginn, University of Lethbridge
Urban First Nations Grandmothers: Health Promotion Roles in Family and Community

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Religious Innovation and Indigenous Death in Colonial Mexico

G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University
Healing in the Santo Daime Tradition in Brazil

Responding:

Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University

Business Meeting:

Kenneth Mello, Southwestern University, Presiding

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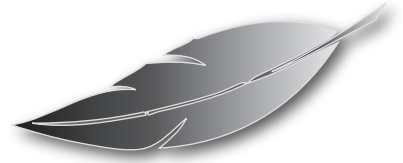
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A31-122**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**

Marriott Marquis, L404

Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Theme: *Henology in Plotinus and Origen*Daniel Moseson, Syracuse University
*Self, Language, and Apophasis in Plotinus and Merleau-Ponty*Kathleen Gibbons, University of Toronto
*Hierarchy before Henadology in Origen of Alexandria*Kevin Corrigan, Emory University
*The Meaning of "One": Plurality and Unity in Plotinus*Daniel Regnier, University of Saskatchewan
One and the Possibility of Many in Greek and Indian Philosophy: Plotinus and Ramanuja

A31-123**Qur'an Group**

Marriott Marquis, A705

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *And Among His Signs...Is the Diversity of Tongues and Colors: Non-Arabic Qur'anic Engagement*Homayra Ziad, Trinity College
*The Qur'an Commentaries of 'Abd al-Majid Daryabadi (1892-1977)*Travis Zadeh, Haverford College
*"Save in the Language of His Own People": Isfarā'ini's Tāj al-tarājim and the Rise of Persian Commentaries of the Qur'an*Nargis Virani, The New School
*Echoes of the Qur'an in Isma'ili Ginan Literature*Kristian Petersen, University of Washington
The Treasure of the Heavenly Scripture Engaging the Qur'an in China

Responding:

Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University

A31-124**Religion and Disability Studies Group**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Molly Haslam, Nashville, TN, Presiding

Theme: *Remembering Nancy Eiesland: Disability Perspectives on Theology and the Academy*Jason Hays, Brite Divinity School
*Queering Eiesland's Christ*Troy Mack, Drew University
*Healing in the Triune God: Understanding Eiesland's Disabled God as Trinity, for the Liberation of the Traumatized*Courtney Wilder, Midland Lutheran College
*On Christ and Healing: Eiesland, Tillich, and Disability Theology*Devorah Greenstein, Yale University
It's in Our Hands: The Academy's Crucial Role in Fostering Full Participation of People with Disabilities in the Life of the Christian Church

Responding:

Sharon Betcher, Vancouver School of Theology

A31-125 ★**Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group**

Marriott Marquis, M304

Tony Michael, York University, Presiding

Theme: *Modes of Storytelling: New Currents in Film and Visual Culture*

Michael Pittman, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

*Majid Majidi's The Color of Paradise: Reflections of Rumi and Reflections on Majidi in the Classroom*Bradley L. Herling, Marymount Manhattan College
*Religious Extremity in Michael Haneke's The White Ribbon*Kevin Cryderman, Emory University
Songs of the Living Dead: The Jesus Archetype and the Paralysis of Historical Imagination in Roy Andersson's Songs from the Second Floor

J. Ryan Parker, Graduate Theological Union

Choice Matters: The Evolution of Video Games as Locations for Ethical and Theological Reflection

Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College

In Other Worlds: Immersive Technology and the Hunger for the Real

Business Meeting:

John Lyden, Grand View University, Presiding

A31-126**Roman Catholic Studies Group**

Marriott Marquis, A701

Theme: *Conversations with the Vatican*Marian Ronan, New York Theological Seminary
*Sister Trouble: A Butlerian Reading of Women's Religious Life in Light of the Vatican Visitations/Investigation of United States Catholic Sisters, 2009-2011*Sheila McCarthy, University of Notre Dame
*Rethinking Centrality and Marginality: Bell Hooks and John Paul II on Capitalism, Work, and Family*Gerard Jacobitz, Saint Joseph's University
*Benedict XVI's Mission to the Anglicans in Light of the Vatican's Homosexual Double Bind*Kyle Bell, Franciscan University, Steubenville
The SSPX and the Holy See: Tradition Under Attack



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Sunday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A31-127

Tantric Studies Group and Western Esotericism Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover C

David Gray, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Theme: *East and West: Western Esotericism and Tantra in America*

Lisa Brooks, University of Colorado
Tantra and the Soteriology of Contemporary Western Āyurveda

Ann Gleig, Rice University
The Triumph of Tantra: The Rise of a Modern American Tantric Orientation

Gordan Djurdjevic, Simon Fraser University
Secrets of the Typhonian Tantra: Kenneth Grant and Western Occult Interpretations of Indian Esotericism

Joseph Laycock, Decatur, GA
From Esoteric to Exoteric: Pierre Bernard and the Arrival of Tantra in the West

Responding:

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union

A31-128

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, A707

Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *“Scientific Buddhism” among Tibetans and their Western Interlocutors: Reflections on Donald Lopez’s Buddhism and Science (University of Chicago Press, 2008)*

Paul G. Hackett, Columbia University
Patterns of Engagement: From “Hinduism and Science” to “Buddhism and Science”

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
Science versus Superstition: Repositioning Tibetan Buddhism in the People’s Republic of China

Douglas S. Duckworth, East Tennessee State University
Tsūltrim Lodrö on Philosophy, Science, and Buddhism

David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College
Science, Meditation, and Multiple Modernities: Tibetan Buddhism in Three Keys

Responding:

Lobsang Tenzin Negi, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Frances Garrett, University of Toronto, and Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding

A31-129

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group

Marriott Marquis, L405-406

Russell Re Manning, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Theme: *On Overcoming Dualisms with Paul Tillich: Reconsidering Empire, Secular Reason, Religious Fundamentalism, and Everyday Religious Practices*

Jacob J. Erickson, Drew University
The Ambiguity of Power: Paul Tillich, Empire, and the Kingdom of God

Daniel Miller, Syracuse University
Theology versus Secular Reason: The Dualism of Radical Orthodoxy and the Promise of Paul Tillich’s Correlational Method

Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville
Theologies of Culture as a Base for Interreligious Efforts to Address Fundamentalisms

Justin Rosolino, Vanderbilt University
“How Do You Get to Carnegie Hall?” A Wittgensteinian Critique of Tillich’s Account of the Subject-Object Divide and a Call to Concrete Christian Practices of Agape in the Everyday

Responding:

Mike Grimshaw, University of Canterbury

A31-130 *New!*

Christian Zionism in Comparative Perspective Seminar

Marriott Marquis, L503

Goran Gunner, Church of Sweden, Presiding

Theme: *Setting the Stage for Christian Zionism Studies*

William Girard, University of California, Santa Cruz
Christian Zionism in Copán Ruinas, Honduras

Gershon Greenberg, American University
Christian and Jewish Religious Zionism in the Shadow of the Holocaust

Matt Westbrook, Drew University
Israel as “Lieu de Memoire”: Christian Zionism as an Example of Modern Structural Changes in the Mode of Believing

Rosemary Ruether, Claremont Graduate University
Christian Zionism in Mainline Churches

Faydra Shapiro, Wilfrid Laurier University
Christian Zionism: Navigating the Jewish-Christian Border

Andrew Crome, University of Manchester
The Historical Approach in the Study of Christian Zionism

Responding:

Robert O. Smith, Baylor University

Business Meeting:


Robert O. Smith, Baylor University, Presiding

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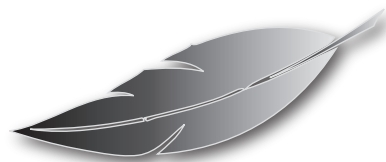
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A31-131 ★ **Religion, Food, and Eating Seminar**

Marriott Marquis, L507

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Food, and Eating in North America*Amanda Baugh, Northwestern University
*When the Lord Brings You into the Land: Food and Environmentalism in an African American Church*Kate Holbrook, Boston University
*Good to Eat in the Nation of Islam*Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster
*“Join Us! Come, Eat!” Vegetarianism in the Formative Period of the Seventh-day Adventists and the Unity School of Christianity*Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Consuming Transgressions: The American Taste for (Some) Asian Cuisines and Asian Religions*Rachel Gross, Princeton University
*Draydel Salad: The Serious Business of Jewish Food and Fun in Postwar America*Elizabeth Perez, University of California, Berkeley, and Dartmouth College
Crystallizing Subjectivities in the African Diaspora: Sugar and the Gods of Afro-Cuban Santería

Business Meeting:

Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College, Presiding

A31-132 *New!* ★**African Diaspora Religions Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, L504

Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding

Theme: *Claiming Africa, Claiming the Americas: Religion and Identity in the Diaspora*Robert R. Henry, Florida State University
*Obeah in Text and Context*Kimberly Eberhardt Casteline, University of Colorado
*Media and Religion in the Lives of Ghanaian Pentecostals in Diaspora*Adam Clark, Xavier University
*Maat: A Neo-African Religion*Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
The Curious Case of Oprah the Zulu: DNA Ancestry, Celebrity Narratives of Genetic Return, and Motherland Utopias

Responding:

Jacob Olupona, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding

A31-133 ★**Body and Religion Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M102

Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Theme: *Among Plants, Demons, and Robots: Defining and Shaping (Human) Bodies*Margaret Withgott, Stanford University
*Is a Plant a Body? Traditional and Biological Views of Non-animal Agency*Robyn Neville, Emory University
*Tracking the “Useful Adversary”: The Role of Demons in the Eastern Christian Contemplative Tradition*Michal Raucher, Northwestern University
*Negotiating Autonomy and Divine Intervention: The Embodied Experiences of Pregnant Haredi Women in Jerusalem*Beverley Foulks, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
*Living Karma: Ethicized Bodies in Chinese Buddhism*Alexander Darius Ornella, Graz University
Utopia as Dystopia? Reflections on Visions of the Natural Human Body

Business Meeting:

Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University, and Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding

A31-134 *New!* ★**International Development and Religion Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M101

Nathan R. B. Loewen, McGill University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Dimensions of International Development*David P. King, Emory University
*World Vision: Religious Identity in the Discourse and Practice of Development*John Rees, University of Notre Dame, Australia
*The Dynamics of Religion at the World Bank*Cynthia Holder Rich, Western Theological Seminary
*To Develop, or Not, or To Shift the Paradigm: A Case Study from Madagascar*Almas Zakiuddin, University of British Columbia
“Modernising” Islam: Gender, Politics, and International Development in Bangladesh

Business Meeting:

Nathan R. B. Loewen, McGill University, and Scott Kline, University of Waterloo, Presiding



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Sunday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A31-135 ★

Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Consultation

Marriott Marquis, L403

Amy Laura Hall, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Scriptural Resources for a Global Just Peacemaking Ethic*

Daniel H. Weiss, Oberlin College

The Channeling of Energies Towards Just Peacemaking in Classical Rabbinic Judaism

David Kratz Mathies, Missouri Western State University

“Should I Help the Empire with My Hand?” Confucian Resources for a Paradigm of Just Peacemaking from the Book of Mencius

Ted Grimsrud, Eastern Mennonite University

Old Testament Bases for Christian Peace Theology

Nicholas Rademacher, Cabrini College

Tea for Two: Vietnam War Era Buddhist–Christian Dialogue as Just Peacemaking Ethic for the Twenty-first Century

Responding:

Elizabeth Phillips, University of Cambridge

Business Meeting:

Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

A31-136 ★

Yogācāra Studies Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A703

John Powers, Australian National University, Presiding

Theme: *Approaches to Knowing and Perception in the Yogācarabhūmi and Saṃdhinirmocana-sūtra*

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University

Yogācāra, Medical Theory, and the Psychosomatic Segue from the First to the Second Bhūmi in the Yogācarabhūmi

Alexander von Rospatt, University of California, Berkeley

The Bhāvanāmayī Bhūmi and its Relationship to the Śrāvakabhūmi

William S. Waldron, Middlebury College

The Ālaya-vijñāna Discussion in the Viniścayasamgrahaṇī of the Yogācarabhūmi

A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo

Woncheuk’s (613–696) Analysis of the Relationship between Bimba and Pratibimba in the Context of the Saṃdhinirmocana-sūtra

Business Meeting:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, Presiding

A31-140 ★

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group

Marriott Marquis, A702

Tracey Hucks, Haverford College, Presiding

Theme: *Womanist Thought in Pedagogical and Disciplinary Perspectives*

Yolanda Y. Smith, Yale University

Black Women’s Spirituality: Shaping Prophetic Theological Education

Arisika Razak, California Institute of Integral Studies

Towards an Embodied Womanist Pedagogy: Liberatory Theory, Healing Praxis, Community-engendering, and Spiritually Supportive

Carla Jean-McNeil Jackson, Richmond, VA

“Coming Out”: A New Pedagogy of the Oppressed

Marcia Y. Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary

“Loves the Spirit”: Teaching from an Ethical Posture of Generative Spirit

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

Traditionally Universalist, Hegemonically Christian: A Womanist Approach to African American Religious Agency

Business Meeting:

Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

M31-3

Theta Kappa Alpha Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

Hyatt Regency, Auburn

M31-104

North American Levinas Society

Sunday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Vinings

James McLachlan, Western Carolina University, Presiding

Theme: *Discussion of Diane Perpich’s The Ethics of Emmanuel Levinas and Martin Kavka’s Jewish Messianism and the History of Philosophy*

Panelists:

Diane Perpich, Clemson University

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

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
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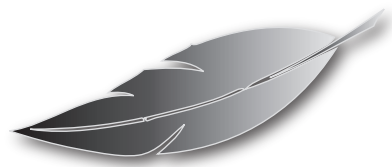
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A31-137

Plenary Address

Sunday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

Hyatt Regency, Centennial II-IV

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Jonathan Z. Smith—Reading Religion: A Life in Scholarship*



Jonathan Z. Smith

Jonathan Z. Smith is a historian of religion whose research has focused on such wide-ranging subjects as ritual theory, Hellenistic religions, nineteenth-century Maori cults, and the notorious events of Jonestown, Guyana. Smith graduated with a PhD in the history of religions from Yale University in 1969; with a dissertation on anthropological thought, focused on James Frazer's *The Golden Bough* and the method that Frazer used in the comparison of different religions. Since then much of Smith's work has focused on the problem of comparison and how best to compare data taken from societies that are very different from one another. After holding positions at Dartmouth College and the University of California, Santa Barbara, Smith began teaching at the University of Chicago, where he served as Dean of the College from 1977–1982 and was appointed Robert O. Anderson Distinguished Service Professor of the Humanities. Smith has written on pedagogy and the reform of undergraduate education in the United States. His recent research has focused on Western theories of difference ranging from contemporary accounts of alien abduction to Greek and Roman ideas about the way that climate shapes human character.

Panelists:

Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago

A31-139

Teaching Religion Section and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Sunday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

Hyatt Regency, Dunwoody

Paul Myhre, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Roundtable Discussions*

John P. Falcone, Boston College
Image Theater as an Emotional "Container" in Critical Classroom Practice

Velma Love, Florida A&M University
Autoethnography, Religious Autobiography, and the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Dianne L. Oliver, University of Evansville
Faith, Truth and Advocacy in the Classroom

Florian Pohl, Emory University
Critical Thinking and Inquiry in the Study of Religion

Julius Bailey, University of Redlands
Confronting Confusion: The Perils and Prospects of Introducing New Assignments

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, and Michael Turner, University of Chicago
Preparing Students for the Assignments We Require

Laura Stivers, Pfeiffer University
Teaching with Case Studies

Arthur Sutherland, Loyola University, Maryland
The Second Thoughts Presentation as a Learning Activity in Undergraduate Religion and Theology Courses

A31-138

Special Topics Forum

Sunday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom C

Theme: *SWP, REM, and LGBTIQ Women's Mentoring Lunch*

Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee, the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee, and the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force

We invite women who are graduate students and new scholars to a luncheon with over thirty womanist and feminist midcareer and senior scholars. Women will have the opportunity to mentor and be mentored in a context where every question is valued. The lunch costs \$10 per person; sorry, no refunds. Registration is limited to 100. Register at www.aarweb.org/Jump/WomensMentoring.

Panelists:

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University
Julie Byrne, Hofstra University
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School
Karen Pechilis, Drew University
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

M31-100

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies

Sunday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

Hyatt Regency, Baker

Theme: *Consultation on Teaching and Research Resources*

M31-102

Christian Theological Research Fellowship

Sunday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, University

Theme: *A Discussion of Beth Felker-Jones' New Book Touched by a Vampire: Discovering the Hidden Messages in the Twilight Saga (Multnomah Books, 2009)*

This session will welcome Beth Felker-Jones to interact with those in attendance on her new book, *Touched by a Vampire*. Felker-Jones notes that the *Twilight* saga isn't just another fantasy — it teaches girls about love, sex, and purpose. With 48 million copies in print and a succession of upcoming blockbuster films, Felker-Jones ask the important questions about *Twilight*: Can vampires teach us about God's plan for love? And, can the story's redemptive qualities outshine its darkness?

Sunday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

M31-203

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI) Board Meeting

Sunday, 12:00 pm–2:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, M303

M31-204

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Governing Board Meeting

Sunday, 12:45 pm–2:45 pm

Marriott Marquis, L403

Sunday, 1:00 pm–2:30 pm

A31-200

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, L405-406

Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *How to Propose a New Program Unit*

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Join the Director of Meetings for an informal chat about upcoming Annual Meeting initiatives as well as the guidelines and policies for proposing a new program unit.

A31-201



Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom A

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, and Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, Presiding

Theme: *Conversation with Bobbi Patterson, 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner*



Bobbi Patterson

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee and the Teaching Religion Section

The Teaching and Learning Committee is pleased to announce Barbara (Bobbi) Patterson is the recipient of the 2010 Excellence in Teaching Award. Patterson, a senior lecturer in the department of religion at Emory University, will make remarks and engage questions and answers from the audience.

Panelists:

Bobbi Patterson, Emory University

A31-202



Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Theodore Vial Jr., Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Roundtable on Online Publishing*

Sponsored by the Publications Committee

With the emergence of twenty-first century technology, texting, electronic media, and databases as source material, all interested persons — from kindergarten through high school and college, to interested novices and scholars, scholars of religion, religious studies, and theology — must be aware of the variety of ways one can pursue publishing opportunities. Many scholars move from journal articles and book chapters to complete volumes. With accessibility to the Kindle and iPads for reading materials, scholars must be cognizant of online publishing — the strengths, weaknesses, strategies, and challenges of using this medium for publishing.

This session focuses on online publication. For example, *Religious Studies News* and other religious newsletters, blogs, and informational websites are proliferating (see www.religiondispatches.org, www.practicalmattersjournal.org, and the *Methodist Studies Journal* website—www.methodistreview.org). Many scholarly journals are making the move from print to online/print models, or even moving to online only. This session will explore the dynamics of online publishing by editors and writers working in that modality for publishing.

Panelists:

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University

Tamara Sonn, College of William and Mary

Liam Cooper, Wiley-Blackwell Publishing

A31-203



Wildcard Session

Hyatt Regency, Hanover C

Néstor Medina, Seminario Evangélico de Teología, Matanzas, Cuba, Presiding

Theme: *Enrique Dussel's Transmodernity Philosophical Project and Theology*

Inspired by the work of Enrique Dussel on transmodernity and his proposal of a global philosophical project that seeks to transcend European or North American modernity and engage in dialogue with what Dussel calls “discarded, devalued, and judged useless among global cultures, including colonized or peripheral philosophies,” and by the works of other authors from the working group on globalization, modernity/coloniality, and the geopolitics of knowledge, the panel will examine some of the new voices in theology that have emerged from similar cultural contexts and their ignored potential as other ecologies of knowledge that could contribute to epistemic diversity and to the development of other ways of doing theology.

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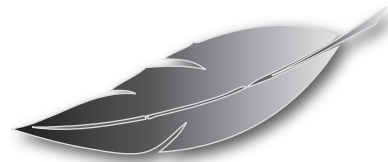
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Engaging the work of Lee Cormie, who has been a leading voice over the past few decades in articulating the theological significance of the new voices from the cultural margins, the panelists will give presentations on a variety of concrete historical situations and explore the potential of some emerging intercultural theologies as other possible ways of doing theology that respond to the epistemic challenges of pluralism in today's world.

Panelists:

- Alison Hari Singh, University of Toronto
- Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary
- Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union

Responding:

- Lee Cormie, Saint Michael's College

A31-204

Wildcard Session

Marriott Marquis, A704

Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *Engaging Global Issues as Public Theologians*

The Global Network for Public Theology is a network of twenty-four centers of public theology based in universities and theological schools on seven continents formed in 2007. In its short history it has developed a website, a journal, and is planning its second international meeting. The purpose of the network is to foster international communication and collaboration on global issues, particularly economic and ecological concerns. The network desires to create an additional forum from a variety of disciplines to connect around these shared interests among an expanded community of scholars on global issues that deserve our best theological thinking and leadership.

Panelists:

- J. Jayakiran Sebastian, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
- William Storrar, Center of Theological Inquiry
- David Hadley Jensen, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Sebastian Kim, York Saint John University
- Eduardus Van der Borgh, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

A31-205

Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

Galen Amstutz, Acton, MA, Presiding

Theme: *Workshop: Defining Shin Buddhist Modernity*

Panelists:

- Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, University of Iowa
- Daniel Friedrich, McMaster University
- Orion Klautau, Tohoku University
- Jessica Main, University of British Columbia

A31-206

Christian Systematic Theology Section

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom C

John Thiel, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *Revelation, Experience, and Interpretation: Schillebeeckx Revisited*

Panelists:

- Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University
- Kevin Hart, University of Virginia
- Lieven Boeve, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven

A31-207

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, L503

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: *Politics of Faith in Asia: Local and Global Perspectives of Christianity in Asia*

William Silcott, Wichita State University
Transformations of a Religious Nation in a Global World: Evangelism and National Identity in South Korea

Edwin Zehner, Saint Lawrence University
The Politics of Being Successful: Conflicts and Discourses of the Local and the Translocal in Two Thai Religious Movements

Jonathan Miles-Watson, Tallinn University
The Evangelical Challenge to the Processes of Postcolonial Christian Landscapes in Shimla, India

Responding:

- Simon Michael Coleman, University of Sussex

A31-208

Ethics Section

Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Marvin M. Ellison, Bangor Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Sexuality and Spirituality Revisited*

Panelists:

- Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
- Patrick S. Cheng, Union Theological Seminary, New York
- Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College
- Carter Heyward, Episcopal Divinity School

Responding:

- Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University
- Dennis W. Wiley, Covenant Baptist Church

Sunday, 1:00 pm–2:30 pm

A31-209

History of Christianity Section

Marriott Marquis, M302

Arun W. Jones, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Edinburgh Missionary Conference of 1910, One Hundred Years After: Ecumenism, Mission, and Globalization*

George Faithful, Saint Louis University

A Rabbi and Twelve-Hundred Missionaries Walk into a Conference: Philo-Semitism and Anti-Semitism at Edinburgh, 1910

Molly Worthen, Yale University

Evangelicals and Edinburgh: The Fall and Rise of Conservative American Ecumenism

Craig R. Clarkson, Baylor University

Edinburgh and the "World": Reciprocal Influences in the Development of International Ventures in Missionary Cooperation and Unity

A31-210

Philosophy of Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, A706

Ludger Viefhues, LeMoyné College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Cognitive in Neurosciences*

Stephen Kaplan, Manhattan College

Critical Reflections on the Limits of Three Models and a Proposal for a Fourth Model: Religion and the Neurosciences

Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose

Cognitive Science and Affordances: James, Clark, and Gibson on the Extended Mind

Elias Ortega-Aponte, Princeton Theological Seminary

God's Emotional Commands and Their Rational Tale? Divine Command Theory, Neuroscience, and the Space between Reason and Emotion

Business Meeting:

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles, and University of Chicago, and Ludger Viefhues, LeMoyné College, Presiding

A31-211

Religion and Politics Section and the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding

Theme: *Blogging God: On Faith at www.WashingtonPost.com*



Sally Quinn

What is the value of online discussions of religion in American public life? Do features like *On Faith* contribute to the public understanding of religion, and to the understanding of the role religion plays in American political life? *On Faith*, a daily, online forum of *The Washington Post*, is one of *Washingtonpost.com*'s most popular features. Jon Meacham, former editor of *Newsweek*, a Pulitzer Prize-winning best-selling author and a commentator on politics, history, and religious faith in America, and Sally Quinn, writer and editor for *The Washington Post*, the author of several books and frequent commentator on MSNBC and Fox News, will present on how they developed this popular feature, what they intended when they began and how the *On Faith* section has developed over time.

Panelists:

Jon Meacham, Public Broadcasting System

David Waters, *Washington Post*

Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary

Sally Quinn, *Washington Post*

Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University



Jon Meacham

A31-212

Religion in South Asia Section and Sikh Studies Consultation

Marriott Marquis, M101

Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Punjabi Religion: Vernacularization, Sakhi Sarwar, and Sikh Mysticism*

Harpreet Singh, Harvard University

Religious Identities and the Vernacularization of the Panjab

Caroline Sawyer, State University of New York, Old Westbury

The "Man on the Horse" and the Enchanted Universe of Religious Life in Indian Punjab

Balbinder Bhogal, Hofstra University

The Animal Sublime: Rethinking the Sikh Mystical Body

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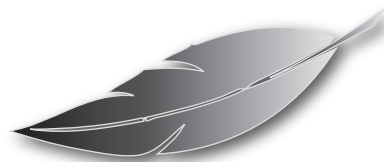
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A31-213

Study of Islam Section

Marriott Marquis, A703

Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Educating Muslims*

Brannon Ingram, University of North Carolina
Islam 101 for Muslims: Fashioning Publics in Three Muslim "Primers" from South Asia

Mashal Saif, Duke University
Pedagogical Politics and Madrasas in British India: Manazir Ahsan Gilani's Educational Reform Proposal

Margaret Rausch, Lawrence, KS
Islamic Reform, Moroccan Berber Women's Rituals, and the Cultivation of Moral Selfhood: Language, Body, and Affect

Responding:

Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

A31-214

Study of Judaism Section

Marriott Marquis, M105

Sarah Imhoff, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Judaism in Critical Perspective*

Cody Bahir, California Institute of Integral Studies
Yin Yang and the Tree of Life: A Comparison of Kabbalistic and Chinese Scriptural Interpretation

Pinchas Giller, American Jewish University
"The Secret of the Act": The Mystique of Religious Practice for a Minor Tzaddik of the Interwar Period

Natalie C. Polzer, University of Louisville
"A System at War With Itself": An Evaluation of Mary Douglas's (1924-2007) Contribution to Contemporary Scholarship on Ritual Purity and Impurity

A31-215

African Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, M102

Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Theme: *Blurred Boundaries in Scholarship and Lived Religious Experience in Africa: Insider/Outsider, Traditional/Christian, Ethnography/Theology*

David Ngong, Baylor University
Rethinking the Other in Contemporary African Christian Theology

Elijah Obinna, University of Edinburgh
Negotiating Boundaries: Experience-based Reflections on the Insider/Outsider Dilemma in the Study of Ogo Society, Amasiri, Nigeria

Scott Edmondson, University of Michigan
Powers Against Powers: Ethnography, Pentecostalism, and Anti-Witchcraft Consultations in Ghana

A31-216

Afro-American Religious History Group

Marriott Marquis, A702

James Logan, Earlham College, Presiding

Theme: *African-American and Latino/a Mennonites: Marginal No More*

Tobin Miller Shearer, University of Montana
More than Fresh Air: African-American Children's Influence on Mennonite Religious Practice, 1950-1979

Regina Shands Stoltzfus, Chicago Theological Seminary
Black, Female, and Mennonite: Navigating Cultural, Political, and Religious Identity

Felipe Hinojosa, Texas A&M University
"Jesus Christ Made Me a Macho!": Latino/a Identity and Activism within the Mennonite Church, 1968-1974

Responding:

Curtis Evans, University of Chicago

A31-217

Black Theology Group and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group

Marriott Marquis, L401-402

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Exodus in America: Religion, Memory, and the Signification of Suffering for Black Christians and White Jews in America*

Panelists:

W. David Nelson, Brite Divinity School

Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

Responding:

Richard Sarason, Hebrew Union College

A31-218

Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group and Comparative Religious Ethics Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Jonathan Schofer, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Nondualist Ecology: Perspectives on the Buddhist Environmentalism of David Loy*

David Loy, Xavier University
Healing Ecology: A Buddhist Perspective on the Ecocrisis

Responding:

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont



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A31-219

Comparative Theology Group and Mysticism Group

Marriott Marquis, A602

Janet Bregar, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: *What has Bhakti to Do with Mysticism? Embodiment, Aesthetics, and Models of Realization*

Panelists:

Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara

Michelle Voss Roberts, Rhodes College

Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University

Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University

Responding:

Michael T. McLaughlin, Saint Leo University

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
How Feminist is Islamic Feminism in Indonesia? A Genealogical Inquiry

Business Meeting:

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University, and Rita M. Gross, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, Presiding

A31-222 ★

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group

Marriott Marquis, A601

Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Theme: *Bedazzling Diversity: Mary Daly's Transformative Influence on Lesbian, Gay, and Feminist Identities*

Panelists:

Tiffany Steinwert, Boston University

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University

Dirk von der Horst, Claremont Graduate University

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver

Business Meeting:

Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding

A31-220

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Soteriological Models in the East and in the West*

Valerie Karras, Southern Methodist University
Irenaeus and Athanasius: "Atonement" Soteriologies?

Daniel J. Lattier, Duquesne University
A Ground of Disunion: The Absence of Epektasis in Western Soteriology and Eschatology

Kyle David Bennett, Fuller Theological Seminary
Cooperation and Participation: An Analysis of the Soteriological Models of Vladimir Lossky and LeRon Shults

A31-221 ★

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group

Marriott Marquis, A705

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University, Presiding

Theme: *Emerging Feminist Theories in Third Wave, Global, and/or Postcolonial Contexts*

Christine Demian-Boulos, University of South Florida
(De)Constructing the Hindu Female Ascetic: Examining Perceptions of the Body and Behavior in Constituting Gender

Melissa Browning, Loyola University, Chicago
Women's Agency and the African AIDS Pandemic: Reflections on Gender and Sacrifice by HIV Positive Women in Tanzania

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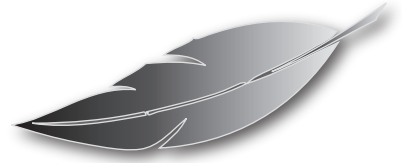
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Nineteenth-Century Theology Group

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Theology and Race*

Ben Sanders III, Iliff School of Theology
The Nature of "We": On the Theological Ramifications of Interpreting Kant's Anthropology

Terence Keel, Harvard University
Permanent Racial Types and the Regularity of God/Nature in the Thought of Josiah C. Nott

David Torbett, Marietta College
Race and Conservative Protestantism: Princeton Theological Seminary and the Unity of the Human Species

A31-224

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group

Marriott Marquis, A707

Lallene Rector, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Wounding and Survival of the Religious Self: Psychoanalytical, Theological, and Intergenerational Perspectives on Trauma*

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University
I Know that My Redeemer Lives: A Relational Perspective on Trauma, Dissociation, and Faith

Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary
Denial, Victims, and Survivors: Post-traumatic Identity Formation and Monuments in Heaven

Trina Armstrong, Claremont School of Theology
Healing Generations of Self-hatred: The Intersection of Religion and Post-trauma Psychology Towards the Healing of Intergenerational Transmission of Self-hatred within African-American Family Systems

Robert F. Mullen, California Institute of Integral Studies
Stigmata, Anorexia, and Self-mutilation: Parallels in Pain and Imagining

A31-225

Religion and Popular Culture Group

Marriott Marquis, M304

Chad Seales, George Mason University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Travel and Tourism: Imagined and Practiced*

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
A Landscape of the Religious Imagination: Travel and Tourism in the Work of Neil Gaiman

Ben Brazil, Emory University
"Vagabonding" as Religious Practice: Ed Buryn's Countercultural Guidebooks, the New Age, and Spiritual Seeking

Hillary Kaell, Harvard University
Souvenir Buying and Giving as Gendered Activity on Holy Land Pilgrimage

A31-226

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Marriott Marquis, M301

Megan Shore, University of Western Ontario, Presiding

Theme: *Whiteness, Ethnic Identity, and Other Religious Violence*

David Krueger, Temple University
Vikings Red with Blood and Dead: White Martyrdom and Frontier Conquest

Elina Hankela, University of Helsinki
Limits to Humanity: The Dynamics between Ethnicity and Ubuntu in a South African Inner-city Church

James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary
The Ghost in the Global Machine: Categorical Whiteness as "Religious" Violence

Jack Downey, Fordham University
A World of Pain: Self-mortification and the Cult of Martyrs in Militant Irish Nationalism

A31-227

Wesleyan Studies Group

Marriott Marquis, A701

Jason Vickers, United Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The State of Wesleyan and Methodist Studies*

Panelists:

Reginald Broadnax, Hood Theological Seminary

Thomas E. Frank, Emory University

Douglas Koskela, Seattle Pacific University

Rebekah Miles, Southern Methodist University

Susie Stanley, Messiah College

A31-228

Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation and Religion Education in Public Schools: International Perspectives Consultation

Marriott Marquis, L508

John Wall, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *Children's Education and Religious Pluralism*

Jeffrey Guhin, Yale University
Did They Give Away Too Much? Religious Contestations of School Reform in Egypt and the United States

John Howell, University of Chicago
Pupils of the Lost Cause: Confederate Textbooks and the Construction of Southernness

Kendall Busse, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Colleen Windham-Hughes, University of California, Santa Barbara

Children's Experiences, Religious Literacy, and Character Formation: A Collaboration with Marymount Academy



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Sunday, 1:00 pm–2:30 pm

A31-229 *New!* ★

Religion and Humanism Consultation and Ricoeur Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A708

Michael De Lashmutter, Sarum College, Presiding

Theme: *Ricoeur in Dialogue*

Kenneth A. Reynhout, Princeton Theological Seminary
Interpretation as Explanation and Understanding: Ricoeur and the Quest for Interdisciplinarity in Religion and Science

Andrea C. White, Emory University
In Sympathy and Imagination: The Theological Import of Ricoeur's Agnosticism

Daniel Rober, Fordham University
Ricoeur, the Recognition of the Gift, and the Experience of Grace

Nathan Eric Dickman, Coe College
The Questions of Jesus: Human or Divine?

Business Meeting:

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

A31-230 ★

Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

Theme: *Mind in Modern Yoga*

Andrea R. Jain, Rice University
When Mind is Prana: Mind in Jain Modern Yoga

Alejandro Chaoul, University of Texas, Houston
Mind in Tibetan Yoga and Applications in Contemporary Medical Settings

Responding:

John Dunne, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University, and Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University, Presiding

M31-200

Colloquium on Religion and Violence

Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Techwood

Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Girard, Global Christianity, and Social Conflict*

Nathan R. B. Loewen, Vanier College
Religions as Contingent Variables in Social Conflict

Miguel Rolland, Arizona State University
The Maya Tzotzil Chamula of Chiapas, México, and René Girard's Anthropology of Mimetic Desire

Jennifer Heckart, Union Theological Seminary, New York
What's Justice Got to Do with It? Truth, Reconciliation, and René Girard in South Africa

M31-201

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies

Sunday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Vinings

Theme: *Presentations of the 2009–2010 Luce Fellows*

Laurie Cassidy, Marywood University
Picturing Suffering: A Christian Social Ethical Response to Photographs of Human Anguish

Sophia Rose Shafi, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
Light upon Light: Aineh-Kari in Shi'a Pilgrimage Architecture

Horace Ballard, Yale University
Performing the "Jew": Religious Others in the Theatre of Victor Séjour

Kimberly Vrudny, University of Saint Thomas
"30 Years/30 Lives": Documenting the HIV/AIDS Pandemic

Erica Kierulf, Union Theological Seminary, Richmond
Our Truths Are Not Lies: A Womanist Critique of Kara Walker's Black Paper Silhouettes

M31-202

Theological Reflections on Immigration

Sunday, 1:30 pm–4:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, University

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Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm

A31-250   

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, L401-402

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

Theme: *If I Knew Then What I Know Now: Lessons from Academic Life from Those Who Have Gone Before*

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

This panel will feature four scholars from different fields at various stages in their academic careers. They will be sharing their “hindsight” wisdom on issues such as teaching, completing the dissertation, publishing, getting the first job, tenure-process issues, balancing family and academics, and much, much more! The panel will answer a set of questions posed by the moderator, with plenty of time for questions and discussion from the audience. A light reception will be provided by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion.


Panelists:

Melissa Conroy, Muskingum University

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University

Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union

Oren Baruch Stier, Florida International University

A31-251 

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: *The Marty Forum: Elaine Pagels*

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee



Elaine Pagels

The recipient of the 2010 Martin E. Marty Public Understanding of Religion Award is Elaine Pagels, Harrington Spear Paine Foundation professor of religion at Princeton University. Perhaps best known as the author of *The Gnostic Gospels* (Random House Publishing, 2004), *The Origin of Satan* (Vintage Books, 1996), and *Adam, Eve, and the Serpent* (Vintage Books, 1989), she has published widely on Gnosticism and early Christianity and continues to pursue research interests in late antiquity. Her most recent books include *Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas* (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group, 2004; was on the *New York Times* bestseller list) and *Reading Judas: The Gospel of Judas and the Shaping of Christianity*, coauthored with Karen L. King (Penguin Group, 2007). The Marty Forum provides an informal setting in which Pagels will talk about her work with Karen King, Hollis professor of divinity, Harvard University.

Panelists:

Elaine Pagels, Princeton University

Karen King, Harvard University

A31-252 

Wildcard Session

Marriott Marquis, M102

James W. Watts, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Material Scripture*

A mass-produced Bible is both highly-designed and, to an ever-increasing degree, a “designer” object. Published Bibles that reflect the demographics of certain aspects of American culture and lifestyle preferences are becoming prevalent in the marketplace, and this trend is not necessarily well addressed by the current methods of biblical criticism. The panelists will offer varying perspectives on a more “materialist” approach to the printed Bible. These explorations of the physicality and genealogy of printed Bibles open up avenues of ideological and theological critique that stretch far back into the history of modern versions of Scripture and into the history of Western print culture itself.

Panelists:

James S. Bielo, Miami University

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University

David Dault, Christian Brothers University

Responding:

Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University

A31-253 

Wildcard Session

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Nevin Reda, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *The Last Frontier in Interreligious Dialogue: Dialogue with/ among Fundamentalists, Theory, and Practices*

Fundamentalism is one of the most important forces in religion today, yet dialogue with and among fundamentalists remains arguably the last unexplored frontier in contemporary interreligious dialogue. Too frequently academic interreligious dialogue excludes in practice and theory persons from religious traditions labelled apologetic, missionary, conservative, traditionalist, antimodernist, and fundamentalist. Dialogue with and among fundamentalists (broadly defined), however, is in fact going on, for the most part without significant contributions from scholars and religious leaders who advocate versions of the pluralist paradigm. This panel discussion seeks to make the case for the expansion of the circle of dialogue to include fundamentalist groups and individuals. Panelists will argue for an empathetic appreciation of the fundamentalist phenomenon as a significant aspect of contemporary religious experience. Panelists will also examine the need for and viability of dialogue between fundamentalists and nonfundamentalists and among fundamentalists themselves, citing case studies of multifaith encounters where meaningful exchange has already taken place.

Panelists:

Susan K. Harrison, Emmanuel College

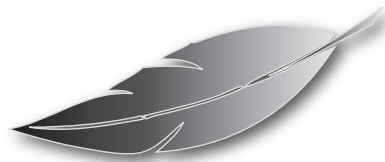
Maura O'Neill, Chaffey College

Peter A. Huff, Centenary College of Louisiana

Mohammad Ali Shomali, Imam Khomeini Education and Research Institute

Responding:

Catherine Cornille, Boston College





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Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm

A31-254

Wildcard Session

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: *Contemplative Studies: Problems and Prospects*

In the context of a roundtable panel, members of the leadership group of the proposed AAR Contemplative Studies Consultation will discuss the emerging interdisciplinary field of contemplative studies, especially as it relates to the academic study of religion. Panelists will discuss contemplative practice and experience, considered inclusively and comprehensively, as well as the application of contemplative practice to academic life and university culture. Topics will include comparative meditation, contemplative pedagogy, contemplative practice, contemplative psychology, meditation and mysticism, social applications of contemplative practice, typologies of contemplative practice, as well as neuroscience and meditation. Panelists will also consider the contributions, limitations, and challenges of employing a “contemplative approach” to teaching, research, and publication in religious studies. Short presentations will be followed by open conversation.

Panelists:

Thomas Coburn, Naropa University

Fran Grace, University of Redlands

Anne Klein, Rice University

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

Harold D. Roth, Brown University

Moreover, the contributors make a strong case that combining the two affords a new perspective on some of the thorniest issues in religious studies, such as the perennialist–constructivist debate over mysticism and the challenge of religious pluralism.

Panelists:

Jorge Ferrer, California Institute of Integral Studies

Jacob Sherman, Cambridge University

Beverley Lanzetta, University of New Mexico

G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University

Lee Irwin, College of Charleston

Responding:

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University

A31-256

Christian Systematic Theology Section and the Karl Barth Society of North America

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom C

David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Unveiling Barth on Revelation*

Matthew Myer Boulton, Harvard University
Conceiving God: Karl Barth, the Virgin Birth, and a Theological Poetics of Scriptural Interpretation

Kathryn L. Reinhard, Fordham University
Perpetuating Paradox: The Doctrine of Revelation in Maximus and Barth

Petra Turner Harvey, University of Virginia
The Givenness of Faith: Karl Barth as Corrector of Marion’s Account of Revelation

A31-255

Wildcard Session

Marriott Marquis, A707

Ann Gleig, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: The Participatory Turn: *Studying Religion Beyond the Philosophies of Consciousness and Constructivism*

This panel revolves around Jorge Ferrer and Jacob Sherman’s recently edited collection *The Participatory Turn: Spirituality, Mysticism, Religious Studies* (State University of New York Press, 2008). This text articulates an emerging academic ethos in the field of religious studies that challenges the prevalent methodological dominance of the cultural–linguistic paradigm. Ferrer and Sherman’s basic project is the integration of religious experience and practice with modern critical thinking and postmodern epistemological insights about the constructed nature of human knowledge. What emerges from this both/and endeavor is a pluralistic vision of spirituality that accepts the role of context and language in religious phenomena while simultaneously recognizing the importance of nonlinguistic factors in shaping religious experiences and affirming the ontological value of spiritual realities.

A31-257

Ethics Section and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

M. Jamie Ferreira, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard, Divine Authority, and Divine Command Morality*

Neil Arner, Yale University
The Intellectual Context for Evaluating Evans’s Attempt to Reconcile Moralities Based on Divine Command and Human Nature

R. Zachary Manis, Southwest Baptist University
Kierkegaard and Evans on the Problem of Abraham

James E. Bruce, John Brown University
High-festival Conceptions in Kierkegaard’s Works of Love

Responding:

C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University


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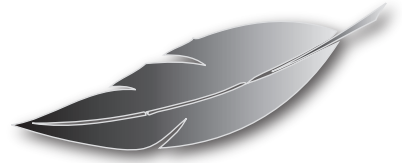
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A31-258

North American Religions Section

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Keywords in the Study of North American Religion: Anthropomorphism, Agency, and Vernacular*

W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago
Anthropomorphism: Human Connection to a Universal Society

Elizabeth Jamison, Harvard University
Writing Agency: Reconsidering Agency in the Study of American Religion

Rachel Lindsey, Princeton University
The Light of the World: Vernacular Photography and American Religion, 1839–1910

A31-259

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Ann B. McClenahan, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Psychology, Religion, Clinical, and Field Work*

John Seitz, Fordham University
Fieldwork Methods and Psychoanalytic Practice: The Meanings and Limits of Research Relationships

Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University
Sisters and Brothers, Struck By the Spirit: Shouting's Role in Healthy Self-development

A31-260

Teaching Religion Section and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group

Marriott Marquis, M101

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *Approaches to Teaching Comparative Religions, Medicines, and Healing*

Kevin Boyd, University of Chicago
Death and Dying: Teaching Professionals about Religion, Medicine, and Practice

Eliza Kent, Colgate University
Skeptics and Converts: Teaching Health and Healing in Asian Religions

Brenda Appleby, Saint Francis Xavier University, and Rose M. Tekel, Saint Francis Xavier University
Religion, Spirituality, and Health: A Thematic Introduction to Religious Studies

Responding:

Lance D. Laird, Boston University

A31-261

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The God Question*

Matthew Schunke, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Eagleton, Ditchkins, and Methodology in Religious Studies

Omar Shaukat, University of Virginia
Islam and the God Debate: Islamist Violence as the Paradigm of Religious Irrationality

Wendy Wiseman, Ozyegin University, Istanbul
Nietzsche's Labyrinth: The Absence of God and Divinity in the Flesh

Business Meeting:

Susan Abraham, Harvard University, and Mayra Rivera, Harvard University, Presiding

A31-262

Women and Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, M301

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Difference and Interreligious Dialogue: Women's Experience and Analysis*

Emily A. Holmes, Christian Brothers University
"You Who Will Never Be Me Nor Mine": Toward a Feminist Apophatic Theology of Religious Difference

K. Christine Pae, Denison University
Feminist Interfaith Spiritual Activism Countering Transnationalized Militarism: Empathetic Power of Suffering in Dorothee Soelle and Sister Chan Khong

Monica Schaap Pierce, Fordham University
From Brokenness to Planetary Wholeness: Emerging Themes in Ecofeminist Interreligious Dialogue

Joke Lambelin, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
Mapping the Contact Zones in No Man's Land: An Intersectional Framework for Muslim-Christian Dialogue?

Responding:

Isra Yazicioglu, Saint Joseph's University



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Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm

A31-263

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group

Marriott Marquis, M302

Valerie Bridgeman, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Review Panel: The Africana Bible (Augsburg Fortress Press, 2009)*

Sharon Watson-Fluker, The Fund for Theological Education
A Lay African-American Reads The Africana Bible

Luis R. Rivera, McCormick Theological Seminary
A Latino Perspective on The Africana Bible

Anthony G. Reddie, Queens Theological Foundation
Standing in the Center, Reading from Without: A Review of The Africana Bible from Britain

Responding:

Samuel Murrell, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, and
Randall C. Bailey, Interdenominational Theological Center

Business Meeting:

Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A31-264

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group

Marriott Marquis, A702

Gregory Spinner, Skidmore College, Presiding

Theme: *Representations of History: Ancient Narratives and Collective Memory*

Tim Langille, University of Toronto
Memorialization of Figure and Text in the Construction of Diaspora Jewish Identity

Benjamin Fleming, University of Pennsylvania
Time Regained? Purāṇic Perspectives on Myth and History

Alexei Sivertsev, DePaul University
'Otot ha-Mashiach: Spolia of the Past and Collective Memory in Messianic Jerusalem

Responding:

Michael D. Swartz, Ohio State University

A31-265

Confucian Traditions Group

Marriott Marquis, L503

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *Aspects of "Frontier Confucianism": Place, Being, and Text*

Alison Marshall, Brandon University

A Case Study of Chinese Canadian Men from 1910 to 1949: Frontier Confucianism and the Religious Dimensions of Friendship

Esta (Ariel) Ungar, University of Western Australia
Frontier Confucianism in Vietnam: Bronze Drums versus Stone Chimes, the Music of Ritual

Responding:

Michael Puett, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, Presiding

A31-266

Ecclesiological Investigations Group and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A704

Jeff Gros, Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Church Catholic, Global Christianity, and the Pentecostal Contribution to the Renewal of the Theological Agenda*

Panelists:

Dennis Doyle, University of Dayton

Ann K. Riggs, Friends Theological College

Mark Powell, Harding University

Responding:

Wolfgang Vondey, Regent University

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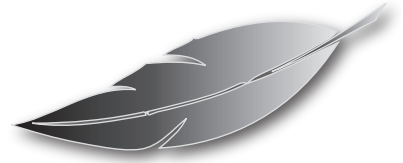
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Islamic Mysticism Group

Marriott Marquis, A706

Vernon James Schubel, Kenyon College, Presiding

Theme: *Prophecy, Knowledge, and Performance in Sufism*

Kazuyo Murata, Yale University

Adam in the Mystical Prophetology of Ruzbihan Baqli Shirazi

Tehseen Thaver, University of North Carolina

Hagiography, History, and Oral Performative Tradition: A Study of Imam Ja'far al-Sadiq's Entry in Farid al-Din 'Attar's Tadhkirat al-Awliya

Ata Anzali, Rice University

A Genealogy of "Erfan" as a Comparative Category

Hussein Rashid, New York, NY

With Every Breath Call Ali: Modern Qawwali and Immigrant Belonging

Business Meeting:

Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, and Laury Silvers, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

A31-268 ★

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

Jeremy Cruz, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Las Musas Latinas: Retrieving Theological Voices from the Convents of las Americas*

Ivanessa Arostegui, Florida International University

Sor Juana: The Theology Behind the Art

Neomi De Anda, Loyola University, Chicago

Got Breast Milk? Trinitarian Conceptions in the Work of María Anna Agueda de San Ignacio

Responding:

Gilberto Cavazos-González, Catholic Theological Union

Business Meeting:

Néstor Medina, Seminario Evangélico de Teología, Matanzas, Cuba, and Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

A31-269

Law, Religion, and Culture Group

Marriott Marquis, A708

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Bodies and Law: Torture, Sex Change, and Same-Sex Marriage*

Kathleen M. Self, Saint Lawrence University

Medieval Judicial Ordeal and the Body as Evidence

Hillel Gray, Miami University, Ohio

The Transitioning of Jewish Biomedical Law: Rhetorical and Practical Shifts in Halakhic Discourse on Sex Change Surgery

Kathleen Sands, University of Hawai'i

Religion, Race, and Colonialism in Hawai'i's Civil Union Battle

Responding:

Randall Styers, University of North Carolina

A31-270

Native Traditions in the Americas Group

Marriott Marquis, L508

Michael McNally, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Cherokees, Choctaws, and Native Religion in the Southeast*

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa

Choctaw Women Wailing for the Dead and the Living

Michael J. Zogry, University of Kansas

Change Comes Unto These Hills: Retelling Cultural Narratives

Carrie McLachlan, Western Carolina University

Revisiting the Cherokee Cosmos

Responding:

Mary C. Churchill, Sonoma State University

A31-271

New Religious Movements Group

Marriott Marquis, A703

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding

Theme: *New Religions and the Media*

Joseph Laycock, Decatur, GA

Where Do They Get These Ideas? Changing Ideas of "Cults" in Popular Media

Franz Winter, University of Vienna

A Japanese New Religion and the Media: Kōfuku No Kagaku and the "Friday Incident"

James Beverley, Tyndale Seminary

Handling Xenu: From South Park and Andrew Morton to Nightline and Oxford University Press

Shannon Trospen Schorey, University of Colorado

From Ufology to Abductees: The MUFON UFO Journal and the Construction of a UFO Community

A31-272

Practical Theology Group and Liberal Theologies Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A601

Clyde Grubbs, Pasadena, CA, Presiding

Theme: *Practices of Reconciliation and Forgiveness*

Amy Levad, University of Saint Thomas

The Moral Imagination of Restorative Justice

Annie Hardison-Moody, Emory University

"Remember Me that I was Fighting for Peace": The Paradox of Risk and Hope in the Film Pray the Devil Back to Hell

Responding:

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, and Michael Battle, Episcopal Church



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Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm

A31-273

Sacred Space in Asia Group

Marriott Marquis, A705

Marilyn Notah Verney, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in Tianhou/Mazu Scholarship and Research in the Twenty-first Century: Intellectual, Theoretical, and Disciplinary Crossings*

Panelists:

- Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University
- Choi Chi Cheung, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Lu Mei-huan, National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan

Responding:

- Vivian-Lee Nyitray, University of California, Riverside

A31-274 ★ ✨

Science, Technology, and Religion Group

Marriott Marquis, A602

James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding

Theme: *J. Wentzel van Huyssteen on Science and Religion*

Panelists:

- J. Wentzel van Huyssteen, Princeton Theological Seminary

Responding:

- Christopher Southgate, University of Exeter
- Kirk Wegter-McNelly, Boston University

Business Meeting:

- Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

A31-275

Scriptural Reasoning Group

Hyatt Regency, Dunwoody

Nicholas Adams, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Theme: *Domestic Disputes and Family Dysfunction in the Abrahamic Traditions*

Panelists:

- Steven Kepnes, Colgate University
- Catriona Laing, University of Cambridge
- Homayra Ziad, Trinity College

A31-276 ★

Tantric Studies Group

Marriott Marquis, M304

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Tantra: Comparative Reflections on Jainism, Hinduism, and Buddhism*

Holly Grether, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Ritual Use of Fire and Water in Buddhist and Saiva Tantras

Annette Wilke, University of Münster
Mysticism Through the Senses: Sonic Ecstasies in Early and Late Tantra

Robert Zydenbos, University of Munich
The Tantric Goddesses of Southern Jainism

Business Meeting:

- Sthaneshwar Timalisina, San Diego State University, Presiding

A31-278

Open and Relational Theologies Consultation

Hyatt Regency, Hanover C

Joseph Bankard, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Love Redefined*

Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School
A Theology of Natality: Neighbor-love as Passion for the Impossible Newness

Craig A. Boyd, Azusa Pacific University
Classical and Open Theism and the Doctrine of Perichoresis

Jessica M. Smith, Emory University
In the Company of the Angels: Love and Alterity in the Human-Divine Relation

Gregory Love, San Francisco Theological Seminary
The Root of Sin and the Mistrust of God: Problems With an Ambivalent, Violent God-image

Responding:

- Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University

A31-279 ★

Religion and Colonialism Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A701

Caleb Elfenbein, New York University, Presiding

Theme: *Tolerance in Colonial and Imperial Contexts*

G. A. Lipton, University of North Carolina
Secular Sufis: Neoliberalism, Ethnoracism, and the Reformation of the Muslim Other

Jessica Van Denend, Union Theological Seminary
Empathy and the Colonial Other: Reconceptualizing the Historical Origins of Einfühlung/Empathy

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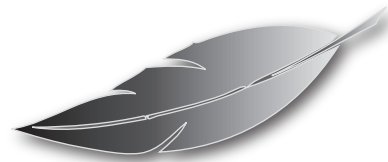
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J. Barton Scott, Montana State University
Bad Publicity: The Satyarth Prakash and the Law of Tolerance in Late Colonial India

Business Meeting:

Mark Elmore, University of California, Davis, Presiding

A31-280

Wildcard Session

Marriott Marquis, Atrium Ballroom

Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *The Black Freedom Struggle Today: The Civil Rights Movement: Then and Now*

In 2010, the AAR will be meeting in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, considered the organizing base of the modern American civil rights movement. In this session, a public forum will take place on the state of the civil rights struggle, with an awareness of the burgeoning nuances of the black freedom struggle on the backdrop of the nation's first black president, Barack Obama. This session will explore the legacy of the civil rights movement in today's social and political context, and also the ways in which the Obama administration poses challenges and opportunities for advancing the cause of civil and human rights, particularly concerning issues of healthcare, housing reform, the prison industrial complex, public education, and the persistence of militarism. This session will also feature some of the nation's pioneers in the area of civil and human rights, including Congressman John Lewis, Ambassador Andrew Young, Raphael Warnock, Rev. Bernice King, and former mayor of Atlanta, Shirley Franklin. This session will emphasize dialogue and critical reflection on contemporary issues of peace and justice in local spaces, nationally and internationally as well.

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Study of Islam Section; Contemporary Islam Group; and Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consulation

Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Centennial II-IV

Ruqayya Khan, Trinity University, Presiding

Theme: *Islam and Sacred Space in America: Zeroing in on the Park51 Controversy*

The controversy concerning the Cultural/Islamic Center near Ground Zero throws into sharp relief some key issues germane to the study of religion in general and of Islam in particular. This AAR round table draws upon the expertise of a diverse group of Religion and Islam scholars to explore different dimensions of the controversy. The table will pay attention to contestations over worship and memorial sites in the context of American religious history as well as to how cultural melancholia and mourning inform the current controversy especially given the approach of the tenth anniversary of 9/11. Moreover, discussants will illuminate the many interconnections between race, immigration, religion and politics embedded in the controversy. The round table also addresses challenges, in light of the controversy, as regards Muslim American outreach and inter-faith work since 9/11. For those engaged with "Islam pedagogies," a salient issue the table takes up is how, if at all, this controversy shapes the current teaching of Islam at the college and/or university level in the U.S.

Panelists:

Rosemary R. Hicks, Tufts University
Immigration, Pluralism and Religion: Challenges in Muslim-American Identities and Outreach Work

Edward Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University
Religion, Politics and Race: Challenges to Islam Pedagogies

Nathan Carlin, University of Texas Medical School
Mourning, Memorials, and Religion

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota
Worship Sites as Contested Spaces: Memorialization, Religion and Politics

M31-300

North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies

Sunday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Vinings

Arvind Sharma, McGill University, Presiding

Theme: *Are Americans Really Becoming Hindus?*

Panelists:

Jeffrey Long, Elizabethtown College

Rita Sherma, Binghamton College

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i

Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University

For additional information, please contact arvind.sharma@mcgill.ca.

M31-305

Council on Foreign Relations

Sunday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, L403

Theme: *Religion and Foreign Policy Conversation: Religious Conflict in Nigeria*

Join the Council on Foreign Relations for a conversation on the nexus of religion and foreign policy in Nigeria. John Campbell, CFR senior fellow and former ambassador to Nigeria, and Jacob Olupona, professor of African and African American studies at Harvard University, will discuss Muslim/Christian relations in Nigeria. Refreshments will be served; anyone interested is encouraged to attend. If you plan to attend, please stop by booth #217 in the exhibition hall prior to 3:00 pm on Sunday, October 31.

M31-301

Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board

Sunday, 4:30 pm–6:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Techwood

Sunday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm

A31-300

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, A701

Terrence E. Dempsey, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: *Conversation with Ena Heller, 2010 AAR Religion and the Arts Award Winner*



Ena Heller

Sponsored by the Religion and the Arts Award Jury
Ena Heller has been named the 2010 Religion and the Arts Award winner. She is the Executive Director of the Museum of Biblical Art (MOBIA) in New York City. Heller's professional career has focused on building places of learning within museums. Heller learned the workings of various museum departments through jobs at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. She then focused her attention on establishing new places of learning through art, first at the Gallery at the American Bible Society (1998) and later as founding director of the Museum of Biblical Art (2005). MOBIA was conceived as a learning museum, whose unique mission is illustrated by noteworthy exhibitions and publications. At MOBIA and elsewhere Heller has presented papers and public lectures that emphasize the need for teaching art, and the connection between art and religion. In parallel, her independent scholarly research has resulted in contributions to volumes such as *Margins: Women of the Hebrew Bible and their Afterlives* (Sheffield Phoenix Press Limited, 2009) and *Women's Space: Patronage, Place, and Gender in the Medieval Church* (State University of New York Press, 2005).

Panelists:

- Ena Heller, Museum of Biblical Art
- Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University
- Cordula Grewe, Columbia University

A31-301

Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *The Job Market for Academic Positions in Religious Studies: Recession, Depression, or Paradigm Shift?*

Sponsored by the Job Placement Task Force

The market for academic positions in religious studies has undergone dramatic changes in recent years. In the aftermath of 9/11, there was a shift away from advertised positions in subfields that used to constitute the heart of the discipline (e.g., theology, New Testament) and towards a range of new subfields. With the world economic crisis, the number of positions listed through the AAR online *Job Postings* and the Annual Meeting's Job Center declined by as much as fifty percent over a twelve-month period.

AAR President Ann Taves has made the shifting academic job market, and the deep challenges it poses to the current generation of

graduating doctoral students in the field, one of the signature issues of her presidency. This session will explore the current state of the job market in religious studies by means of the latest data from just-completed surveys of doctoral-granting departments and AAR student members, as well as through data from the AAR's online *Job Postings* and its Job Center at the Annual Meeting. A distinguished panel will join Taves and the audience in discussing the current situation, projecting where the field may be headed, and positing some steps that might be taken for the immediate and longer-range future of the field. Are we dealing with a temporary blip or a permanent paradigm shift in the way academic positions in religious studies are conceived and positioned?

Panelists:

- Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University
- Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Wayne Proudfoot, Columbia University
- Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College
- Albert G. Miller, Oberlin College

A31-302

Wildcard Session

Marriott Marquis, L503

Vincent Biondo, California State University, Fresno, Presiding



Theme: The Religion and Daily Life Project

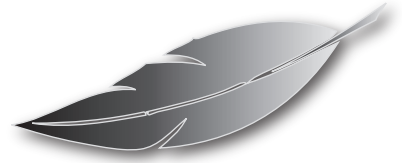
How exactly does religion influence politics? In what ways does religion continue to shape culture? In the 2009–2010 *Religion and Daily Life Project* for Praeger, prominent international scholars authored chapters on Peacebuilding, Civil Religion, Religious Nationalism, Education, Memorialization, Criminal Justice, Economics, Science, and Nature in Volume Two to identify the role of religion in public life. In Volume Three, chapters on Art, Healing, Children, Family, Women, Sport, Travel, Music, Humor, and Death clarify the ways that religion continues to influence culture, even in societies that claim to be secular. The AAR Annual Meeting makes it possible for the authors to join together to collate their findings and form a consensus for the first time. Following the success of the three volume set will be the opportunity for participants to design a one volume trade paperback for use in college courses.

Panelists:

- Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- Monika Arnez, University of Hamburg
- John Adams, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Joseph Williams, Rutgers University
- Colleen Windham-Hughes, University of California, Santa Barbara

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A31-303 ♠**Wildcard Session**

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Theology and Technology: Intersecting Realities*

This wildcard session will focus on how emerging technologies shape epistemology and identity, thus destabilizing power and reshaping theological discourse. Web 2.0 technologies (wikis, blogs, RSS, Facebook, Twitter, Delicious, YouTube, etc.) highlight new identity spaces and issues of access, power, and knowledge construction. Because issues of power and access are prominent in communities of color and other marginalized communities, attention to the intersecting reality of theology and technology creates space of greater access to persons and communities who would otherwise be absent from this conversation. As technology continues to evolve at a rapid pace, these issues will only become more complex. An ongoing AAR group dedicated to the intersection of theology and technology could provide a meaningful space in which to navigate these new realities. This initial wildcard panel session will focus on a critical analysis of the Postcolonial Theology Network (PTN), a Facebook group encouraging new models of identity and epistemology through broad and diverse theological discourse.

Panelists:

Joseph Duggan, University of Manchester

Michael Hemenway, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver

Responding:

Wei Hsien Wan, SEGi University College, Kota Damansara

A31-304**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

Marriott Marquis, M101

James Thrall, Knox College, Presiding

Theme: *Multicultural Identity in Religion and the Arts*

Angela Yarber, Graduate Theological Union
Globalized Faith and Embodied Cultures: The Impact of Globalization on Multicultural Dances

Heidi Thimann, Graduate Theological Union
Hybridity at the Court of Akbar: The Case of an "Indian" Saint Jerome

Rana Choi, University of Chicago
From Triumph to Sorrow: The Iconography of the Crucifixion in Byzantine Art

A31-306**Ethics Section**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Klem-Mari Cajigas Chimelis, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Race-ing Forward, Engendering Justice, and Embodying Ethics*

Hannah Ka, Claremont Graduate University
Respectful Grace and Graceful Respect: A Korean Christian Feminist Ethicist's Response to Alison M. Jaggar's and Sara Ruddick's Integration of Justice and Care

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver, and Heike Peckruhn, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
The Virtue of Queering Ethics: Stanley Hauerwas and Gloria Anzaldúa on Agency and the Performative Nature of the Body

K. Christine Pae, Denison University
A Solidarity-talk among Women of Color: Searching for a Liberative Feminist Methodology of Christian Ethics

A31-307**North American Religions Section**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Barbara McClure, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Souls in Extremis: Sex, Death, and Moral Insanity*

Marie Pagliarini, Saint Mary's College
"You Are All Mine, and I Am Entirely Thine": Miracle Cures and the Consummation of Spiritual Marriage in the Georgetown Visitation Convent, 1824-1838

Jodie Boyer, University of Toronto
Religion, "Moral Insanity," and Psychology in Nineteenth Century America

Alana Vincent, University of Glasgow
Ritualized Encounters with Death: Mourning and the First World War in Canada

Responding:

Gary L. Ebersole, University of Missouri, Kansas City

A31-308**Religion and Politics Section**

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom C

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College, Presiding

Theme: *International Irruptions*

Youshaa Patel, Duke University
The Politics of Difference and the Syrian-Muslim Religious Elite

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University
Pentecostalism, Indonesian Law, and Interreligious Violence

Comfort Max-Wirth, Florida International University
The Occult in Ghanaian Politics



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Sunday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm

A31-309

Study of Judaism Section and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

Marriott Marquis, M105

Jerome Copulsky, Goucher College, Presiding

Theme: *Antisemitism and Its Afterlives: Christian Studies of Judaism and the Construction of Modernity*

Robert Yelle, University of Memphis
Antisemitism at the Roots of Modern Ecumenicalism: The Deist Construction of "Natural Religion" against Jewish Ritual and Revelation

Bruce Rosenstock, University of Illinois
Judaism and the Dialectical History of Religion: The Afterlife of Bishop Warburton's Divine Legation of Moses

Leah Hochman, Hebrew Union College and Jewish Institute of Religion
Who's the (Ugly) Stick-in-the-Mud? Kant, Judaism, and (Beauty's) Freedom

Jonathan Judaken, University of Memphis
Talcott Parsons, Ambivalent Liberalism, and the Sociology of Modern Anti-Semitism

A31-310

Women and Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, M301

Renee K. Harrison, Howard University, Presiding

Theme: *Women, Religious Hybridity, and Multiple Religious Identities*

Michelle Voss Roberts, Rhodes College
Women's Multiple Religious Participation as Comparative Theological Practice

Ofelia Villero, Graduate Theological Union
Mother Philippines or Mother Mary? The Case of "Ciudad Mistica de Dios"

Istvan Keul, Norges Teknisk-Naturvitenskapelige Universitet, Trondheim
Staged Epiphanies and Religious Mélange: Female Leadership and the Management of Spiritual Resources in a Contemporary Religious Movement in South Asia

Responding:

Debra Majeed, Beloit College

A31-311

Anthropology of Religion Group and Religion and Cities Consultation

Marriott Marquis, M302

Laurel Zwissler, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Faithscapes, Foodscapes, and Landscapes: Three Anthropological Perspectives on Cities and Religion*

Steven W. Ramey, University of Alabama
Global, Regional, and Local Connections in the Formation of Indian-American Communities in Atlanta

Amanda Baugh, Northwestern University
What's Old is New Again: Religion, Sustainable Agriculture, and the Global Community

Jonathan Miles-Watson, Tallinn University
Colonial Religious Landscapes and Postcolonial Christian Worship in Shimla, India

A31-312

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Krista E. Hughes, Hanover College, Presiding

Theme: *Review of Mary-Jane Rubenstein's Strange Wonder: The Closure of Metaphysics and the Opening of Awe (Columbia University Press, 2009)*

Panelists:

Abigail Kluchin, Columbia University
Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas
Ryan Coyne, University of Chicago
Karmen MacKendrick, Le Moyne College

Responding:

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University




Business Meeting:


Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding





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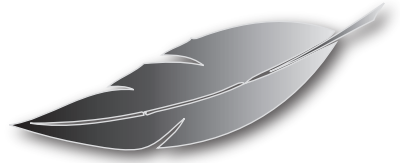
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A31-313 **Black Theology Group and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, A602

Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Activism of Black Theologians: Scholarship, Pedagogy, Institution, and Society*

Panelists:

- Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
- Karen Baker-Fletcher, Southern Methodist University
- Harry Singleton, Benedict College
- Anthony G. Reddie, Queens Theological Foundation
- Jacquelyn Grant, Interdenominational Theological Center

A31-314**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group**

Marriott Marquis, L401-402

Theme: *Further Explorations on Secularity in the Prison Writings*

Jan H. Pranger, Concordia College
Moving the Goalposts: Bonhoeffer's Faith and the Secularity of a Post-secular World

Jeremy D. Posadas, Emory University
Practicing to Be Religionless Christians among Post-Structuralist People: Reading Bonhoeffer with Foucault

Jeffrey C. Pugh, Elon University
Living In the "World Come of Age": Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Resistance to Modernity

A31-315**Chinese Religions Group and Daoist Studies Group**

Marriott Marquis, A707

Clarke Hudson, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Topics in Medieval Chinese Religion*

Yan Liu, Harvard University
Healing by Incantation in Medieval China

Thomas Michael, Boston University
Ge Hong and the Formation of the Medieval Daoist Xian

Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado
State and Religion in Early Celestial Master Daoism

A31-316**Christian Spirituality Group**

Marriott Marquis, A706

Arthur Holder, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Multiple Religious Belongings in North American Spirituality*

Lilan Laishley, Chattanooga, TN
The Intersection of Alchemy, Christianity, and Labyrinths in the Nineteenth Century American Frontier Harmony Society

Carole Spencer, George Fox University
Hannah Whitall Smith: The Making of an Evangelical Heretic and Feminist Mystic

Jennifer Wilken, Arizona State University
Son Salutations: Christian Yoga in the United States, 1989-2009

A31-317**Contemporary Islam Group**

Marriott Marquis, L508

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Negotiating Practice and Authority in Contemporary Islam*

Tehseen Thaver, University of North Carolina
Living Qur'an Communities and Female Religious Authority in "Secular" Turkey: A Study of CemalNur Sargut, "Shaikha" of the Rifa'i Sufi Order

Sa'diyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
Sex as "Ibadah": Religion, Gender, and Subjectivity amongst South African Women

Amina Chaudary, Boston University
Deveiling and the American Muslim Woman's Experience

Responding:

Juliane Hammer, George Mason University

A31-318**Contemporary Pagan Studies Group**

Marriott Marquis, A705

Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Theme: *Idolatry and Tangible Sacrality: The Conversation Continues*

Panelists:

Michael York, Academy for Cultural and Educational Studies, London

Margot Adler, *National Public Radio*

Bron Taylor, University of Florida

Amy Whitehead, Open University



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Sunday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm

A31-319

Evangelical Theology Group

Marriott Marquis, A703

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelical Eschatology and Physical Cosmology*

Wolfgang Vondey, Regent University
About Time: Evangelicalism and Science at the Threshold to the New Physics

Andrew Jacobs, Saint Joseph's College, New York
"Thy Kingdom Come": Reconsidering Christian Eschatology in Light of the New Physics

Junghyung Kim, Graduate Theological Union
On the Eschatological Transformation of the Physical Universe

A31-320

Hinduism Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Alf Hildebeitel, George Washington University, Presiding

Theme: *Brahmins at the Court of the King: The Brahmin in Political Office in Premodern India*

Panelists:

Mark McClish, Birmingham Southern College

Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas

Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University

A31-321

Islamic Mysticism Group and Qur'an Group

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Frederick S. Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding

Theme: *The Qur'an in the Islamic Mystical Traditions*

Daniel A. Madigan, Georgetown University
Blurring the Edges of the Text: The Role of Tafsir in Negotiating Authority among Competing Canons

Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies
Al-Suyuti's Scattered Pearls: A Sufi Exegesis?

Kenneth Honerkamp, University of Georgia
The Qur'anic Roots and Ethical Foundations of Suluk in Islamic Pedagogic Methodology and its Social Relevance

Rachana Rao Umashankar, University of North Carolina
"So that You May Know One Another": Qur'anic Verses and the Validation of the Shared Sacred Spaces of Sufi Shrines in India

A31-322

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group and the Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Marriott Marquis, M304

Hetty Zock, University of Groningen, Presiding

Theme: *Book Panel on James W. Jones's Blood that Cries Out from the Earth: The Psychology of Religious Terrorism (Oxford University Press, 2008)*

Panelists:

Kirk A. Bingaman, Fordham University

Naomi Goldenberg, University of Ottawa

Martha J. Reineke, University of Northern Iowa

Responding:

James W. Jones, Rutgers University

A31-323

Religion and Ecology Group

Marriott Marquis, L405-406

Jimi Wilson, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Pilgrimage, Place, and Dynamic Systems*

Elizabeth Allison, California Institute of Integral Studies
The Spiritual Significance of Glaciers

Susan Bratton, Baylor University
Interpretation of the Appalachian Trail as a Religious or Spiritual Landscape: Historic Roots, Twenty-first Century Beliefs, and Hiker Experience

Terra Rowe, Drew University
John Muir's Aesthetics/ethics: A Postmodern, Postcolonial Interpretation of Muir, Wilderness Preservation, and the Transcendent in Nature

Business Meeting:

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, and A.


Whitney Sanford, University of Florida, Presiding

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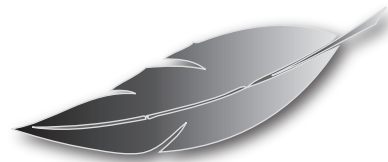
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A31-324 *New!*

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and International Development and Religion Consultation

Hyatt Regency, Hanover C

David Shefferman, Manhattan College, Presiding

Theme: *Bridging the Gaps: Theorizing Religion and Development in Faith-based Organizations*

Panelists:

Tim Fogarty, University of Florida

Julie Adkins, Southern Methodist University

Bretton Alvaré, Widener University

Laurie Occhipinti, Clarion University

Jill De Temple, Southern Methodist University

Emily Hogue, United States Agency for International Development

Alyson Rose-Wood, National Institutes of Health

Responding:

Jose Santos, Southern Methodist University

A31-325

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group

Marriott Marquis, A702

Gregory Kaplan, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *Susannah Heschel's The Aryan Jesus: Christian Theologians and the Bible in Nazi Germany: Author Meets Critics*

Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University
Before Jesus was Aryan: Susannah Heschel and German-Jewish Thought

Eric Weed, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Susannah Heschel's The Aryan Jesus and the Future of Related Research

James McNutt, Thomas More College
A Very Damning Truth: Walter Grundmann, Adolf Schlatter, and Susannah Heschel's The Aryan Jesus

Responding:

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College

A31-326

Ritual Studies Group

Marriott Marquis, M102

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, Universitaet Bremen, Presiding

Theme: *Perspectives on Ritual Experience*

Airen Hall, Syracuse University
"Over the Winding Trail Forward We Go": Children and Pilgrimage in the Latter-day Saint Tradition

Kimberly Hope Belcher, Saint John's University
Does the Ritual Matter? The Body of the Baby and Adults' Attitudes in Roman Catholic Infant Baptism

Sarah Haynes, Western Illinois University

On the Road: Ritual Adaptation in the Tibetan Diaspora

Responding:

Donna Seamone, Acadia University

A31-327

Roman Catholic Studies Group and Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation

Marriott Marquis, L404

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, Presiding

Theme: *Space and Place in Catholic America*

Judith Dupre, Yale University
The Collision of Hollywood and Heaven at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

J. Terry Todd, Drew University
Making the Madonna a Star: Michelangelo's Pieta at the New York World's Fair, 1964-1965

Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College

Remembering in Silence: An American Carthusian Community

Stephanie Bilinsky, Arizona State University

Creating New Orleans: Race, Religion, Rhetoric, and the Louisiana Purchase

Responding:

Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College

A31-328

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group and Theology and the Political Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A704

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Mark L. Taylor's The Theological and the Political: On the Weight of the World*

Panelists:

Corey D. B. Walker, Brown University

Laurel Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary

Responding:

Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Sunday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm

A31-329

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, A708

Lara Braitstein, McGill University, Presiding

Theme: *Madness, Smallpox, and Death in Tibet*

Derek Maher, East Carolina University
Panchen Lozang Pelden Yeshe and the Religious Dimensions of Smallpox in Tibet

Brandon Dotson, University of Oxford
Transformation and Subversion in Tibetan Funeral Rites: Buddhist Modes for Overcoming Bon po Competitors

Michael Sheehy, Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center and The New School

Identity Politics of Reembodiment: Lineage Formation in Tibetan and Mongolian Accounts of Rje btsun Tā ra nā tha's (1575–1635) Death and the Birth of Kbal kha Blo bzang bstan pa'i rgyal mtshan (1635–1723)

David DiValerio, University of Virginia
"Holy Madness" as Self-representation: Tsangnyon Heruka and Chogyam Trungpa

A31-330

World Christianity Group

Marriott Marquis, A601

Akintunde Akinade, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Around the World with New Eyes: Ancient and Emerging Voices in World Christianity*

Scott Kenworthy, Miami University, Ohio
The Marginalization of Eastern Orthodoxy in the Study of World Christianity

Dorottya Nagy, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity
Migrants: Agents of Christianity as a World Religion

James Taneti, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Women with Bibles: Origins and Development of the Office of Biblewomen in South India

Melanie Trexler, Georgetown University
Arab Baptist Christians: Relations with Muslims in the United States

Responding:

Lalsangkima Pachuau, Asbury Theological Seminary

Jonathan Tan, Xavier University

M31-302

Theology Today Editorial Board Meeting

Sunday, 5:00 pm–6:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Baker

M31-304

Theta Kappa Alpha Business Meeting and Reception

Sunday, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, University

All chapter moderators, members, and anyone interested in learning more about establishing a chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa are invited to join the Board of Directors at this annual meeting and reception, at which the Kathleen Connolly-Weinert Leader of the Year Award will be presented and new initiatives will be announced.

M31-303

Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting

Sunday, 5:45 pm–6:15 pm

Hyatt Regency, Vinings

A31-409

Special Topics Forum

Sunday, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond the Boundaries Public Lecture Series II*

Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University
From Multiculturalism to Multireligiosity: Shifting Paradigms of African-American Religious Studies in a Pluralistic Age with Special Reference to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Whitaker's paper tracks the shifting paradigms of African-American Religious Studies discovering that the pluralistic age is influencing how scholars do Religious Studies with a greater sensitivity to religious diversity. In *African-American Religious Thought: An Anthology* (2003), Cornel West and Eddie Glaude map the intellectual shift among black thinkers/theologians' singular focus on Christianity beginning to fade in the late 1960's; after King's assassination. James Cone's *Black Power & Black Theology* (1969) adds additional evidence as he clarifies in his 1989 forward how he never considered Christianity the exclusive religion of God. Yet, West and Glaude's periodization may be pushed back a bit if King and other black pluralists like Howard Thurman are factored into the schematization. Whitaker further emphasizes that, in the end, Black Theology is not reducible to Christian Studies. Race and religious pluralism both matter; and need to be part of the contemporary black theological discourse.

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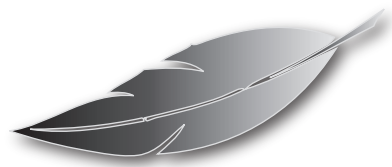
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Sunday, 6:00 pm and Later

A31-400 

Racial and Ethnic Minorities Reception

Sunday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Centennial I
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

M31-400

American Journal of Theology and Philosophy Annual Lecture

Sunday, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Vinings

M31-401

Explorations in Theology and the Apocalyptic

Sunday, 6:30 pm–9:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, L403
Benjamin Myers, Charles Sturt University, Presiding
Theme: *Aspects of the Political Theology of Johann Baptist Metz*
This is the second of two sessions exploring apocalyptic themes in contemporary Christian theology.

Matthew Eggemeier, College of the Holy Cross
Christianity or Nihilism? The Apocalyptic Discourses of Johann Baptist Metz and Friedrich Nietzsche

Jason McKinney, University of Toronto
The Sins of the Father: Suffering, Guilt, and Redemption in Benjamin and Metz

Christopher Craig Brittain, University of Aberdeen
Positivity and Negativity in Political Theology: Metz and Adorno on the Nature of Apocalyptic Hope


Kyle Gingerich Hiebert, University of Manchester
The Architectonics of Hope: On the Tragic Configuration of Johann Baptist Metz's New Political Theology

M31-402  

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Sunday, 6:30 pm–8:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Edgewood
Theme: *New Teachers' Dinner*


An annual gathering of new teachers for dinner and directed table conversations about the first years of teaching. By invitation only.

M31-433 

Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network


Sunday, 6:30 pm–8:30 pm
Marriott Marquis, Atrium Ballroom A
Theme: *Assisi 2012, "Where We Dwell in Common": Pathways for Dialogue in the 21st Century*

The Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network invites you to the launch reception of a gathering concerned with "Thinking outside the Ecumenical Box" to be held in Assisi, Italy, 17th–20th April 2012. This reception has been generously sponsored by the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture at the University of San Diego and an anonymous benefactor. The parameters of this initiative and a call for papers will be introduced and information concerning other EI and CCTC initiatives will be disseminated. Drinks and light food will be served. All are welcome.

M31-403 

Center for Process Studies Reception

Sunday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Fairlie
Join us for wine, cheese, and conversation. Greet Monica Coleman, codirector at the Center and associate professor of constructive theology and African American religious at Claremont School of Theology. Friends and members of CPS and anyone interested in process-relational approaches to religious studies, theology, biblical hermeneutics, and philosophy of religion are invited. Network, discuss, and schmooze. Informal, fun!

M31-404 

Denver University and Iliff School of Theology Joint PhD Reception

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Harris

M31-405 

Forum on Sports and Religion

Sunday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, L401 & L402
Theme: *Away Down South: Sports and Religion in Dixie*
Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

The Sports and Religion Forum will present papers and discussions for its fourth annual meeting. Papers will address the following questions, though not limited to these:

- What distinguishes the relationship between sport and religion in the American South?
- How has the relationship of sport and religion changed historically in the American South?
- How has the fervent religiosity of the American South affected the role of sport in that culture?
- How have race and gender played out at the intersection of sport and religion in the American South?

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Sunday, 6:00 pm and Later

M31-406

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, L404

Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Presiding

Theme: *Japanese Buddhism and the Kyoto School: Rethinking William LaFleur's Approach and Influences*

Dan Leighton, Loyola University, Chicago
William LaFleur's Skillful Readings of Lotus Sutra Parables and Upaya

Steven Heine, Florida International University
LaFleur's Dharma of Methods: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Zen Studies

Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University
LaFleur and the Flowering of Studies of the Kyoto School

Responding:

Chris Ives, Stonehill College

M31-407

Princeton Theological Seminary Reception

Sunday, 7:00 pm–10:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon A

M31-408

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Reception

Sunday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Greenbriar

M31-409

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Reception

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Piedmont

M31-410

Yale Divinity School Reception

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon A

M31-427

Bahá'í Studies Colloquy

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Techwood

Robert H. Stockman, DePaul University, Presiding

Michael McMullen, University of Houston, Clear Lake
The Decade of Struggle: Challenges for Egyptian Bahá'is Since 2000

Susan Maneck, Jackson State University
Accusations against Bahá'is within the Context of Islamic Heresiography

Robert H. Stockman, DePaul University
'Abdu'l-Bahá's Visit to North America, 1912: Analysis of Impact

For additional information about the Bahá'í Studies Colloquy, contact Robert Stockman at rstockman@usbnc.org or 1-847-337-7750 (cell).

M31-428

Oxford University Reception

Sunday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 3

The Theology Faculty of Oxford University welcomes colleagues, friends, alumni/ae and prospective graduate students for drinks and updates on developments and to meet current faculty members. Information is available at www.theology.ox.ac.uk and www.admin.ox.ac.uk/postgraduate.

M31-432

Continuum Reception

Sunday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, International 4

M31-411

University of Iowa Reception

Sunday, 7:30 pm–9:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Courtland

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
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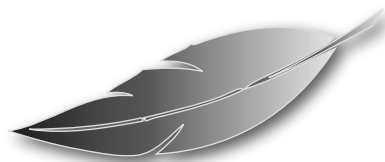
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AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION (A31-401)



Sunday, October , 7:30 pm–8:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover C



Elaine Pagels

John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Celebrate the achievements of the 2010 AAR award winners at the ceremony and reception held in their honor.



Barbara A. B. Patterson

Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion
Elaine Pagels, Princeton University

Excellence in Teaching Award
Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University

Religion and the Arts Award
Ena Heller, Museum of Biblical Art



Ena Heller

2010 Best In-depth Reporting on Religion Awards

News Outlets with Circulations over 100,000:

First Place: Daniel Burke, *Religion News Service*

Second Place: Todd Jones, *Columbus Dispatch*

Third Place: Michael Paulson, *Boston Globe*



Daniel Burke

News Outlets with Circulations under 100,000:

First Place: Brett Buckner, *Anniston (Ala.) Star*

Second Place: John Dart, *Christian Century*

Third Place: Adam Parker, *Post and Courier* (Charleston, S.C.)



Brett Buckner

Opinion Writing:

First Place: David Gibson, *PoliticsDaily.com*

Second Place: Tracey O'Shaughnessy, *Republican-American* (Waterbury, CT)

Third Place: Joel Engardio, *WashingtonPost.com* and *USA Today*



David Gibson

2010 Excellence in the Study of Religion Book Awards

Analytical-Descriptive

Kimberley Christine Patton
Religion of the Gods: Ritual, Paradox, and Reflexivity. Oxford University Press

Constructive-Reflective

Mark Johnston
Saving God: Religion after Idolatry. Princeton University Press

Historical

Robert Ford Campany
Making Transcendents: Ascetics and Social Memory in Early Medieval China. University of Hawai'i Press

Textual

Benjamin D. Sommer
Bodies of God and the World of Ancient Israel. Cambridge University Press

2010 Best First Book in the History of Religions

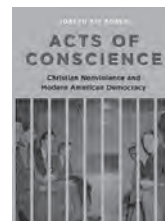
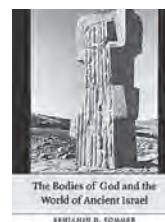
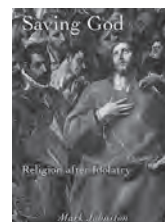
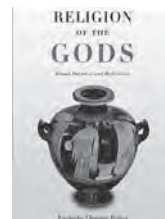
Joseph Kip Kosek
Acts of Conscience: Christian Nonviolence and Modern American Democracy. Columbia University Press

2010 International Dissertation Research Grant

Kathleen Foody, University of North Carolina

2010 Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation Research Grant

Ehud Halperin, Columbia University
Ilyese Morgenstein-Fuerst, University of North Carolina



Ehud Halperin



Ilyese Mogenstein-Fuerst

Sunday, 6:00 pm and Later

A31-402

Film: *White Ribbon*

Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Brad Herling, Marymount Manhattan College, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

2009, directed by Michael Haneke. German, with English subtitles. 144 minutes.

Austrian director Michael Haneke has been challenging his audiences with tales of repression and violence for over twenty years. In films such as *Benny's Video* (1992), *Funny Games* (1997; American version, 2007), *The Piano Teacher* (2001), and *Caché* (2005), Haneke has consistently interrogated Euro-American middle-class life, exposing the cruelties that reside just beneath its surface.

Haneke's most recent work, *White Ribbon*, which won the Palme D'Or at Cannes and was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, extends on these themes but also charts out fascinating new territory. The film is set in the small town of Eichwald in pre-World War I Germany. At first appearance, the denizens of Eichwald — and especially the children — appear to be solid, upstanding folk. But Haneke proceeds to expose the vicious underside of this surface reality and the traumas that emanate from the patriarchal figures at the center of the film's action: the local baron, the baron's steward, the town's doctor, and especially the Lutheran pastor. Strange, anonymous, brutal crimes begin to occur in the town, and no one can determine their origin. Haneke sustains this mystery brilliantly, opening a unique space for reflection on religion, agency, and modern institutions — and on the violence that continually threatens to engulf us.

M31-431

Samhain Ritual Honoring the Dead

Sunday, 7:30 pm–9:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, University

A31-403

Film: *Soldiers of Conscience*

Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group and the Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

2007, directed by Catherine Ryan and Gary Weimberg. 86 minutes.

Soldiers of Conscience is a dramatic window on the dilemma of individual U.S. soldiers in the current Iraq War — when their finger is on the trigger and another human being is in their gun-sight. Made with cooperation from the U.S. Army and narrated by Peter Coyote, the film profiles eight American soldiers, including four who decide not to kill and become conscientious objectors; and four who believe in their duty to kill if necessary. The film reveals all of them wrestling with the morality of killing in war, not as a philosophical problem, but as soldiers experience it — a split-second decision in combat that can never be forgotten or undone. *Soldiers of Conscience* is not a film that tells an audience what to think, nor is it about the situation in Iraq today. Instead, it tells a bigger story about human nature and war. The film begins with a little-known fact — after World War II, the Army's own studies revealed that as many as seventy-five percent of combat soldiers, given a chance to fire on the enemy, failed to do so. The studies showed that soldiers, despite training, propaganda and social sanction, retained a surprising inhibition when it came to taking human life. The statistics surprised and alarmed America's generals, who developed training techniques to overcome the reluctance to kill. But if the military found a solution to its problem, the moral contradiction for the individual soldier remained. The mental and emotional burdens carried by soldiers who have killed ripple across America's families and communities after each of its recent wars. As this film shows, every soldier is inescapably a soldier of conscience." (soldiers-themovie.com)

M31-412

Durham University Reception

Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, M106 & M107

M31-429

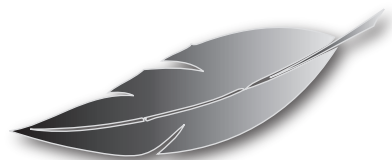
Princeton University Reception

Sunday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, M301

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A31-404  

Atlanta Artists: Guy Robinson and Keith Prossick

Sunday, 8:30 pm–9:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, Imperial Ballroom



Sacra Conversazione with St. Peter and St. Francis, G. Robinson

This session is an opportunity for two of Atlanta's premier artists who work with religious subject matter to discuss their work, its relation to religion, and their philosophies of art. Some of their paintings will be displayed in the Marriott Marquis' Imperial Ballroom throughout the meeting, along with ten Buddhist oxherding paintings and four panels of the AIDS quilt.

Guy Robinson's surrealists works have been exhibited in numerous galleries and have a place in important collections including the Georgia Museum of Contemporary Art.

Keith Prossick, a self-taught artist, works with mandalic forms built from the principles of sacred geometry. He has shown his work at many venues and events in both Georgia and New York. He lives and works at the Colaboratory, a "maker-space" for self-defined artists to work on projects in collaboration with others.

Panelists:

Guy Robinson, Atlanta, GA

Keith Prossick, Atlanta, GA



Spiritual Mitosis, K. Prossick

A31-405  

Jazz Vespers by Dwight Andrews and the Atlanta Jazz Chorus

Sunday, 8:30 pm–9:30 pm

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D



Dwight Andrews

Associate professor of music theory and African American music, Andrews is also senior minister of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Atlanta. In 1998 he formed the Atlanta Jazz Chorus, a group whose mission is to perform the sacred works of famous jazz masters such as Duke Ellington and to bring out spiritual aspects, ideas, and issues in public performances.

The group — composed of thirty-five singers from the metro-Atlanta area — has rapidly gained an expansive and dedicated audience base.

Panelists:

Dwight Andrews, Atlanta, GA

A31-406 

Templeton Lecture — Francisco José Ayala: *Darwin's Gift to Science and Religion*

Sunday, 8:30 pm–9:30 pm

Hyatt Regency, Centennial II-IV

John M. Templeton Jr., John Templeton Foundation, Presiding




Francisco Ayala

Francisco J. Ayala is professor of biological sciences at the University of California, Irvine. He received his PhD in genetics from Columbia University. Ayala was awarded the 2010 Templeton Prize for his achievements as an evolutionary geneticist and for his opposition to the entanglement of science and religion while also calling for mutual respect between the two. His research focuses on the genetic diversity of populations, the structure of parasitic protozoa, and the origin of malaria. He has been a major voice on the ethical issues related to the study of human evolution and a frequent spokesperson in the debate between evolution and creationism. He has published 1,000 articles and is author or editor of thirty-five books, including *Darwin's Gift to Science and Religion* (Joseph Henry Press, 2007) and *Am I a Monkey? Six Big Questions about Evolution* (John Hopkins University Press, 2010). He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, past president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and recipient of the 2001 National Medal of Science.

Panelists:


Francisco José Ayala, University of California, Irvine

M31-413 

Brown University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm


Hyatt Regency, Kennesaw

M31-414 

Claremont Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm


Hyatt Regency, Dunwoody

M31-415 

Columbia University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm

Marriott Marquis, A707

M31-416 

Drew University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm

Hyatt Regency, Lenox



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Sunday, 6:00 pm and Later

M31-417

Duke University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, A703

M31-418

Florida State University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–12:00 am
Marriott Marquis, Peachtree Suite

M31-419

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Marietta

M31-420

Emory University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, A706

M31-421

Southern Methodist University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Edgewood

M31-422

Syracuse University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Baker

M31-423

Union Theological Seminary Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom Salon A

M31-424

University of California, Santa Barbara, Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Marriott Marquis, A704

M31-425

University of Chicago Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Centennial I

M31-430

Boston University Reception

Sunday, 9:00 pm–11:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Piedmont

A31-408

Luce Summer Seminar Group Reception

Sunday, 9:30 pm–11:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, AAR Suite
John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
By invitation only.

M31-426

John Templeton Foundation Reception

Sunday, 10:00 pm–12:00 am
Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Connect with your colleagues to hear the 2010 Templeton Prize Laureate, Dr. Francisco Ayala in the Hyatt Centennial Ballroom II-IV at 8:30 on Sunday, October 31, and then greet Dr. Aylala at a reception that follows immediately in the Hyatt Hotel Hanover FG. Enjoy Jazz, scrumptious deserts and conviviality!

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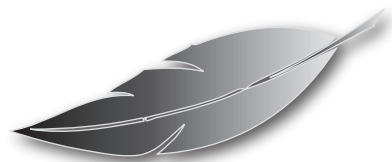
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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Monday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

M1-1



Fuller Theological Seminary Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 am–9:00 am
Hyatt Regency, Dunwoody

M1-2



Society for Mormon Theology and Philosophy

Monday, 7:00 am–9:00 am
Marriott Marquis, L403
Theme: *Discussion of Grant Hardy's Understanding the Book of Mormon (Oxford University Press, 2010)*
Panelists:
Daniel Peterson, Brigham Young University
James McLachlan, Western Carolina University
Responding:
Grant Hardy, University of North Carolina, Asheville

A1-1



Program Unit Chairs' Breakfast

Monday, 7:15 am–8:45 am
Hyatt Regency, Centennial I
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Program Unit Chairs are invited to a continental breakfast featuring information on upcoming program initiatives.

A1-2



SOLD OUT

Yerkes Primate Center Tour

Monday, 8:30 am–11:30 am
Buses pick up at Hyatt Regency-Baker Street Exit
Frans de Waal, Emory University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Science, Technology, and Religion Group, the Animals and Religion Consultation, and the Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation
The Yerkes National Primate Research Center of Emory University is an international leader in biomedical and behavioral research. This research provides a critical link between research with small laboratory animals and clinical trials with humans. Yerkes Research Center is dedicated to advancing scientific understanding of primate biology, behavior, veterinary care, and conservation. The tour will be led by Yerkes director and AAR plenary speaker Frans de Waal.

A1-100



Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, A701
Jennifer Harvey, Drake University, Presiding
Theme: *Scholarship and Activism*
Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force
How do scholars interested in religion connect scholarship and activism in the context of LGBTIQ communities? The panelists in this Special Topics Forum will address the ways in which they bring scholarship and activism together in their lives and careers.
Panelists:
Edward Gray, Gill Foundation
Sylvia Rhue, National Black Justice Coalition
Thelathia Young, Emory University
Orlando Espin, University of San Diego
Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual

A1-101



Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, A703
Virgil W. Brower, Northwestern University and Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: *Regina Schwartz's Sacramental Ethics: Poetics at the Dawn of Secularism with Author Responding*
Panelists:
Hent de Vries, Johns Hopkins University
Benjamin Myers, Charles Stuart University
Kevin Hart, University of Virginia
Jennifer Geddes, University of Virginia
Thomas Altizer, Mt. Pocono, PA
Responding:
Regina Schwartz, Northwestern University

Monday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A1-102

Buddhism Section

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Dennis Hirota, Ryukoku University, Presiding

Theme: *From Early Buddhism to Buddhist Environmentalism: Topics in Buddhist Studies*

Nathan McGovern, University of California, Santa Barbara
Rethinking the Early Buddhist/Brahman Divide: A Comparative Study of References to Brahmins in the Pali and Chinese Canons

Claire Maes, Universiteit Gent
How to Understand a Jain Infiltration in Buddhist Monastic Texts? A Critical Analysis of Buddhist Monastic Rules Laid Down to Protect One Sense Facultied Life (Ekindriyam Jivam)

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas
The Foundation of the Sangha in Buddhist Historiography and Hagiography

Paul Brownell, Australian National University
Defining and Understanding Hermeneutics in the Yogācāra Text, A Commentary on Differentiating the Middle from the Extremes (Dbus Dang Mtha' Rnam Par 'Byed Pa'i 'Grel Pa): A Meditative Analysis

Seth De Vere Clippard, Arizona State University
Expanding the Circle of Purity: An Analysis of Chinese Buddhist Environmentalism

A1-103

Christian Systematic Theology Section

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Gerard Loughlin, Durham University, Presiding

Theme: *Revelation, Image, and Drama*

Michael Gibson, Vanderbilt University
The Luminous Frame: Film as Iconographic Mediation of Revelation

Eve Tibbs, Fuller Theological Seminary
An "Iconic" Scriptural Hermeneutic

David S. Cunningham, Hope College
God's Spies: The Theatrical Company (and the Church) in a Dramatic Doctrine of Revelation

Jinhyok Kim, University of Oxford
Desire, Revelation, and Aesthetic: Towards an Aesthetic Doctrine of Revelation

Business Meeting:

Gerard Loughlin, Durham University, Presiding

A1-104

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, L506

Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Lévi-Strauss and the Semiotics of Religion*

Craig Martin, Saint Thomas Aquinas College
On the Totems of Science and Capitalism

Christopher Roberts, Reed College
Ritual, Redundancy, and the Entropic A Priori

Joel Noret, FRS-FNRS, Belgium
The "Bricolage" of the Place of the Dead in Southern Benin

Responding:

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

Business Meeting:

Kimberley Patton, Harvard University, and Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

A1-105

North American Religions Section

Marriott Marquis, M101

Paul Harvey, University of Colorado, Presiding

Theme: *The Future of Southern Religious History*

Panelists:

Alison Greene, Yale University

Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

Randall Stephens, Eastern Nazarene College

Curtis Evans, University of Chicago

Ted Ownby, University of Mississippi

Responding:

Lauren Winner, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

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
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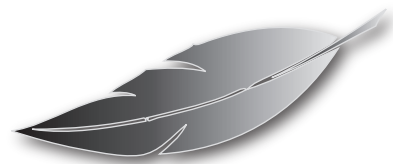
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A1-106**Philosophy of Religion Section**

Marriott Marquis, L401-402

Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *Possible Futures of the Philosophy of Religion*

Eric Bugyis, Yale University

Overcoming Post-secular Oscillations: The Aesthetic Validity of Kant's "Religion"

Tim Knepper, Drake University

The End of the Philosophy of Religion?

J. Aaron Simmons, Hendrix College, and John Sanders, Hendrix College

A Goldilocks God? The Future of the Philosophy of the Religious between Presence and Absence

Thomas D. Carroll, Mount Ida College

The Problem of Relevance and Analytic Philosophy of Religion: Reflection on a Possible Future

A1-107**Religion and Politics Section**

Marriott Marquis, A706

Andrew Murphy, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *American Cultures and Religious Identities*

Richard Amesbury, Claremont School of Theology

"Emblems of Belief": Military Headstones as Markers of American National Identity

Katherine Rousseau, University of Denver

The Elasticity of Hope: The 2008 HOPE Poster and Eschatology in Public Time

Cara Burnidge, Florida State University

"Muhammad Was a Punk Rocker": The Taqwacores and Muslim-American Identity Politics

David Decosimo, Princeton University

For Sacred Value: Waterboarding, Horrendous Evil, and the Wrongness of Torture

A1-108**Religion in South Asia Section**

Marriott Marquis, A708

James Lochtefeld, Carthage College, Presiding

Theme: *Weaponry and Violence in South Asian Religions*

Jarrod L. Whitaker, Wake Forest University

"I Took the Bold Mace for Might": Ritually Making the Body into a Weapon in Ancient India

Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University

Singing to the Weapons: The Aesthetics of a Vedic Hymn of War

James Bigari, Miami University, Ohio, and Elizabeth L. Wilson, Miami University, Ohio

Waging War Against Negative Emotions: The Weaponry of the Bodhisattva in Shantideva's Bodhicaryavatara

Nawaraj Chaulagain, Harvard University

Honoring the Bombs: Tantric Rites, Ritual Violence, and Maintenance of Power

Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College

Of Swords, Rifles, and Riddles: The Sikh 'Shastra-nam-mala

A1-109**Study of Judaism Section**

Marriott Marquis, L507

Benjamin Pollock, Michigan State University, Presiding

Theme: *Jews as Others See Them*

April C. Armstrong, Princeton University

"Meet the American Jew": How American Jews Introduced Themselves to Southern Baptists

Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside

"They are Not Alike": Indonesian Muslim Intellectuals Perceiving Judaism and Jews

Michael Karlin, Emory University

"Never Again!" Jewish Survival as a Model for African American Religion

Craig Ginn, University of Calgary and Mount Royal University

Anti-Semitism in African American Spirituals: Imitating Protestant Hymnody and Supersessionist Ecclesiology or Initiating Liberationist Theology and Black Power?

A1-110**Teaching Religion Section**

Marriott Marquis, L405-406

John Knight, Marist College, Presiding

Theme: *"Does It Fit?" The Classroom as a Context for the Making and Testing of Knowledge*

Panelists:

Ann Burlein, Hofstra University

Kathryn D. Blanchard, Alma College

Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union

Responding:

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College

A1-111**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Class in Religious and Theological Studies*

Panelists:

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University

Pamela K. Brubaker, California Lutheran University

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina

Jung Mo Sung, Universidade Metodista, São Paulo

Kenneth Surin, Duke University



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Monday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A1-112

Women and Religion Section

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Kate Ott, Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing, Presiding

Theme: *Migration, Relocation, and Diaspora: Experiences of Women*

Leila M. Ortiz, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Power and Subservience Redefined among Puerto Rican Pentecostal Women: Contesting Gender in Urban Storefront Churches

Allie Jones, Claremont School of Theology
Crossing the Border: A Story of Sexual Victimization

Gemma Cruz, DePaul University
Between Oppression and Liberation: Religion and Gendered Migration

A1-113

African Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, M304

Elias Bongmba, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Ecology, Health, and Social Development in a Global Context: Exploring the Religious and Theological Legacy of Steve de Gruchy, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*

Panelists:

- Isabel Phiri, University of KwaZulu-Natal
- Simangaliso Kumalo, University of KwaZulu-Natal
- Jim Cochrane, University of Cape Town
- Gary Gunderson, University of Memphis
- Tinyiko Maluleke, University of South Africa
- Sarojini Nadar, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Business Meeting:

Laura Grillo, Pacifica Graduate Institute, Presiding

A1-114

Anthropology of Religion Group

Marriott Marquis, A705

J. Shawn Landres, Jumpstart/Project on Emergent Religious and Social Entrepreneurship, Presiding

Theme: *Crossing the Lines: Anthropology and Evangelicalism in the Americas*

Renea Brathwaite, Regent University
A Desperate Hope: The Color Line Washed Away in the Blood?

Ethan P. Sharp, University of Texas, Pan American
Evangelicalism among Mexican Catholics: Witnessing and Testimonies in Transnational Circuits

William Girard, University of California, Santa Cruz
Remaking Nations: Pentecostal Discourses of "Honduras" and the "United States" in Copán Ruinas, Honduras

Responding:

James S. Bielo, Miami University

Business Meeting:

J. Shawn Landres, Jumpstart/Project on Emergent Religious and Social Entrepreneurship, Presiding

A1-115

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group

Marriott Marquis, L505

Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Bible and Colonization: Asia/Oceania*

Panelists:

Eleazar S. Fernandez, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Nami Kim, Spelman College

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University

J. Jayakiran Sebastian, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

Jenny Te Paa, College of Saint John the Evangelist, Auckland

Changgang Guo, Shanghai University

Hisako Kinukawa, Tokyo, Japan

A1-116

Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group

Marriott Marquis, A601

Anne Klein, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *"What's at Stake in Contemplative Science?" Reductionism, Embodiment, and Other Key Issues in the Secularization and Scientific Study of Contemplative Practices*

Panelists:

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
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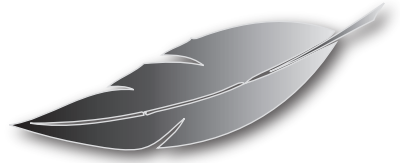
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Brendan Ozawa-de Silva, Emory University
Brooke Dodson-Lavelle, Emory University
Andreas Doctor, Kathmandu University
Wendy Hasenkamp, Emory University

Responding:

Martijn van Beek, Aarhus University

A1-117

Chinese Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, L508

Robert M. Gimello, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *Repentance in Chinese Popular Religion*

Mariko Namba Walter, Harvard University
“For the Sake of Not to Fall into Hell”: A Dunbuang Repentance Text

Hudaya Kandahjaya, Numata Center for Buddhist Translation and Research
The Origins of the Eighty-eight Buddhas Repentance

Kendall Marchman, University of Florida
Journey to the West: Personal Repentance for the Sake of All

Beverly Foulks, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Repentance Rituals for Eliminating Karma: The Penitential Practice of Ouyi Zhixu (1599–1655)

Responding:

D. Neil Schmid, North Carolina State University

A1-118

Christian Spirituality Group and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Consultation

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom C

Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Spirituality and the Civil Rights Movement*

Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
The Mystical–Prophetic Spirituality of Howard Thurman and Martin Luther King Jr.

J. Cayenne Claassen-Luttner, Emory University
Co-opting Saint Martin? How a Radical Baptist Becomes an Ecumenical Saint

John Roedel, Graduate Theological Union
Only the Samaritan Had Mercy: The Importance of Martin Luther King Jr.’s Moral Flaws for the Practice of Nonviolence

Luther E. Smith Jr., Emory University
Howard Thurman: Spirituality as More Than an Implication

Responding:

Barbara A. Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary

A1-119 ★

Comparative Religious Ethics Group

Marriott Marquis, L503

Anne R. Hansen, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Theme: *Spatial, Narrative, and Embodied Production of Ethical Values*

Faraz M. Sheikh, Indiana University
Practices of the Self in Muslim Moral Discourse: Authoritative Narratives, Emotions, and the Elusive Nature of Submission

Jessica Wroblewski, Saint Mary’s College
The Space of Welcome: Ethics as Hospitality

Irene Oh, George Washington University
Halal: Food, Gender, and Ethical Reflection in Modern Muslim Communities

Gabriel Robinson, University of Chicago
Cosmological Crossings and Christian Frames: Christian, Norse, and Japanese Mythology in the Comic Series Lucifer

Responding:

Elizabeth Bucar, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Business Meeting:

Jonathan Schofer, Harvard University, Presiding

A1-120 ★

Contemporary Islam Group

Marriott Marquis, A602

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: *Mobilizing and Marketing Islam: Media, Technology, and Modernity*

Abbas Barzegar, Emory University
Free Food and Martyrdom: Media Representations of the Islamic Right in Iran’s Post-Election Crisis

Francis James Sanzaro, Syracuse University
Islam and the Architectural Avant Garde in Istanbul, Cairo, and Dubai

Robert Riggs, University of Pennsylvania
Global Networks, Local Concerns: Paradoxes in the Utilization of Emerging Technologies for Shi’i Religious Leaders

Edith Szanto, University of Toronto
Beyond Carnival and Spectacle: Contemporary Twelver Shi’i Muharram Rituals in Syria

Responding:

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College

Business Meeting:

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding



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Monday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A1-121 ★

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding

Theme: *Paganism, Ethnicity, and Ultranationalism*

Koenraad Elst, Mortsels, Belgium

From the Mono/Poly Debate to the Identitarians: Politicized Pagan Revivalism in Europe

Thad N. Horrell, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Heathen Ethnic Projects and the Problem of Race in the United States

Kaarino Aitamurto, University of Helsinki and Aleksanteri Institute

The Liaisons of Nationalism, Conservatism, and Leftist Ideology within Rodnoverie: Approaching the Paradox

Michael Strmiska, Orange County Community College, State University of New York

Transatlantic Tensions in Norse Paganism: Left-Wing/Right-Wing Tendencies in America and Europe

Responding:

Mathias Gardell, Stockholm University

Business Meeting:

Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, and Michael York, Academy for Cultural and Educational Studies, London, Presiding

A1-122

Hinduism Group

Marriott Marquis, A707

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i, Presiding

Theme: *Religion on the Ground: Village Hinduism in Practice*

Veena Rani Howard, University of Oregon

Santana Nature of Hinduism and a Rural Saint Tradition in Bihar

Jon Keune, Columbia University

Varkari Pilgrimages and Local Traditions in Marathwada (Central Maharashtra)

Antoinette DeNapoli, Grinnell College

Gender, Asceticism, and Vernacular Religion in Rajasthan: A Devotional Model

Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne Universities

How the Swamy Ayyappan Sect Captures Rural Imagination in the South

Pankaj Jain, University of North Texas

How Can We Cut God's Trees: Sacred Groves in Bhil Villages

A1-123

Practical Theology Group

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B

Dale P. Andrews, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Rupture, Lament, Suffering, and Practical Theology*

Anne Carter Walker, Claremont School of Theology
A Practical Theology for the Privileged

Millicent Feske, Saint Joseph's University

Rachel's Lament: The Impact of Infertility and Pregnancy Loss Upon the Religious Faith of Ordinary Christians

Auli Vähäkangas, University of Helsinki

Contextual Pastoral Counseling among the Terminally Ill AIDS Patients in Tanzania

Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo, Emory University

The Dangerous Memory of El Mozote: A Practical Theological Defense of Hope in the Memory of Suffering

Responding:

Stephanie M. Crumpton, Columbia Theological Seminary

A1-124 ★

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group

Marriott Marquis, M108

William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

Theme: *Pragmatism, Politics, and the Personal*

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

Engendering Religion: James, Gender, and the Academic Study of Religion

Joshua Daniel, University of Chicago

Cultivating Trust: Reading George Herbert Mead through Annette Baier

Joseph Winters, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

William James, the More, and the Painful Pleasures of Being at Home with the World

Stephen Bush, Brown University

The Politics of the Varieties: William James on Individuality, Pluralism, and Religion

Business Meeting:

Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Eddie S. Glaude Jr., Princeton University, Presiding

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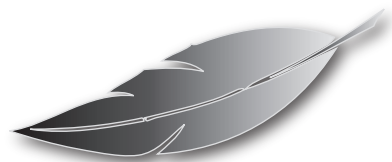
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A1-125**Reformed Theology and History Group**

Marriott Marquis, M105

Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding

Theme: *Reformed Reflections on Mission*Joshua Ralston, Emory University
*Gathered from All Nations: Refugees and Reformed Ecclesiology*John Halsey Wood, Saint Louis University
*John Livingston Nevius and the New Missions History*Shannon Nicole Smythe, Princeton Theological Seminary
*The Apostolicity of Jesus Christ and Its Missional Correspondence in Karl Barth's Doctrine of Election*David Y. Kim, Harvard University
Renovation of Citizenship and the Problem of the Erroneous Conscience

A1-126**Religion and Popular Culture Group**

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College, Presiding

Theme: *2-D Hierophanies: Religious Creativity and Cultural Critique in Comic Books, Manga, Anime, and Graphic Novels*Catherine Prueitt, Emory University
*In Medias Res: Tracing the Play of Divine Consciousness in Revolutionary Girl Utena*Megan Goodwin, University of North Carolina
*Conversion to Narrative: Magic as Religious Language in Grant Morrison's Invisibles*A. David Lewis, Boston University
*Ever-ending Battle: The Superhero Afterlife Subgenre and the Rupture of Narrative Character*Andrew Tripp, Boston University
*Phallocracy in Alan Moore's From Hell*Franz Winter, University of Vienna
A Case Study in the Importance of the Manga-culture for Japanese New Religions: The "Greek God" Hermes in Kōfuku no Kagaku

A1-127 ★**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group**

Marriott Marquis, A702

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Of Spirits and Virtual Bodies: New Research on the Crossings of Body and Spirit in Latin American Religions*Sean O'Neil, University of Florida
*Anointing Beyond the Grave? Assessing the Legacy of Padre Emiliano, a Transnational Charismatic Catholic Priest*Katerina Kerestetzi, University Paris Oues-Nanterre
*Penetrating the World of the Dead: The Reproduction of Palo Monte's Religious Practice (Cuba)*Ramiro Jaimes Martínez, Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, and Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University
Religious Conversion and Rehabilitation: Neo-Pentecostal Treatment Centers in Tijuana, Mexico

Responding:

Mario I. Aguilar, University of Saint Andrews

Business Meeting:

Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco, and Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

A1-128 **Religion, Media, and Culture Group**

Marriott Marquis, M302

Jonathan Boyarin, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: *Responses to Jeremy Stolow's Orthodox by Design*

Panelists:

Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa

Shaul Magid, Indiana University

David Morgan, Duke University

John Durham Peters, University of Iowa

Responding:

Jeremy Stolow, Concordia University



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Monday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A1-129 ★

Schleiermacher Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Dawn A. De Vries, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *New Work on Schleiermacher, Part Two*

Andrew Dole, Amherst College
Determinism and the Monologen

Frances M. Henderson, Princeton Theological Seminary
Between Gadamer and Frei: Retrieving Schleiermacher's Hermeneutic of Understanding from His Mid-twentieth Century Interpreters

Marcia Mount Shoop, University Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill

Embodiment Theology: Schleiermacher's "Gefühl" and Going Metaphysical

C. J. Dickson, Princeton Theological Seminary
Literary Form in the Later Schleiermacher

Business Meeting:

Andrew Dole, Amherst College, Presiding

A1-130 ★

Scriptural Reasoning Group

Marriott Marquis, A704

Ayesha Chaudhry, Colgate University, Presiding

Theme: *The Promise of Scriptural Reasoning for Scriptural Hermeneutics*

Mike Higton, University of Exeter
"It Could Go Off at Any Minute": Carrying a "Hard Saying" of Jesus's from Evangelicalism to Scriptural Reasoning

Daniel H. Weiss, Oberlin College
Keeping the Oral Torah Oral: Rabbinic Hermeneutics and the Need for Interfaith Text Study

Tom Greggs, University of Chester
Locating and Complexifying 'the Other' and 'the Self': a Path to Discovering the Hermeneutics of Agape

Rumee Ahmed, Colgate University
Know Your Competition: The Crisis of Meaning for the Qur'anic Challenge

Responding:

Randi Rashkover, George Mason University

Business Meeting:

Tom Greggs, University of Chester, Presiding

A1-131 ★

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

Marriott Marquis, M102

Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: *Affect and/in Theology*

Jeffrey McCurry, Duquesne University
Affective Evidence and the Problem of Resentment: Augustine, the Neo-Augustinians, and Nietzsche on Loving God

Abigail Kluchin, Columbia University
Julia Kristeva and the Hermeneutics of Affect

David U. B. Liu, North Carolina State University
Ipseity, Flesh, and Auto-affection in (through) Michel Henry

William Robert, Syracuse University
The Sense of Passion

Business Meeting:

Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding

A1-132

Wesleyan Studies Group and World Christianity Group

Marriott Marquis, M301

Jane Carol Redmont, Guilford College, and Priscilla Pope-Levison, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *The Legacy of Edinburgh 1910: Wesleyan Trajectories of Ecumenism, Mission, and Interreligious Relations for the Twenty-first Century*

Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Pfeiffer University
Edinburgh 1910: A Reflection on Missions and World Christianity

Benjamin L. Hartley, Eastern University
A Reexamination of John R. Mott's Contributions to Methodist Missions, Interreligious Dialogue, and Race Relations after Edinburgh 1910

Kevin York-Simmons, Vanderbilt University
Morality and Missions after Edinburgh: From Rethinking Missions to Rethinking Ethics

Glory Dharmaraj, Women's Division, United Methodist Church
Interfaith Relations: Edinburgh 2010 and a Monitoring Tool

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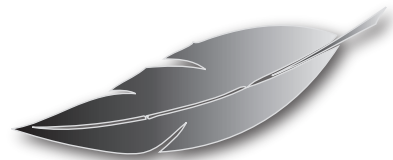
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A1-133**Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group**

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom A

Monique Moultrie, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *The Cultural Production of Femaleness in the Visual Arts*Pamela Lightsey, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
*"Ain't Nothin' An Old Man Can Do Fuh Me But...": Moms Mabley and the Need for Funny During the Civil Rights Movement*Tamura Lomax, Vanderbilt University
*Tyler Perry's Cinematic Theology and His Burden of Representation*Zeena Regis, Columbia Theological Seminary
*"I'm Not Here to Make Friends; I'm Here to Win": Representations of Black Female Friendships in Contemporary Christian Film*Tinesha J. Williams McNeill, Hillside, NJ
*A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing: The Demystification of Tyler Perry's Subliminal Misogyny*Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
*Signifying, Loving, and Relationality Embodied: Towards a Womanist Theological Anthropology Amidst Selected Cultural Productions of Tyler Perry*Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Graduate Theological Union
*Between Moriah and Golgotha: The Presence and Absence of the Binding of Isaac in Traditions of the Maccabean Martyrs*Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago
*The Near-sacrifice of Isaac in Medieval Christian Exegesis*Adam Ben Shea, Emory University
The Binding that Ties: Ibrahim and the Intended Sacrifice

Responding:

Judith L. Bishop, Mills College

Business Meeting:

Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

A1-134**Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, L504

Lucy Bregman, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritualism*Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
*The Curse and the Gift of Spirit Encounters in Contemporary Iceland*Nell Champoux, Syracuse University
*Approaching a World Beyond: Spiritualism and Death in the Thought of William James*Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College
*The Dead Tell of Dying: Reflections on Death in American Spiritualism*Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania
Beautiful Corpse: The Bones of Mary Cragin and the Acceptance of Spiritualism in the Oneida Community

A1-136 ★ ✨**Transhumanism and Religion Consultation**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover C

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

Theme: *Perspectives on Human Enhancement*Geoffrey Redmond, Center for Health Research
*Transhumanism: Ethical Insights from the Three Chinese Spiritual Traditions*Kurt Miller, University of California, Santa Barbara
*When Humans Become Gods: Mormonism and Transhumanism*Michael Burdett, University of Oxford
*N. F. Fedorov and Christian Transhumanism*Patrick D. Hopkins, Millsaps College
*Transhumanism as a Theological Process*Joseph G. Wolyniak, University of Oxford
Transhumanism and the Baconian Project: The Theological Impetus for Material Salvation

Business Meeting:

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

A1-135 ★**Religion in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500–1650 CE Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, L404

Constance Furey, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Interpreting Isaac and Ishmael across Religious Traditions*Deeana Klepper, Boston University
*Isaac, Ishmael, and the Rejection of the Jews in Medieval Christian Thought*Carol Bakhos, University of California, Los Angeles
Siblings and Rivals: Representations of Isaac and Ishmael in Jewish and Muslim Sources



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Monday, 9:00 am–11:30 am

A1-137

Food, Justice, and Sustainability: Atlanta's Urban Agriculture Tour

Monday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Buses pick up at Hyatt Regency-Baker Street Exit

A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida, and Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group, the Forum on Religion and Ecology, and the AAR Task Force on Sustainability

This bus tour will take us to places in urban Atlanta where residents are working to address food, justice, and sustainability concerns in their communities. Tour guide Erin Croom of Georgia Organics (www.georgiaorganics.org) will lead us through several sites to show how local organizations have been addressing hunger and nutrition by developing new forms of urban agriculture and garden-based education.

The tour will include sites such as the Edgewood Community Garden (www.fiskars.com/content/garden_en_us/Garden/ProjectOrangeThumb/orangeEvent/edgewoodcommunity), Oakleaf Mennonite Farm (www.localbarvest.org/farms/M34689), and Truly Living Well Natural Urban Farms (www.trulylivingwell.com). The Edgewood Garden works with local schools, religious organizations, and senior centers. The Oakleaf Mennonite Farm is a diverse vegetable and small-animal farm founded by the Berea Mennonite Church in East Atlanta with the belief that local, fresh, responsible eating is part of the Christian call to stewardship and creation care.

Truly Living Well is an African American owned and operated urban farm that provides food and educational services for local communities. A portion of the tour fee will be donated to these organizations.

Tour fee: \$30

A1-138

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Tour

Monday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Buses pick up at Hyatt Regency-Baker Street Exit

Paul Courtright, Emory University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Hinduism Group and the North American Hinduism Consultation

The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir is the largest Hindu temple of its kind outside of India. The temple boasts hand-carved stone spires that tower seventy-five feet. More than 12,300 tons of stone was quarried and shipped to the craftsmen in India. Then, the nearly 35,000 pieces were shipped to Atlanta, where more than 900 volunteers dedicated their time in putting this marvel together.

Tour fee: \$20

A1-139

William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum Tour

Monday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Meet in Hyatt Regency Lobby

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Study of Judaism Section and the Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group

The Museum's extraordinarily vivid exhibitions use the personal remembrances of Atlantans to explain seminal moments in the Jewish experience. *Creating Community* tells the story of Atlanta Jews creating and experiencing community. *Absence of Humanity* tells the story of the Holocaust through historical photographs and documents, personal memorabilia and family pictures, and in the voices of those who survived and made new lives in Atlanta.

Tour fee: \$10

A1-145

Graduate Student Committee Meeting

Monday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

Hyatt Regency, Baker

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

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A1-140

Drepung Loseling Monastery Tour

Monday, 9:30 am–1:00 pm

Buses pick up at Hyatt Regency-Baker Street Exit

John Dunne, Emory University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group and the Buddhism in the West Consultation

Drepung Loseling provides theoretical knowledge and practical training in Tibetan Buddhist scholarly traditions for Western students, scholars, and the general public and helps preserve the endangered Tibetan culture. The tour will be led by the abbot, Geshe Lobsang Tenzin Negi.

Tour fee: \$30

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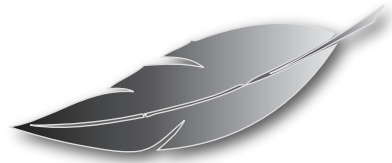
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Monday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

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Plenary Address

Monday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

Hyatt Regency, Centennial II-IV

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Anne Harrington: Religion and the Placebo Effect — Historical Issues, Present-Day Challenges*



Anne Harrington

We know that the human body sometimes responds to a doctor’s reassuring words and the solace of sugar pills as if they were real treatments. Medicine calls this “the placebo effect.” For the past decade, humanistic scholars of medical practice have been interested in the complex, ambivalent ways that medicine and medical science imagines and employs this concept.

What happens, though, when the concept of the placebo effect is invoked as an explanation in contexts where the suffering person has placed his or her faith, not in sugar pills or a fake injection, but in God’s divine mercy, or in the power of prayer? What changes? What is gained? What is at risk? We may not have to guess. Talk about the placebo effect can in fact be found these days in a range of uneasy conversations at the boundaries of religion and medical science. We see it being invoked in everything from arguments about the importance of the “faith factor” in healing, to projects designed to find out whether prayer “really” works, to arguments that our brains are “wired” to believe in God because doing so is good for our health. Where did all these different conversations and projects come from? How should we put the pieces together? And — most important — what are the larger take home questions and challenges for religious studies?

Panelists:

Anne Harrington, Harvard University

A1-143

Career Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, 11:45 am–12:45 pm

Marriott Marquis, L501

Jessica Davenport, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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Michael C. Carlos Museum Tour

Monday, 12:30 am–4:00 pm

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Special Topics Forum

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom C

Emmanuel Lartey, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritual Practices, Religious Pluralism, and Theological Education*

Sponsored by the Theological Education Steering Committee

Contexts of theological education are increasingly pluralistic in terms of religious tradition and the diverse spiritual practices embraced by students and faculty. At the same time, “formation” as a dimension of theological education remains an issue of deep significance. How should we attend to the rich pluralism of spiritual practice within contexts of theological education? What are the implications for how we understand formation as a dimension of theological education? How might practical theology — and its analogues in diverse religious traditions — provide resources for critical reflection upon spiritual practice, formation, and theological education? This session explores such questions through a dialogue with Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and Christian scholars.

Panelists:

Claire Wolfeich, Boston University

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union

Or Rose, Hebrew College

A1-201



Wildcard Session

Marriott Marquis, A708

Jonathan L. Walton, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *What’s this “Religious” in Hip-Hop Culture? Shifting Theories and Methods in the Study of African American Religion*

Recently published texts like KRS-One’s *The Gospel of Hip Hop* (Power House Books, 2009) and Rza’s *The Tao of Wu* (Riverhead, 2009) make use of the religious in varied ways, and in part suggests something about how the religious is taken up in hip-hop cultural forms. While it has been acknowledged that religious attention to hip-hop culture is both important and necessary, left uninterrogated is a critical examination of what the “religious” in hip-hop purports to do, and more so, how attention to hip-hop necessitates a rethinking and retheorizing of the religious in African American religious studies. Is hip-hop changing theoretical formations of the religious in African American religious studies, and if so, how? Through attention to this central question, this panel seeks to interrogate possible challenges to various theoretical foundations within African American religious studies posed by the recent turn to hip-hop as both subject of study and cultural hermeneutic.

Christopher Driscoll, Rice University

“Still Standing”: *Hermeneutic of Style and Ethics of Perpetual Rebellion as Liberative Praxis in the Work of Goodie Mob*

Andre Willis, Yale University

Four Methods of African American Cultural Criticism: Scholarship on Religion and Rap Music

Monday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

Monica Miller, University of Pennsylvania
What's So Religious about the Religious, After All? Redescribing the Religious in Hip-Hop Culture

Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
These Gods Got Swagger: God Games, Gameplay, and the Digital Performance of Hip-Hop Culture in User-Created Machinima

Responding:

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

A1-202

Wildcard Session

Marriott Marquis, L404

Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: *Mapping the Social and Intellectual Boundaries of Premodern Shi'ism*

This panel explores formative themes, social practices, and historical narratives in Shi'ism from its beginnings to the present. Each paper explores central aspects of various Shi'i traditions, and provides analysis which exemplify, nuance, or challenge central aspects of the common understanding of Shi'i tradition.

Tariq al-Jamil, Swarthmore College
Performing the Secret: Shi'ism and Religious Dissimulation in Social Practice (656/1258–786/1384)

David Hollenberg, James Madison University
Toward a Portrait of a Scholastic Community: Oral Histories of the Owners and Patrons of the Zaydi Private Manuscript Libraries of Northern Yemen

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University
Writing and Resistance: The Transmission of Religious Knowledge in Early Shi'ite Thought

Najam Haider, Barnard College
Narratives of Early Zaydism: Theology and the Revolt of Zayd b. Ali

A1-203

Christian Systematic Theology Section

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Revelation, Language, and Canon*

Adam Nigh, University of Aberdeen
Scripture as the Divine Assumption of Fallen Human Language

Duane Stephen Long, Marquette University
Canon(s) as Criteria for Biblical Interpretation

Marsaura Shukla, University of Chicago
Cactus Flowers: Revelation and Inspiration in the Desert of Criticism

Timothy Stanley, University of Manchester
The Return of the Scroll: Canon after Codex

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
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A1-204

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, L506

Kimberley Patton, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Making an Object a Subject: Relationships, Rituals, and the Life of Material Culture*

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Objects as Demonic Subjects in Spiritual Warfare Grimoires

Amy Whitehead, Open University
Gift Giving and Power Perspectives in an English Goddess Temple

David Mozina, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Materiality of Ritual Performance in a Daoist Ritual

Marla Segol, Skidmore College
Bringing Up Golem: Letter Magic and Astrology in the Sefer Yetsirah Manuscript Tradition

Responding:

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College

A1-205

History of Christianity Section

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

David Harrington Watt, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *How Has Orsi's Madonna of 115th Street Affected the Way We Think about Religion?*

Panelists:

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

Stephen J. Stein, Indiana University

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

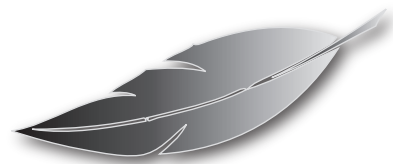
Leigh E. Schmidt, Harvard University

Responding:

Robert Orsi, Northwestern University

Business Meeting:

Martha Finch, Missouri State University, and Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding



A1-206**North American Religions Section**

Marriott Marquis, M102

Courtney Bender, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: *Secular Religion: Moving Beyond the Secular/Religious Binary*

Geoffrey Pollick, Drew University

The Masses Pagan Revolt: Max Eastman and "Religion" among Modern United States Radicals

Healan Gaston, Harvard University

"A Pagan Philosophy from Abroad": Secularism and Public Education in the Interwar Catholic Imagination

Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College

Science and Religion Beyond Scopes: When Physicists See the Light

Responding:

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Jonathan Young, Cornell University

Monastic Politicians: Buddhist Monks in Twenty-first Century Sri Lankan Government

Responding:

Mahinda Deegalle, Bath Spa University

A1-207**Philosophy of Religion Section**

Marriott Marquis, A601

Sarah Hammerschlag, Williams College, Presiding

Theme: *Post-Heideggerian Phenomenology of Religion*

Bradley Onishi, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Hermeneutics of Absence: Marion's Counter-experience and Bataille's Inner Experience

Nathan Crawford, Loyola University, Chicago

Revelation as the Event of Attunement: A Reappropriation of Heidegger through Marion

Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa

Moving Beyond the Symbolic: The Material Potential of Post-Heideggerian Theology

Troy Mack, Drew University

An Embodied History, Constantly Evolving: Embodiment, Evolution, and Revelation in a Heideggerian Project

A1-209**Study of Islam Section**

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom A

Nargis Virani, The New School, Presiding

Theme: *Law, Theology, and Politics*

Dale J. Correa, New York University

Between Reason and Revelation: The Theological Associations of Ijmā' and Their Epistemological Ramifications

Nathan French, University of California, Santa Barbara

For the Benefit of Suicide? A Discussion of Martyrdom Operations within Contemporary Fatwa Literature in the Digital Domain

SherAli Tareen, Duke University

Can God Lie? Can God Produce a Second Muhammad? Intra-Muslim Polemics on the Boundaries of Divine and Prophetic Authority in Nineteenth Century India

Gregory Mack, McGill University

The Modern Muhtasib: Religious Policing in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Philip Dorroll, Emory University

"The Turkish Understanding of Religion": Sonmez Kutlu, Hanifi Ozcan, and the Epistemology of Cultural and Religious Pluralism

A1-208**Religion in South Asia Section**

Marriott Marquis, M301

Ananda Abeyssekara, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

Theme: *Taking Refuge in the State: Buddhists, Non-Buddhists, and the State in Contemporary Sri Lanka*

Daniel W. Kent, Whitman College

To Kill with Kindness: Buddhist Understandings of War and Intentional Killing in Sri Lanka's Civil War

Benjamin Schonthal, University of Chicago

Buddhism, Secularism, and the History of Religions in Sri Lanka's Constitutions

Oshan Fernando, East York, Ontario

(Re)Imagining the State: The Politics of Converting to Christianity in Sri Lanka

A1-210**Study of Judaism Section**

Marriott Marquis, L505

Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *Jewish Identity and Race in the United States*

Sarah Imhoff, University of Chicago

Constructing the American Jewish Body: Medical, Racial, and Gender Discourses

Annalise Glauz-Todrank, University of California, Santa Barbara

How Racial Discourse Influences Jewish Legal Rights: An Analysis of Three Cases

Ruchama Johnston-Bloom, University of Chicago

"I Declared Myself a Mutation": Jewish Identity, Race, and Gender in How I Became Hettie Jones

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego

Idolaters are Not Called "Adam"

Responding:

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester



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Monday, 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

A1-211

Teaching Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, L405-406

Elizabeth Corrie, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Educating for Social Transformation in Religious Studies and Beyond: Perspectives from Atlanta Area Activists and Educators*

Panelists:

- Lucia Hulsether, Agnes Scott College
- Alexis Chase, Georgia Interfaith Power and Light
- Letitia Campbell, Emory University
- Bryan Cronan, Emory University
- K. Rashid Nuri, Truly Living Well Natural Urban Farms
- Max Evans, Emory University
- Brian G. Campbell, Emory University

A1-212

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Marriott Marquis, A707

Mark Scott, Concordia University, Presiding

Theme: *Aesthetics and the Political*

- Krista E. Hughes, Hanover College
Making "Sense" of Justice: Aesthetics and Compassion
- Jinyok Kim, University of Oxford
Barth, Nazism, and the Beautiful: Towards an Ethics of Aesthetics
- Christopher Boesel, Drew University
The Perils of a Divine Aesthete after the Holocaust
- Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco
Hagio-Politics: Leadership, Charisma, and the Performance of the Beautiful in Faith-based Social Justice Movements
- Elisabeth Vasko, Duquesne University
Beauty and the Cross: The Framing of Attention to Suffering in Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theology

A1-213

Women and Religion Section and Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group

Marriott Marquis, A705

Lyone Fein, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: *Female Leadership and Alternative Authorities in Hinduisms and Judaisms*

- Antoinette DeNapoli, Grinnell College
Real Sadhus Sing to God: Devotion, Performance, and (Symbolic) Capital in the Leadership of Female Ascetics in Rajasthan
- Melia Belli, University of Texas, Arlington
Gender, Legitimacy, and the Visual Vocabulary of Queenship: Abilyabai Holkar's Memorial Commission
- June Leavitt, Ben Gurion University of the Negev
The Race and Rage of Fertility: Some Problems with Matriarchal Leadership in Ancient Judaism
- Beatrice Wallins, Seattle University
Breaking the Rules: Gender and Models of Religious Leadership in Second Temple Period Judaism

Responding:

- Karen Pechilis, Drew University
- Kathleen Erndl, Florida State University

A1-214

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Michael Masatsugu, Towson University, Presiding

Theme: *Aesthetics, Cultural Production, and Religious History in Asian Pacific America*

















- Courtney Goto, Emory University
Issei Garden as a "Territory of Play" and Performance
- Mimi Khúc, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial: Race, (Civil) Religion, and Asian America
- Anne Blankenship, University of North Carolina
"The Greatest Opportunity for Soul Winning": Southern Evangelicalism and the Japanese American Incarceration Camps of the Arkansas Delta
- Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University
The Ethics of Identity Formation: History and Collective Healing in Cambodian America

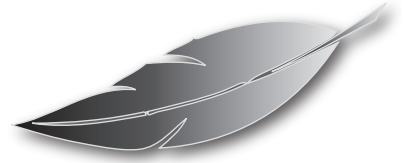
Responding:

- Edward K. Chan, Kennesaw State University

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A1-215**Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group**

Marriott Marquis, A703

Anne Joh, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Body of Christ*

Panelists:

Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary

Shelly Rambo, Boston University

Adam Kotsko, Kalamazoo College

Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press

A1-216 ★**Bioethics and Religion Group**

Marriott Marquis, L504

Laura Kicklighter, Lynchburg College, Presiding

Theme: *Four Religious Views for Four Bioethical Issues*

Michal Raucher, Northwestern University

*Jewish Nazis: Abortion Ethics in Israel and the Rhetoric of the Holocaust*Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne Universities
A Hindu Bioethical Response: The Challenge of Euthanasia

Marcie Middlebrooks, Cornell University

Bioethics and Korean Buddhist Mobilizations around the Hwang Woo Suk Stem Cell Scandal

Raymond Ward, Boston College

Kathryn Tanner and John Milbank on Grace: Two Models for Rationing Health Care

Business Meeting:

Laura Kicklighter, Lynchburg College, Presiding

A1-217 **Buddhist Philosophy Group and Yogācāra Studies Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, A702

A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo, Presiding

Theme: *Philosophical Issues in the Madhyāntavibhāga*

Daniel McNamara, Emory University

On the Status of the Trisvabhāvanirdeśa in Contemporary Conceptions of Yogācāra Thought

Ching Keng, National Chengchi University

Two Models for the Three-Nature Theory in the Early Yogācāra Tradition

Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

Mining Vasubandhu's Commentary on the Madhyāntavibhāga for Yogācāra Philosophical Motives

Mario D'Amato, Rollins College

A Semiotic Soteriology: A Reading of Three Key Doctrines in "Distinguishing the Middle from the Extremes"

Responding:

Robert M. Gimello, University of Notre Dame

A1-218 ★**Comparative Theology Group**

Marriott Marquis, A602

Robert Smid, Curry College, Presiding

Theme: *Unacknowledged Pioneers of Comparative Theology*

Panelists:

Karen Crozier, Fresno Pacific University

Lawrence A. Whitney, Boston University

Christian S. Krokus, University of Scranton

June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart University

Donald Wallenfang, Loyola University, Chicago

Responding:

Jay McDaniel III, Hendrix College

Business Meeting:

Reid Locklin, University of Toronto, Presiding

A1-219 ★**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group**

Marriott Marquis, M105

Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Theme: *Noncanonical Scholarship in the Study of Religion*

Brian Collins, University of Chicago

Unmasking the Sovereign Sadist: Robert Eisler's Man into Wolf

Alexander van der Haven, Webster University

Scientific Immanence as Religion: Schreber as a Religious Thinker

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University

What We Have Damned: Reading (and Laughing with) Charles Fort in Today's Academy

Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

"Spirit Possession" and the Uses of Africa in the Work of Michel Leiris and the Collège de Sociologie

Responding:

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University, Columbus

Business Meeting:

Jorunn Jacobsen Buckley, Bowdoin College, and Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding



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Monday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

A1-220

Daoist Studies Group

Marriott Marquis, L503

Harold D. Roth, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: *Representations of Daoism in Medieval and Modern East Asia*

Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University, Camden

The Dynamic Between Liturgical Innovation and Pantheon Growth in Daoism of the Song-Yuan Period: A Case of Zhenwu (Perfected Warrior)

Paul Amato, Arizona State University

Zhang Daoling at Mount Longhu: The Revision of a Hagiography and the Creation of a Lineage

Helen Hwang, University of California, Los Angeles

Exploring the Visual Representations of Magu: Her Transnational Identities from a Daoist Goddess to the Cosmogonist Uncovered

Clarke Hudson, University of Virginia

“Man Does Not Part His Robes, Nor Does the Woman Loosen Her Belt”: Online Chinese Discussions of Non-Contact “Sexual” Alchemy

Responding:

Livia Kohn, Boston University

A1-221



Ecclesiological Investigations Group

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B

Julie Clague, University of Glasgow, Presiding

Theme: *Breaking the Mould, Traversing the Boundaries: Conceptions of Mission and Unity in a Fragmented and Postcolonial World*

Adriaan van Klinken, Utrecht University

“The Body of Christ with AIDS” as a Stepping Stone towards a Postcolonial Ecclesiology

Nathaniel Wood, Fordham University

Truth, Kenosis, and the Unity of the Churches: On the Ecumenical Implications of Khomiakov’s “Sobornost” Ecclesiology

Elina Hellqvist, University of Helsinki and University of Eastern Finland

An Ecclesiological Impasse? Orthodox–Protestant Relations in the WCC

Steven Battin, University of Notre Dame

Rethinking Ecclesial Unity in the Context of the Colonial Divide

Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki

Recognition as a Concept of Unity

Responding:

Jenny Te Paa, College of Saint John the Evangelist, Auckland

Business Meeting:

Gerard Mannion, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Presiding

A1-222



Evangelical Theology Group

Marriott Marquis, A704

Esther Acolatse, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Reading Jesus from the Margins*

Brian Bantum, Duke University

The Mulatto Jesus? Jesus Between the Margins and the Center

Mary Veeneman, North Park University

Reading Jesus and the Kingdom of God with James Cone

Peter Slade, Ashland University

John Perkins, the Joshua Generation, and the Reenvisioning of Evangelicalism

J. Denny Weaver, Bluffton University

Anabaptist Atonement Theology, Interethnic Inclusivity, and Evangelical Justification

Responding:

Joy J. Moore, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding

A1-223



Korean Religions Group

Marriott Marquis, L507

Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Theme: *Diagnosing the Field: Recent Publications on Korean Religions*

Panelists:

Don Baker, University of British Columbia

Richard D. McBride II, Brigham Young University, Hawai'i

Jin Y. Park, American University

Timothy Lee, Brite Divinity School

Responding:

Young-chan Ro, George Mason University

Business Meeting:

Timothy Lee, Brite Divinity School, and Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding

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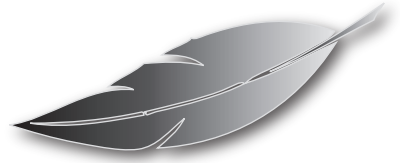
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A1-224**Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group**

Marriott Marquis, M108

Christine Libby, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Carving Spaces for Lesbian-Feminist Identities in Religion*Catherine Lafuente, Claremont Graduate University
*Lesbianism and Islamic Law: Examining the Boundary Between Love and Legality*Eziaku Nwokocha, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Ezili Dantò: Rethinking Sexuality and Gender Discourse in Haitian Vodou*Heike Peckruhn, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
*Sexing Atonement: Irigarayan Readings of Otherness, Difference, and the Cross*Jacob J. Erickson, Drew University
*The Law Queers: Reimagining Luther's Theology of Justification*Marie Cartier, Claremont Graduate University
"Theology": The "Not Necessarily Christian Alternative" Available to Pre-Stonewall Gay Women

Responding:

Susan E. Henking, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

A1-225 ★ ✨**Nineteenth-Century Theology Group**

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Theodore Vial Jr., Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Science, Secularism, and Values*Robert Segal, University of Aberdeen
*E. B. Tylor's Reconciliation of Religion with Science*Jeffrey A. Wilcox, Wabash College
*A "Manly" Religion: Paul Carus and the Religion of Science*Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College
*Troeltsch on Religion, Secularity, and Cultural Values*J. Thomas Howe, Regis University
Affirmations after God: Friedrich Nietzsche and Richard Dawkins on Atheism

Business Meeting:

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

A1-226 ★**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**

Marriott Marquis, A701

John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

Theme: *Medieval Platonism: Islam and Christianity*A. David Owen, Harvard University
*Collaring the Dove: Ibn Hazm and the Reception of Plato's Symposium*Shatha Almutawa, University of Chicago
*Al-Farabi and Plato's Laws*Danielle Dubois, Johns Hopkins University
*Henological and Trinitarian Structures in Marguerite Porete's Mirror of Simple Souls*Ahmed Abdel Meguid, Emory University
The Platonic Origin of al-Junayd's Conception of Islamic Monotheism as the Separation of the Transcendent and the Immanent

Business Meeting:

John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

A1-227 ★**Religion and Disability Studies Group**

Marriott Marquis, L401-402

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Disciplinary Perspectives on Disability*Julia Watts Belser, Missouri State University
*Reading Talmudic Bodies: Disability, Narrative, and the Gaze in Rabbinic Judaism*Taylor S. Hines, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Mastering the Body: Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century American Religious Healing, Contemporary Medicine, and the Othering of Disability*Robyn Neville, Emory University
*The Case for the Study of Disability in the Middle Ages: Debilitas and Its Representations*Mary E. Lowe, Augsburg College
Disability Theology and Sin Redefined

Business Meeting:

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding



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Religion and Ecology Group

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Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, Presiding

Theme: *Climate Change: Rethinking Contested Concepts*

Evan Berry, American University
Climate Change and the Ethical Ambiguity of “Interconnectedness”

Kevin O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University
Questioning the “War” Against Climate Change: Christian Ecojustice and Militaristic Rhetoric in the Environmental Movement

Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
Mitigating the Climate Crisis Locally: Faith-based Communities in the Dominican Republic and Guatemala

Celia Deane-Drummond,
Contested Ground Post-COP-15: Theological Arguments for Climate Justice

A1-229

Religion and Popular Culture Group and Sacred Space in Asia Group

Marriott Marquis, M101

Cynthia Col, Brandeis University, Presiding

Theme: *Virtual Asian Sacred Space: Hidden Lands, Ritual Practice, and Soteriological Technologies*

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Mediating Emptiness: Online Zen Buddhist Meditation and the Ideological Logic of the Kōan

Jessica Falcone, Kansas State University
An “Even More” Virtual World: “Build”ing Tibetan Buddhist Ritual, Practice, and Belief in Second Life

Tsering Wangchuk, Warren Wilson College
In Search of the Hidden Land: Tibetan Pilgrims Attempt to Reach the Unreachable Land of Pema Koh

Ronald S. Green, Coastal Carolina University
Tweeting the Dalai Lama: Are Cell Phones Becoming the New Vajras?

Responding:

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University

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Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Oren Baruch Stier, Florida International University, Presiding

Theme: *Changing the Past? Artistic License and the Limits of Historical Revisioning*

Jodi Eichler-Levine, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Thinkable Fantasies: The Supernatural, the Really Real, and the Invented Memoir in Holocaust Literature for Children

Curtis Lanoue, Florida International University
Finding a Voice: The Use of Text in Musical Memorials to the Holocaust

Julie Fortune, Florida State University
History, Testimony, and Ethics: A Lacuna Close

Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University
Violent Victims: Holocaust Memories of Retaliation in Inglorious Bastards and Defiance

Responding:

Deborah Lipstadt, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, and Katharina von Kellenbach, Saint Mary’s College of Maryland, Presiding

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Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation

Marriott Marquis, L508

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *Topics in the Cognitive Science of Religion*

Sherry Morton, Georgia State University
The Brain on Ritual: The Embodied Logic of Tantric Deity Worship

Holly Phillips, Georgia State University
Prayer and Attention

Nathaniel Barrett, Boston University
Toward an Ecological Psychology of Religious Experience: The Unrealized Promise of William James’s Radical Empiricism

Responding:

Carl Seaquist, Bethel University

Business Meeting:

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

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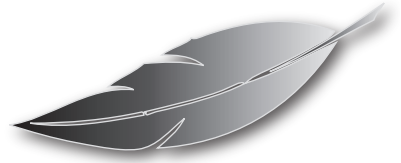
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A1-232 ★**Jain Studies Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M302

Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Jain Bodily Practices and Representations of the Body*Mari Jyvasjarvi, Harvard University
*Adapting Ascetic Practices for the Female Body: The Case of Jain Monastic Texts*Lisa Owen, University of North Texas
*Monastic Bodies: The Roles of Portraiture in Ellora's Jain Caves*Anne Vallely, University of Ottawa
*The Discursive and Phenomenological Body within Jainism*M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University
Jinamatas: Pregnant with the Embodiments of Jainism

Business Meeting:

Christoph Emmrich, University of Toronto, and Anne E. Monius,
Harvard University, Presiding

A1-233 ★**Music and Religion Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M304

Philip Stoltzfus, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities,
PresidingTheme: *Explorations in Music and Religion*Dirk von der Horst, Claremont Graduate University
*Exegesis, Eroticism, and Experience in the Era of Electronic
Reproducibility: Two Performances of Thomas Tomkins's Then David
Mourned*David M. Wilmington, Baylor University
*Freedom and the Groove: Why Virtue Ethics Needs Jazz Improvisation*Christopher D. L. Johnson, University of Alabama
*The Aesthetics of Nonsense: Compositional and Interpretive Creativity
in the Meaningless Syllables of Byzantine Chant*Joseph Ballan, University of Chicago
*Vladimir Jankélévitch's Apophatic Philosophy of Music*Ferdia Stone-Davis, Ely, United Kingdom
Music, Beauty, and Ekstasis

Business Meeting:

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding

A1-234 ★**Religion and Humanism Consultation**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Verna Ehret, Mercyhurst College, Presiding

Theme: *The Rhetorics of Humanism*Terence Martin, Saint Mary's College
*The Ironic Rhetoric of Erasmus*Santiago Pinon, University of Chicago
*Defending Human Rights Openly but Not Directly: Francisco Vitoria
and the Use of Rhetoric*W. David Hall, Centre College
*Shades of Irony: Giambattista Vico's Criticism of the Ironic Viewpoint,
the (Post)Modern Glorification of the Ironist, and the Possibilities for a
Theological Reappropriation of Irony*Douglas Harrison, Florida Gulf Coast University
*The Repurpose Driven Life: Contemporary Evangelicalism's Covert
Appropriation of Humanism*

Responding:

Maria Antonaccio, Bucknell University

Business Meeting:

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding

A1-235 ★**Religion and Sexuality Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, A706

Heather White, New College of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *New Approaches to the Study of Religion and Sexuality*John Anderson, Loyola University, Chicago
*"Aporia," Suspicion, and Homosexual Subjectivity in Mainline
Protestant Discourse*Veena Rani Howard, University of Oregon
*Gandhi's Celibacy as Hermeneutics: Negotiating the Power of Virility
and Vulnerability for Women's Issues*Devin Kuhn, California Polytechnic State University
*Holy Jealousy and Divine Play? Ethical and Religious Considerations
in Polyamorous Relationships*Brent Hagerman, Wilfrid Laurier University
Galong, Galong, Galong: *Moral Regulation and the Art of Tracing in
the Music of Yellowman*

Responding:

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Business Meeting:

Monique Moultrie, Vanderbilt University, Presiding



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Monday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

A1-236

Oakland Cemetery Tour

Monday, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

Meet in Hyatt Regency Lobby

Jill Petersen Adams, Syracuse University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation

Oakland, founded in 1850, exemplifies the nineteenth century “rural garden” cemetery movement. It is the final resting place of many of Atlanta’s most noted citizens. It is also a showplace of sculpture and architecture, and a botanical preserve with ancient oaks and magnolias. Here in this peaceful place, the full scope of the city’s rich and fascinating history unfolds before you.

Tour fee: \$15

A1-237

SOLD OUT

Sacred and Religious Sites of Atlanta Tour

Monday, 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

Buses pick up at Hyatt Regency-Baker Street Exit

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, and David Bains, Samford University, and Hazem Ziada, Southern Polytechnic State University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation

Covering historic and new buildings reflecting the diversity and innovation of religion in Atlanta today, this motor-coach tour will journey from Downtown north to Midtown and Buckhead to visit four Atlanta religious sites:

- **Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.** Home of the oldest Catholic congregation in the city, dating to the 1840s, this Gothic-style building is a restoration of the 1873 church, which was gutted by fire in 1982.
- **Buckhead Church,** established in 2001, is an urban satellite of evangelical minister Andy Stanley’s North Point Community Church, a well-known megachurch.
- **Peachtree Reform Temple** is the home of the oldest Jewish congregation in the city (dating to 1860) and site of a 1958 racially motivated bombing. This neoclassical building was erected in 1931.
- **Al-Farooq Masjid.** One of several mosques in the Atlanta area, this diverse congregation was established in 1980 and includes primarily Middle Eastern, South Asian (primarily Pakistani), and African American Muslims.

Monday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A1-300

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, A702

Sylvester Johnson, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Literature, and Ethnic Identity*

J. Stephen Pearson, University of Tennessee

Fighting Racism with Spiritual Historiography: Biblical Typology in Fray Angelico Chavez’s Stories

David L. Simmons, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Haiti on Her Mind: Hoodoo, Voodoo, and the Faust Myth in the Writings of Zora Neale Hurston

Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University
Grito Hacia Roma/Cry Toward Rome, the Poet as Prophet

James Thrall, Knox College

Women, Spirits, and Postcolonial Speculation in Nalo Hopkinson’s The Salt Roads

A1-301

Buddhism Section

Hyatt Regency, Hanover FG

Mikael Adolphson, University of Alberta, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhism During the Insei Period (1086–1185)*

Mikael Bauer, Harvard University

The Northern Rituals as Microsphere of the Religious–Political: The Presence of the Southern Schools in Hossbōji’s Dharma Assemblies

Sarah Horton, Yale University

The Buddhist Songs of the Ryōjū Hisbō: Giving Voice to the Lower Classes in the Insei Period

Heather Blair, Indiana University

The King’s Prayers: Rule and Ritual in the Early Insei

Brian Ruppert, University of Illinois

Saisen, “Kobo Daisbi,” and the Dharma Prince Shukaku: The Shingon Culture of Learning, Lineage, and Sacred Works (Shōgyō) in the Insei Period

Ethan Lindsay, Princeton University

The First Journey to Kōyasan by a Buddhist King: Shirakawa Jōkō’s Pilgrimage of 1088

A1-302

Christian Systematic Theology Section

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom D

Stephen G. Ray Jr., Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Revelation Held Hostage: Hearing the Word Otherwise*

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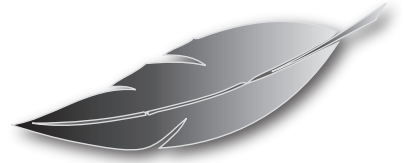
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Christopher Holmes, University of Otago
Revelation in the Present Tense: On Rethinking Interpretation in Light of the Prophetic Office of Jesus Christ

Andrea C. White, Emory University
Womanist Hermeneutic of Revelation

Rachel Muers, University of Leeds
Truth is My Authority: Thinking Revelation as Testimony

Wayne Morris, University of Chester
Beyond the Written Text: Revelation in the Deaf Community

A1-303

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, L506

Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University, Presiding

Theme: *Interpretation, Explanation, and Clifford Geertz*

Robert Segal, University of Aberdeen
Clifford Geertz's Interpretive Approach to Religion

Jung Lee, Northeastern University
The Value of Reality: Geertz, Normativity, and the Comparative Study of Religions

Stephen Bush, Longmont, CO
Are Meanings the Name of the Game? Religion as Symbolic Meaning and Religion as Power

Witold Wolny, University of Virginia
What, How, and Why: Geertzian Definition of Religion and Neurotheological Project on Meta and Megatheology

Responding:

Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame

A1-304

Ethics Section

Marriott Marquis, M101

Jacob Robinson, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *The Ethics of Social Responses to "Natural" Disasters and Risks*

William Schanbacher, Claremont Graduate University
Haiti: Failed Development Policy, Failed Justice, More of the Same to Come, Maybe?

Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
Will the Pure in Heart See God? Ethics and Religiously Motivated "Relief Work" After the Haiti Earthquake

Aaron D. Conley, Iliff Seminary and University of Denver
Whose History Counts amidst a Hurricane of Societal Privilege?

Cassie Trentaz, Chicago Theological Seminary
Complicating "Risk": "Risk Environments," Religion, and HIV/AIDS

A1-305

History of Christianity Section

Marriott Marquis, M105

Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding

Theme: *Christians and Torture, from Golgotha to Abu Ghraib: Victims, Voyeurs, and Perpetrators*

David Tombs, Trinity College, Dublin
Crucifixion as Spectacular Torture and Gendered Violence

Michael Ostling, Central Michigan University
Piety in the Torture Chamber: Hearing Christianity in the Testimony of Accused Polish Witches

Denise Kettering, Brethren Historical Library and Archives
The Bloody Theater: Female Mennonite Martyrs on Display

Haruko Nawata Ward, Columbia Theological Seminary
Beyond Torture to Paradise: Women Martyrs' Claim of Spiritual Authority at the Closing of Japan's Christian Century (1624-1650)

Sarah Sentilles, California State University, Channel Islands
On Torture and Photography: How the Crucifixion Shapes Understandings of and Responses to Violence Against "Others"

A1-306

North American Religions Section

Marriott Marquis, M102

David Harrington Watt, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Rhetorics of Progress: Science and Technology in the Making of American Religions*

Brandi Denison, University of North Carolina
Farming, Race, and Religion in the American West

Jenna Tiitsman, Auburn Media and University of North Carolina
Kingdom Came: Oneida, the Telegraph, and American Utopia

Laurie Maffly-Kipp, University of North Carolina
African American Missionaries and the Material Display of Civilization

Randall Styers, University of North Carolina
Superstition and Scientific Progress

Responding:

Leigh E. Schmidt, Harvard University



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Monday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A1-307

Philosophy of Religion Section

Marriott Marquis, A601

Jeffrey Kosky, Washington and Lee University, Presiding

Theme: *The Presence/Absence of God*

Scot Douglass, University of Colorado
Between Two Events: Paul, Dostoevsky, and the Christian Now

Jerome Gellman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Terror of God's Hiddenness in Early Hasidic Judaism

Liane F. Carlson, Columbia University
The Loneliness of Eternity: Friedrich von Schelling's 1813 Ages of the World

Jason Smick, Santa Clara University
Ricoeur, Heidegger, and the Unthought of the Phenomenology of Religion: Philosophy

A1-308

Religion and Politics Section

Marriott Marquis, A602

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Activism in United States Politics*

David Craig, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
Everyone at the Table: Religious Activism in Massachusetts Health Care Reform

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University
Beyond Bad Argument: The Uncomfortable Origins of the "Children's Health" Argument within the Same-Sex Marriage Debate

Natalie Williams, Drew University
Saving Marriage, Saving America: The Covenant Marriage Movement

Sara Moslener, Augustana College
The Mighty are Falling: Sexual Purity and National Security in a Post-Christian America

A1-309

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Marriott Marquis, L508

Marla Frederick, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Theories of Society and Culture*

James Manigault-Bryant, Williams College
Black Theology and the Futures of Sociology

Frank Shepard, Columbia University
Towards a Nietzschean Theory of Culture

James McBride, New York University
Through the Eyes of Bourdieu: A Closer Look at the Origins of the 2008 Financial Crisis and the Future of Social Capital

Daniel Cerván, Saint Paul University
Armed Violence Reduction: A Promising Contribution in the Solution for the Nigerian Ethnoreligious Conflict

Isabel Corpas de Posada, Universidad de San Buenaventura
In the Intersection of Social Sciences and Theology: A Research Group Turns into an Academic Program

A1-310

Religion in South Asia Section

Marriott Marquis, M301

Brian Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding

Theme: *Owning Local Culture: Branding the Garhwal Himalaya as "Land of the Gods"*

Luke Whitmore, Emory University
"Kedarnath Earns, Madmabeshvar Spends": Garhwali Deity Procession in the Age of Bagpipes and YouTube

Karin Polit, University of Heidelberg
The Performance of the Chakravyuha: Aestheticizing Ancient Local Traditions in the Garhwal Himalayas

Andrea Marion Pinkney, National University of Singapore
Ritual Tokens as Trademark: Marketing Himalayan Shrines with Prasada

Responding:

James Lochtefeld, Carthage College

A1-311

Study of Islam Section

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom A

Juliane Hammer, George Mason University, Presiding

Theme: *Muslims and Religious Others*

Fuad S. Naeem, Georgetown University
Idolatrous Muslims, Monotheist Hindus: Maulana Muhammad Qasim Nanautvi of Deoband, Swami Dayananda Sarasvati of the Arya Samaj, Interreligious Polemics, and the Making of Modern Muslim Identity in South Asia

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University
Sharing the Sacred, Defining the Secular: Multireligious Sites in Muslim Contexts

Mahboob Afsar Mohammad, University of Texas, Austin
Shi'i Rituals and Non-Shi'i Devotees: An Alternate Muharram in a South Indian Village

Alfons Teipen, Furman University
Some Observations on the Portrayal of the Jews of Medina in Early Muslim Biographies of Muhammad

Kieko Obuse, University of Oxford
Japanese Muslim Views of Buddhism: Converts' Dilemmas

Responding:

Nelly van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University

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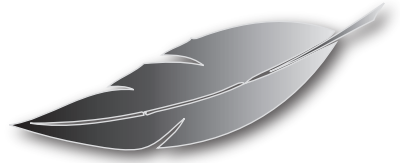
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A1-312 ★**Study of Judaism Section**

Marriott Marquis, L505

Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: *Jews, Judaism, and Race*Heather Miller Rubens, University of Chicago
*Irish-Jews versus Anglo-Jews: Religion, Race, and Imitations of Empire*Jodi Eichler-Levine, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
*"Weren't Never Friends": The Ruptures of Race, Religion, and Gender in Tony Kushner's Caroline, or Change*Mari Rethelyi, University of Iowa
*Imagined Histories, Invented Identities: The Racial Option in Jewish Thought*Allison Schottenstein, University of Texas
Between Two Borders: "Rabbi" Sam Perl, Jewish Acculturation, and Charro Days

Business Meeting:

Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, and Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Presiding

A1-313 **Teaching Religion Section**

Marriott Marquis, L405-406

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Prevailing Structure, Countervailing Voice: The Dangerous Religious Studies Classroom*Miguel P. Conchas, University of the Incarnate Word, and Martha Ann Kirk, University of the Incarnate Word
*Christian-Muslim Encounters Through Using Online International Exchanges in Undergraduate Religious Studies Classes*Amy Weigand, Temple University
*Problems as Solutions: Training the Critical Citizen through the World Religions Course*Titus Hjelm, University College London
*Contemporary Critique of Ideology in the Religion Classroom*Erin Michele Brigham, Graduate Theological Union
*Creating a Public Space Through Community-based Learning*Bret Lewis, Arizona State University
Keeping Score on Religion: Quantifying the Impact of Religious Studies Courses on Undergraduate Attitudes

A1-314 **Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Liberation Theologies Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, A707

Mayra Rivera, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Review of Néstor Míguez, Joerg Rieger, and Jung Mo Sung's Beyond the Spirit of Empire: Theology and Politics in a New Key, Reclaiming Liberation Theology Series (London: SCM Press, 2009)*

Panelists:

Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Gary Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University

Edward Phillip Antonio, Iliff School of Theology

Responding:

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University

Jung Mo Sung, Universidade Metodista, São Paulo

A1-315**Women and Religion Section**

Marriott Marquis, A705

Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Women's Voices: Rereading and Reconsidering Women's Religious Writings and Testimonies*Diane Segroves, Vanderbilt University
*Appropriating Ety: Reading Religious Identity in the Writing of Ety Hillesum*Christina Busman, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Rereading God's Fierce Whimsy: Embracing the Enduring Relevance of Dialogic Theology*Ji Li, Chinese University of Hong Kong
*"Voici des Lettres de vos Filles": Gender, Writing, and Religious Literacy in Nineteenth Century Rural China*Jessica Wilbanks, University of Houston
Old Wine in New Vessels: Situating the Testimony of Grace Ihere within Nigeria's Literary Tradition

Business Meeting:

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding



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Monday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A1-316 ★

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom C

Jennifer McBride, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Time in Letters and Papers from Prison*

Arthur M. Sutherland, Loyola University
The Significance of Liturgical Time and Gift Exchange in Bonhoeffer's Letters and Papers From Prison

Howard Pickett, University of Virginia
The Torso and the Hypocrite: Polyphonic Integrity in Bonhoeffer's Letters and Papers from Prison

Jennifer Heckart, Union Theological Seminary
God Gathers Up Again with Us Our Past: Memory and Time in Bonhoeffer's Letters and Papers from Prison

Business Meeting:

Jennifer McBride, Emory University, Presiding

A1-317

Confucian Traditions Group

Marriott Marquis, M301

Pauline Lee, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: *"Qing" (Feelings) and "Yu" (Desires) in Ming/Qing Confucian Thought*

Fei Lan, University of Toronto
Yu: The Unfolding of the Other — On Dai Zhen's Conception of Human Desire

Suk Choi, Towson University
Zhu Xi and Dai Zhen on "Xin," "Qing," and "Yu"

Hsueh-yi Lin, Princeton University
Martyrdom and Beyond: Regulated Passions in the Donglin Movement

Jinli He, Trinity University
The Concept of "Yu" in Wang Guowei's Thinking

Responding:

On-cho Ng, Pennsylvania State University

A1-318 ★

Gay Men and Religion Group

Marriott Marquis, L503

Paul J. Gorrell, Independent Scholar, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Experience/Persecution*

Cyril Orji, University of Dayton
Why are They after "Gays" in Uganda? An Interplay of Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Sexual Orientation

Philip Abrahamson, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
Gay Devotion to Eastern Orthodox Iconography

Tony Hoshaw, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Kunitoshi Sakai, Chicago Theological Seminary
Toward A Gay Male Ecclesiology

John-Charles Duffy, University of North Carolina
Sentimental Politics: Gay Male Mormon Suicides as Symbolic Capital

Responding:

J. Terry Todd, Drew University

Business Meeting:

Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, Presiding

A1-319 ★

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group

Marriott Marquis, L404

Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity, Presiding

Theme: *Christianity and Indigenous Traditions*

Seth Schermerhorn, Arizona State University
Rethinking Indigenous Christianities: Challenges Posed by Yoeme Oral Traditions to Academic Understandings

Jude Aguwa, Mercy College
The Changing Conditions of Nigeria's Indigenous Medicine

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College
Unmapping the Colonial Imagery: Why the Term "Indigenous" Should be Dismantled

Kathleen J. Martin, California Polytechnic State University
Traditional Responsibility and Native Rights to Land and Sacred Places

Business Meeting:

Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University College, Presiding

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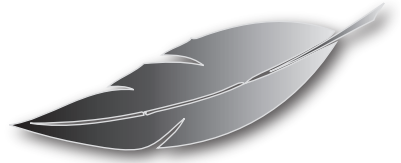
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A1-320 ★ **Law, Religion, and Culture Group**

Marriott Marquis, A706

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Winnifred Fallers Sullivan's Prison Religion: Faith-Based Reform and the Constitution (Princeton University Press, 2009)*

Panelists:

- Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania
- Courtney Bender, Columbia University
- Kathleen Moore, University of California, Santa Barbara
- David Sehat, Georgia State University
- Joshua Dubler, Columbia University
- W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago

Responding:

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo

Business Meeting:

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding

A1-321 ★**Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group**

Marriott Marquis, A704

Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher, Texas College, Presiding

Theme: *Men and Masculinities in Christianity and Judaism: A Critical Response*

Panelists:

- Amanullah De Soudy, Ithaca College
- Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
- Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
- Ronald E. Long, Hunter College

Responding:

Björn Krondorfer, Saint Mary's College of Maryland

Stephen B. Boyd, Wake Forest University

Business Meeting:

Robert A. Atkins Jr., Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL, Presiding

A1-322**Mysticism Group**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Rkia Elaroui Cornell, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Mystical Paths in Islam*Mushegh Asatryan, Yale University
*Mystical Shi'ism between the Two Occultations: "Kitab al-Sirat" and its Milieu*Rafal Stepień, Columbia University
*The Mystic Poetry of 'Attār Neishabūri*Sarwar Alam, Emory University
*Encountering the Unholy: the Establishment of Political Parties by Sufi Masters in Modern Bangladesh*F. Betül Yavuz, Rice University
The Hidden Belief in the Manifest God: Exploring Unconventional Currents of the Ottoman Sufi Thinking

A1-323 **Religion and Ecology Group**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover C

Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *Engaging New Concepts in Religion and Ecology*Todd LeVasseur, University of Florida
*Resiliency is the New "S" Word: Creativity at the Edge of Systems*Daniel McFee, Mercyhurst College
*Jeffrey Stout, Epistemic Negligence, and Satisficing as Applied to Species Depletion*Norman Wirzba, Duke University
*A World of Priests: Learning to Receive and Give Again the Gift of Creation*Julia Watts Belser, Missouri State University
*Unmaking the Demonization of Paganism: An Ecofeminist Critique of Idolatry Discourse in Jewish Environmental Thought*P. Joshua Griffin, Episcopal Diocese of California
The Ecological Death of God: Caputo's "Event" in the Context of Catastrophic Climate Change after Copenhagen



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Monday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A1-324

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Marriott Marquis, M103-104

Charon Hribar, Union Theological Seminary, and Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *Moral Injury and Conscience in War*

Panelists:

Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good

Ian Slattery, Luna Productions

Camillo Mac Bica, School of Visual Arts

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry

Responding:

Pamela Lightsey, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

A1-325



Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group

Marriott Marquis, M108

Emily Wu, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Science and Spirit: Christian Science, Vitalism, and New Thought in American Traditions of Religion and Healing*

Holly Folk, Western Washington University
Science and Spirit in Victorian Physiology: The Protean Character of American Vitalism

Monica C. Reed, Florida State University
“Science and Health”: Christian Scientists’ Influence on the Medical Profession

Emily Merriman, San Francisco State University
“The God Concept”: The Religious and Scientific Thought of Bill Wilson, Cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous

Laura Ashley Squires, University of Texas
Narratives of Conversion and Healing Among Early Christian Scientists

Responding:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding

A1-326

Roman Catholic Studies Group

Marriott Marquis, L504

Linh Hoang, Siena College, Presiding

Theme: *Global Perspectives*

Christian S. Krokus, University of Scranton
Recovering the Work of Louis Massignon, Jean-Mohammed Abdel-Jalil, and Georges Anawati for a Contemporary Roman Catholic Understanding of Islam’s Significance for the Church

Albertus Bagus Laksana, Boston College
“Catholic”ism and Race in Colonial Indonesia: The Dutch Jesuit Missionaries, the Natives, and the Language of Universalism

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
Blessed are the Cheese-Makers? Negotiating Catholic Liberation in Contemporary Ecuador

Duncan Wielzen, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
The “Evil Eye” and Infant Baptism: A Case Study for Liturgical Inculturation in the Caribbean?

A1-327



Science, Technology, and Religion Group

Marriott Marquis, A708

Hava Tirosh Samuelson, Arizona State University, and Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *The Challenges of the Modern Sciences for Jewish Faith*

Panelists:

Norbert Samuelson, Arizona State University

Peter Ochs, University of Virginia

Bradley Shavit Artson, American Jewish University

Suzanne Brody, American Jewish University

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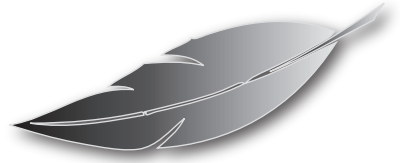
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A1-328**Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**

Marriott Marquis, A703

Claire Katz, Texas A&M University, Presiding

Theme: *Practice and Pedagogy*Theodore Dickinson, Syracuse University
*Teaching with Fear and Trembling: The Classroom as a Space of Dramatic and Bewildering Trial*Natalie Wigg, Vanderbilt University
*Beyond Candles and Casseroles: A Theory of Teaching as Practice*Luke Moorhead, Yale University
*Pedagogy and/as Practice: Bourdieu and the Ambiguities of Religious Study*Kathleen Douglass, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Foucault's "Care of the Self": The Practice of Words in Becoming Undone

A1-329 ★**Western Esotericism Group**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover E

Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College, Presiding

Theme: *The Commodification of the Esoteric*Brian Bennett, Niagara University
*Alphabet Mysticism in Post-Soviet Russia*Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania
*The Commodification of Alchemy, or Paying to Smell like the Sacred Whore of Babylon*Andrew Ventimiglia, University of California, Davis
*Failure to Circulate: Global Religious Media and the Obstacles of International Copyright*Kenny Smith, Emory University
The Healing Power of Giving... Money

A1-330**Buddhism in the West Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, M304

Kimberly Beek, McMaster University, Presiding

Theme: *Current Research on North American Buddhism*Laurie Cozad, University of Mississippi
*Hurricane Katrina: The Promise of Chaos*David Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
*Kenneth Rexroth: Engaged Buddhism, Social Ecology, and Utopianism*Eric Ekstrand, University of Houston
*A Unity in Complexity: The Influence of Chan on the Sensed, the Imagined, and the Quizzical in Wallace Stevens*Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Sitting on a Virtual Cushion: Online Buddhist Meditation Methods in a Second Life Cyber-Sangha

Business Meeting:

Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo, Presiding

A1-331 ★**Mormon Studies Consultation**

Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

James M. McLachlan, Western Carolina University, Presiding

Theme: *The Mormon Jesus: Ruminations and Reflections*Sheila Taylor, Graduate Theological Union
*"And the Word Was Made Flesh": The Meaning of the Incarnation in LDS Christology*Richard Mouw, Fuller Theological Seminary
*The Mormon Jesus and the Nicene Christ*Sharon Adams, University of Colorado
*Coming Face to Face with the "Mormon Jesus" through Paintings by Del Parson, Greg Olsen, and Paul Grass*Douglas Davies, Durham University
Mormonism and the Christological Spectrum

Business Meeting:

Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University, Presiding

A1-332 ★**North American Hinduism Consultation**

Marriott Marquis, L507

Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

Theme: *Constructions of Hinduism in North America*Caleb Simmons, University of Florida
*Translating Culture Reimagining Religion: Virgin Comic's Ramayan 3392 AD, Misappropriation, and Native Intuition*Michael J. Altman, Emory University
*"The Manners and Customs of Nations": India in American Schoolbooks, 1830-1860*Norris Palmer, Saint Mary's College of California
*Of Cows, Castes, Cartoons, and Classrooms: The Misconception of Hinduism in the American Popular Imagination*Shubha Pathak, American University
Re-embraced Gods, Temple Dances, and Stolen Gold: Looking at Hindu-Americans Through and Beside the Lens of Last Year's Washington Post

Responding:

Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University

Business Meeting:

Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College, and Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, Presiding



PROGRAM SESSIONS

Monday, 4:00 pm–6:30 pm

A1-333 ★

Open and Relational Theologies Consultation

Marriott Marquis, Marquis Ballroom B

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

Theme: *Agape, Eros, and Alterity*

Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki
Intimate Agape?

Andrea Hollingsworth, Loyola University, Chicago
Eros's Aporiae: Relationality and Impossibility in the Love Poetry of John Donne

John Sanders, Hendrix College, and J. Aaron Simmons, Hendrix College

Justice Than Which None Greater Can be Conceived: Defending an Open Approach to Alterity and Responding to John Caputo

Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas, and Jay McDaniel III, Hendrix College

From an Idolatry of Identity to a Planetization of Alterity: A Relational–Theological Approach to Hybridity, Sin, and Love

Responding:

F. LeRon Shults, Agder University

Business Meeting:

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

A1-334 ★

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Consultation

Marriott Marquis, M106-107

Valerie Cooper, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Pentecostalism and the Political in Africa and Black America*

Jonathan Burrow-Branine, Wichita State University
Possession and the Politics of Religious Experience in Pentecostal Communities

Stephen William Martin, King's University College
African Christianity and the Coming of the City of God: An Investigation of the Public Significance of African-initiated Churches in Contemporary South Africa

Wilberforce O. Mundia, Shaw University, and Imali Abala, Ohio Dominican University

Modes of Charismatic Testimony: Exploring Some Negative Effects of Western Christianity on Postcolonial Kenya

Jonathan Chism, Rice University
Martin Luther King Jr. and Black Pentecostal Activism in the Post-Civil Rights Era

Responding:

Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Amos Yong, Regent University, Presiding

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Religion and Migration Consultation

Marriott Marquis, A701

Zain Abdullah, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Encounters: Migrations, Genders, and Theologies across Time and Space*

Nienke Pruiksmma, Utrecht University
Reconsidering Context: Gendered Transnational Practices in the Celestial Church of Christ Covenant Parish, Amsterdam

Alison Marshall, Brandon University
Chinese Masculinities: Homosexuality, Ambiguity, and New Efficacies among Chinese Canadian Immigrants from 1911–1949

Adeamola Osinulu, University of California, Los Angeles
The City and the Spirit: Nigerian Pentecostalism as a Response to the Urbanism of Lagos

Jeremy Rehwaldt, Midland Lutheran College
Representations of and Response to Latino Immigrants among White Christians in the Rural Midwest

Lucia Hulsether, Agnes Scott College
"A Foretaste of the Kingdom of God": Representation, Power, and Identity at a "Multicultural" Church

Responding:

Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida

Monday, 6:00 pm and Later

A1-403

Special Topics Forums

Monday, 6:00 pm–8:00 pm

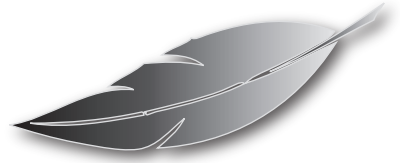
Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond the Boundaries Public Lecture Series III*

Dong-Sik Park, Claremont Graduate University
The Pursuit of Harmony in Differences between Religion and Science

Dong-Sik Park applies Sri Aurobindo's marvelous insight, "For all problems of existence are essentially problems of harmony." to the debate of religion and science. Park argues that the debate of religion and science seems to be that of dualisms: creation and evolution, of sacred and secular, of theism and atheism, or of believers and non-believers. For theists science is unholy.

For atheist religion is absurd. However, instead of following the Either-Or paradigm, he pushed for a "Both-And." He explores multiple perspectives in science and religion, including two extremes between science and religion, Daniel Dennett and Pat Robertson. However, Park argues that "we need harmony through contrasts or differences in order to combine this "ugly ditch" between science and religion."



M1-402 **Asbury Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University Reception**

Monday, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Marietta

M1-400**Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy**

Monday, 7:30 pm–8:30 pm
Hyatt Regency, Techwood

Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding

Theme: *Body and Bioethics in Japan and Beyond: Rethinking William LaFleur's Approach and Influences*

Ed Drott, University of Missouri
Religion, the Body and Ethical Intuition in Japan: Reflections on the Cross-cultural Bioethics of William LaFleur

Vanessa Sasson, McGill University
Imagining the Fetus: William LaFleur's Influence on the Field

Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo
From Scholarly Monograph to Performed Rite: Tracing the Influence of William LaFleur's Liquid Life on Ritual Activity in North America

Responding:

Damien Keown, Goldsmiths, University of London

A1-400 **Film: *Finding God in the City of Angels***

Monday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover D

Vincent Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University, and Jennifer Jessum, Los Angeles, CA, and Simon Joseph, Los Angeles, CA, Presiding

2010, directed by Jennifer Jessum. 116 minutes.

A documentary film reflecting the multicultural diversity of religious life in the greater Los Angeles area, *Finding God in the City of Angels* is a research project of the Institute for Signifying Scriptures, based at Claremont Graduate University. The film presents and explores the meaning of the wide variety of ways — in prayer, song, dance, performance, visual art, storytelling, or preaching, and so forth — in which different communities signify and engage their “scriptures.” The exploration focuses on diverse settings and types of communities — from a small Skid Row church in downtown Los Angeles to a massive Chinese Buddhist Temple in Hacienda Heights; from an Orthodox Jewish synagogue on Venice Beach to an alternative religious group that meets in a hair salon in Inglewood; from the first Indigenous Peoples of Los Angeles to the Goddess Temple of Orange County — and what their dynamics and performances tell us about a complex social phenomenon.

A1-401 **Film: *Chaplains Under Fire***

Monday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, Hanover AB

Lee Adair Lawrence, Brooklyn, NY, Presiding

2010, directed by Lee Adair Lawrence and Terry Nickelson. 94 minutes.

Are government rules against proselytizing preventing military chaplains from praying in accordance with their faiths? Are care chaplains violating the Constitution, viewing troops as “low-hanging fruit,” ripe for conversion? A new documentary, *Chaplains Under Fire*, goes behind the contradictory headlines to the heart of what chaplains do and the church-state tensions they face.

A1-402 **Program Unit Chairs and Steering Committee Reception**

Monday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm
Hyatt Regency, AAR Suite

Program Unit Chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.