

OTHER EVENTS (ADDITIONAL MEETINGS)



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

M16-300

FaithTrust Institute

Theme: **Ending Violence: More Than a Life's Work**

Thursday, 4:00 PM–7:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-210 (Second Level)

Join us as we celebrate our history and envision our future! FaithTrust Institute invites you to celebrate our 40 years of working to equip faith communities with the tools they need to address domestic violence, sexual assault, and clergy misconduct. As we look back on all that we have accomplished, we want to recognize the world-changing contributions of our founder, Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune, who has dedicated her life to supporting survivors and educating faith communities across the globe so that they can work to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. A multifaith panel of scholars and activists who address violence will discuss the impact of Rev. Dr. Fortune's work and look toward the future and the work that remains to be done. Reception to follow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-5

Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies

Theme: **Women's Public Voice: Fear Not**

Friday, 7:30 AM–5:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-America North (Fourth Level)

Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies (LWTRS) as well as some local Lutheran rostered 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, a business meeting, worship, and meals comprise the day.

For questions or to receive registration and dinner information, please contact Heather Dean at heather.dean@elca.org after August 31, 2017.

M17-100

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Charitable Actions and Dharma: Giving and Compassion**

Friday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Brandeis (Third Level)

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Ithamar Theodor, University of Haifa

Charitable Actions by the Ideal Person in the Hindu and Chinese Traditions

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

Bridging Generosity and Economic Ethics: The Maya of Virtue and Responsibility

Amod Lele, Boston University

Disengaged Buddhism: South Asian Buddhist Rejection of Systemic Change

Tanya Storch, University of the Pacific

Ahimsā at Every Moment: Traditional and Modern Understanding

Peter Ryan, Lotus School of Liberal Arts

The Egg, the Chick, the Hen: A Moment of Presence for Student and Teacher—Ahimsā and Anti-Hierarchy

Responding:

Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University

M17-101

Forum for Theological Exploration Alumni Consultation

Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex South (Third Level)

M17-102

Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education

Theme: **Secondary School Religion Teachers Event**

Friday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-St. Botolph (Second Level)

M17-112

Poverty in the Biblical World and The Poverty Consortium

Theme: **Homelessness and Affordable Housing: Poverty Immersion**

Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Offsite-Boston University, 775 Commonwealth Avenue, Lower Level, Howard Thurman Center

In the morning we'll have breakfast and educational deep-dive into homelessness challenges and solutions by local leaders in anti-homelessness movement. In the afternoon there will be lunch, followed by a tour of Boston by homeless and formerly homeless people. Then we'll finish with final discussion and a networking opportunity. This is hosted at Boston University, which is on the green line T Train, a direct route from the Annual Meetings. The cost for Annual Meetings attendees is \$35, which includes meals. Students are encouraged to attend the morning session complimentary. Registration is limited. To register and get more information about schedule, please contact Diana M Swancutt at dmswancutt@gmail.com or 203-824-8509.

OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-113

Presbyterian Church (USA) Social Ethics Network Annual Meeting

Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

The Annual Meeting of the PC(USA) Social Ethics Network (SEN) invites scholars teaching in the area of Christian social ethics at PC(USA)-affiliated seminaries and colleges, as well as PC(USA)-affiliated scholars teaching at other institutions, to meet with the denomination's Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP). SEN works with the denomination in formulating policies on issues in social ethics. This year, SEN will discuss overtures related to faith in higher education and the use and abuse of "religious freedom" in the pursuit of anti-reproductive justice and anti-LGBTIQ agendas. Contact Letitia Campbell at letitia.campbell@emory.edu or John Senior at seniorje@wfu.edu for more information.

M17-103

Catholicism, Colonialism, and Race in America

Theme: **Collaboration**

Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Lincoln (Third Level)

Panelists:

Herman Bennett, City University of New York
Matthew Cressler, College of Charleston
Jack Downey, La Salle University
Felipe Hinojosa, Texas A&M University
Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
Anne Martinez, University of Groningen
Bryan Massingale, Fordham University
Maureen O'Connell, La Salle University
Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University
Shannen Williams, University of Tennessee

M17-104

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George B-D (Third Level)

M17-114

Accordance Bible Software Training Seminar

Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

Join us for a free training seminar which covers the new features of this cutting-edge Bible software for Windows and Mac as well as iOS, for potential, basic, and advanced level users. The morning sessions will cover the interface and search capabilities, while the afternoon is devoted to powerful new features, tools, and aids for study and teaching. Bring your own laptop or follow the projected demonstration. The seminar training will start at 9 am and end at 5 pm, with a break for lunch (on your own).

M17-105

International Society for Science and Religion

Theme: **Attending to Symbiosis: Theology and the Connectedness of Nature**

Friday, 10:30 AM–1:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic A (Second Level)

Few recent developments in biology are as striking as our new appreciation of mutually beneficial symbiosis: the hair on a sloth is adapted for growing algae, which forms an important source of calories for its host in return; the earliest known fossils of life on Earth are of symbiotic communities; garden centres stock spores of fungus that extends the root system of trees, and is nourished with sugars in return. Mutualism — beneficial relationships between organisms of different — is no longer seen as a marginal curiosity; it is now known to be profoundly widespread.

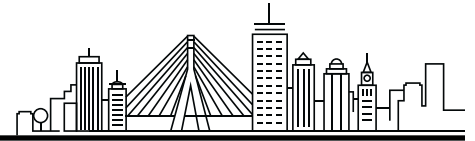
Evolution now seems to present the story of shifting patterns of benefit, not simply of competition. Some of its most momentous developments have involved the symbiotic engulfing of smaller organisms by larger ones (endosymbiosis), as with chloroplasts and mitochondria. There are important practical consequences. Aspects of human health depend on our relationship with the bacteria, or microbiome, of our gut. Something as fundamental to agriculture as soil is a shaped and preserved by symbiotic relationships.

Beginning with a survey of state of contemporary scientific knowledge, this panel will address the relative lack of theological attention to these developments, and consider their significance for a theological understanding of nature, not least in the form of their consequences for systematic theology and theological ethics.

Registration is not required. For more information, please see <http://issr.yolasite.com>.

Panelists:

Daniel Castillo, Loyola University, Maryland
Andrew Davison, University of Cambridge
Adam Pryor, Bethany College
Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary
Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University



M17-106

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)Theme: **Renunciation, Climate Change, and Modernity**

Friday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Brandeis (Third Level)

Mark Schmanko, Rice University, Presiding

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
*Jainism and Solar Energy*Michael Reading, Claremont School of Theology
*Sri Acharya Tulsi, The Anuvrat Movement, and Climate Change*Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i
*Hindu Sadhus and the Joys of Limited Consumption*Frédérique Apffel-Marglin, Smith College
*Integral Ecology and Climate Change: Shakta Hinduism, Renunciation and Western Modernity Contrasted*Rodney Sebastian, University of Florida
Vaiṣṇava Concepts for Ecological Sustainability: Case Study of the Govardhan Ecovillage Project

Responding:

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union

M17-107

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Member Council Meeting (Private)

Friday, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–America South (Fourth Level)

M17-108

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–St. George A (Third Level)

M17-109

Association for Interreligious and Interfaith StudiesTheme: **Teaching and Learning in our Times: Interreligious/ Interfaith Studies and Intercultural Theology**

Friday, 11:30 AM–5:15 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Adams (Third Level)

Join us for a working lunch to mark the launch of a new organization: Association for Interreligious/Interfaith Studies. The lunch will be followed by a half day workshop for faculty and emerging scholars who want to collaborate with colleagues to share resources and ideas for teaching (in college, university, and seminary classrooms) using frameworks from interreligious/interfaith studies or intercultural theology.

The lunch and workshop were developed through a collaboration between the newly established Association for Interreligious/ Interfaith Studies (AIIS) and the European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (ESITIS). The events are supported and co-sponsored by the Interfaith Youth Core, the Henry Luce initiative on The Current State of Interfaith Learning in the US, and the Pluralism Project at Harvard University with additional support from Hebrew College's Miller Center for Interreligious Learning and Leadership, the *Journal of Interreligious Studies (JIRS)* and the journal *Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology (ISIT)*.

M17-110

Forum on Religion and Ecology Annual Luncheon

Friday, 11:45 AM–1:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center–200 (Second Level)

M17-111

Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) AmericaTheme: **Numata Chairs Coordinators Meeting**

Friday, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Liberty B (Second Level)

M17-200

Review and Expositor Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Beacon E (Third Level)

M17-201

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)Theme: **Ahimsā as Strategic Resistance to Structural Injustice**

Friday, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Brandeis (Third Level)

Gisele Lemos, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno
*“Love in Action”: James Lawson’s Radical Interpretation of Ahimsā in the Civil Rights Movement*Purushottama Bilimoria, Graduate Theological Union and
University of California, Berkeley
*Rev Pauli Murray: Black Gay Gandhian Feminist’s Strategy of Radical Ahimsā for Civil Rights and Social Justice*Varun Khanna, Chinmaya University
Dhārmic Resistance: Building Bridges between Advaita Vedānta and Social Justice for the Twenty-first Century

Responding:

Andrew Fiala, California State University, Fresno

M17-202

Theology and Ethics Colloquy Meeting

Friday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Beacon C (Third Level)

OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-203

International Society for Science and Religion

Theme: **CRISPR/Cas and Human Germline Gene Editing: Possibilities and Perspectives**

Friday, 2:30 PM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B (Second Level)

This mini-conference addresses the possibility of human germline gene editing from the perspectives of religion, bioethics, and public engagement. New genome-editing techniques, including CRISPR/Cas, enable precise changes to the genome. These alterations may include gene editing in particular patients (so-called “somatic cell gene therapy”) or in future children, which then changes the descendants of those children (“germline modification”). The journal *Science* declared CRISPR/Cas as the 2015 Science Breakthrough of the Year, and commentators regularly call this technology a “revolution” because it could in principle allow for germline enhancements to humans that have long been regarded as controversial by theologians and ethicists.

The first speaker is biologist Richard O. Hynes, co-chair of the Committee on Human Gene Editing: Scientific, Medical, and Ethical Considerations of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine. Working with counterparts in the Royal Society and the Chinese Academy of Science, for instance in hosting the 2015 International Summit on Human Gene Editing, this Committee has been central to discussions by experts and the general public on promises and challenges presented by advances in gene editing. Professor Hynes is the Daniel K. Ludwig Professor for Cancer Research at MIT, a Fellow of the Royal Society, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He will comment on the state of the technical advances and what they suggest for future uses human germline modification.

Three panelists will respond in light of the scientific possibilities described by Prof. Hynes. They include (1) Laurie Zoloth, Dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School and President of the AAR in 2014, whose work brings together advances in biomedical research, bioethics, and religion; (2) Ron Cole-Turner, Vice President of the International Society for Science and Religion and editor of *Design and Destiny: Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Human Germline Modification*; and (3) John H. Evans, Sociology, University of California, San Diego, a leading expert on public and religious responses to advances in biotechnology and a member of the NAM/NAS Committee on Human Gene Editing. At least 30 minutes is reserved for public discussion.

Questions to be explored in this mini-conference include technical, bioethical, religious, and social issues. What should our response be to the intentional modification of the human species? Are there changes that are acceptable? What religious issues are implicated in these decisions? Which conceptions of justice are important to consider in this debate? What is the likelihood of a future society stratified by genetic traits? How can a public debate be structured so that it allows for the deeper concerns often reflected in religious discourse?

This mini-conference is organized and sponsored by the International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR). It is expected that this event will be webcast. For details, please visit the website of the National Academies (<http://nationalacademies.org/gene-editing>) just before the conference occurs. The ISSR gratefully acknowledges that the webcast is supported by the National Academy of Medicine's Kellogg Health of the Public Fund.

The ISSR also acknowledges the assistance of the American Academy of Religion in offering this event and the co-sponsorship of two units of the AAR: Bioethics and Religion Unit and the Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit.

Updated information about this session will be posted online at the ISSR website (www.issr.org.uk) or at www.issr.yolasite.com. Please direct any questions to Ron Cole-Turner at coleturn@pts.edu.

Panelists:

Richard O. Hynes, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

John H. Evans, University of California, San Diego

M17-300

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Secrecy in Sahajiyā and Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Bhakti Theologies**

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Brandeis (Third Level)

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University, Presiding

Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida

Secrets to Conceal and Secrets to Obscure in Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism

David Buchta, Brown University

Is Sanskrit a Language of Secrecy in Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism?

Glenn Hayes, Bloomfield College

Hidden Textuality: Strategies of Concealment and Appropriation in Seventeenth-century Vaiṣṇava Sahajiyā Traditions

Abhishek Ghosh, Grand Valley State University

From Secrecy to Intuition: Sahaja Theology and Practice in Colonial Bengal

Responding:

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University

M17-301

Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network Gathering

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-111 (Plaza Level)

Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Silver Spring, MD, and Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding

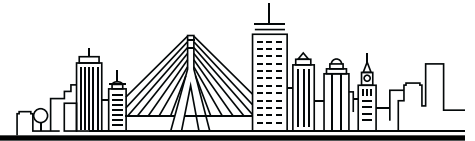
The Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network sponsored by the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER) will discuss “Feminist Liberation Theologies: Resistance, Resilience, and Creativity”. We will explore the roles of critical feminist religious studies, ministry, and activism can inspire these practices and kindle hope in the current climate of neo-liberal destabilization of discourse, increased sexism, racism and xenophobia, refugees, wars, and systemic injustice. All are welcome, so please RSVP to help us plan. Contact Mary at 301-589-2509 and mbunt@her.com or Elisabeth at eschussler@hds.harvard.edu.

Panelists:

Christine Pae, Denison University

Elaine Wainwright, Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea

Sharon D. Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School



M17-302

Forum for Theological ExplorationTheme: **Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars**

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Great Republic (Seventh Level)

M17-304

Center of Theological InquiryTheme: **Fresh Thinking from CTI**

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Clarendon (Third Level)

M17-305

Society for the Study of Native American Sacred Traditions Annual Meeting

Friday, 4:30 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Dalton (Third Level)

The Society meetings are open to anyone. We do take a “gift” offering to help defray the cost of the meeting. The attendees typically talk about their research and then have an open discussion on topics related to the Society. Occasionally local Native American leaders are invited to speak.

M17-306

Stone–Campbell JournalTheme: **A Conversation about the Gospel of Luke and Reception**

Friday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Commonwealth (Third Level)

Mark Hamilton, Abilene Christian University, Presiding

SCJ invites friends and colleagues from all streams who identify with the Stone–Campbell Movement tradition for fellowship, light refreshments, and interesting conversation. For additional information contact William Baker at scjeditor@aol.com.

Panelists:

Heather Gorman, Johnson University

Kindalee Pfremer De Long, Pepperdine University

M17-308

United Methodist Women of Color Scholars Reception and Panel

Friday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center–306 (Third Level)

M17-400

Mennonite Scholars and FriendsTheme: **Forum: Supersessionism**

Friday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Belvidere A (Second Level)

Kimberly Penner, University of Toronto, Presiding

John Kampen, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
*The Gospel of Matthew and Antisemitism*Maxwell Kennel, McMaster University
*Emancipatory History: Anabaptist Restitution and Jacob Taubes' Occidental Eschatology*Philipp Gollner, Goshen College
Mennonites on Tour: Christian Supersessionisms and the Sacralization of Place after the Shoah

Responding:

Lois Y. Barrett, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

M17-405

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and FriendsTheme: **Unitarian Universalism and Today's Global Crisis: Semper Reformanda?**

Friday, 6:30 PM–9:30 PM

Offsite–Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston Street

Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University, Presiding

This year's UU Scholars and Friends Conversation will explore the evolution of Unitarian Universalism over the past fifty years, with an eye both to the five-hundred-year legacy of the Protestant Reformation and to the current crisis of democratic institutions in the US and worldwide. Does the Unitarian Universalist Association's current affirmation of an anti-oppressive, anti-racist, multi-cultural, and economically inclusive society represent a “reformation” of our core identity, or a recovery of more ancient principles? Is it possible to resist the rising tide of nativism and religious intolerance, and simultaneously welcome congregants of diverse political ideologies? As new nationalisms challenge the (far from perfect) globalizing institutions that Unitarian Universalists once supported, how should we respond?

This event will take place in the Chapel at Arlington Street Church, a fifteen minute walk down Boylston Street or two stops on the Green Line from the Hynes Convention Center. It is co-sponsored by Harvard Divinity School, Starr King School for the Ministry, and the Unitarian Universalist Panel on Theological Education. The conversation will run 6:30–8:00 pm, followed by a reception from 8:00–9:30 pm.

There will be also an opportunity to explore Boston's Unitarian Universalist heritage earlier in the day on Friday, November 17. Interested persons should contact Dan McKanan at dmckanan@hds.harvard.edu for more information.

Panelists:

Clyde Grubbs, Blue Hills Spiritual Direction

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina

Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University

Hafidha Saadiqah, Bowling Green State University

Sharon D. Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School

OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-406

Boston College's Lonergan Institute

Theme: *The Fragility of Consciousness: Book Panel Discussion*

Friday, 6:30 PM–9:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere B (Second Level)

M17-401

Perspectives in Religious Studies Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

M17-407

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture Friends and Members Meeting

Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay D (Second Level)

M17-408

Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion

Theme: **Celebrating Gary Dorrien's *The New Abolition: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Black Social Gospel***

Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Olmsted (Fifth Level)

Tyler Mayfield, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College

Christopher H. Evans, Boston University

Zachery Williams, University of Akron

Responding:

Gary Dorrien, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary

M17-402

Academy Anonymous Recovery Meetings (AARM)

Friday, 7:30 PM–8:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Lincoln (Third Level)

M17-403

Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception

Friday, 8:30 PM–10:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

M17-404

Friends of Animals and Religion Reception

Friday, 9:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Courier (Seventh Level)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

M18-5

Spiritus Journal Editorial Board Meeting

Saturday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere B (Second Level)

M18-8

Council on Graduate Studies in Religion Annual Meeting

Saturday, 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-St. James Room (Lobby Level)

M18-100

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Reconsidering the Origins of *Bhakti***

Saturday, 8:30 AM–10:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Tufts (Third Level)

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University, Presiding

Vishwa Adluri, City University of New York
Bhakti and Avatāra in the Nārāyaṇīya

Edward Butler, New York, NY
Bhakti and Henadology

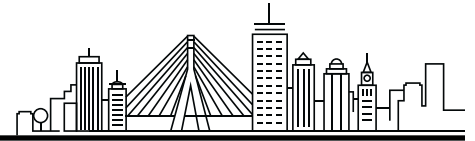
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University
Svādhyāya and Bhakti: Saṅga Devatā and Nirguṇa Īśvara in Aṣṭāṅgayoga

Caley Smith, Harvard University
Indra as Time: Reconsidering Devotion in R̥gveda X.27

Sudhakshina Rangaswami, Fort Washington, PA
Bhakti as the Fruition of Jñāna — Revisiting Rāmānuja's Legacy

Responding:

Joydeep Bagchee, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität



M18-101

Accordance Bible Software

Theme: **Syntactic Databases for Biblical and Early Jewish Texts**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Yarmouth (Fourth Level)

Please join us for a demonstration, with examples and discussion, of the research potential of the Accordance Bible syntax databases on the Hebrew Bible, Qumran texts, and New Testament. The basic principles of the tagging process will be briefly covered, but the focus will be on example searches and the more advanced linguistic issues relating to the databases, such as verbal valency. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions and sample searches for discussion.

Rob Holmstedt, University of Toronto
Syntax of the Hebrew Bible

Martin Abegg, Trinity Western University
Syntax of Qumran

John Cook, Asbury Theological Seminary
Valence and Other Syntactical Considerations

Roy Brown, OakTree Software and Accordance
Syntax Searching and Display on Accordance

M18-102

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Essex North (Third Level)

M18-103

Salvation Army Scholars and Friends Annual Meeting

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Jefferson (Third Level)

Roger J. Green, Gordon College, Presiding

Emily Wilce, University of Leicester
Art and the Army: An Art Historical Perspective

Dean Smith, Nazarene Theological College
The Salvation Army and the Challenge of Theological Higher Education for a New Millennium

Andrew Eason, Booth University College
Spreading Salvation Abroad: The Impact of World Missions on the Life and Thought of Catherine Booth

M18-104

Charles S. Peirce Society

Theme: **Charles S. Peirce and the Study of Religion**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-Commonwealth Room (Lower Lobby Level)

Founded in 1946, the Charles S. Peirce Society encourages study of and communication about the work of Charles S. Peirce and its ongoing influence in the many fields of intellectual endeavor to which he contributed. As the founder of pragmatism and of semiotics, Peirce's thought has deeply influenced numerous theologians and philosophers of religion working today. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how his work has influenced the contemporary landscape and what might be done to continue promoting Peirce's work in the study of religion.

M18-112

Society for the Study of Anglicanism

Theme: **Portable Anglicanism: The Impact of Migration on Identity**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Empire (Seventh Level)

This meeting will include breakfast, a keynote address, a panel discussion in response, and a time for questions and comments from attendees.

Panelists:

Nicholas Sagovsky, Liverpool Hope University and University of Roehampton

M18-105

Theology Without Walls Group

Theme: **Love and Desire, Human and Divine**

Saturday, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Great Republic (Seventh Level)

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Presiding

Different traditions propose different analyses of desire, and hence of love. These differences are reflected in their understanding of the relation of the human to the divine, and of the divine to the human, and of the human to the human. Which understandings are most adequate to the human condition and the divine reality? What texts, stories, theories, practices, or examples are most illuminating in this regard? How do the religious texts and ideas interact with understandings gained from other sources, personal, psychological, literary, philosophical, scientific, etc.?

Panelists:

S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School

Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary

Richard Oxenberg, Endicott College

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

M18-106

Paraclete Press

Theme: *The Ecumenism of Beauty* - Panel Discussion and Coffee: **The Role of Visual Arts in Ecumenical Exchange for the 500th Commemoration Year of the Reformation**

Saturday, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Adams (Seventh Level)

Join Paraclete Press and the Mount Tabor Ecumenical Centre for Art and Spirituality for coffee and discussion on the role of visual arts in ecumenical exchange. This panel will cover themes presented in *The Ecumenism of Beauty* (edited by Monsignor Timothy Verdon, Director of the Museo Dell'Opera del Duomo in Florence, Italy), and will highlight topics covered in the symposium "The Arts and Ecumenism—What Theology Risks in Artistic Creation," held earlier in 2017 in the European cities of Paris, Strasbourg and Florence and in North America at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and the Community of Jesus, in Orleans, MA.

M18-113

Grundtvig Study Center, Aarhus University, Denmark, Church of Sweden Research Department, and Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht

Theme: **Passionately Human! The Future of Scandinavian Creation Theology**

Saturday, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

Jakob Wirén, Church of Sweden, Presiding

The three founding figures of Scandinavian creation theology (SCT)—K.E. Løgstrup, Regin Prenter, and Gustaf Wingren—combined seminal insights from Martin Luther, mediated through the Danish theologian N.F.S. Grundtvig. The world outside the churches is not God-less. The world is God-given and imbued with a divine presence; therefore it is religiously valid to approach the world from a secular perspective, and from embodied experiences. Thus, SCT offers a model for reconfiguring reformation theology for a post-secular age, holding the view that the doctrine of creation is not just another theological locus to be followed by other loci, such as justification and fulfillment. Rather, creation constitutes the universal horizon for any Christian theologizing, also regarding Christ and church, baptism and salvation.

Elisabeth Gerle, Church of Sweden and Lund University
Passionate Embrace: Luther on Love, Body, and Sensual Presence (Cascade, 2017)

Trygve Wyller, University of Oslo
Reformation Theology for a Post-Secular Age: The Future of Scandinavian of Scandinavian Creation Theology (V&R Academic 2017)

Bengt Kristensson Uggla, Åbo Akademi University
Becoming Human Again: The Theological Life of Gustaf Wingren (Cascade, 2016)

Responding:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University

M18-107

Wesley Works Editorial Board Luncheon

Saturday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Maine (Fifth Level)

M18-108

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: *Yoga Sutra and Bhakti*

Saturday, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Tufts (Third Level)

Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University
Divine Grace in the Highest Samādhi: A Bhakti Hermeneutic for Greater Understanding of the Yoga Sūtra

Stephanie Corigliano, Humboldt State University
Pluralism, Religious Devotion, and T. Krishnamacharya: Or, How the Yoga Sūtra Assumed Scripture-status for Modern Yoga

Edwin F. Bryant, Rutgers University
Mokṣa is Equivalent to Hell: the Minimization of the Goal of the Yoga Sūtra in the Bhagavata Purana

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i
The Union of Yoga, Tapasya, and Bhakti in the Ramananda Sampradaya

Responding:

Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge

M18-109

Liverpool Hope University, University of Manchester, and Methodist Church of Great Britain

Theme: **Madness in their Methodism: Exploring the Beliefs, Practices and Legacy of an Eighteenth-century Anglican Sect**

Saturday, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Boston University (Third Level)

Andrew Cheatle, Liverpool Hope University, Presiding

Panelists:

Tom Greggs, University of Aberdeen

Anna Lawrence, Fairfield University

David Hart, Methodist Church of Great Britain

Christopher H. Evans, Boston University

Gareth Lloyd, University of Manchester

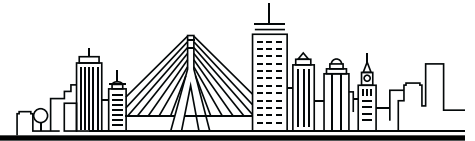
Kenneth Newport, Liverpool Hope University

M18-110

Christian Scholarship Foundation Luncheon

Saturday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-Forum Room (Lower Lobby Level)



M18-111

Academy Anonymous Recovery Meeting (AARM)

Saturday, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Lincoln (Third Level)

M18-202

North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies

Theme: **The Future of Secularism in India and the United States**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Brandeis (Third Level)

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Panelists:

Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Ramakrishnan Parameshwaran, Graduate Theological Union

Responding:

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

M18-200

HarperOne

Theme: **The History Behind the Story of the Exodus: A Discussion of Richard Elliott Friedman's New Book *The Exodus***

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex North (Third Level)

Join a distinguished panel for a rich discussion of the breadth of new evidence pointing to the historical background behind the biblical story, as well as the cultural impacts this event has had on the rise of monotheism and the ethic of loving both the neighbor and the alien.

M18-201

Common English Bible Interpreter's Commentary

Saturday, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Rhode Island (Fifth Level)

M18-304

Toward Ecological Civilization

Theme: **EcoCiv 2nd Annual Meeting: Stakeholder Workshop and Discussion**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

John Becker, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Each year, the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings bring together roughly 10,000 scholars from around the world. This includes transportation, meals, housing, etc. Like any event of this size, our annual meeting has a significant impact on the environment.

As scholars, activists, and responsible citizens, it is imperative that we recognize the environmental impact of our annual meeting and explore more sustainable policies and practices necessary for an ecological civilization. At the 2016 SBL & AAR Annual Meetings, EcoCiv (<http://ecociv.org>) gathered leaders across the attendees to discuss our responsibility as scholar-activists to transform our classrooms, institutions, and local communities in light of the climate crisis and U.S. electoral politics. Building on those conversations, our 2017 session will be an exploratory workshop on specific proposals for changes to the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings to reduce our environmental impact. Participants will be invited to engage with leaders and peers as citizen-stakeholders. Our goal is to collaboratively develop an action plan that constituencies across AAR and SBL can support, and present this to the AAR and SBL leadership for formal consideration.

Panelists:

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies, Claremont, CA

Elizabeth Singleton, Claremont School of Theology

M18-305

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Mentoring Gathering (Private)

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-America North (Fourth Level)

M18-300

Theology Without Walls Group

Theme: **Recognizing the Divine Imprint Across Religious Boundaries**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Great Republic (Seventh Level)

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Presiding

A spiritually alert person who reads texts in other religious traditions encounters, sometimes to the reader's surprise, a divine voice or imprint — not only texts but also practices and persons — which needs to be taken into account, theologically. This has happened to all of us and how it happens deserves consideration. Panelists will be asked to consider how this has happened to them, what texts captured their attention and what “divine marks” (if any) distinguished those texts. Were there ways these texts spoke to their personal situations or searches? Are such texts to be found only in religious canons, or in literature or philosophy or other works?

Panelists:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Christopher Denny, St. John's University

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Jonathan Weidenbaum, Berkeley College

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

M18-301

Muktabodha Indological Research Institute 20th Anniversary Reception

Saturday, 5:30 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Newbury/Gloucester (Second Level)

Join us for a tea reception in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Muktabodha Indological Research Institute.

M18-302

Religion and Education Collaborative

Theme: **Networking Social and Reception, hosted by Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance at Rice University**

Saturday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Baltic (Seventh Level)

M18-303

Forum for Theological Exploration Reception Honoring Fellows and Alumni

Saturday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-America South (Fourth Level)

M18-400

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies and AAR's Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit

Theme: **Vespers (Evening Prayer) in the Byzantine Rite**

Saturday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-209 (Second Level)

M18-401

John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Reception

Saturday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex Center (Third Level)

M18-402

Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni and Friends Reception

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Huntington (Second Level)

M18-403

Enoch Seminar Panel and Reception

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex South (Third Level)

The Enoch Seminar is a group of international specialists of early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Our group gathers to discuss topics of interest and new research. At this event, we will host a panel to conclude the First Enoch Colloquium at Harvard University and present a Festschrift to Michael Stone, followed by a reception. All are invited to join us!

M18-404

Zygon Center for Religion and Science, International Society for Science and Religion, Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion, Institute for Religion in an Age of Science

Theme: **Science and Religion Hospitality Event**

Saturday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-St. James Room (Lobby Level)

Please join us for refreshments and conversation at this year's Science and Religion Hospitality Event, sponsored by:

The Zygon Center for Religion and Science (Zygon Center), which offers graduate courses at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, hosts public lectures and visiting scholars and shares offices with *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. (www.zygoncenter.org)

The International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR) is an honorary academic society of established scholars in religion with expertise and publications in one or more of the natural sciences, scientists with a commitment to dialogue with religion, or historians and philosophers of science. More on the ISSR can be found at www.issr.org.uk. The ISSR events at the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings are listed at www.issr.yolasite.com.

The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) is now a Program of the Graduate Theological Union (GTU). CTNS supports research, provides MDiv and doctoral courses through the Ian G. Barbour Chair at the GTU, and publishes the peer-reviewed *Journal of Theology and Science*. Check out our extensive resources at www.ctns.org.

The Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion (IBCSR), which sponsors research in the scientific study of religion, supports Boston University's Religion and Science Ph.D., publishes the journal *Religion, Brain and Behavior* and the monthly *IBCSR Research Review*. (www.ibcsr.org)

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

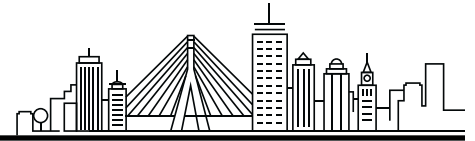
M18-405

Fordham University Theology Department Reception

Saturday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex North (Third Level)

The faculty of Fordham University's Department of Theology invite you to join our graduate students, alumni/ae, and friends for a festive reception.



M18-406**Dallas Theological Seminary Alumni Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Adams (Seventh Level)

M18-407**Macquarie University & Australian College of Theology Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Parliament (Seventh Level)

Friends and associates of the Australian College of Theology and Macquarie University, and anyone interested in theological education and research in the South Pacific, are invited for wine, cheese and conversation. Greet Martin Sutherland and other faculty in an informal networking and discussion time.

M18-412**Society for Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

M18-408**Baker Academic and Brazos Press Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Staffordshire (Third Level)

M18-409**De Gruyter Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George C-D (Third Level)

M18-413**Calvin Theological Seminary Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Great Republic (Seventh Level)

M18-410**Graduate Theological Union Alumni Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-America Center (Fourth Level)

M18-411**Center for Process Studies Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Northstar (Seventh Level)

This reception is open to all friends, members, and persons interested in the Center for Process Studies and/or Open-Relational Theologies. Learn about recent developments and ways to get involved. Enjoy wine, cheese, and conversation!

M18-414**Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-America North (Fourth Level)

M18-415**Harvard University Divinity School Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Offsite-Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston Street, McKim Building (Johnson Building, Boylston Hall)

Faculty, students, staff, alumni, colleagues, and friends are cordially invited to attend the Harvard University reception for the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings, sponsored by Harvard Divinity School, the Center for the Study of World Religions, and the Committee on the Study of Religion (Faculty of Arts and Sciences). No RSVP necessary. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

M19-12**Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Alumni Connect Breakfast**

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-St. Botolph (Second Level)

Alumni and spouses are invited to attend the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Alumni Connect Breakfast. Prospective students also may attend to connect with alumni and faculty and to hear updates on the seminary. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required by Friday, November 10, 2017 at <https://my.gordonconwell.edu/alumni> under Upcoming Events.

M19-5**Church of Christ Professors Meeting**

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-210 (Second Level)

OTHER EVENTS

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M19-6

Disciples of Christ Student and Faculty Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Commonwealth (Third Level)

M19-13

Temple University Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:45 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick B (Second Level)

M19-14

New York Theological Seminary and the *Journal of World Christianity* Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Empire (Seventh Level)

M19-7

University of Birmingham, UK Breakfast and Research Showcase

Sunday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

Hynes Convention Center-108 (Plaza Level)

M19-8

Center of Theological Inquiry Breakfast Reception

Sunday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Columbus I & II (First Level)

M19-103

John Templeton Foundation

Theme: **Measures of Religion & Spirituality in Repeating Open Access Datasets**

Sunday, 8:00 AM–8:45 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere B (Second Level)

Sociologists have made extensive use of repeating, representative, cross-cultural, open access datasets such as the *General Social Survey* and the *World Values Survey*. Yet these data sets appear to be underutilized by many who study religion and spirituality. Moreover, the data sets often lack relevant or more nuanced measures of religion and spirituality. Our research team, at Arizona State University, has launched a project funded by the John Templeton Foundation designed to investigate the possibilities of adding measures of religion and spirituality to these open access datasets.

Please join us in a discussion of this project as we seek to identify which variables and datasets may be of the most interest to researchers. We appreciate your expertise! Please consider this opportunity to learn more about this project and to have a voice in our recommendations.

M19-100

Lutheran Scholars of Religion

Theme: **Ecclesiologies of Resistance**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Great Republic (Seventh Level)

Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding

Jan-Olav Henriksen, MF Norwegian School of Theology
Taking Responsibility for Truth: Ecclesial Practices in an Age of Hypocrisy

Cheryl Peterson, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Starting with the Spirit: A Lutheran Ecclesiology of Resistance

Responding:

Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo

M19-104

Association for Theopoetics Research and Exploration

Theme: **Radical Theology / Radical Politics: Re-Thinking Relations to the Most Vulnerable**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere A (Second Level)

Jennifer Bailey, Faith Matters, Presiding

This session questions how institutionalized forms of religion, politics, and economics create categories of vulnerability. The precarious place of the vulnerable in our society has been threatened by the recent, visible emergence of right-wing propaganda and radicalization of religious rhetoric. Radical thinking may overcome the popularization of polarizations in the present. In response, we investigate the social imaginary by integrating the resources of radical theology and radical politics. Such radical thinking offsets the normalizing tendencies that preserve a status quo that marginalizes the vulnerable by offering a diagnostic that draws on the resources of radical thinking. This panel will engage conversationally around the following focal points elicited conversationally through questions and answers:

- Depicting the cause: Politics and Economics
- Defining the depth: Radical Theology and Radical Politics
- Demanding our Attention: Radical Theology and The People
- Delimiting the Possible: Theopoetics as Radical Response
- Determining the Value: Property as Test Case

More information is available via www.theopoetics.net.

Panelists:

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa

J. Kameron Carter, Duke University

Jon Gill, California State University, Long Beach

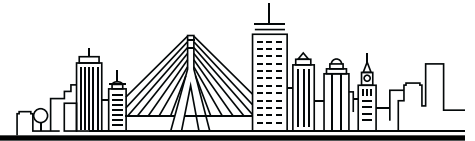
James Hill, Northwestern University

Katharine Lassiter, Mount St. Joseph University

Jordan Miller, Wheaton College, Norton, MA

Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College

George Schmidt, US Navy



M19-105

Theology and Decoloniality Group

Theme: **Decolonial Theological Encounters: An Invitation to Further Conversation**

Sunday, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Fairfield (Third Level)

In this meeting, we continue the scholarly conversations that began at the 2016 SBL & AAR Annual Meetings in San Antonio. The scholars gathered last year (and in subsequent explorations) confirmed that a rich variety of experiments are underway which draw from the Latin American modernity/coloniality framework and inspire a rethinking of the theological task in a decolonial key. The meeting is convened by Michel Andraos, Lee Cormie, Néstor Medina, and Becca Whitla, who in their respective fields of expertise find that Latin American decolonial thinking resonates well with critical discourses of many oppressed groups addressing a broad range of social, cultural, epistemological and justice/eco-justice issues, in particular with the evolving critical discourses from indigenous peoples and their movements. The session will be highly participatory. Its goals include: dialogue across different social locations, political contexts, “liberation” movements and practices; clarification of points of convergence, and divergence; identification of possible collaboration(s); and some concrete next steps.

M19-101

Biblical Interpretation Editorial Board Meeting

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

M19-106

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Pines School of Graduate Studies Alumni Association Luncheon

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Commonwealth (Third Level)

M19-202

Loyola University, Maryland

Theme: *Thinking Prayer: A Conversation with Andrew Prevot*

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-306 (Third Level)

Winner of the College Theological Society’s Best Book in Theology Award, *Thinking Prayer*, has already garnered significant attention, most recently from an excellent symposium in *Syndicate*. In arguing that theologians must take the spiritual life as central when confronting both the crisis of metaphysics and the legacies of colonialism, *Thinking Prayer* draws on the insights of liberation theology, phenomenology, and diverse Christian spiritual traditions.

Panelists:

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

Rebekah Eklund, Loyola University Maryland

Kevin L. Hughes, Villanova University

Responding:

Andrew Prevot, Boston College

M19-200

Baker Academic Textbook Meeting

Sunday, 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon C (Third Level)

M19-201

Seventh Annual Analytic Theology Lecture

Theme: **The Meanings of History: Event and Interpretation in the Bible and Theology**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Adams (Third Level)

The word “history”, notoriously, has several significantly different meanings, not always tracked in relevant discussions. The word “meaning” itself will vary according to which meaning of “history” we choose. Discussion here has been hindered by several interlocking but systematically confusing debates: (1) the over-bright either/or of “natural” and “supernatural” in modern thought, with its tendency to reductionism on one side and Docetism on the other; (2) the sterile (and itself historically conditioned!) antithesis of pantheistic “progress” and an irruptive “apocalyptic”, with its various spin-offs in biblical interpretation; (3) the multivalence of the term “historical-critical”, sometimes used to indicate the employment of history to undermine traditional Christian claims and sometimes in a supposedly more “neutral” sense; (4) the question of biblical “authority”. A fresh appraisal of “history” is required, seeing the term as (at least) a shorthand for various narratives concerning events, tasks, storytelling and symbol-making both within the biblical traditions themselves and within their reappropriation not only as faith-narratives in the church but also as proclamation, explanation and apologia in the wider world.

Panelists:

N.T. Wright, University of St Andrews

M19-300

Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting

Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

M19-301

Seventh Annual Analytic Theology Reception

Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

OTHER EVENTS

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M19-302

Paulist Press Reception Honoring Richard Clifford, SJ

Sunday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Northstar (Seventh Level)

M19-303

Louisville Institute Reception

Sunday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex North (Third Level)

M19-400

MF Norwegian School of Theology and University of Oslo

Theme: **Turid Karlsen Seim Memorial Session**

Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Defender (Seventh Level)

Colleagues and friends are invited to attend this event remembering and celebrating the life and career of Turid Karlsen Seim.

M19-430

Malbon Festschrift Presentation

Theme: **Elizabeth Struthers: Panel and Presentation**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty A (Second Level)

M19-401

Boston College Theology Department Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-St. James Room (Lobby Level)

M19-402

Yale University Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-America Center (Fourth Level)

M19-431

University of Oxford and University of Cambridge Joint Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay C (Second Level)

The Universities of Cambridge and Oxford are delighted to invite colleagues, friends, alumni and prospective graduate students to a reception at the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings in Boston.

Come hear an update on developments in Cambridge's Faculty of Divinity and Oxford's Faculty of Theology and Religion, and meet current faculty members. Prospective students are warmly welcome to come and learn about the benefits of studying in Cambridge or Oxford. Further information is available at www.theology.ox.ac.uk and www.divinity.cam.ac.uk.

M19-403

Canadian Scholars and Friends Reception

Theme: **Celebrating Over 150 years of Canadian Theology**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Third Floor Atrium Lounge (Third Level)

Join Parasource Canada and their partner publishers IVP Academic, Abingdon, Baker Academic, B&H, Concordia, Eerdmans, Fortress Press, Hendrickson, Kregel Academic, and Westminster John Knox for a 150th birthday party for Canada. This informal reception will reconnect Canadian scholars with other organizations and scholars doing work from Sea to Sea to Sea. Canadian scholars, students and friends welcome. Please RSVP to Martin Smith at martin.smith@parasource.com.

M19-404

Princeton Theological Seminary Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Park Plaza-Arlington and Berkeley (Mezzanine Level)

M19-405

Princeton University Department of Religion Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Parliament/Adams/Baltic (Seventh Level)

M19-406

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Department of Religious Studies Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George C-D (Third Level)

M19-407

Zen Reading Group Fourth Annual Meeting

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere B (Second Level)

Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding

Juhn Ahn, University of Michigan

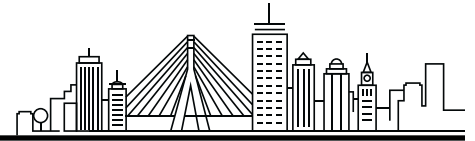
What Does it Mean to Gain Energy (Deli) through Zen Reading?

Jennifer Eichman, SOAS University of London

Late Ming Confucian Uses of the Platform Sutra

Dominick Scarangelo, Risho Kosei-kai

Dialoging with Modernity on Paper: The Sōtō Fushūkai and Its Opponents



Responding:
Jin Y. Park, American University

M19-432

International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)

Theme: **Al-Faruqi Memorial Lecture**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-207 (Second Level)

Panelists:

Kecia Ali, Boston University

M19-408

Academy Anonymous Recovery Meetings (AARM)

Sunday, 7:30 PM–8:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Lincoln (Third Level)

M19-409

China Academic Consortium

Theme: **Networking with Friends**

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere A (Second Level)

Join us to help facilitate the initial meeting to form a Chinese Evangelical Theological Association with those who are interested.

M19-410

Jewish Theological Seminary Kekst Graduate School Reception

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Arlington (Third Level)

The JTS Kekst Graduate School invites alumni, students, faculty colleagues and their friends to a light, kosher reception. Jewish dietary laws will be observed. Be sure to confirm the location in the AAR and SBL mobile app or in the Online *Program Books*.

M19-411

University of Notre Dame Theology Reception

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Newbury/Gloucester (Second Level)

M19-412

Concordia Seminary, Concordia Theological Seminary, and Concordia Publishing House Reception

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A (Third Level)

Join us for the celebration of *The Press of the Text: Biblical Studies in Honor of James W. Voelz*.

M19-413

University of Iowa Alumni and Friends Reception

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick B (Second Level)

Join us to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Department of Religious Studies.

M19-414

Brown University Department of Religious Studies and Program in Judaic Studies Reception

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Huntington (Second Level)

M19-415

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni and Friends Dessert Reception

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George B (Third Level)

M19-433

Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Reception

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Suffolk (Third Level)

M19-416

University of California, Davis Graduate Group in the Study of Religion Reception

Sunday, 8:30 PM–10:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Helicon (Seventh Level)

The Graduate Group in the Study of Religion at the University of California, Davis welcomes everyone who is interested in our program and would like an informal, fun way to meet people associated with the group to join us! Now in our fifth year, we look forward to meeting you in what will be the first reception in our program's history.

M19-417

Vanderbilt University Divinity School Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–10:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-America North (Fourth Level)

M19-418

Brite Divinity School Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–10:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Tremont (First Level)

OTHER EVENTS

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M19-419

Columbia University Religion Department Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex North (Third Level)

M19-420

Drew University Theological School Annual Alumni Gathering

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Adams (Third Level)

M19-421

Florida State University Religion Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place–State Suite (Lower Lobby Level)

M19-422

Garrett–Evangelical Theological Seminary PhD Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Westminster (Second Level)

M19-423

Emory University Graduate Division of Religion (GDR) Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–America South (Fourth Level)

M19-424

Nordic Universities Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex South (Third Level)

M19-425

Johns Hopkins University Near Eastern Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Maverick A (Second Level)

M19-426

Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology Alumni/ae and Friends Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place–Forum Room (Lower Lobby Level)

M19-427

Scottish Universities Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex Center (Third Level)

M19-428

University of California, Santa Barbara Religious Studies Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Park Plaza–Georgian (Mezzanine Level)

M19-429

University of Chicago Divinity School Reception for Alumni and Friends

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Staffordshire (Third Level)

M19-434

Duke University Graduate Program in Religion Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

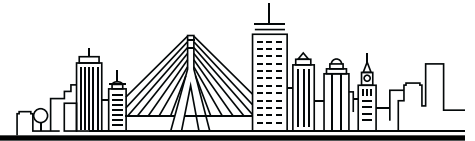
Sheraton Boston–Back Bay A (Second Level)

M19-435

Union Theological Seminary and Episcopal Divinity School Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Back Bay B (Second Level)



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

M20-5

Restoration Quarterly Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Parliament/Adams/Baltic (Seventh Level)

M20-6

Friends of Regent College Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-St. George C-D (Third Level)

M20-7

Fuller Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Essex Center (Third Level)

M20-8

Union Presbyterian Seminary Alumni Breakfast

Monday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Westin Copley Place-Defender (Seventh Level)

You're invited to hear President Brian K. Blount share what's new at Union while enjoying table fellowship with seminary friends and colleagues. Also, Alumni Director Clay Macaulay (D.Min.'85) will be there eager to hear about your ministry. Please register by Monday, November 13 here: www.regonline.com/UnionAlumBreakfast2017.

For questions please contact Hayley Mathews in the Alumni Office: hmathews@upsem.edu.

M20-15

University of Chicago Divinity School's Coffee with Dean for Prospective Students

Monday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Northstar (Seventh Level)

M20-9

Dead Sea Discoveries Breakfast Editorial Board Meeting

Monday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

M20-16

Green Seminary Initiative

Theme: **Certification Cohort Gathering and General Info**

Monday, 7:45 AM–8:45 AM

Hynes Convention Center-200 (Second Level)

By the time of this year's AAR & SBL Annual Meetings, the Green Seminary Initiative will have approximately 16 schools enrolled in their Seminary Environmental Certification program. This is a three year program designed to add an ecological lens to Education - Liturgy, Ritual, and Worship - Building and Grounds - Community Life - and Public Leadership. Representatives from each of these cohort schools are invited to gather during this time for the purpose of getting to know each other better, comparing notes on their progress in the program, and sharing ideas and encouragement. Any others interested in learning more about the Green Seminary Initiative are also welcome to join us.

M20-100

Theology Without Walls Group

Theme: **Rising Scholars and the Future of Transreligious Theology**

Monday, 9:30 AM–11:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Empire (Seventh Level)

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Presiding

Join us for an open meeting to address the theological future. Graduate students and young faculty members grew up in a world more globalized and disaffiliated than that of their teachers. They may well have different presuppositions, concerns, aims, personal backgrounds, career patterns, and institutional or organizational settings. They may theologize in terms of a much wider range of spiritual data, and in service of a wider community than just the "faithful". In this open-ended discussion, every participant will be given an opportunity to speak personally about the changing situation.

Panelists:

Christopher Denny, St. John's University

Rory McEntee, Drew University

Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University

Bin Song, Boston University

M20-101

Theology Without Walls Group Planning Meeting

Monday, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Empire (Seventh Level)

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Presiding

Join us for an open meeting to discuss future panel topics, publications, and other activities related to Theology Without Walls.

Panelists:

Christopher Denny, St. John's University

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo

Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

OTHER EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

M20-102

Journal for the Study of Judaism Editorial Board Meeting

Monday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Mastiff (Seventh Level)

M20-103

Academy Anonymous Recovery Meetings (AARM)

Monday, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Lincoln (Third Level)

M20-300

Auburn Theological Seminary Reception

Monday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place–St. George A-B (Third Level)

Everyone is welcome as we celebrate the work of scholar-activists who, like long-time Auburn faculty member Walter Wink, are troubling the waters and healing the world. Auburn will award the Third Annual Walter Wink Scholar-Activist Award. Former awardees are Dr. Simran Jeet Singh (2016) and Dr. Traci West (2015). The award will be given by Auburn President Rev. Dr. Katharine Henderson during the reception, with a brief talk by the awardee to follow. Come enjoy the hospitality and network with fellow troublemaking friends, old and new.

M20-402

State University of New York (SUNY) Press

Theme: **Celebration of the Work of Robert Neville**

Monday, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place–Great Republic (Seventh Level)

Please join SUNY Press and Robert Neville for a reception and book signing to celebrate Robert Neville's contributions to religious studies and philosophy. Advance copies of *Defining Religion: Essays in Philosophy of Religion*, his latest book, which is also his twenty-second single-authored volume for SUNY Press, will be available for purchase along with copies of *The Good Is One, Its Manifestations Many: Confucian Essays on Metaphysics, Morals, Rituals, Institutions, and Genders*, and his *Philosophical Theology Set, Volumes 1–3: Ultimates, Existence, and Religion*.

M20-403

King's College London Reception

Monday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex South (Third Level)

Once again we are delighted to invite prospective students, alumni, friends and guests to a reception at the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings, this time in Boston. As well as updating on general news from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, the reception will note the recent publication of books by members of King's. Everyone is warmly encouraged to join us to hear about developments since last year's Annual Meetings, including new opportunities for study at Master's level. For further information about the Department, see www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/trs.

M20-401

Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Graduate University Reception

Monday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex North (Third Level)

Other Events (Additional Meetings) conveniently allow members to gather voluntarily and to host receptions, networking events, and private meetings during the Annual Meetings. Their inclusion in the Program Book does not constitute an endorsement by the American Academy of Religion or the Society of Biblical Literature. While AAR and SBL provide space for activities listed as "Other Events," the content and purpose of these gatherings are not reviewed by either the AAR or SBL's Program Units or their Program Committees. However, any organization or group of members that reserves space for an Other Event is expected to adhere to AAR and SBL policies and core values in holding events.