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The SBL and AAR are proud to partner with ATIV Software to bring you our Virtual Annual Meeting on their EventPilot Virtual Meetings platform. Annual Meeting attendees from prior years will be happy to learn this, since EventPilot is the mobile app provider that SBL and AAR have used for almost a decade. They have built a virtual event platform on top of their mobile app and desktop planner, and this will allow us to coordinate and manage hundreds of sessions across the two weeks of the Virtual Annual Meeting.

The Event Pilot Virtual Events platform integrates all of the virtual sessions, which will be Zoom webinars or meetings. This will allow features like screen-sharing for slides or, virtual backgrounds, in-meeting chat and “hand-raising” for Q&A, host controls to mute or unmute attendees, breakout rooms, and more.

SBL and AAR will provide tech support to participants and attendees having difficulties.

Please watch your email for the announcement that we have launched the Virtual Annual Meeting platform, with instructions on logging in. Once we do, you can start selecting the sessions to build into your schedule, just like you do with the Mobile App. Your login will be tied to your Virtual Annual Meeting registration credentials.

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BEST PRACTICES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA USE AT THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

SBL and AAR promote the academic study of religion and sacred texts across many channels: print, online, and the Annual Meeting. Social media outlets, especially “live-tweeting,” can be an important means for continuing the conversation beyond the audience of an Annual Meeting session. These guidelines are intended to craft a forum that encourages an open discussion while maintaining the integrity of the scholar’s work.

1. Attendees are encouraged to live-tweet at the Annual Meeting using the official 2020 Annual Meeting hashtag (#sblaar20).

2. Program unit chairs are invited to create hash tags for their units.

3. Presenters may request that the presentation not be broadcast across social media. Similar to a presenter’s requests not to be filmed or recorded, attendees are asked to respect the presenters’ wishes.

4. Attribution is key. List the speaker’s name and presentation title; refer to a social media handle, if known.

5. Clearly define where the idea originated. Note direct quotes within quotation marks. Make it clear when you are summarizing an argument and when you respond with your own opinion or interpretation of it. Note when the presentation is over.

6. Be respectful, even if you disagree.

7. Keep the dialogue going — bring responses from social media into the meeting session (e.g., ask questions posed to the author from the Twittersphere) and remember to use the meeting hashtag (#sblaar20) so you can see who is responding to the same session you are.
HOW TO USE THE PROGRAM BOOK

This Program Book contains the scheduled times for all sessions. All times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST UTC-5). We anticipate that there will be some changes from the time of this publication until the Virtual Annual Meeting. The most up-to-date information on all sessions will be reflected in the SBL and AAR Online Program Books, in the Mobile App, and in the Virtual Annual Meeting platform.

All SBL, AAR, Program Affiliates, Related Scholarly Organizations (RSOs), and Other Events sessions are listed in this Program Book. The sessions have been divided into four sections:

- SBL sessions (designated by an S#) and SBL Program Affiliate sessions (designated by a P#)
- AAR sessions (designated by an A#) and AAR RSO sessions (designated by a P#)
- Other Events sessions (designated by an M#)
- Publisher Spotlight events (designated by a B#)

There is some overlap between the SBL’s Program Affiliates and AAR’s RSOs, and in these cases, the sessions are listed in both the AAR and SBL sections.

The A/S/P/M/B numbers will tell you the date and time of a session. For example, S30-102 is an SBL session that occurs on Monday, November 30 and begins before noon EST (UTC-5).

Session Number Key:

100–199 Begin before 11:59 AM (EST UTC-5)

200–299 Begin between 12:00 PM–2:59 PM (EST UTC-5)

300–399 Begin between 3:00 PM–5:29 PM (EST UTC-5)

400–499 Begin later than 5:30 PM (EST UTC-5)

Each page has a tab marker on the side indicating the dates located on that page. Additionally, a gray header bar denotes start times.

Symbols located adjacent to the session number indicate sessions which highlight special subjects in the AAR program. A symbol key is provided on the bottom of each even numbered page.
The mission of the Society of Biblical Literature is to foster biblical scholarship. This mission is accomplished through seven strategic goals:

- Collaborate with educational institutions and other appropriate organizations to support biblical scholarship and teaching
- Develop resources for diverse audiences, including students, religious communities and the general public
- Encourage study of biblical literature and its cultural contexts
- Facilitate broad and open discussion from a variety of perspectives
- Offer members opportunities for mutual support, intellectual growth, and professional development as teachers and scholars
- Organize congresses for scholarly exchange
- Publish biblical scholarship

These strategic goals are, in turn, pursued through a number of SBL programs and initiatives under the leadership of SBL volunteers and staff.

**Programs and Initiatives**

**Congresses**
The Society’s meetings bring together scholars from around the world to foster biblical scholarship by:

- showcasing the latest in biblical research
- fostering collegial contacts
- advancing research
- highlighting a wide range of professional issues

**Annual Meeting**
The North American Annual Meeting is the largest international gathering of biblical scholars in the world. Each meeting highlights the study of the Bible, archaeology, related languages and literatures, theology, religion, and contemporary issues such as the Bible in American public education. The Annual Meeting also features the world’s largest exhibit of books and digital resources for biblical studies—all of which are also for sale at this congress. Members benefit from the meetings of other organizations that convene at the same time.

**International Meeting**
The International Meeting is held annually outside North America. Drawing between 500 and 1000 attendees from over 40 countries, the size and varying locales of this meeting provide a unique and intimate forum for scholarly discourse across continents. The program draws attention to the regional interests of biblical scholarship, both in our host institution and as represented in the institutions of our attendees. The meeting usually takes place between the beginning of July and the middle of August.

**Publications and Technology**
SBL Press offers a wide variety of resources for biblical studies specialists as well as students in colleges, universities, and seminaries; leaders in church and synagogue settings; and members of the general public. Books published include major reference works, commentaries, text editions and translations, scholarly monographs, tools for teaching and research, and works of general interest. In addition, SBL Press serves as the exclusive distributor of all Brown Judaic Studies titles. The Journal of Biblical Literature is one of the oldest and most distinguished journals in biblical scholarship, while the online Review of Biblical Literature offers the most comprehensive review of biblical studies publications. Finally, SBL Press also sponsors the online journal TC: A Journal of Biblical Textual Criticism and the Online Critical Pseudepigrapha.

**Professions**

**Career Resources**
The Society provides resources for employment and professional development information in a variety of ways. Through its Annual Meeting, the Society offers career development and job listing and interview resources, with which employers are able to list job openings online for member access, and members are able to register to display their Curriculum Vitae and interview with employers. At the Annual Meetings by SBL and AAR, the two organizations jointly sponsor the Employment Center at the Annual Meetings. Jobs are posted year-round at the Employment Services website: www.aarsbl.org. The societies also offer helpful events such as panel reviews of pertinent topics that focus on the “how to” of the application and job-interview process.

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*Society Information*

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Professional Development Committee

The SBL Professional Development Committee addresses the variety of needs that arise throughout the career life cycle of all the society’s members. Its major responsibilities are to:

- focus on all aspects of the career landscape and life cycle, including the ways in which our members’ identities and personal lives intersect with their careers
- develop resources for members in all institutional locations
- educate members regarding professional issues, especially when new concerns arise (e.g., the rise of adjunct positions over tenure track, cultural taxation, retirement planning in a depressed economy)
- advocate with other organizations on behalf of the interests and needs of members

International Cooperation Initiative

The Society’s International Cooperation Initiative (ICI) was launched in 2007, and each year SBL has seen growth in participation and interest from scholars and students from all over the globe. Since the initial organizational meeting in Vienna, ICI has established an online depository of published resources available freely to anyone in ICI countries; initiated two online, open-access monograph series; set up a communications network of liaisons; sponsored a database of scholars to facilitate scholarly exchange, mentoring programs, and possibilities for collaborative teaching; provided over four hundred students and scholars in ICI countries with special rates for SBL membership; and maintained a calendar of events covering biblical studies and related conferences all over the world.

ICI Online Books


Open-Access Monograph Series

Ancient Near East Monographs (ANEM) is a co-publication effort between SBL Press and the Centro de Estudios de Historia del Antiguo Oriente at the Universidad Católica Argentina. The series currently has twenty-five published titles available online, with twenty-three of the titles available through print-on-demand.

International Voices in Biblical Studies (IVBS) is guided by an editorial board of international scholars. The series is designed to provide a venue for publication and distribution of scholarly work from all areas of the world, particularly to make the excellent scholarship from underresourced areas available to the more traditional centers of biblical scholarship. The twelve titles published to date are all available online or through print-on-demand.

ICI Liaison Network

In order to facilitate worldwide communications, the Liaison Network engages scholars in ICI countries to facilitate the two-way flow of information pertaining to SBL and global biblical scholarship. A monthly newsletter serves the ICI liaisons and other interested parties by providing updates to conferences, publications, and other SBL news.

ICI Scholarly Exchange

SBL hosts two databases that allow scholars, students, and institutions to establish contact and make arrangements for various types of scholarly exchange. Members have discovered opportunities to teach in other countries and have found creative ways to use technology in order to share teaching experiences with classrooms on other continents.

Status of Women in the Profession Committee

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee encourages the participation of women in all areas of biblical studies. In pursuit of this mandate, the committee focuses its efforts in the areas of mentoring, networking, and opening biblical studies to greater participation by women.

Student Advisory Board

Started in 2005, the purpose of this advisory group is to coordinate student participation across all Society activities, committees, and programs in an effort to foster greater opportunities for student participation and leadership development. The explicit goals of this group are to:

- facilitate a greater connection between students and the Society with a view toward lifetime membership, volunteer involvement, and leadership
- provide resources and programming specifically geared toward student members
- to develop and groom the next generation of leaders

Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities Committee

The SBL Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee (CUREMP) was constituted to assess the status and encourage the participation of underrepresented racial and ethnic minorities in all professional areas of biblical studies. It has long supported the recruitment and mentoring of racial and ethnic minority students from among the African American, Asian, Hispanic, and Native American populations.
REGIONS
Throughout the academic year, the regions coordinate lectures and conferences that keep the regions active and up to date in the latest biblical research and teaching. These meetings provide an intimate setting for scholarly exchange.

Regional Scholars Program
The Regional Scholars’ Award has been developed by the Society of Biblical Literature’s Council of Regional Coordinators to recognize promising younger scholars in the field of biblical studies. Its objective is to encourage their intellectual development through a mentoring program and to provide practical assistance in securing a place to present their work at the Society’s Annual Meeting.

A maximum of six regional scholars are selected each year and given stipends to cover a portion of the cost of attending the Annual Meeting.

ADMINISTRATION
The work of the Society is guided by its Council and is administered through SBL’s professional staff and key volunteers who serve on various committees.

The Council consists of fourteen members of the Society and the Executive Director. This board approves general policies:

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The Annual Meeting Program Committee approves program units and program unit chairs, evaluates the Annual Meeting program, and recommends strategic directions for the growth and improvement of the program.

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The **Professional Conduct Committee** serves to implement the **Professional Conduct Policy**. SBL has established **Professional Conduct Investigation Procedures** that provide guidelines for gathering information, maintaining confidentiality to the extent possible, reaching an initial determination, allowing for an appeal, and determining disciplinary action. SBL will carefully investigate all complaints according to these guidelines. No individual will be retaliated against for making a complaint or assisting with the investigation of a complaint. Any person who desires to report a possible violation of the SBL Professional Conduct Policy at an SBL sanctioned event should promptly contact the SBL Executive Director, the Chair of SBL Council, or the Professional Conduct Committee Chair.

- Greg Carey, chair
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The **Status of Women in the Profession Committee** works in areas of mentoring and networking, opening the Society to greater participation by women and calling attention to the ways in which the Society speaks to and about women through its various activities.

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The **Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee** encourages the participation of minorities in all areas of biblical studies through mentoring, networking, and other forms of support.

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- Jean-Pierre Ruiz
- Mitzi J. Smith
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- Christopher A. Rollston, chair
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The **Bible Odyssey Editorial Board** advises on the direction and continued development of a website that is designed to improve public understanding of the Bible and its contexts.

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The **Biblical Studies in Undergraduate Education (BSUE)** is a working group established to help SBL and its members understand and respond constructively to both immediate and longer-term challenges and opportunities facing the field of biblical studies in the context of undergraduate liberal arts teaching.

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The **LGBTQ+ Task Force** is charged by Council to identify how SBL can best support LGBTQ+ scholars and scholarship; communicate regularly with the ED; and provide a report including recommendations within two years of the Task Force’s constitution, if possible by the April 2021 Council meeting.

- Joseph A. Marchal, Chair
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Adele Reinhartz is a second generation Canadian, born not long after her parents immigrated to Canada from postwar Europe. Adele was raised largely within the Yiddish-speaking Holocaust survivor community in Toronto and, like many eighteen-year olds, started university with an unfocussed set of interests. Among her first-year choices were Introductory Modern Hebrew, and Introduction to Judaism, which she took in order to learn about Jewish religious texts and practices that she had not encountered in her prior secular Jewish education. After four years she graduated the University of Toronto with a BA in Religious Studies, with a specialization in Jewish Studies, and a letter of admission to the MA program in Religious Studies at McMaster University.

One of the attractions of McMaster’s graduate program was (and remains) the requirement that students studying early Christianity take courses in early Judaism, and vice-versa. And so it was that in September 1975 Adele found herself haltingly reading and translating Galatians in a small seminar taught by E.P. Sanders, who had just submitted the final manuscript of Paul and Palestinian Judaism to the publisher. Adele completed her MA in early Judaism, and stayed on at McMaster to complete a doctoral dissertation in New Testament. After graduation, she embarked on an academic career that took her to the University of Toronto, back to McMaster, and most recently to the University of Ottawa, with a decade-long detour into senior university administration. Over the years she has also been privileged to teach courses at the Harvard, Yale, and Brite Divinity Schools, and to hold research fellowships at the Israel Institute of Advanced Studies in Jerusalem (2000–2001), International Consortium for Research in the Humanities at Ruhr University Bochum, and the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton (2011–12). Adele also enjoyed two years as the Corcoran Visiting Chair in Christian-Jewish Relations at Boston College (2015–17).

Adele's doctoral research focused on literary approaches to the Gospel of John. After completing her dissertation on the role of John's statement of purpose (John 20:30–31) in Johannine narrative and discourse, she moved on to other projects. The first was a book, entitled The Word in the World: The Cosmological Tale in the Fourth Gospel (1992), in which she explored an idea that had been brewing since her doctoral days: that the "good shepherd" metaphor in John 10 alluded to the "harrowing of Hell" — the idea that in the days between his burial and the discovery of the empty tomb, Jesus descended to the netherworld to preach to the dead.

A second book on John, called Befriending the Beloved Disciple (2001) used Wayne Booth’s framework of frame of friendship, which posited that readers of any narrative inevitably enter into an relationship with the implied author. In espousing an “ethics of fiction,” Booth urges readers to consider the ethical quality of their relationships with the implied authors whose company they keep as they are reading. This approach to the Gospel left Adele in a quandary. From a 21st-century perspective, the Gospel’s implied author does not necessarily bring out the best in readers, especially when it comes to the stance towards the ioudaioi. As a scholar, she was able to situate this stance within the Gospel’s larger program. But as a Jew who is neither persuaded by nor receptive to John's overall message, she found it difficult to be in friendship with an implied author who expressed such hostile comments about “the Jews” — a group with which she herself identified.

Although Adele has stuck with John for many decades, she has also engaged in other projects: a study of anonymous characters in the Hebrew Bible (1998), and the history and reception history in art, literature, drama, and film, of the high priest Caiaphas (2011). Adele's service teaching led to a lengthy, engrossing, and ongoing process of self-education in film studies, as well as several books on Bible and film, including Scripture on the Silver Screen (2003), Jesus of Hollywood (2007), and Bible and Cinema: An Introduction (2013). She is currently preparing a second edition of this introduction and working on a project about the tension between Catholicism and secularism in French-language Québécois film.

Adele returned to John, and the fraught question of anti-Judaism, in her most recent book, Cast Out of the Covenant: Jews and Anti-Judaism in the Gospel of John (2018). In this book she argues that the Gospel constructs a rhetorical “parting of the ways” between Christ-confessors and the ioudaioi — Jews who, in John's view, should have believed but did not. This is not to say that the historical processes that led to separation were already complete or even well under way by the late first century, but simply that a separation was already given rhetorical expression in what eventually became a canonical Christian text.

In addition to teaching, research, and academic administration, Adele has been involved extensively in the SBL, including six years on Council and seven years as General Editor of the Journal of Biblical Literature. She has also been active in the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies, the Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas, the Royal Society of Canada (elected 2005), and the American Association for Jewish Research (elected 2014).
2020 Awards

Sarah Malena

Sarah Malena is an Assistant Professor of History at St. Mary's College of Maryland. She holds a B.A. in Anthropology from the University of Iowa and an M.A. and Ph.D. in History from the University of California, San Diego. Using historical and anthropological approaches, Sarah researches intercultural relations in the eastern Mediterranean and how interactions impacted social and ideological change. Her current project, Fertile Crossroads, expands on her dissertation research and explores how elite exchange networks shaped the developing identities and polities of the southern Levant in earlier stages of the Iron Age (ca. 1100–800 BCE).

2020 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship Recipient

The 2020 Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship has been awarded to Stephen Young for his paper entitled, “Ethnic Ethics: Paul’s Eschatological Myth of Jewish Sin.”

Stephen Young

Stephen Young (PhD, Brown University 2016) is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion and also Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at Appalachian State University, where he has been helping undergraduates learn to think disruptively about religion, society, and ancient Mediterranean literature for the last four years. He is finishing a book on Paul’s mythmaking and textual practices as a Jewish teacher of gentiles. His next project attends to literary culture, ideologies of gender, and early Christian diversity. Stephen’s “Ethnic Ethics” paper is forthcoming in New Testament Studies.

The goal of the Achtemeier Award is to stimulate the finest and most penetrating work in New Testament studies and to foster the future of biblical scholarship. The award is given to a member who has completed her/his doctorate within the last ten years and includes a cash prize of $1,000. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- Persuasive thesis that engages the New Testament and demonstrates quality of scholarship and significance in the field
- Clarity of expression and thought
- Originality and creativity

The members of the Achtemeier Award Committee are James A. Kelhoffer (Uppsala University), Janet Elizabeth Spittler (University of Virginia), and Shelly Matthews (Brite Divinity School).

The call for papers for the 2021 Paul J. Achtemeier Award will open by October 1, 2020. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible.

2020 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship

The 2020 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship has been awarded to Travis Proctor for his paper entitled, “A Cartography of Kinship: Domestic Space, Tomb Cult, and the Re-Mapping of Ephesus in the Acts of John.”

Travis Proctor

Travis Proctor is an Assistant Professor of Religion at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio. His research and teaching explore religions of the ancient Mediterranean, with a focus on histories of Christian cultures in the ancient world (ca. 50–500 CE). His current research explores early Christian theorizations of nonhuman bodies and environments, with a focus on how ancient conceptions of nonhuman space or embodiment impacted ancient Christian thought and practice. These include a monograph project on how early Christian theorizations of demonic bodies informed the performance of early Christian embodiment and construction of ancient cosmic “ecosystems,” as well as several article-length explorations of concepts of space and environment in the apocryphal acts. His other research interests include topics in ancient environmental history, space and material culture, ecocriticism, posthumanism, and ritual studies. He received his B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship supports junior scholars demonstrating innovative approaches in biblical studies that advance methodological work at the intersection of historical criticism, critical theory, and cultural studies. The award is given to a member who has received a Ph.D. or Th.D. in biblical studies or related field within the last ten years and includes $1,000 award. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- A persuasive thesis that engages emerging methodologies and changing paradigms, and demonstrates quality of scholarship and significance to the field
- Clarity of expression and thought
- Originality and creativity

The members of the 2020 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship committee are Kathleen O’Connor (Columbia Theological Seminary), Carolyn Sharp (Yale Divinity School), and Louis Stulman (University of Findlay).

The call for papers for the 2021 A. R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship will open by October 1, 2020. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Diamond family for making this scholarship award possible.
2020 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that the 2020 David Noel Freedman Award for Excellence and Creativity in Hebrew Bible Scholarship has been awarded to Nili Samet for her paper entitled, “Qohelet’s Language: An Extra-Linguistic Look.”

Nili Samet

Nili Samet teaches Bible and Assyriology in the department of Bible at Bar-Ilan University. Her research interests include Biblical Hebrew, with a focus on linguistic dating; Wisdom literature in Israel and Mesopotamia, with a focus on the Book of Qohelet; and comparative study of the Bible and the ancient Near East. Samet is the author of The Lamentation over the Destruction of Ur: A Revised Edition, and of articles in the fields of wisdom literature, the Book of Qohelet, and biblical Hebrew. She is currently working on two book projects: a commentary on Qohelet in the series Miqra Le-Yisrael, and a book on the syntax of Late Biblical Hebrew. Selected honors and grants include Alon Fellowship for Outstanding young researchers, the Harry Starr Fellowship from the Center for Jewish Studies at Harvard University, and research grants from the German-Israeli Foundation for Scientific Research and from the Israel Science foundation.

The goal of the Freedman Award is to promote excellence and creativity in Hebrew Bible scholarship. The award is given to a member who has received a Ph.D. or Th.D. in biblical studies or related field within the last ten years and includes a cash prize of $1,000.00. Papers for this award are evaluated on the basis of three categories:

- Persuasive thesis that engages the Hebrew Bible
- Clarity of expression and thought
- Originality and creativity

The members of the 2020 Freedman Award Committee are Alejandro Botta (Boston University), Cynthia Shafer-Elliott (William Jessup University), and David Pleins (Santa Clara University).

The call for papers for the 2021 David Noel Freedman Award will open by October 1, 2020. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Freedman family and the numerous contributors for making this scholarship award possible.

The Status of Women in the Profession Outstanding Service in Mentoring Awards

Each year at the SBL Annual Meeting, CSWP honors women who have been excellent mentors to women in the field. These mentors have provided invaluable guidance, advice, and encouragement. They serve as role models and assist other women in navigating career choices, building professional networks, and developing strategies for work-life balance. CSWP honors mentors in order to recognize their contributions and to encourage mentoring relationships.

If you would like to nominate a mentor, please send your nomination with a descriptive letter of endorsement to Christl Maier (christl.maier@uni-marburg.de). Nominations must be received by May 1st. Nominations received after the deadline will be considered for the following year.

Please join us in congratulating the 2020 Status of Women in the Profession Mentor Award recipients:

Devorah Dimant

Devorah Dimant is Professor Emerita of Second Temple times and literature, including the Dead Sea Scrolls, at the University of Haifa, Israel. In addition to articles and edited volumes, her publications include Qumran Cave 4. XXI: Parabiblical Texts, Part 4: Pseudepigraphic Texts, DJD XXX (Oxford: The Clarendon Press, 2001); History, Ideology and Bible Interpretation in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Collected Studies, FAT 90 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2014), and From Enoch to Tobit: Collected Studies in Ancient Jewish Literature, FAT 114 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 2017). Dimant is an active participant in both the SBL and the World Organization for Jewish Studies.

2020 Outstanding Mentor Award recipients:

The SBL and its Committee on Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession (CUREMP) are delighted to announce the 2020 recipients of SBL's Outstanding Mentor Award—Drs. Wil Gafney and Fernando Segovia. CUREMP launched the award this year to honor scholars of color who provide exceptional mentoring to other scholars by helping them to develop important professional networks and offering invaluable support in the process of navigating intricacies of the guild.

Gafney and Segovia were selected for this inaugural award as a result of the nomination process and in recognition of the significant ways they are influencing the field of biblical studies through their scholarship, teaching, and mentoring of other scholars in various parts of the world.

Wil Gafney

Wil Gafney is Professor of Hebrew Bible at Brite Divinity School in Fort Worth, Texas. She is the author of Womanist Midrash: A Reintroduction to Women of the Torah and of the Throne, a commentary on Nahum, Habakkuk, and Zephaniah in the Wisdom series, Daughters of Miriam: Women Prophets in Ancient Israel, and co-editor of The Peoples’ Bible and The Peoples’ Companion to the Bible. Dr. Gafney contributed to the JBL Forum Black Lives Matter for Critical Biblical Scholarship, available at jstor.org/stable/10.15699/jbibilite.136.issue-1.
Fernando Segovia
Fernando Segovia is Oberlin Graduate Professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. Among his publications, he is the author of Decolonizing Biblical Studies: A View from the Margins, editor of Interpreting Beyond Borders, and co-editor of Latino/a Biblical Hermeneutics: Problematics, Objectives, Strategies, and Toward Minority Biblical Criticism: They Were All Together in One Place. In 2014, Dr. Segovia was the President of the Society of Biblical Literature, and his presidential address, published in JBL, is available at sbl-site.org/assets/pdfs/presidentialaddresses/JBL134_1_SEGovia2015.pdf.

2020 Society of Biblical Literature – De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History
The Society of Biblical Literature and De Gruyter are delighted to announce the 2020 De Gruyter Prize recipients are Carson Bay and Chloe Church. Carson Bay was awarded in the category of Textual Culture and Reception of the Bible for his paper entitled “Exemplarity, Exegesis, & Ethnography: Abraham in Pseudo-Hegesippus as a Test Case for Biblical Reception in Christian Late Antiquity.” Chloe Church was awarded in the category of Material and Visual Culture and Reception of the Bible for her paper entitled “Receiving the Word in Image: Federico Zuccaro’s The Annunciation Broadcast By Prophets (1565) and the Reception History of the Bible in the Counter-Reformation.” The prize includes a cash prize of $750. The awarded papers will be published in the Journal of the Bible and its Reception. In addition to being published, the awarded papers will be delivered at the SBL Annual Meeting followed by a panel discussion.

Carson Bay
Carson Bay completed his final two graduate degrees in Classics (MA) and Religions of Western Antiquity (PhD) at Florida State University in 2018. He is currently a postdoctoral researcher in the Institute for Jewish Studies at the University of Bern, Switzerland and part of the research team Lege Iosephum! Reading Josephus in the Latin Middle Ages. Carson’s work ranges across the Hebrew Bible, Second Temple and Hellenistic Judaism (with a healthy dose of Josephus), New Testament studies, early Christianity, and Classics, ignoring as best it can conventional disciplinary boundaries. His research, grounded in ancient Mediterranean literature and society, is usually interested in pairing close textual and philological work with various iterations of ‘theory.’ He is currently completing his first book on reception of the ‘Hebrew heroes’ of Jewish Scripture in the late antique Latin Christian text called Pseudo-Hegesippus or On the Destruction of Jerusalem (as viewed through the Roman discourse of exemplarity. He is also knee-deep in his Habilitation project, which is the first close analysis of the reception of ancient Christian and classical Latin literature in the early Medieval Hebrew text called Sefer Yosippon, one of the first pieces of Jewish historiography in the early Middle Ages. Previous awards Carson has won include a Fulbright research grant, which landed him at the Institutum Judaicum Delitzschiannum at the University of Münster, Germany, and a Josephine de Karman Trust Dissertation Completion Fellowship.

Chloe Church
Chloe Church graduated from the University of Birmingham, UK, in 2016 with a first-class degree in Theology and Religion and the JG Davies Memorial Prize for the highest-scoring undergraduate dissertation. In the same year she began a Masters by Research with Biblical Studies Specialism at the University of Birmingham, and was awarded a College of Arts and Humanities Masters-Level Scholarship for her research on the methods of visual biblical interpretation in the Lutheran and Counter-Reformations. Chloe is now a doctoral student at the University of Exeter and University of Bristol, UK. Her research is supported and funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council, and focuses on the visual biblical interpretation of the Annunciation to Mary (Lk 1.26–38) in Counter-Reformation paintings.

The call for papers for the 2021 Society of Biblical Literature – De Gruyter Prize for Biblical Studies and Reception History will open by January 31, 2021.

Regional Scholars’ Award
The Regional Scholars’ Award has been developed by the Society of Biblical Literature’s Council of Regional Coordinators to recognize promising younger scholars in the field of biblical studies. Its objective is to encourage their intellectual development through a mentoring program and to provide practical assistance in securing a place to present their work at the Society’s Annual Meeting. Information on the application process is available from the Regional Coordinator of each region.
**S29-201**

**SBL Using Performance to Teach the Bible**
1:00 PM–4:30 PM
Registration for this workshop is available through Annual Meetings registration. The eighth annual workshop sponsored by the Bible in Ancient and Modern Media offers sessions on using performance to engage students with biblical text, led by experienced teaching scholars. The participants will be involved in active learning throughout the workshop.

**P29-301**

**Korean Biblical Colloquium**
4:30 PM–6:30 PM
Theme: Intersectionality
John Ahn, Howard University, Presiding
Gale Yee, Episcopal Divinity School
Intersectionality and Marginal Populations in the Hebrew Bible (30 min)
Patricia Hill Collins, University of Maryland
Intersectionality across Disciplines: ASA, SBL, and AAR (30 min)
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University
Kyriarchy and Intersectionality (30 min)

**S29-302**

**SBL Networking on Orality, Memory, Performance and Other Related Disciplines**
4:30 PM–6:00 PM
Theme: Performance in the Age of Zoom, Trauma, and Justice
Scholars from various disciplines are invited to a networking session to engage each other on their research in the fields listed above; all scholars interested in these areas are welcome! This year we will explore virtual performances and the impact of screens on developing, performing, and interpreting a biblical text, with particular emphasis given to the role of trauma and justice in Scripture, and how performances and performative features can help us meaningfully engage these topics in our classrooms and research. Small group “breakouts” and large group discussion will follow a framing presentation and a live performance. To sign up or for additional information contact Travis West (travis@westernsem.edu) or Megan Wines (mwines@luc.edu).
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S30-103

SBL Ecological Hermeneutics / Contextual Biblical Interpretation Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Land and Home as Threatened
Barbara Rossing, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Presiding
Theodore Hiebert, McCormick Theological Seminary
"So That We Can Survive and Not Starve to Death": Insights into Environmental Migration from Genesis 37–50 (30 min)
Beth Elness-Hanson, Johannenheim School of Theology
A Wandering Aramean and the Wandering Maasai: An Intercultural and Ecotheological Analysis of Deut 26:1–15 (30 min)
Sébastien Doane, Université Laval
The Witness of the Stone That Heard: An Ecological Reading of Joshua 24 (30 min)
Chelsea D. Mak, Emory University
A New Look at Nebuchadnezzar’s "Madness": Political Knowledge, Ecology, and Survival in Daniel 3:31–4:34 (30 min)

S30-106

SBL Masoretic Studies Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: The Reading of the Hebrew Bible
David Marcus, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding
Geoffrey Khan, University of Cambridge
The Interpretation of Dagesh on the Basis of Medieval Karaite Sources: Two Cases Studies (30 min)
Isabella Maurizio, Alma Mater Studiorum Università di Bologna
The Masoretic Pataḥ Furtivum and the Transliteration of ‘Ayin Consonant in the Second Column of Origen’s Hexapla (30 min)
David Van Acker, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
The Implications of a Prosodic Reading of the Masoretic Accents (30 min)
Daniel J. Crowther, Oxford University
"As Musical Signs, They Have No Interest or Importance at All": William Wickes and the Accentuation of the Psalms (30 min)

S30-107

SBL Metaphor Theory and the Hebrew Bible Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Networks of Metaphors in the Hebrew Bible (Book Review)
Ryan Bonfiglio, Emory University, Welcome (5 min)

Contributions to the Volume
Danilo Verde, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Presiding
Antje Labahn, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal/Bethel, Presiding
Alison Gray, Westminster College (Cambridge), Panelist
Francis Landy, University of Alberta, Panelist
Andrea Weiss, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Panelist
Edward Greenstein, Bar-Ilan University, Panelist
Jean-Pierre Sonnet, Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Panelist
Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher, Catholic Private University of Linz, Panelist

Discussion (40 min)

S30-108

SBL Midrash Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Midrash at the Nexus of Other Texts and Traditions
W. David Nelson, Independent Scholar, Presiding
Michael Avioz, Bar-Ilan University
Josephus and the Midrash (20 min)
Yitzhak Berger, Hunter College (CUNY)
The Aristotelian Afterlife of Midrash: Rabbinic Interpretation in RADAK’s Allegorical Commentary on Genesis (20 min)
Michael Ennis, Harvard University
None Like Moses: Patterns of Patristic and Midrashic Exegesis in Exodus 2 (20 min)
Jonathan Kaplan, The University of Texas at Austin
Bat Aher and the Revelation of Special Knowledge (20 min)
Kelsey Spinnato, Southern Methodist University
The Character of Abram in the Book of Jubilees (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S30-109

SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: A Florilegium of the Esoteric, Mystical, and Gnostic
Lautaro Lanzillotta, University of Groningen, Presiding
Jeffrey Pettis, Fordham University
Angels in the Temple: 2 Maccabees 3, James, and John in the Gospel of Mark (20 min)
Jared Calaway, Illinois College
Epaphtha: Powerful Speech and Transformative Touch in the Synoptic Gospels (20 min)
Grant Adamson, University of Arizona
What Are the Odds? Eusebius, Serapion, and Secret Mark (20 min)
Paul Robertson, University of New Hampshire
Gnostic Descent in Milton's Paradise Lost (20 min)
Josiah S. Bieb, Brown University
The Yeridah as Actual Descent Born of Ancient West Asian Mythology (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S30-110

SBL Pauline Epistles Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Letter-Writing
Emma Wasserman, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Laura Dingeldein, University of Illinois at Chicago
Paul and Epistolary Ethics (15 min)
Discussion (9 min)
Philip Erwin, Occidental College
Paul and the Critique of Writing in 2 Cor. 3–4 (15 min)
Discussion (9 min)
J. Andrew Doole, University of Innsbruck
Could Paul Refer to Himself in the Plural? (15 min)
Discussion (9 min)
J. Thomas Hewitt, University of Aberdeen
"In the Lord" Is Not "in Christ": The Distinctive Syntactical and Conceptual Functions of a Linguistic Doppelgänger (15 min)
Discussion (9 min)
Gilha Lee, Emory University
From a Free Person to a Slave of Christ: 1 Cor 7:21–23 in Light of Self-Sale Enslavement in the Roman Empire (15 min)
Discussion (9 min)

S30-111

SBL Qumran Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa, Presiding
Ayhan Aksu, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Literary Diversity and Collections: The Case of the Opisthograph (30 min)
Hila Dayfani, University of Haifa
Material Reconstruction, New Readings, and Discussion of 4Q415 (4QInstructiona) (30 min)
Eshbal Ratzon, Ariel University Center of Samaria
The Last Unpublished Dead Sea Scroll: A New Reconstruction of 4Q317 (30 min)
Annie Calderbank, Oxford University
Dwelling above and Among: Divine Presence in the Temple Scroll (30 min)

S30-112

SBL Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Themes in Biblical Reception
Andrew Mein, University of St. Andrews, Presiding
R. K. Wilkowski, Regent College
Text, Theology, and Adaptation: The Influence of Creation ex nihilo and Functional Ontology on Retellings of Genesis 1:1–2 in Children's Bibles (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
James W. Watts, Syracuse University
Priests, Contagion, and Quarantine: Leviticus 13–14 in the Cultural History of Diagnostic Authority (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Katie Turner, Independent Researcher
Bishop or Beast? The Origin and Development of Caiaphas’ Side-Horned Mitre in the Oberammergau Passion Play (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Helen Leneman, No institution
The Plagues of Exodus in Musical Retellings (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S30-113

SBL Women Members Gathering and Award Ceremony
11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Recipient: Devorah Dimant, Haifa, Israel
Endorsement: Atar Livneh
Panel Discussion: Getting a Handle on the New Media Landscape: Challenges and Opportunities for Women Scholars
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College, Presiding
Wil Gafney, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Panelist
Candida Moss, University of Birmingham, Panelist
Krista Dalton, Kenyon College, Panelist

S30-201

SBL Art and Religions of Antiquity Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Art and Religion
Karen Britt, Northwestern Missouri State University and Ra’anana Boustan, Princeton University
Visions of Beasts and Wild Animals: The North Aisle of the Huqoq Synagogue (30 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Sarah E. G. Fein, Brandeis University
Woman on the Edge: The Widow of Zarephath and Maternal Resistance at Dura Europos (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
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S30-202

SBL Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Elizabeth Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena), Presiding
Rachel Krohn, Trinity College Queensland and Robert Holmstedt, University of Toronto

Hebrew Verse Structure, Revised (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Rebecca W. Poe Hays, Baylor University
They Just Keep Telling the Story: A Rhetorical Solution to a Text-Critical Problem in Psalm 69 (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Ethan C. Jones, Scarborough College
Divine Immanence? The Meaning and Translation of 'פקד in Psalm 8:5 (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Gavin Fernandes, University of Nottingham
Putting the King and His Women Back into the Beginning of the Song of Songs: Rescuing the Royals from Enallage and Epithets (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S30-203

SBL Book History and Biblical Literatures Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Review Panel of Sidnie White Crawford: Scribes and Scrolls at Qumran
Hanna Tervanotko, McMaster University, Presiding
David A. Skelton, Independent Scholar

The Re-appropriation of Levitical Singers in the Construction of Sages in the Second Temple Period (20 min)

Alison Schofield, University of Denver, Panelist (20 min)
Mark Smith, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)
Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta, Panelist (20 min)

Sidnie Crawford, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S30-204

SBL Children in the Biblical World Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

John Martens, University of Saint Thomas (Saint Paul, MN), Presiding
Margaret Murray Talbot, Brite Divinity School (TCU)

Agency and Assemblages: Assessing Bat-Yiphtach’s Bleeding Body (20 min)

Kristin J. Wendland, Wartburg College
How Are the Children? Daughter Zion and Her Children in Lamentations 1–2 (20 min)

David Bell, University of Manchester
The Lord as ἔκδικος in 1 Thess 4:6: A Voice for Vulnerable Children (20 min)

Jeremiah Cataldo, Grand Valley State University
Bargaining Hosea’s Children (20 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

S30-205

SBL Disputed Paulines Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: The Disputed Pauline Epistles: Current Research
Lisa Marie Belz, Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, Presiding
Angela Standhartinger, Philipps-Universität Marburg

The Pastoral Epistles among Ancient Letter Collections (20 min)

Andrew R. Guffey, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Paul, the Pastoral, and Encratite Origins (20 min)

Gary G. Hoag, Northern Seminary
Slaves and Masters, Diversity and Unity: Locating the Benefactor of 1 Timothy 6:1–2a (20 min)

S30-206

SBL Genesis Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Sibling Rivalry, Part One
Naomi Steinberg, DePaul University, Presiding
Abi Doukhan, Queens College (CUNY)

Re-imagining Genesis 3:16 in a Post-MeToo World (30 min)

Justin Reed, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
The Injustice of Noah’s Curse and the Presumption of Canaanite Guilt (30 min)

Cale Staley, Cornell University
The Relationship between Jacob and Laban as a Proxy for Israel and Aram (30 min)

Naomi Graetz, Ben–Gurion University of the Negev
Joseph as an Exemplar of Sibling Rivalry (30 min)
S30-207

SBL Greco-Roman Religions Section
1:00 PM–2:15 PM
Theme: Complexities of Conversion
Papers will not be read in the online session. The presentations will be available before the session on the following channel: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1550425748497548/
Papers will be available beforehand and can be requested from the program unit chair, Gerhard van den Heever, vdheega@unisa.ac.za.
The online session will only consist of the discussion of the papers.
Barbette Spaeth, College of William and Mary, Presiding
  Marianne Bjelland Kartzow, Universitetet i Oslo and Valérie E. Nicolet, Institut Protestant de Théologie
  What Is So Complex about Conversion? (1 min)
  Anna Rebecca Solevåg, VID Specialized University
  “Leap, Ye, Lame for Joy”: The Dynamics of Disability in Conversion (1 min)
  Kirsten Marie Hartvigsen, University of Oslo
  The Complexity of Aseneth’s Transformation (1 min)
  Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa
  Conversion in Mystery Religions? Theory Meets Mysteries and Conversion (1 min)
  Matthew Thiessen, McMaster University, Respondent (1 min)
Discussion (60 min)

S30-209

SBL Matthew Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Matthew within Judaism: Perspectives and Prospects
Catherine Sider Hamilton, Wycliffe College, Presiding (5 min)
  Joel Marcus, Duke University
  The Antitheses and the “Matthew within Judaism” Perspective (20 min)
  Laura Robinson, Duke University
  The Deconversionist Sect: Sectarianism, Deconversion, and the Formation of Matthean Christian Identity (20 min)
Break (5 min)
  Daniel Gurtner, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)
  John Kampen, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S30-210/A30-200

SBL Mind, Society, and Religion: Cognitive Science Approaches to the Biblical World Seminar
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Historiography
Joint session with AAR Program Unit Cognitive Science of Religion.
To receive papers beforehand, please contact jutta.jokiranta@helsinki.fi.
Rikard Roitto, Stockholm School of Theology, Presiding
  Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University
  The Cultural Evolution of Early Christianity via Prestige-Biased Transmission of Cooperative Norms (15 min)
  Jarkko Vikman, University of Helsinki
  Mister Worldwide? Areal Prominence in the Prestige of Ephesian Religious Experts (15 min)
  Colleen Shantz, St Michael’s College, University of Toronto
  Constructing Heaven: The Cultural Adaptation of Afterlife Belief (15 min)
  Ronit Nikolsky, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
  The Rise of Rabbinic Judaism in Light of Cognitive and Cultural Evolution (15 min)
  Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki
  Cultural-Evolutionary Analysis of the Reception of the Gospels of Luke and John (15 min)
Discussion (45 min)
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S30-212

SBL Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Stacy Davis, Saint Mary’s College (Notre Dame), Presiding
Stephen C. Russell, City University of New York
Skin for Skin: The Bible and the Morant Bay War in the Age of Emancipation (30 min)
Jonathan J. Hatter, Loyola University of Chicago
Slave of God, Slave of Christ, Slave of All: Reading Matthew’s Servile Metaphors in Their Matthean Context (30 min)
Lynn R. Huber, Elon University
Enslaved and Enthroned: Revelation’s Metaphorical Representation of the Faithful in Light of Ancient Enslavement Practices (30 min)
Andrew Benko, Southwestern University
Abraham’s Seed, Nobody’s Slaves: John 8:31–36 (30 min)

S30-213

SBL Synoptic Gospels Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Representation of Jesus in Synoptic Tradition
Jin Young Choi, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Presiding
Alexander P Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University
The Recognition of Jesus in the Ending of the Synoptic Gospels (30 min)
Greg Carey, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Did Jesus Tell Multivalent Parables, and So What? (30 min)
Jin K. Hwang, Georgia Central University
Jesus’ Use of Hosea 6:6 in Matthew 9 and 12 (30 min)
David A. Burnett, Marquette University
The Beautiful Feet of Jesus: The Iastianic Re-narration of Synoptic Tradition in Luke 7:36–50 (30 min)

S30-214

SBL Wisdom and Apocalypticism Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Spiritual Exercise and Wisdom: Formation of the Subject II
Arjen Bakker, Oxford University, Presiding
Hindy Najman, University of Oxford, Introduction
Shannon Parrott, University of Oxford
Apparel Oft Proclaims the (Jerusale)man: The Priority of Dress and Formation of the Subject in Isaiah 61:10–62:5 (30 min)
Phillip M. Lasater, Universität Zürich
Wisdom through Symbolic Objects: The Second Temple Intellectual Context of Symbolic Bodies in and beyond Proverbs 1–9 (30 min)

David Lambert, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Biblical Narrative and the Limits of Exemplarity (30 min)
Jason M. Zurawski, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
The Rod of Paideia: Soul Training in Philo of Alexandria (30 min)

P30-301

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Theme: After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging

A 90 minute online conversation with Dr. Willie James Jennings, moderated by Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield, with Dr. Craig Barnes, Dr. Kwok Pui Lan, and Dr. Shawn Copeland.

The conversation will consider the implications of Dr. Jennings’ book After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging for teaching and learning in North American college, university, and theological school contexts. The session will begin and end with comments by the author, Dr. Jennings, about his book and its implications for pedagogy in the 21st century. The bulk of the session will involve a conversation among peers, moderated by Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield, about how the book raises specific questions about contemporary higher education practice and the implications of these questions for the future of higher education, particularly as it relates to theological education.

In the book, Dr. Jennings asserts, “Theological education has always been about formation: first of people, then of communities, then of the world. If we continue to promote whiteness and its related ideas of masculinity and individualism in our educational work, it will remain diseased and thwart our efforts to heal the church and the world. But if theological education aims to form people who can gather others together through border-crossing pluralism and God-drenched communion, we can begin to cultivate the radical belonging that is at the heart of God’s transformative work.” (Eerdmans.com)

Nancy Lynne Westfield, Presiding
Willie James Jennings, Duke University, Panelist
Craig Barnes, Panelist
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Panelist
Shawn Copeland, Panelist

S30-302

SBL Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics / Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Section / Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM


Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College, Presiding (5 min)
Sharon Jacob, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding (15 min)
Bridgett Green, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Panelist (15 min)
Shelly Matthews, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Panelist (15 min)
Luis Menéndez-Antuña, Boston University, Panelist (15 min)
Margaret Oget, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Panelist (15 min)
Mitzi Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)
Yet, most of such scholarship and representation has come from non-evangelical or mainline theological schools. Evangelicals are less represented. This new research group provides a space for Asian American evangelical scholars to engage with, critique, integrate, and indeed pave new ground in current approaches in Asian American Biblical Interpretation. The fact that the majority of Asian American Protestants are evangelical makes their voices even more imperative. “Asian American” is understood in its broadest sense to include East, Southeast, South Asian, and Pacific Islander Americans.

Asian American biblical interpretation by its very nature is interdisciplinary. Thus, invited guests will include theologians, historians, sociologists, and scholars from other disciplines to inform our research. Our inaugural year program will consist of invited papers on the theme of “Setting the Table: Asian American Studies, Evangelicals and Biblical Interpretation.” These papers will be available on the IBR website after October 25th under the Research Groups tab at www.ibr-ibr.org (IBR Member login required). Attendees are encouraged to read the papers in advance though drop-ins are welcome. During the session, presenters will summarize their papers in ten minutes allowing for twenty minutes of discussion.

Non-IBR members are welcome to attend. For further information, please contact Milton Eng (miltoneng@verizon.net) or Max Lee (mlee1@Northpark.edu).

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P30-307
National Association of Professors of Hebrew
5:00 PM–6:45 PM
Theme: Annual Business Meeting
Marvin Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding (105 min)
Helene Dallaire, EBR National Coordinator, Panelist
Jared Henson, Associate Director, Panelist
Zev Garber, Editor, Iggeret, Panelist

S30-308
SBL Paul J. Achtemeier Award for New Testament Scholarship
5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Stephen Young, Appalachian State University
*Ethnic Ethics: Paul's Exchatological Myth of Jewish Sin* (30 min)
Paula Fredriksen, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Respondent (15 min)
Margaret Mitchell, University of Chicago, Respondent (15 min)

S30-309
SBL Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity / Ideological Criticism Seminar / Ideological Criticism Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Integrating Ideological Criticism
Christopher Zeichmann, University of Toronto, Presiding (5 min)
Michael Kochenash, Hunan University
*Exploring Ideology in Acts 12: Interlocking Oppressions and Rhoda's Cassandra Curse* (25 min)
Amy Lindemann Allen, Christian Theological Seminary and Sung Uk Lim, Yonsei University
*A Collaborative Model of Parenting: Jairus' Family Revisited* (*Mk 5:21–24; 35–43*) (25 min)
Vernon Robbins, Emory University, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (35 min)

S30-310
SBL Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Space and Materiality
These papers are a response to the program unit’s invitation to think about the intersections of spatial theory with material and materialist theories of religion, and to interrogate the implications of thinking with space, place, and material together.
Eric Smith, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Michael Motia, University of Massachusetts Boston
*How the Hospital Became Holy* (30 min)
Rebecca Harris, Messiah College
*Becoming Eternal: Sectarian Identity as a Means of Access to the Divine* (30 min)
Sarah F. Porter, Harvard University
*Temporality, Wonder, and Belonging: The Geometric Mosaics at the Church at Qausiyeh, Antioch* (30 min)
Harry Maier, Vancouver School of Theology
*Materialist Religion, Bodies, Banquets, and Matter in Clement of Alexandria’s Paedagogus* (30 min)

S30-311
SBL Teaching Biblical Studies in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Teaching the Bible to GenZ - Part I
Jocelyn McWhirter, Albion College, Presiding
Stan Harstine, Friends University
*Prompting Cognitive Growth in Undergraduate Students for Discussing the Bible* (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
John Van Maaren, McMaster University
*The Impact of Experiential Learning on Student Engagement and Well-Being: Results of a Small-Scale Study* (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Ma. Maricel S. Ibiza, Ateneo de Manilia University
*Knowing Me, Knowing Thou: From Joharis Window Game to Biblical Characterization* (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Business Meeting (30 min)
## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

### S1-101

**SBL Bible and Visual Art Section**  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  
- Ian Boxall, Catholic University of America, Presiding  
- Holly Morse, University of Manchester  
  *The Art of Mothering: Eve’s Maternity in Medieval Visual Culture* (25 min)  
- Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University  
  *Reading the Reference to Lot’s Wife as an “Unknown Women’s Monument”: A Study of Yehuda Levy-Aldema’s Artworks on Gen. 19:26* (25 min)  
- Katherine Low, Mary Baldwin University  
  *William Blake and Ezekiel’s Wife in the Refrigerator* (25 min)  
- David Ray Johnson, Fuller Theological Seminary  
  *The Artistic Character of the Spirit in the Beatitudes Tradition* (25 min)  
Roundtable Discussion (20 min)

### S1-102

**SBL Biblical Law Section**  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  
- Noam Cohen, New York University  
  *A Domestic Abuse Lawsuit in Gen 16:5–6* (20 min)  
Discussion (5 min)  
- Jonathan Schmidt-Swartz, New York University  
  *The Joseph Narrative, Inheritance Disputes, and Property Law* (20 min)  
Discussion (5 min)  
- Avram Schwartz, University of Virginia  
  *The Wood Offering and Festival in Jubilees and the Temple Scroll* (20 min)  
Discussion (5 min)  
- Jared W. Saltz, Florida College  
  *Two Kinds of Seed: Deuteronomy and Jesus’ Parable of the Weeds* (20 min)  
Discussion (5 min)

### S1-103

**SBL Book of Deuteronomy Section**  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  
- Megan Turton, University of Sydney  
  *Creating Law: The Intertextual Hermeneutics of the Samaritan Tenth Commandment* (25 min)  
Discussion (5 min)  
- JiSeong James Kwon, Université de Lausanne  
  *Problems of “Wisdom—Law Confluence” in Deuteronomy* (25 min)  
Discussion (5 min)  
- Dominik Markl, Pontifical Biblical Institute  
  *Deuteronomy as Historized and Prophetic Law* (25 min)  
Discussion (5 min)  
- Joachim J. Krause, University of Tübingen  
  *The Constellation of Agents: An Often Overlooked Aspect in the Comparison of Deuteronomy and Ancient Near Eastern Treaties* (25 min)  
Discussion (5 min)

### P1-104

**Institute for Biblical Research**  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  
This research group focuses on a variety of related issues such as, but not limited to: (1) the way in which the Old Testament prepares for the New and the New Testament appropriates the Old, (2) the use made of various Old Testament passages in the New, (3) the way in which various New Testament writers interpret the Old, and (4) the way in which Christians have understood the unity of the Bible and the continuing relevance of the Old Testament. For further information contact Creig Marlowe (creig.marlowe@etf.edu) and Gareth (Gary) Cockerill (cockerill.gareth@gmail.com) and see the Institute for Biblical Research website: www.ibr-bbr.org.  
2020 THEME: Reading the NT “Backward” or Reading the OT “Forward”: the NT as a Guide for the Contemporary Use of the Old Testaments  
- Creighton Marlowe, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Introduction (5 min)  
- Gary Schnitjer, Cairn University  
  *Like Parent, Like Offspring: Old Testament Use of Scripture and New Testament Use of Scripture* (20 min)  
- Andre Villeneuve, Azusa Pacific University  
  *Covenant and Betrothal: Echoes of Sinai at the Wedding at Cana* (20 min)  
- J. Richard Middleton, Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College  
  *Herod as Pharaoh and Nebuchadnezzar: A ‘Political’ Reading of the Prophets in Matthew’s Infancy Narrative* (20 min)  
- Ben Ribbens, Trinity Christian College  
  *Hebrews as Participatory Exegesis of the Old Testament* (20 min)  
Discussion (25 min)  
Business Meeting (10 min)
**S1-105**

**SBL Inventing Christianity: Apostolic Fathers, Apologists, and Martyrs Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

**Theme: Canon as Concept**
- Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College, Presiding
- Timothy A. Gabrielson, Sterling College
  *Tailoring Scripture: Clues about Barnabas’s Canon from Its Citation Formulae* (30 min)
- Michael J. Kok, Vose Seminary
  *Justin Martyr and the Fourfold Gospel Canon* (30 min)
- Ian N. Mills, Duke University
  *Did Theophilus of Antioch Compose a Gospel Harmony? Reconsidering Testimonium from Jerome and the Book of Saint James* (30 min)
- Grant W. Gasse, University of Notre Dame
  *Assessing the Latin Polycarp* (30 min)

**S1-106**

**SBL Masoretic Studies Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

**Theme: Torah Scrolls and Ancient Codices**
- Geoffrey Khan, University of Cambridge, Presiding
- Paul Sanders, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit Amsterdam
  *New Light on Proto-Masoretic Torah Scroll* (30 min)
- Yosef Ofer, Bar Ilan University
  *The Secret of the שַׁמְיָה הָיֶשֶׂם Custom in Writing Torah Scrolls* (30 min)
- Malka Strasberg Edinger, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
  *Internal Inconsistencies in Leningrad Codex Masoretic Notes* (30 min)
- Elvira Martín-Contreras, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas
  *Multiple Hands in the Masoretic Annotations of the Leningrad Codex B19A* (30 min)

**S1-108**

**SBL Performance Criticism of Biblical and Other Ancient Texts Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

**Theme: Theoretical Structure of Biblical Performance Criticism**
- Lee Johnson, East Carolina University, Presiding
- Zechariah Eberhart, Loyola University of Chicago
  *What’s in a Name? Biblical Performance Criticism’s Questionable Genealogy* (20 min)
- Bernhard Oestreich, Friedensau Adventist University
  *Performance as Doubling of Presence* (20 min)

Stetson Glass, Bangor University
*Performing as a Pentecostal: An Approach to Biblical Performance Criticism in Light of Pentecostal Hermeneutics* (20 min)

Kelly R. Iverson, Baylor University
*Performance, Memory, and Mark: Rethinking the Approach to Intertextuality Studies* (20 min)

Megan Wines, Loyola University of Chicago
*Aba Give Me a Saying*: Orality and Storytelling in Monastic Egypt (20 min)

**Discussion (20 min)**
S1-111

SBL Textual Criticism of Samuel – Kings Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Textual Traditions of Samuel
This session features papers dealing with different text-critical issues of Samuel attested in ancient Greek (including the Lucianic text), Latin (Vetus Latina), Syriac, and Hebrew versions.
- Jonathan Robker, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Presiding
- Sarah Yardney, University of Chicago
  Reading Methods of the Septuagint Translators (20 min)
  Discussion (10 min)
- Timo Tekoniemi, Helsingin Yliopisto - University of Helsinki
  The Marginal Latin Readings of 2 Samuel (20 min)
  Discussion (10 min)
- Paavo Huotari, Helsingin Yliopisto - Helsingfors Universitet
  Analysis of the Lucianic Reviser's Editorial Techniques in 2 Samuel (20 min)
  Discussion (10 min)
- Kaspars Ozolins, Tyndale House (Cambridge)
  Killing Goliath? Elhanan the Bethlehemite and the Text of 2 Samuel 21:19 (20 min)
  Discussion (10 min)

P1-112

The Forum on Missional Hermeneutics
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Hermeneutical Approaches Informed by the Positionalities of Women in Dialogue with Missional Hermeneutics
This session focuses on forging a critical dialogue between missional hermeneutics and hermeneutical approaches informed by the positionalities of women. Questions to be considered: What questions and challenges do feminist approaches raise for missional hermeneutics? How might articulations of the Missio Dei change or expand in light of feminist interpretations of biblical texts that recount disregard of or violence against women? How do feminist reflections on biblical maternal imagery for the divine inform and shape the Missio Dei? How can the work of feminist scholars in missional theology and hermeneutics shape the future trajectories of missional theology and hermeneutics? We invite proposals that critically engage the intersections of missional hermeneutics and womanist, mujerista, white feminist, Asian feminist, or other approaches grounded in the positionalities of women.
- Stina Busman Jost, Bethel University, Presiding (5 min)
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  Pauses and Possibilities: Missional Theology in Dialogue with Theologies Grounded in the Positionalities of Women (20 min)
- Kirsteen Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary
  Missio Dei Not Missio Patri: An Examination of the Patriarchal Origins of Missional Theology and Suggestions for Trinitarian Missional Hermeneutics (20 min)
- Greg McKinzie, Lipscomb University
  Revisiting the “Mission” of Missional Hermeneutics as Solidarity: Womanist, Mujerista, and Feminist Contributions to a Postcolonial Missiology (20 min)
- Sarah Bixler, Eastern Mennonite University
  A Great Co-mission: Heeding Women’s Problematization of “Teaching Them” (20 min)
- Amanda Jo Pittman, Abilene Christian University
  Navigating the Ambiguities: A Missional Reading of the Women in Luke’s Gospel (20 min)
  Discussion (15 min)

S1-201

SBL A.R. Pete Diamond Award for Integrative Scholarship
1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Travis Proctor, Wittenberg University
A Cartography of Kinship: Domestic Space, Tomb Cult, and the Remapping of Ephesus in the Acts of John (30 min)
- Janet Spittler, University of Virginia, Respondent (15 min)
- Tobias Nicklas, Universität Regensburg, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (30 min)
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| S1-202  | SBL Bible and Popular Culture Section | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM | Dan Clanton, Doane University, Alison Jack, University of Edinburgh | From "Furrow" to "Windfall": Biblical Allusions in Seamus Heaney's "Kite" Poems (30 min)  
Laura Robinson, Duke University | The Myth of Persecution and the Portrayal of "Totalitarian Rome" in Popular Christian Media (30 min)  
Rebekah Carere, University of Kent at Canterbury | Trump as King Cyrus: Biblical Hermeneutics in the Trump Era (30 min)  
Siobhán Jolley, University of Manchester | "This Is a Love Story": Reimagining John 20:17 through Fleabag (S2) (30 min) |
| S1-203  | SBL Book of Psalms Section | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM | Christine Jones, Carson-Newman University, Joachim Eck, Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt | The Functions of Psalms 8, 104, and 148 in Their Contexts: A Contribution on the Role of Creation-Youtheology in the Book of Psalms (30 min)  
Discussion (10 min)  
Collin Cornell, Sewanee: The University of the South | The Contribution of Psalm 45 within Its Canonical Contexts (30 min)  
Hananel Shapira, Hebrew University of Jerusalem | The Poor and the Barren (30 min)  
Discussion (10 min) |
| S1-204  | SBL Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Section | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM | James D. Moore, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Humboldt University of Berlin | (Digital) Paleography of Persian Period Sources: Debunking "Established Views," Proposing a New Way Forward (30 min)  
Gemma Hayes, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen | Identifying Dead Sea Scrolls: A Digital Palaeographic Approach (30 min) |
| S1-205  | SBL Egyptology and Ancient Israel Section | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM | Bernd U. Schipper, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Humboldt University of Berlin, John Ahn, Howard University | Egypt's Jewish Diaspora Communities: Elephantine (30 min)  
Joseph Cross, University of Chicago | When Storytelling Becomes Canonical: Changing Fortunes of the Novella in Hellenistic and Roman Judea and Egypt (30 min)  
Stefan Muenger, Universität Bern - Université de Berne | Judeo-Israelite Bone Seals: Egyptian Iconography or Vernacular Pictorial Tradition? (30 min)  
Garrett Galvin, Franciscan School of Theology | The Understanding of Egypt as a Place of Refuge in the Pentateuch (30 min) |
| S1-206  | SBL Homiletics and Biblical Studies Section | 1:00 PM–2:15 PM | Karoline Lewis, Luther Seminary, Presiding | A Psalmic-Theological Homiletic to Korean Immigrant Congregations (25 min)  
Kyoohan Lee, Calvary Presbyterian Church in Mesa, Arizona | The Self-Attesting Christ of Scripture (Luke 24:27, 44): The Unbreakable Continuity for Preaching the NT Use of the OT in the Present-Day Context (25 min) |
| P1-207  | Institute for Biblical Research | 1:00 PM–3:00 PM | Elizabeth Shively, University of St. Andrews, Presiding | Research Group - Multidisciplinary Approaches to the Gospels (5 min)  
J. Brian Tucker, Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan | Approaching a Social Identity Commentary (10 min)  
For more information, see the IBR website ([www.ibr-bbr.org](http://www.ibr-bbr.org)).
Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki
*Review of Matthew by Matthew J. Marohl (10 min)*

Craig Keener, Asbury Theological Seminary
*Review of Mark by Rafael Rodriguez (10 min)*

Darrell L. Bock, Dallas Theological Seminary
*Review of Luke by Aaron Kuecker (10 min)*

Christopher A. Porter, Trinity College - Parkville
*Review of John by Warren Carter (10 min)*

Break (5 min)

Panel Response
Matthew Marohl, Saint Olaf College, Panelist (5 min)
Rafael Rodriguez, Johnson University, Panelist (5 min)
J. Brian Tucker, Moody Theological Seminary–Michigan, Panelist (5 min)

Discussion (45 min)

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**P1-208**

**International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies**
1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Theme: **Proper Names**

- Reinhart Ceulemans, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Presiding
- Bryan Beeckman, Université Catholique de Louvain
  *Nomina Sacra in Libro Iob: Theological Exegesis in Verses of LXX-Job Containing ὁ θεός and ὁ κύριος without Any Counterpart in MT? (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

- Natia Mirotdadze, Universität Salzburg
  *Proper Names in the Georgian Versions of the Book of Esther (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

- Joshua Alfaro, Universität Salzburg
  *Onomastica Sacra and the Beginnings of Septuagint Interpretation (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

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**S1-209**

**SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Seminar**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Syntax of Late Biblical Hebrew**

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

- Misheck Nyirenda, United Bible Societies, Presiding
- Cynthia L. Miller-Naudé, University of the Free State and Jacobus A. Naudé, University of the Free State
  *Syntactic Features of Left Dislocation in Late Biblical Hebrew (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

- Nili Samet, Bar-Ilan University
  *The Quivis Construction in Biblical Hebrew: A History of a Syntactic Change (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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Adina Moshavi, Bar-Ilan University
*The Syntax of Expressing the Day of the Month in Late Biblical Hebrew (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Emmanuel Mastey, Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
*How Conservative Is the “Extreme Conservative”? The Language of Zechariah from a Syntactic Viewpoint (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

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**S1-210**

**SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Section**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: **Revisiting the Esoteric Paul; Book Review: Dylan M. Burns, Almut-Barbara Renger, eds. New Antiquities: Transformations of Ancient Religion in the New Age and Beyond.**

- April DeConick, Rice University, Presiding
- The Esoteric Paul
  - Hwankyu Kim, Rice University
    *Once Hidden, but Now Revealed: The Language of “Mystery” in Pauline Letters (25 min)*
  - Bas van Os, Erasmus University Rotterdam
    *Gnostic Spirituality and the Reading of Paul (25 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

  - Lautaro Lanzillotta, University of Groningen, Panelist (15 min)
  - Dylan Burns, Freie Universität Berlin, Panelist (15 min)
  - Claire Fanger, Rice University, Panelist (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)

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**S1-211**

**SBL The Historical Paul Section**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

- Benjamin White, Clemson University, Presiding
- Timothy Milinovich, Dominican University
  *Paul as Priest and Augur in Romans (30 min)*
- Matthew Sharp, University of Edinburgh
  *“Will It Be Better for Onasimos to Marry the Woman?” Oracular Enquiries and Paul’s Advice in 1 Cor 7 (30 min)*
- John Van Maaren, Catholic University of America
  *Reading Paul within Judaism: Criteria, Methodology, and Moving beyond Binaries (30 min)*
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P1-211a
Qur’anic Studies: Methodology and Hermeneutics (IQSA)
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Post-classical and Modern Qur’anic Exegesis
Zahra Moeini Meybodi, University of Chicago
Redefining Rationality: Nuṣrat Amin’s Exegesis of Imān (20 min)

Pieter Coppens, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
‘Modernist’ and ‘Paritan’ Salaṭi Tafsīr: ‘Abdub, Qāsimi and Ridā in Comparison (20 min)

Paola Pizzi, Sapienza Università di Roma
Tawḥīd as Social Justice: The Anthropocentric Hermeneutics of the Syrian Theologian Ǧawdat Saʿīd (b. 1931) (20 min)

Sayed Hossein Hosseini Nassab, Emory University
Mulla Sadra’s Hermeneutics and Exegesis of the Light-Verse (Q 24:35): A Comparative Analysis (20 min)

S1-212
SBL Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Penelope Barter, Tilburg University, Presiding
Bill Morrow, Queen’s University
Mourning for Tammuz in Ezekiel 8:14: An Allusion to Royal Funerals in the First Temple (24 min)

David Rothstein, Ariel University
Divine Presence and the Ark in Ezekiel and the Temple Scroll (24 min)

Rachel Erin Stuart, Emory University
Whom Shall They Know? An Analysis of Divine Self-Expression in the Phrase Ani Yhwh (24 min)

Benjamin D. Giffone, LCC International University
“Anger Exhausted” for the Sake of YHWH’s Name in Ezekiel 20: Did YHWH Really Relent from Wrath Poured Out on Israel? (24 min)

Stephen Cook, Virginia Theological Seminary
Metaphor: When Tenor Impedes on Vehicle (24 min)

S1-301
SBL Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics; Contextual Biblical Interpretation; Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures; Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation; Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Stud Seminar / Contextual Biblical Interpretation Section / Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures Section / Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Section / Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Studies Section
5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Theme: Talk with the President
Richard Horsley, University of Massachusetts Boston, Presiding (2 min)

Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University, Panelist (10 min)

Cheryl Anderson, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)

Monica J. Melanchthon, University of Divinity, Panelist (10 min)

Gregory Cuéllar, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)

Eric Thomas, Drew University, Panelist (10 min)

Gale Yee, Episcopal Divinity School, Respondent (10 min)

Jione Havea, Independent Scholar, Respondent (3 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S1-302
SBL Bible and Film Section
5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Theme: Ethics and Cinematic Reception
Robby Waddell, Southeastern University
A Hidden Life: Nonviolent Civil Disobedience and Romans in Age of Totalitarianism (40 min)

Jared Calaway, Illinois College
Activating Gospel Animality in the Filmic Imagination (40 min)

S1-303
SBL Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Rage and Resilience
Jeffery Leonard, Samford University, Presiding
Richard Liantonio, University of Manchester
You Turned My Mourning Upside Down: Emotion, Metaphor, and Spatiality in Psalm 30 (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Meghan D. Musy, Evangel University
Hearing the Ascent: Exploring Voicing and Movement in the Psalms of the Ascents (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)
Anja Marschall, Universität Leipzig
The Comparison with the Blowing Hind in Psalm 42:1 and Its Meaning for the Description of the Naqpaš (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)
Andrew Abernethy, Wheaton College
Seeing the King in Isaiah: Disruptive Metaphor in Isaiah 6 and 33 (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)
Suzanne Silk, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Praise by Nonhuman Creatures in the Book of Psalms (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

P1-304
International Syriac Language Project
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Recent Studies in Syriac Bible
Richard A. Taylor, Dallas Theological Seminary, Presiding
Terry C. Falla, Pilgrim Theological College, University of Divinity and Beryl Turner, University of Divinity
The Data of a Lexicon as a Doorway to Discovery: Unique Features of KPG and Their Application to Future Research (30 min)
Paul Noorlander, Leiden University
A Syntax of Syriac Double Objects in the Bible in Contrast to Hebrew and Arabic (30 min)
Richard A. Taylor, Dallas Theological Seminary
Reflections on the Syriac Psalter in Light of the Antioch Bible Project (30 min)

S1-305
SBL Intertextuality in the New Testament / Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible Section / Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Human Violence in the Hebrew Bible, Early Jewish Writings, and the New Testament
Max Lee, North Park Theological Seminary, Presiding
John Dominic Crossan, DePaul University
Josephus and Nonviolent Resistance: The Immediate Jewish Matrix of Jesus of Nazareth (20 min)
Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Respondent (10 min)
Jacob Wright, Emory University
Rahab and Israel versus Paul and the Church: A Study of Paradigmatic Outsiders (20 min)
Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Respondent (10 min)
Eric Seibert, Messiah University
Preventing Violence by Valorizing the Other: The Subversive Power of the Good Samaritan (and the Good Canaanite, the Good Moabite, the Good Gentile...) (20 min)
Brad Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S1-306
SBL Israelite Prophetic Literature Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Cesar Melgar, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Presiding
Caroline Batchelder, Alphacrucis College, Sydney, Australia
Seeing the Might of Israel: The Figure of the Servant as a Conceptual Blend in Isaiah’s Servant Poetry (24 min)
Tyler J. Mowry, Baylor University
Expecting Israel, Hearing Babylon: Performance and Structural Logic in Jer 50:11–46 (24 min)
Rosanne Liebermann, Washington University in St. Louis
A Sprout or a Sprig? Davidic Descendants in Jeremiah and Ezekiel (24 min)
Katherine Smith, Mary Andrews College
The Rhetoric of Sexual Shaming in Ezekiel 16 and 23 (24 min)

P1-307
National Association of Professors of Hebrew
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Book Event, Zev Garber and Kenneth Hanson, Judaism and Jesus (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2020)
Hélène Dallaire, Denver Seminary, Presiding (5 min)
Kenneth Hanson, University of Central Florida
Kashering Jesus: Christological Conundrums (20 min)
David Rudolph, The King’s University
The Jewish Jesus and Messianic Judaism (20 min)
Mark S Kinzer, Messianic Jewish Theological Institute
Judaism and the Divine Jesus (20 min)
Zev Garber, Los Angeles Valley College
Open Door to Close Argumentation: The Jesus Factor (20 min)
Discussion (25 min)

S1-308
SBL Reading, Theory, and the Bible Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: The Bible and Critical Theory
Jay Twomey, University of Cincinnati, Presiding (5 min)
M. L. Case, Drury University
Good Women and Bad Women: Systematic Misogyny and the Marriage of Michal and David (10 min)
Ludwig Beethoven J. Noya, Vanderbilt University
Onan, Sly Civility, and the Anonymous Collectivity (10 min)
Erin Runions, Pomona College
The Worm That Will Not Die: Isaiah 66:24 in the Background of the Prison Industrial Complex (10 min)
Jennifer L. Koosed, Albright College
The Animal Pedagogue: Wisdom, Anthropology, and Posthumanism (10 min)
Gil Rosenberg, Landmark College
Ambivalent Future: God, SinhomoitosexualITY, and Children in Genesis 11:22 (10 min)
Roundtable Discussion (65 min)
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**S1-309**

SBL Student Advisory Board SBL Committees
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Labor and Advocacy: Graduate Students and Contingent Faculty in Biblical Studies
Co-sponsored with the Professional Development Committee.
Within the past ten years, there has been an emergence of graduate student lobbying and organization efforts. These efforts have benefited graduate students by disclosing the injustices graduate students face and giving them leverage to negotiate with administrations, but unionizing has also resulted in experiences of backlash like loss of appointment, rigidity in negotiations, and the emergence of propositions that significantly impact unionization efforts. This panel will: 1) discuss the nuts and bolts to establishing an effective graduate student union, 2) think through effective bargaining strategies, 3) explore the setbacks of graduate student unionization, and 4) consider the National Labor Relations Board’s proposed rule that will restrict graduate unionization.

Kirsty Jones, Georgetown University, Presiding
LaToya Leary, Florida State University, Presiding
Chance Bonar, Harvard University, Panelist
Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University, Panelist
Jordan Conley, Boston University, Panelist
Joe Longarino, Duke University, Panelist

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**S2-101**

SBL Art and Religions of Antiquity / Greco-Roman Religions Section / Greco-Roman Religions Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: The Art of the Assemblage: Altars, Mixtures, and Other Odd Juxtapositions
Papers will discuss juxtapositions of images, objects, and features at focal points of religious activity, exploring the mutual influencing of images and the gaining of meaning (and even agency) through relationship to other things. Presenters will also relate their papers to the theoretical model of “Assemblage” as set forth in Jane Bennett, *Vibrant Matter* (Duke Univ. Press, 2010), ch. 2, “The Agency of Assemblages.” Discussion following the papers will include the applicability of the category “Assemblages” and how the papers test it.

David Frankfurter, Boston University, Presiding
Hannah Lents, University of Texas at Austin

**S2-102**

SBL Book of Acts Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Drew Strait, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Presiding
Jeffrey Hubbard, Yale Divinity School
Paul the Middle Platonist? Exegetical Traditions on *Timaeus* 28c and the Characterization of Paul in Acts 17:22–31 (30 min)
Mark Jeong, Duke University
*At the Sacred Portal* (25 min)

**S2-103**

SBL Christian Apocrypha / Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section / Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Tuomas Rasimus, Helsingin Yliopisto - Helsingfors Universitetet, Presiding
Dylan M. Burns, Freie Universität Berlin
The Nag Hammadi Apocalypses from the “(Gnostic) Revelation Dialogues” to the “Apostolic Memoirs” (24 min)

Jacob A. Lollar, Abilene Christian University
The Martyrdom of Luke the Evangelist: An Original Coptic Apocryphon? (24 min)

Hugo Lundhaug, Universitetet i Oslo
Sitting on the Mount of Olives: Coptic Apocryphal Dialogues from the Wisdom of Jesus Christ to the Mysteries of John (24 min)

Emmanouela Grypeou, Stockholm University
Pistis Sophia and Demons of the Afterlife (24 min)

Ivan Miroshnikov, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study
The Preaching of Philip (CANT 252): Prospect and Retrospect (24 min)

Zachary Domach, Columbia University in the City of New York
*Representation and Ritual on the Roman Frontier: Votive to the Matronae Aaeiae* (25 min)

Eric C. Smith, Iliff School of Theology
Juxtaposing Johannine Signs: Interpreting Cana and Lazarus Together in Gold Glass (25 min)

Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa
*At the Sacred Portal* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Discussion (5 min)
S2-104

SBL Gospel of Mark Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Beyond Bios: Genre and the Gospel of Mark
This section takes a fresh look at genre and the Gospel of Mark. The view that Mark and other gospels are bioi is well-known. What other genres might influence how Mark is written, either as a whole or in part, and best understood? Each paper will be 20 minutes, followed by discussion.

Elizabeth Shively, University of St. Andrews, Presiding
Jon Carman, Baylor University
Mark as Tragicomedy? Considering the Role and Function of Humor in Mark 4:35–6:6a (22 min)
Nathanael Vette, University of Edinburgh
Scripturalized Narrative in the Gospel of Mark and the Second Temple Period (22 min)
Paul D. Wheatley, University of Notre Dame
Mark as Cultic Narrative: Ritual in Mark 14:3–9 as Key to Mark's Genre (22 min)
Daniel B. Glover, Baylor University
Mark's Demonic Christology: Proclamations of Jesus's Identity by Unclean Spirits as "Speech-in-Character" (22 min)
Josiah D. Hall, Baylor University
Demons and Discipleship: The Application of the Progymnasmata in Mark 5:1–20 (22 min)

Discussion (10 min)

P2-105

International Syriac Language Project
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Recent Studies in Semitic Lexicography
Richard Taylor, Dallas Theological Seminary, Presiding
Michael Sokoloff, Bar-Ilan University
New Developments in Christian Palestinian Aramaic (30 min)
David J.A. Clines, University of Sheffield
Synonym Hunting in Classical Hebrew: The How, the Why, and the Wherefore (30 min)
Matthew Morgenstern, Tel Aviv University
Ten Years of the New Mandaic Lexicon Project (30 min)

S2-106

SBL Jewish, Christian, and Graeco-Roman Travel in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Byzantine Periods (300 BCE–600 CE) Consultation
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Travel in Antiquity and Early Christianity
Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta, Presiding
Daniel P. Mueller, Marquette University
Mary Did You Run? Reassessing the Cause and Nature of Mary's Travel in Luke 1:39 (25 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Robert Williams, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute
Journeying in Philostratus’s The Life of Apollonius of Tyana and Luke’s Travel Narrative (25 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Timothy Luckritz Marquis, Virginia Commonwealth University
Urban Graveyards, Mobility, and Voluntary Travel in Early Christian Historiography (25 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S2-107

SBL Josephus Seminar
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Speeches in Josephus
This session will consist of a seminar-style discussion of major speeches in Josephus’ writings. Translations and papers will be circulated in advance.

David Levenson, Florida State University, Presiding
Jan Willem van Henten, Universiteit van Amsterdam
Speech in Josephus (1 min)
Discussion (14 min)
Joseph Sievers, Pontificio Istituto Bíblico and Chris Seeman, Walsh University
Herod’s Succession Speech (War 1.457–466//Antiquities 16.132–134) (1 min)
Discussion (24 min)
Steve Mason, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Ananus’ Speech (War 4.162–192) (1 min)
Discussion (24 min)
Honora Chapman, California State University - Fresno
Josephus’ Speech before the Walls of Jerusalem (War 5.362–419) (1 min)
Discussion (24 min)
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**S2-108**

**SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew / Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Seminar / Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: *The Intersection of Text and Language in the Hebrew Bible: Innovative Tools and Methods*

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

- Aaron Hornkohl, University of Cambridge, Presiding
- Dean Forbes, University of the Free State
  *Tracing BH Spellings’ Bloated Horseshoe* (20 min)
- David Joseph Sigrist, Stellenbosch University
  *Resinous Texts: Toward a Cognitive-Oriented Text-Critical Categorisation Model as Applied to the Judaean Desert Witnesses of the Book of Deuteronomy* (20 min)
- Leeor Gottlieb, Bar-Ilan University
  *A Whole New Playing Field: Cross-Textual Searching with the Targums WordMap* (20 min)
- Wido van Peursen, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
  *The ETCBC Syntactic Database of the Hebrew Bible* (20 min)
- Joel Brown, Accordance Bible Software
  *Bridging the Hebrew/Greek Divide: New Possibilities with the CATSS Database in Accordance* (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

**S2-109**

**SBL Meals in the Greco-Roman World Seminar**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: *Meals and Water Rites: Meals, Affect, and Religious Experience*

- Chan Sok Park, College of Wooster, Presiding
- Henrike Dilling, University of Rostock
  *Water Rites as Structuring Elements in Ancient Meals: An Examination of the Footwashing in John 12 and 13* (25 min)
- Paul Olutubosun Adaja, Loyola University of Chicago
  *The Cup and the Development of Bread-and-Water Eucharist* (25 min)
- Nils Neumann, Leibniz Universität Hannover
  *Gender Role Conflicts, Violence, and Emotions in Ancient Symposia* (25 min)
- Susan Marks, New College of Florida, Respondent (20 min)

**P2-110**

**National Association of Professors of Hebrew**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: *Teaching Biblical Hebrew for Reading and Interpretation*

The 2020 pedagogy session of the National Association of Professors of Hebrew will consider the principles and methods of classroom instruction that promote proficiency in the reading and interpretation of biblical Hebrew texts. When instruction conforms to the Grammar Translation Method (GTM), first-year Hebrew students typically learn to explain the grammatical forms of words and features of texts and then to produce native language translations as proof of comprehension. This session pursues a different aim and is devoted to the practices of Second Language Acquisition (SLA) that promote a higher goal of genuine reading of biblical Hebrew. By shifting the goal of instruction from grammatical description to meaningful engagement with the text’s content, teachers aim to equip students to interpret the text better and to avoid hermeneutical faults.

- Robert Stallman, Northwest University (Washington), Presiding (5 min)
- Brian Schultz, Fresno Pacific University
  *Homework activities for Bolstering Reading Comprehension* (30 min)
- Rahel Halabe, 1947
  *GTM and SLA: Two Valuable Resources for Effective BH Introductory Programs* (30 min)
- Paul Overland, Ashland Theological Seminary
  *Practical Strategies to Enhance Higher-Order Insights* (30 min)

Discussion (25 min)

**S2-111**

**SBL Pentateuch Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

- Nathan MacDonald, University of Cambridge, Presiding
- Benjamin Ziemer, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg
  *The Changing Authority of Moses and Aaron in the Empirical Known Hebrew Versions of the Pentateuch* (30 min)
- Kevin J. Mattison, High Point University
  *Hypertextuality: A Theory for Pentateuchal Criticism* (30 min)
- John Will Rice, Emory University
  *The Problem of Midian: The Call of Moses as the Original Beginning to the Exodus-Conquest Narrative* (30 min)
- Royce Anderson, Independent Researcher
  *Drunken Noah and His Sons: Ostracism and Acceptance in Human Relationships* (30 min)
S2-112
SBL Qumran Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
This session will be devoted to introducing and discussing a number of current edition and commentary projects in new and existing Dead Sea Scrolls series, as well as new text-edition initiatives, including digital and open-access editions. Of special interest will be theory and methods of translation and producing new textual editions in a dynamic, multimedia environment.
Esther Chazon, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Presiding
Timothy Lim, University of Edinburgh, Panelist (15 min)
Molly Zahn, University of Kansas - Lawrence, Panelist (15 min)
Charlotte Hempel, University of Birmingham, Panelist (15 min)
Bronson Brown-deVost, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, Panelist (15 min)
Alison Schofield, University of Denver, Panelist (15 min)
Roundtable Discussion (45 min)

S2-113
SBL Writing Social-Scientific Commentaries of the New Testament Seminar
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Papers will be distributed in advance and only summarized in the session. If you would like to participate the discussion and receive the papers, please contact the program unit chairs.
Gabriella Gelardini, Nord University, Presiding (4 min)
H.B. Sim, The University of Edinburgh
"Rewriting of the Jewish Origin Story: The Reconfiguration of Mt. Sinai Narrative in John and the Continuation of Ethnic Identity (5 min)
Discussion (24 min)
Nina Nikki, University of Helsinki
"Identity Construction in 1 Thessalonians (5 min)
Discussion (24 min)

S2-114/A2-109
SBL Bible and Practical Theology Section
11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Theme: Joint Session with AAR Evangelical Group - “The Intersection of Bible and the United States 2020 Politics”
The centrality of Bible readings in American politics is as old as the nation. From the allusion to a “city on a hill” of John Winthrop's sermon with direct reference to Isaiah 5:1 and 42:6 to Matthew 5:14 to today’s “Make America Great”. In this joint session we explore specific passages from the biblical record and how those passages have been used in today’s political discourse. Everyday American religious life as well as 2020 politics have Bible messages intertwine together.

S2-115/A2-116
SBL Jewish Christianity / Christian Judaism Section
11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Theme: Loving Judaism through Christianity? Roundtable Discussion of Shaul Magid’s R. Elijah Zvi Soloveitchik’s Commentary on the Gospels
Cosponsored with the AAR Study of Judaism unit
Matt Jackson-McCabe, Cleveland State University, Panelist (10 min)
Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Fordham University, Panelist (10 min)
Eric Gregory, Princeton University, Panelist (10 min)
Eli Stern, Yale University, Panelist (10 min)
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University, Panelist (10 min)
Shaul Magid, Dartmouth College, Respondent (15 min)

S2-201
SBL Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Epigraphy and Religion
Christine Thomas, University of California-Santa Barbara, Presiding
Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound
"Ad futuram memoriam: The Augustan Ludi Saeculares (19 min)
Discussion (5 min)
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Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
*Women Slave Owners Doing Business with Female Goddesses: The Evidence of Manumission Inscriptions of Graeco-Roman Macedonia* (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Michael Peppard, Fordham University
*Is No One Immortal? Traditional Greek Epitaphs and Their Adaptations in Early Christianity* (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Andrew Henry, Boston University
*Nika!* Inscribing the Charismatic Crowd in Late Antiquity (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Scott Possiel, Boston University
*If These Walls Could Talk: Epigraphy as Performative Practice at a Christian Cave in Late Antique Bethany* (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

**S2-202**

**SBL Bible and Emotion Section**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: *Varieties of Biblical Emotions*

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University, Presiding
Alexander Coe Stewart, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
*Naturally Awed: The Emotion of Awe in the Sciences and Hebrew Scriptures* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Kyung Min Kim, Yale Divinity School
*"The Grief in Accordance to God" (2 Cor 7:10): Reading Paul's Understandings on Emotion in the Light of Stoic "εὐπάθεια"* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Kathy Barrett Dawson, East Carolina University
*Expressing Doubt to Instill Confidence and Joy: Paul's Rhetorical Strategy in Phil 1:19–26* (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

**S2-203**

**SBL Contextualizing North African Christianity Section**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: *Prophets and Prophecy in North African Christianity*

Jonathan Yates, Villanova University, Presiding (5 min)

J. Columcille Dever, University of Notre Dame
*Prophecy Old and New in Tertullian’s Adversus Marciomem: Isaiah’s Christ, the Authority of the Paraclete, and Marcion’s New Testament* (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Edwina Murphy, Morling College
*Examples of Faith and Virtue: Cyprian’s Use of the Book of Daniel* (30 min)

Jesse Hoover, Baylor University
*What Did the Prophet Joshua Prophesy? The Surprising Solution of the Prophetiae ex omnibus libris collectae* (30 min)

Business Meeting (25 min)

**S2-204**

**SBL Documentary Texts and Literary Interpretation Consultation**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Methods, Approaches, and Best Practices in Researching, Publishing, and Teaching Documentary Textual Sources

James Moore, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin - Humboldt University of Berlin, Presiding (5 min)

Lester L. Grabbe, University of Hull
*Method in the Approach to Documentary Sources: Observations and Examples* (20 min)

Bernadette J. Brooten, Brandeis University
*A Letter and a Love Spell in the Context of Woman-Woman Marriage* (20 min)

Marilyn Lundberg-Melzian, West Semitic Research Project
*The Use of Images in the Teaching of Documentary Sources: Advantages and Cautions* (20 min)

Laurie E. Pearce, University of California–Berkeley
*Building Babylonian Context for Biblical Interpretation: Approaching Cuneiform Documentary Sources for the Study of Exilic and Post-exilic Periods* (20 min)

Susan Ackerman, Dartmouth College
*The ASOR/SBL Policy on Unprovenanced Artifacts* (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

**S2-205**

**SBL Ecological Hermeneutics / Paul and Politics Seminar / Ecological Hermeneutics Section**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: *Paul and Ecology*

Anna Miller, Xavier University, Presiding (5 min)

Crystal L. Hall, United Lutheran Seminary
*Groaning upon Earth: From Eden to Rome* (20 min)

Robert J Mason Jr, California State University - Northridge
*Romans 8:18–30: Creation between Paul and Caesar; Hope against Hope* (20 min)

Victoria Balabanski, Flinders University
*Lifestyle and Desire in the Face of Ecological Crisis: Eco-Stoic Reflections on Col. 1:9–14* (20 min)

Barbara Rossing, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
*COVID-19, 1 Corinthians 11:29–30, and Discerning the Ecological Body of Christ: A Public Health Reading* (20 min)

David Horrell, University of Exeter, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)
### S2-206
**SBL Gospel of Luke Section**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
- Brittany Wilson, Duke University, Presiding
- Clarissa Breu, University of Vienna
  
  Female Gestures: Gender Performance in Luke 7:36–50 and 8:43–48
  (25 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- Mark Matson, Milligan College
  
  Martha and Mary in the Context of Luke’s Unfolding Travel Narrative
  (25 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- Justin David Strong, University of Notre Dame
  
  The Form and Ethics of the Fable in the Lukan Parables
  (25 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- Gregori E. Lamb, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
  
  (25 min)

  Discussion (5 min)

### S2-207
**SBL Intertextuality and the Hebrew Bible Section**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
- Todd Hibbard, University of Detroit Mercy, Presiding
- Jonathon Riley, Catholic University of America
  
  Masculinity and Kingship: Complicating the Violence of the David and Goliath Narrative
  (30 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- Josef Sykora, Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College
  
  A Different Kind of Crusade: Jesus’s Commissioning of His Disciples in Luke 10:1–24 as Reworking the Rules for Warfare in Deuteronomy 20:10–14
  (30 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- James Harding, University of Otago
  
  Reading Job between Lamentations and Deutero-Isaiah
  (30 min)

### S2-208
**SBL Joshua-Judges Section**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
- Tammi Schneider, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
- Jennifer Matheny, Nazarene Theological Seminary
  
  Weeping (בכים) in Judges (30 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- CJ Gossage, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
  
  The Neglected Numbers of the Narrative of Judges 17–18
  (30 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- Eunyeong Grace Ma, Graduate Theological Union
  
  A Revisit to the Pilegesh’s Father in the Context of Judges 19 and in the Comparison with Abraham in Genesis 18
  (30 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- Brandon M. Hurlbert, Durham University
  
  Judge, King, or Priest? Rethinking the Argument for Kingship in Judges 17–21
  (30 min)

### S2-209
**SBL Matthew Section**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
**Theme: Matthew’s Gospel: Literary and Socio-historical Perspectives**
- Carolin Ziethe, Heidelberg University, Presiding
  (5 min)
- Bruce Henning, Emmaus Bible College
  
  Stretching the Scope of Salvation in Matthew: The Soteriological Significance of Varying Status Levels in the Kingdom
  (20 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- Jeremiah Coogan, University of Notre Dame
  
  Reconfigured Matthew in the Second Century
  (20 min)

  Break (10 min)
- Jimmy Myers, Duke University
  
  Giving Gifts to Executers: The Unity and Meaning of Matthew 5:38–42
  (20 min)

  Discussion (20 min)
- Brandon Crowe, Westminster Theological Seminary
  
  The Kingdom of Heaven and Baal-Perazim: New Light on Matthew 11:12
  (20 min)

### S2-210
**SBL Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
- Pamela Reaves, Colorado College, Presiding
- Robert Williams, B. H. Carroll Theological Institute
  
  “The Gospel of Truth”: Spiritual Enrichment in the Valentinian East
  (20 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- Kimberly Bauser McBrien, Trinity University
  
  Jesus and Gospel Tradition in the Apocryphon of James
  (20 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
- Rachel Yejee Park, Yale Divinity School
  
  The Rhetoric of Intertextuality in the Trimorphic Protennoia and the Book of Revelation
  (20 min)

  Discussion (5 min)
  (Brill, 2018)
- Melissa Sellew, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Panelist
  (15 min)
- Ivan Miroshnikov, Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Respondent
  (15 min)
P2-211

Qur’anic Studies: Methodology and Hermeneutics (IQSA)
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Classical Qur’anic Hermeneutics: Theology, Metaphysics, and Exegesis
- Khalil Andani, Augustana College
  God’s Speech through Gabriel’s Words: Sunni Ash’ari Conceptions of Qur’anic Revelation (20 min)
- Arjun Nair, University of Southern California
  Plumbing the World of the Quran, Reading the Cosmos as the Quran: Sayyid Bāyād Amuli’s (d. 1385) Correspondence (tāṭbīq) Theory and the Meaning of the Words of God (kalīmāt Allāh) (20 min)
- Ramon Harvey, Ebrahim College
  Theological Exegesis and Exegetical Theology: Reading al-Māturīdī’s Ta’wīlāt al-qurʾān with His Kitāb al-tawḥīd (20 min)
- Avigail Noy, University of Texas Austin
  Quranic Imagery between the Literary and the Literal (20 min)
- Syed A.H. Zaidi, Emory University
  The Brethren of Purity’s Use of the Qur’an in Their Treatise on Love (20 min)

S2-212

SBL Ritual in the Biblical World Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Daniel Belnap, Brigham Young University, Presiding
- Goran Zivkovic, McMaster Divinity College
  Exiles in the Homeland: Ritual Purification and (Re)construction of the Social Identity of Israel in Zechariah (25 min)
- Igor Lorencin, Theologische Hochschule Friedensburg – Germany
  Early Christian Ritual Habits Strengthening the Eschatological Hope (25 min)
- Warren C. Robertson, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity
  Lifting Up Jonah 1:5a in Light of Ritual: An Offering of Reassessment (25 min)
- David Calabro, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library
  Ritual Hand Placement: Aspects of a New Cultural History (25 min)

S2-213

SBL Theological Interpretation of Scripture / Hebrews Seminar / Hebrews Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Theological Interpretation of the Book of Hebrews
- Madison N. Pierce, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Presiding
- Michael J. Rhodes, Union University
  On the Road to Perfection: Divine and Human Agency, Moral Transformation, and the Epistle to the Hebrews (25 min)
- Sigurd Grindheim, Western Norway University of Applied Sciences
  Eternal Generation of the Son in Heb 1:5 (25 min)
- Joshua Heavin, Trinity College - Bristol
- David Calabro, Hill Museum and Manuscript Library
  Ritual Hand Placement: Aspects of a New Cultural History (25 min)

S2-214

SBL Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Job
- Tova Forti, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Presiding
- Israel McGrew, Marquette University
  The Riddle of Monotheism and Mythologies in Job: On Hebrew Mythological Traditions in Job as Monotheistic Reflection (30 min)
- Urmas Nommik, University of Tartu
  The Emergence of the Biblical Book of Job on the Backdrop of the So-Called Job Literature (30 min)
- James Wykes, Marquette University
  And the Two Shall Become One...Dragon? Behemoth and Leviathan in LXX-Job (30 min)
- S.A. Magallanes-Tsang, Centro Latino at Fuller Seminary
  The Problem of the Poor: A Case for Divine Oversight of Injustice in Job 24 (30 min)

S2-301

SBL Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: Teaching Tips for Increasing Student Engagement and Success Online and in Person
- Federico A. Roth, Azusa Pacific University
  Exegering the Campus: Using Walking Field Trips to Promote Learning (20 min)
- John Hilton III, Brigham Young University
  Teaching Online during COVID 19: Aligning Learning Outcomes, Assignments, Teaching, and Assessments (20 min)
Melanie A. Howard, Fresno Pacific University  
*How Do I Look? Engaging Visual Representations of Jesus to Introduce the Gospel of Matthew* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)  
Jonathan D. Lawrence, Canisius College  
*On the First Day…. The Professor Created Confusion* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

**S2-302**

SBL Bible and Popular Culture Section / Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Section  
5:00 PM–7:00 PM  
Theme: **Bible, Trauma, and Popular Culture II**

- Liz Boase, University of Divinity  
  *Isaac and The Walking Dead* (20 min)
- Barbara Thiede, University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
  *Gang Rape, Murder, and Dismemberment in Judges 19–21 and Little Bee: How Biblical and Modern Authors Inflct Moral Injury* (20 min)
- Stephanie Day Powell, Manhattan College  
  *Punching through the Line: Reading the Book of Esther with Hannah Gadsby’s “Nanette”* (20 min)

**S2-303**

SBL Biblical Ethics Section  
5:00 PM–7:00 PM  
Theme: **Biblical Ethics and Peacemaking**

- Jacqueline Grey, Alphacrucis College, Presiding  
- Lindsay Wilson, Ridley College Melbourne  
  *Peacemaking in an Honour-Shame Culture—Joseph and His Brothers as a Case Study* (25 min)
- Eric A. Seibert, Messiah University  
  *The Woman Who Prevented a Massacre (1 Samuel 25): What Abigail Teaches Us about Nonviolent Peacemaking and about Using the Old Testament to Promote Peace* (25 min)

Break (5 min)

- Michael J. Gorman, St. Mary’s Seminary & University  
  *Paul as Prophetic Intercultural/Intracultural Peacemaker in Galatians* (25 min)
- Eric Covington, Howard Payne University  
  *The Ethics of Peace in the Community of the Peacemaker* (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)  
Michael J. Gorman, St. Mary’s Seminary & University  
*Paul as Prophetic Intercultural/Intracultural Peacemaker in Galatians* (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

**S2-304**

SBL Disputed Paulines Section  
5:00 PM–7:00 PM  
Theme: **The Disputed Pauline Epistles: Current Research**

- Lisa Marie Belz, Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology, Presiding  
- Andrew Remington Rillera, Duke University  
  *Penile Substitution: Gentile Circumcision “without Hands” in Colossians* (20 min)
- Mona Tokarek LaFosse, Martin Luther University College, Wilfrid Laurier University  
  *Women and “the Faith” in 1 Timothy 5: A Battle for Faith and Faithfulness* (20 min)
- D. Clint Burnett, Johnson University  
  *Democratizing Jesus’s Share in God’s Temple and Throne: Reading Col 3:1 in Light of Greco–Roman Royal and Imperial Temple and Throne Sharing* (20 min)

**S2-305**

SBL Ideological Criticism Section  
5:00 PM–7:00 PM  
Theme: **Ideology in/and the Psalms**

- Christopher Zeichmann, University of Toronto, Presiding  
- Tim Hogue, Loyola Marymount University  
  *From Zaphon to Zion: Psalm 20 and the Judahite Transformation of Israelite Traditions* (20 min)
- Elaine James, Princeton Theological Seminary  
  *Imagining the Earth: The Psalms, Animism, and Ideology* (20 min)
- SuJung Shin, New Brunswick Theological Seminary  
  *A (Dis)Unified Authorial Ideology of Psalm 68 in the Context of Post-exile* (20 min)
- Sean Burt, North Dakota State University Main Campus  
  *“Your Statutes Are My Songs”: On the Ideology of Reading the Torah Psalms as Poetry* (20 min)
- Carmen Palmer, Toronto School of Theology, Respondent  
  *(15 min)*

Discussion (20 min)
P2-307
Institute for Biblical Research
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Research Group - Biblical Violence
This group brings together discussions on the hermeneutics of biblical violence, transcending a focus on any one book or corpus, and dialoguing across genres and testaments. The three years of the research group will each pick up on different hermeneutical approaches. In 2020 the focus will be upon Speech Act Theory. The themes for the two following years are as follows: Humour, satire and subversion (2021) and Intertextuality (2022). We will distribute the papers in advance to members of our group email list. To be added to this list contact Helen Paynter (paynterh@bristol-baptist.ac.uk). Attendees are encouraged to read the papers in advance, though drop-ins are welcome. For more information, see the IBR website (www.ibr-bbr.org) or contact Helen Paynter or Trevor Laurence (tlaurence@cateclesia.com).

Trevor Laurence, Cateclesia Institute, Presiding (5 min)
Kit Barker, Sydney Missionary and Bible College
"Did God Really Say...?" Speech Act Theory and Divine Violence (25 min)
Alexiana Fry, Stellenbosch University
Her Body Still Speaks: Speech Act Theory and the Sin of Gibeah (15 min)
Joel Barker, Heritage College & Seminary
"I Will Strike Them Down": The Function of Threats of Divine Violence in Numbers: The Function of Threats of Divine Violence in Numbers (15 min)
Katherine Smith, Mary Andrews College
The Metaphor of Sexual and Physical Violence as a Speech Act in Ezekiel 16 (15 min)
Anthony Lipscomb, Brandeis University
Doing Violent Things with Words: The Root hrp as Metaphorical Stigma (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)

P2-306
Institute for Biblical Research
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Research Group - Early Christian Judaism
This group examines the diverse ways in which Jews embraced Jesus from the lifetime of Jesus until the rise of Islam. "Is Hindsight Really 2020?" is our 2020 theme. The act of looking backwards through church history to confirm contemporary practices and beliefs is a methodological decision that carries with it numerous assumptions that influence our interpretation of the New Testament and later literature. This year’s papers identify problematic assumptions that have been barriers to reading the New Testament “within Judaism.” Papers will be distributed to our mailing list during the first week of November so that participants can read them in advance. Add yourself to our mailing list here: https://mailchi.mp/5b4dfc49a2f4/early-christian-judaism. For more information, see the IBR website (www.ibr-bbr.org) or contact David Sloan (david@davidbsloan.com) and Ben Snyder (ben.snyder@asburyseminary.edu).

David Sloan, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Presiding
Jason A. Staples, North Carolina State University
Righteousness, the τέλος νόμου, and Israel’s Restoration: Reevaluating Romans 10:1–13 in an Early Jewish Context (20 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Charles Cisco, University of Edinburgh
Can Anything Good Come Out of Works of the Law? (20 min)
Discussion (15 min)
Gregory E. Lamb, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
The Reception History of Phil 3:2–3a in Dialogue with Mark D. Nanos (20 min)
Discussion (15 min)
General Discussion
Discussion (15 min)

S2-308
SBL Religious Experience in Antiquity Section
5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Theme: Business Meeting and Get-Together
All are welcome to this discussion session, as we foster research into Religious Experience in Antiquity (including the program unit’s plans for coming years) and support one another as scholars at this time.

Frederick Tappenden, St. Stephen's College, at the University of Alberta, Panelist (5 min)
Giovanni Bazzana, Harvard University, Panelist (5 min)
Andrew Krause, ACTS Seminaries of Trinity Western University, Panelist (5 min)
Catherine Playoust, University of Divinity (Catholic Theological College), Panelist (5 min)
Discussion (70 min)
### S3-101

**SBL Ancient Near Eastern Iconography and the Bible Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

- Joel LeMon, Emory University, Welcome (4 min)
- Leslie Virnelsey, Princeton Theological Seminary
  *Representations of Birth and Its Attendants (20 min)*
- Silvia Schroer, University of Bern
  *Mother of All Living (20 min)*

Discussion (7 min)

- Richard Anthony Purcell, Florida Southern College
  *"Make Love, Not War!" Interpreting the Imagery of Royal Violence, Intimacy, and Progeny in Psalm 45 (20 min)*

Discussion (7 min)

Break (6 min)

- Silvia Schroer, University of Bern
  *Mother of All Living (20 min)*

Discussion (7 min)

### S3-102

**SBL Bible and Film Section**

10:00 AM–11:30 AM

**Theme: Cinema Outside Hollywood**

- Ma. Marilou S. Ibita, De La Salle University Manila, Philippines
  *Filming Biblical Interpretations from the Ground: Exploring Matthew’s Anti-empire Message in Metro Manila’s Context (40 min)*

- Chan Sok Park, College of Wooster and Teng-Kuan Ng, Georgetown University
  *Parasite as Apocalypse (40 min)*

### S3-103

**SBL Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

**Theme: Chronicles and Memory**

An invited panel on the topic of memory studies and the Chronicler’s history.

- Aubrey Buster, Wheaton College (Illinois), Presiding (5 min)
- Dan Pioske, Georgia Southern University
  *Chronicles and the Ruins of Memory (25 min)*
- Antje Labahn, Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal/Bethel
  *Remember and Forget: Cognitive Hermeneutics in Chronicles (25 min)*
- Eric X. Jarrard, Wellesley College
  *The Curious Case of the Contrafected King: The Death of Josiah in 2 Chronicles 35 (25 min)*
- Ehud Ben Zvi, University of Alberta, Respondent (25 min)

Discussion (15 min)

### S3-104

**SBL Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

- Gregory S. Paulson, Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung
  *Cracking Open the “Black Box”: How to Download and Edit Your Own CBGM (and Why This Might Be Fun) (30 min)*
- Phillip A. Davis, Jr., University of Bonn and Johannes Fröh, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
  *The Synoptic Hub: A Database for Synoptic Research (30 min)*
- Martin Wallraff, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München
  *Paratexts to the Four Gospels: How to Impose Order in a Disorderly Field (30 min)*
- Uta Heil, Universität Wien
  *Digital Critical Edition of the Expositions in Psalms of Pseudo-Athanasius of Alexandria (30 min)*

### S3-107

**SBL Joshua-Judges Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Papers dealing with any topic related to either book are welcome.

- Sarah Schulz, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Presiding
- Carson Ba, Universität Bern - Université de Berne
  *Joshua as Hebrew Hero of Late Antique Christian Historiography: Iesu Naue in Pseudo-Hegesippus (30 min)*
- John W Herbst, Virginia Peninsula Baptist Association
  *Left-Handed? Not! Ébuds Saving Right Arm (30 min)*
- Ki-Eun Jang, New York University
  *After Abimelech: Ṭḥr mi ḫm (אחרי אבימלך): A Reflex of the Buried Abimelech Tradition in Judges 10:1 (30 min)*
- Andrew Garbarino, Princeton Theological Seminary
  *A Clever Burn: How Jotham’s Fable (Judges 9:8–15) Functions as an Imprecatory Wisdom Saying (30 min)*

### S3-108

**SBL Letters of James, Peter, and Jude Section**

10:00 AM–12:00 PM

- Mariam Kamell Kovalishyn, Regent College, Presiding
- J. Benjamin Hussung, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
  *The Narrative of Πίστις: A Narratological Approach to Πίστις in 1 Peter (30 min)*
- Benjamin E. Castaneda, University of St Andrews
  *Divine Ambiguity: The Grammar of Christology in 2 Peter 1:3–4 (30 min)*
- William Horst, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)
  *"Under Punishment until the Day of Judgment": Moral Entanglement as Punishment in Second Peter 2:9 (30 min)*
- Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University
  *Reading Paul through the Catholic Epistles: The Widespread Use of Augustine’s On Faith and Works by Early Modern Catholic Scholars (30 min)*

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S3-109

**SBL Pseudepigrapha Section**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Natia Dundua, Georgian National Center of Manuscripts, Presiding
Elena Dugan, Princeton University
Hyung-tae Kim, Durham University
*Adamic Renewal of the Cosmos: The Conception of New Creation in Early Jewish Writings* (25 min)
Peter Battaglia, Marquette University
*A Tale of Two Kings: The Royal Motif in Joseph and Aseteth* (25 min)
Dan York, University of Durham
*“Make a Fence for the Torah”: Re-framing the Woman’s Words in Gen 3:3* (25 min)

S3-109a

**SBL Racism, Pedagogy and Biblical Studies Section**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: Between Whiteness and Anti-Judaism: A Conversation

Sara Ronis, Saint Mary’s University (San Antonio), Presiding (5 min)
Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College, Panelist (15 min)
Sung Uk Lim, Yonsei University, Panelist (15 min)
Heidrun Mader, Heidelberg University, Panelist (15 min)
Angela Parker, Mercer University, Panelist (15 min)
Jeremia Punt, Stellenbosch University, Panelist (15 min)

Discussion (40 min)

S3-110

**SBL Redescribing Christian Origins Seminar**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: Stan Stowers on Religion as a Social Kind

The precirculated papers in this session will all respond to Stanley K. Stowers’ new theoretical work Religion as a Social Kind in relation to the philosophy of religion and the historiography of Early Christianity or “Christian Origins.”

Robyn Walsh, University of Miami, Presiding
Stanley K. Stowers, Brown University
*Religion as a Social Kind* (20 min)
Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University, Respondent (15 min)

Merrill Miller, University of North Carolina at Pembroke, Respondent (15 min)
Sarah Rollens, Rhodes College, Respondent (15 min)
Matthew Baldwin, Mars Hill University, Respondent (15 min)

Break (5 min)

S3-111

**SBL Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: Antisemitism and Textual Criticism – The Forgers of the Bible Slander

As a purely philological approach, textual criticism has never been suspected of antisemitic bias. But as is well known today, all disciplines are conditioned by the cultures in whose context they are practiced. In the history of textual criticism, antisemites have played a role as in other disciplines and some of them are still respected as important textual critics as of today. Well-known examples are the medieval scholar Ibn Hazm in Islam and Paul de Lagarde in Christianity. In this session, TCHB wants to alert a broader scholarly public to the partly antisemitic past of the field of textual criticism by a critical discourse about the slander that Jews forged the Bible in order to suppress the true divine message as communicated by Christianity and Islam, respectively.

Armin Lange, Universität Wien, Presiding
Karin Finsterbusch, Universität Koblenz - Landau, Presiding (10 min)
Irven M. Resnick, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
*Medieval Christians, Talmud, and the Falsification of Scripture* (17 min)
Alessandro Bruni, Ca’ Foscari University of Venice
*The Manuscripts of the Old Slavonic Bible and the Problem of the So-Called Heresy of the Judaizers in Late-Fifteenth-Century Russia* (17 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Gordon D. Nickel, South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies
*They Disbelieved in Muhammad and in “What He Brought”: Probing the Roots of the Muslim Slander that the Jews Forged the Torah* (30 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Russell E. Fuller, University of San Diego
*The Forgers of the Bible Slander in Early Modern Scholarship* (17 min)
Armin Lange, Universität Wien
*The Forgers of the Bible Slander in Modern Scholarship* (17 min)

Discussion (4 min)
### S3-112

**SBL Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section**  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  
**Theme: Bible and Literature**

Lesleigh Cushing, Colgate University, Presiding  
Rosanne Liebermann, Washington University in St. Louis and Laura Yoder, New York University

*The Word Inchoate: John Donne's Sermon on Job 19:25–26 (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Julie Newberry, Wheaton College (Illinois)  
*The Apostle Paul according to Three Anglican Poets (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Jo Carruthers, Lancaster University  
*Dinah as the Wayward Woman and George Eliot's Challenge in Adam Bede (1859) (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Chloe Blackshear, University of Chicago  
*Performing Tamar: Tiro, Calderón, and Gálvez de Cabrera (20 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

### S3-113/A3-114

**SBL Qur'an and Biblical Literature Section**  
11:00 AM–1:00 PM  
**Theme: Modern Reflections**

This panel will explore the relationship between the Qur'an and the Bible with a particular focus on contemporary theological discourses. It will provide analyses of modern responses to theological debates about the Qur'an and its engagement with the Bible and Biblical scholarship.

Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies, Presiding  
Elisabeth Kennedy, American University in Cairo  
Samuel J. Ross, Texas Christian University  
Halla Attallah, Georgetown University

*Interpreting Sodom in Cairo: Reading Genesis 18–19 and Its Qur'anic Parallels (30 min)*

*Can One Be an "Open-Minded Fundamentalist"? Salafi Discourse on the Use of Jewish and Christian Scripture in Qur'an Commentary (30 min)*

*Gender Rhetoric in the Qur'an: A Feminist Literary Analysis of the Qur'an’s Annunciation Scenes (30 min)*

Discussion (30 min)

### S3-201

**SBL Aramaic Studies Section**  
1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
**Theme: Aramaic Language and Literature**

Annalisa Azzoni, Vanderbilt University, Presiding  
Matthew Morgenstern, Tel Aviv University  
Itai Kagan, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Mandaic Texts in the Comprehensive Aramaic Lexicon (24 min)*

*Aramaic Kissing (24 min)*

*Aurélie Bischofberger, Université de Lausanne  
In the Footsteps of the Translator of the Peshitta: The Case of the Unclean Birds (24 min)*

*Benjamin Suchard, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven  
The Greek Words in Daniel 3: Code-Switching, Not Loanwords (24 min)*

*Frank Shaw, Cincinnati, OH  
Recent Aramaic Evidence That Fills a Chronological Gap in Divine Name Usage during Second Temple Period Judaism (24 min)*

### S3-202

**SBL Bible and Practical Theology Section**  
1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
**Theme: Moral Injury and/or Trauma, the Bible, and Practical Theology**

Terry Ann Smith, New Brunswick Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Douglas A. Hume, Pfeiffer University and Jana Strukova, Independent Scholar

*Rhythms of Healing: Rising Up from Trauma through Word, Table, and Cleansing (30 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Jim Grimshaw, Carroll University and Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary

*Troubling Mark 5:1–20 with a Mad Studies Lens: Subjects, Caregivers, and the Insights of Rejected Epistemologies (30 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

Michael S. Koppel, Wesley Theological Seminary

*Transfiguring Secrets in Spiritual Care and Practice (30 min)*

Discussion (10 min)

### S3-203

**SBL Biblical Lexicography Section**  
1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
**Theme: Greek Lexicography**

Michael Theophilos, Australian Catholic University, Presiding  
Laurentiu Florentin Mot, Adventus University

*“Until the Number of the Martyrs Is Fulfilled” (Rev 6:11): A Sample of Lexicographic Gaffe? (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Gillian Asquith, Australian Catholic University and Melbourne School of Theology

*᾽Αδιαλείπτως in the Remembrance-Motifs: Did Paul Really Pray Constantly for His Recipients? (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Randall Buth, Institute for Biblical Languages and Translation

*Can ἀλλά and γάρ Really Mark an Inference? A Defense of the “Core Constraint” Approach to Conjunction Lexicography (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Aaron Michael Jensen, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary

*Can ἀλλά and γάρ Really Mark an Inference? A Defense of the “Core Constraint” Approach to Conjunction Lexicography (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)

Randall Buth, Institute for Biblical Languages and Translation

*Greek Lexicography in Greek, ἡ κοινὴ ἐν τῇ κοινῇ (But This Lecture Might Still Be in English) (25 min)*

Discussion (5 min)
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S3-204
SBL Biblical Lexicography Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Hebrew Lexicography
Reinier de Blois, United Bible Societies, Presiding
David J.A. Clines, University of Sheffield
New Words in Classical Hebrew (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Diana Abernethy, Huntingdon College
Imagined Dynasties: Interpreting and Over-Interpreting מַמְלָכָה in 1 Sam 13:13–14 (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Lourdes García Ureña, Universidad San Pablo – CEU
Methodology to Study the Language of Colour in the Bible (Hebrew, Greek, and Latin) (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Brandon Simonson, Boston University
Cataloguing Hypocoristica in Onomastic Reference Volumes: Challenges of Definition and Meaning (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S3-205
SBL Christian Apocrypha Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Beyond Canon (An Introduction to the Center for Advanced Studies at the University of Regensburg)
Janet Spittler, University of Virginia, Presiding
NOTE: The papers for this session will be pre-circulated. Contact Janet Spittler for more information.
Tobias Nicklas, Universität Regensburg
An Introduction to the Beyond Canon Collaborative Research Group (10 min)
Thomas Kraus, Universität Zürich
Senator Marcellus as an Early Christian Role Model: The Destruction and Restoration of a “Statue of Caesar” in Acta Petri 11 (10 min)
Lily Vuong, Central Washington University
Visual Representations of Early Marian Apocryphal Texts as Reception History (10 min)
Cosmin Pricop, University of Bucharest
Retelling Apocryphal Stories through Liturgical Texts (10 min)
Mari Mamyan, Universität Regensburg
St. Thomas the Apostle in Armenian Church Tradition (10 min)
Garrick Allen, Dublin City University
Manuscripts Beyond the Canon (10 min)
Discussion (60 min)

S3-206
SBL Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Daughters and Wives: Feminist Readings of the Hebrew Scriptures
Sharon Jacob, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Susannah M. Larry, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Victim-Blaming Daughter Zion? Translating “Sin” in Lamentations 1:13–20 (30 min)
Margaret A. Smerko, Union Presbyterian Seminary
From Nameless Victim to Eshet Chayil: Remembering Bath-Jephthah in Judges 11:34–40 (30 min)
Business Meeting (30 min)

S3-207
SBL Hellenistic Judaism / Jewish, Christian, and Graeco-Roman Travel in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Byzantine Periods (300 BCE–600 CE) Section / Jewish, Christian, and Graeco-Roman Travel in the Hellenistic, Roman, and Early Byzantine Periods (300 BCE–600 CE) Consultation
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Travel and Movement between the Jewish Diaspora and the Land of Israel
In this open session, co-organized with the consultation “Jewish, Christian, and Graeco-Roman Travel”, we deal with travel and movement between the Diaspora and the Land of Israel.
Pieter Hartog, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit, Presiding (5 min)
Sung Soo Hong, The University of Texas at Austin
Exile and Diaspora in Philo in the Light of the Hellenistic Philosophical Discourses on Exile (25 min)
Jonathan Ben-Dov, University of Haifa
Homeric Textual Criticism and Biblical Texts from Qumran (25 min)
Elizabeth Stell, Oxford University
Performing an Imagined Return in the Exagoge of Ezekiel (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)
Business Meeting (20 min)

S3-208
SBL History of Interpretation Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: The Apocrypha/Deuterocanonicals in the History of Interpretation
Mark Elliott, University of Glasgow, Presiding
Robert Edwards, University of Notre Dame
“God Did Not Make Death”: A Patristic Reception of Wisdom 1:13 and 2:23 (25 min)
Edwina Murphy, Morling College
Tried in the Fire: Cyprian’s Use of Strach (25 min)
### P3-208a

**Institute for Biblical Research**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

**Theme: IBR Students Coffee Hour**

- **Adam T. Morton**, University of Nottingham
  *Wisdom of Solomon and Sirach in Luther's Interpretation of the Imago Dei* (25 min)
- **David Lincicum**, University of Notre Dame
  *The Wisdom of Solomon: A Christian Text?* (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

### S3-212

**SBL Pauline Epistles Section**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

**Theme: Myth and Ritual**

- **Laura Dingeldein**, University of Illinois at Chicago, Presiding
- **Emma Wasserman**, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
  *Rethinking the Stoicheia of Galatians 4* (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

- **James B. Prothro**, Ave Maria University
  *Why God's Justice Is Good News: God's Generosity, Impartiality, and Equity in Romans* (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

- **Ryan D. Collman**, University of Edinburgh
  *Just a Flesh Wound? Reassessing Paul's Supposed Indifference toward Circumcision and Foreskin in 1 Cor 7:19, Gal 5:6, and 6:15* (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

- **Jolyon Pruszinski**, Princeton University
  *Jesus as Sacrifice, Sacrifice as Purifying Space for God, and the Gentile Body as Purified Space in Paul* (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)

### P3-209

**International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies**

1:00 PM–2:30 PM

**Theme: Ruth, Esther, and Hexapla**

- **Kristin De Troyer**, Universität Salzburg, Presiding
- **Beatrice Bonanno**, Université Catholique de Louvain
  *The Tirelessness of a Woman: An Analysis of the Character of Ruth in the Second Chapter of the Septuagint of Book of Ruth* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

- **Reinhart Ceulemans**, KU Leuven
  *New Hexaplaric Readings of Proverbs* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

- **Dionisio Candido**, Universität Salzburg
  *Translation Techniques in the Ancient Versions of the Book of Esther* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

### S3-210

**SBL Masoretic Studies / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Section / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Affiliate**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

**Theme: The Masora and Biblical Hebrew**

- **Daniel Mynatt**, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, Presiding
- **David Marcus**, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
  *PAGIC: A Memory Device to Introduce Students to Masoretic Notes* (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

- **Kristine Heewon Yi**, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
  *Distinction between the Mp and Mm: Function vs Placement* (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

### S3-213

**SBL Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Section**

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

**Theme: Discussion of Nyasha Junior, Reimagining Hagar: Blackness and Bible, and Ronald Charles, The Silencing of Slaves in Early Jewish and Christian Texts**

- **Bernadette Brooten**, Brandeis University, Presiding (5 min)
- **Stacy Davis**, Saint Mary's College (Notre Dame), Panelist (15 min)
- **Amanda Mbuvi**, High Point University, Panelist (15 min)
- **Nyasha Junior**, Temple University, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

- **Jennifer Glancy**, Le Moyne College, Panelist (15 min)
- **J. Albert Harrill**, Ohio State University, Panelist (15 min)
- **Ronald Charles**, St. Francis Xavier University, NS, Canada, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)
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P3-214

The Qur’an and Late Antiquity (IQSA)
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Johanne Christiansen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding
Juan Cole, University of Michigan—Ann Arbor
Staff of Kothar, Aegis of Hephaistos: “Al-Kawthar” in Qur’an 108 as Late Antique Hybridity (20 min)
Abdulla Galadari, Khalifa University of Science & Technology
The Source of Jesus’ Miracles in the Qur’an: Oral or Literary Traditions? (20 min)
W Richard Oakes Jr., Independent Scholar
The Talmud Bavli on the “Disagreement” in Q 4:157: Literary, Documentary, Historical, Cultural, and Religious Environment (20 min)
Ulla Tervahauta, Københavns Universitet
Mary, Holy Woman of the Desert and the Virgin Mother (20 min)
Eric DeVilliers, University of Notre Dame
Rahbaniyya and the Roots of Qur’anic Prophetology (20 min)

S3-215

SBL Writing Social-Scientific Commentaries of the New Testament Seminar
1:00 PM–3:00 PM


Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki, Presiding (2 min)
J. Brian Tucker, Moody Theological Seminary—Michigan, Introduction (8 min)
Brian Rosner, Ridley College, Panelist (15 min)
Ryan Heinisch, Moody Theological Seminary—Michigan, Panelist (15 min)
Kathy Ehrensperger, Universität Potsdam, Panelist (15 min)
Adam White, Alphacrucis College, Panelist (15 min)
Gabriella Gelardini, Nord University, Panelist (15 min)
J. Brian Tucker, Moody Theological Seminary—Michigan, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (25 min)

S3-300

SBL Wisdom and Apocalypticism Section
3:00 PM–5:00 PM

Theme: The Wisdom of Solomon

Karina Hogan, Fordham University, Presiding
Luca Mazzinghi, Pontificia Università Gregoriana
Wisdom and Law in the Book of Wisdom (20 min)
Catherine Playoust, University of Divinity
“The Trial of Death Touched the Righteous Too” (Wis 18:20): A Comparison of Wisdom 10–19 with Romans (20 min)
Mark Giszczak, Augustine Institute
The Quest of the King in the Wisdom of Solomon (20 min)
Christopher Atkins, Yale University
The Word Was Godward: Divine Directionality in the Johannine Prologue, Hellenistic Judaism, and Middle-Platonism (20 min)
Andrew Montanaro, Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College
Family, Scriptive Training, and Apocalypticism in Second Temple Wisdom Instructions (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S3-301/A3-303

SBL Book of Psalms Section
4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Theme: Bonhoeffer on the Psalms: New Perspectives on Prayerbook of the Bible (1940)

This session is a joint session with the AAR Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis program unit.

Brad Prebbenow, Lutheran Brethren Seminary, Presiding
Brent A. Strawn, Duke University
Bonhoeffer on Enemies and Imprecation: A Commentary (25 min)
Stephen B. Chapman, Duke University
Who Prays the Psalms? Bonhoeffer’s Christological Concentration and Psalm 69 (25 min)
Arnold Huigen, Theological University of Apeldoorn
Bonhoeffer’s Approach of the Psalms as Incentive for Reading the Bible Theologically (25 min)
Brad Prebbenow, Lutheran Brethren Seminary, Respondent (20 min)

S3-302

SBL Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: Recently Published Books on Moral Injury, Biblical Studies, and Theology: Roundtable

This session will be a roundtable discussion of recently published works on moral injury that interface with biblical and theological studies. The authors of the books will briefly discuss their works, two scholars of trauma and moral injury from outside biblical studies will offer responses, and there will be time for panel and audience open discussion.

Joseph McDonald, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Presiding
Roundtable Discussion (75 min)

“Warriors Between Worlds: Moral Injury and Identities in Crisis” (Lexington, 2019)
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Panelist

“The Bible and Moral Injury: Reading Scripture Alongside War’s Unseen Wounds” (Abingdon, 2020)
Brad Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University, Panelist

“Full Darkness: Original Sin, Moral Injury, and Wartime Violence” (Eerdmans, 2019)
Brian Powers, Durham University, Panelist

“Military Moral Injury and Spiritual Care” (Chalice, 2019)
Nancy Ramsey, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Panelist

“Moral Injury and the Promise of Virtue” (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019)
Carrie Doehring, Iliff School of Theology, Panelist

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Panelist

“Military Moral Injury and Spiritual Care” (Chalice, 2019)
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Carrie Doehring, Iliff School of Theology, Panelist

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, University of Pardubice, Panelist

Other (20 min)

Rita Nakashima Brock, Shay Moral Injury Center, Volunteers of America, Respondent
Shelly Rambo, Boston University, Respondent

Discussion (25 min)

S3-303

SBL Disputed Paulines Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Book Review: First and Second Timothy and Titus by Christopher R. Hutson (Baker Academic, 2019)
Daniel Darko, Gordon College, Presiding (10 min)
Lyn Kidson, Alphacrucis College, Panelist (20 min)
Michael Bird, Ridley Melbourne, Panelist (20 min)
Thomas Hoklotubbe, Cornell College, Panelist (20 min)
Christopher Hutson, Abilene Christian University, Member (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)
This session consists of invited panelists in review of Christopher R. Hutson’s commentary on First and Second Timothy and Titus (Baker Academic, 2019).

S3-304

Ethics and Biblical Interpretation / The Forum on Missional Hermeneutics / Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Reparations/Reparational Ethics, the Bible, and the Missio Dei
The Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Section and The Forum on Missional Hermeneutics are jointly sponsoring this session on reparations discourse and the biblical text. Questions to be considered: How might reparations be rooted in the Bible, and what contributions might a biblical account of reparations make to debates about reparations and ethics? How might biblical readings be informed by questions from religious communities complicit in racial injustice and challenged by possible reparations? How might biblical texts call for reparations as part of God’s mission?

How have historically distorted understandings of mission created a need for reparations and how may this harmful history be addressed in light of hermeneutics, ethics, and biblical interpretation? How does the contemporary question of reparations speak to communities’ participation in God’s mission, understood in terms of communal self-understanding and purposiveness?

Kristopher Norris, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)
John Franke, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Presiding (5 min)

Michael J. Rhodes, Union University
The Jubilee Case for Reparations: Interpreting Scripture’s Jubilary Theology in the Aftermath of the Black Manifesto (20 min)

Michael Barram, Saint Mary’s College of California
Biblical Formation for Reparation: Missional and Moral Logics for a More Just Future (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Brent Laytham, St Mary’s Seminary & University
Cheap Reconciliation Exchanged for Costly Reparation: Opening Second Corinthians’ Missio Dei to Antiracism (20 min)

Matthew Schlimm, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
No Future without Repentance: Pentateuchal Precedents for Reparative Justice (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S3-305

5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Johannine Rhetoric: Classical and New Approaches to John 3
Craig Koester, Luther Seminary, Presiding
Michael Whitenton, Baylor University
Ancient Worldmaking, Blending, and Complexity in John 3 and Beyond, or Recursive Construction of Recurring Characters: Once Again, Nicodemus (20 min)

Wil Rogan, Carey Theological College
Nicodemus’s Genius: His Reasoned Refutation of Rebirth in John 3:4 (20 min)

Douglas Estes, South University, Columbia
The Rhetoric of John 3: Antithetical Argumentation from Jesus and John (20 min)

Alicia Myers, Campbell University
Deciphering What “We Know”: Rhetoric and Power in John 3 (20 min)

Jo-Ann Brant, Goshen College, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)
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P3-306
Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion
5:00 PM–7:00 PM


Empire-critical and postcolonial readings of Revelation are now commonplace, but scholars have yet to put these views into conversation with Jewishness, including Jewish cultural survival strategies. In Roasting Rome, Sarah Emanuel positions Revelation within its Jewish context. Together with such historical-critical positioning, she uses multiple critical lenses — including humor, feminist, and postcolonial trauma theories — to demonstrate how the text's author employs the comic as a means by which to undermine Rome and create a signal of transcendence for implied (e.g., male and hypermasculine) Jewish Christ-following audiences. By becoming so hyperbolic in its claims of an ideal, male Jewish selfhood over and against the Roman Empire, however, Emanuel questions if or to what extent Revelation gets “caught” in its own tricks.

Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Presiding (15 min)
Roberto Mata, Santa Clara University, Panelist (15 min)
Lynn R. Huber, Elon University, Panelist (15 min)
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Panelist (15 min)

Break (5 min)
Colleen Conway, Seton Hall University, Panelist (15 min)
Sarah Emanuel, Loyola Marymount University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (25 min)

S3-307
SBL New Testament Textual Criticism Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: Text-Critical Commentaries

Stephen Carlson, Australian Catholic University, Presiding
Holger Strutwolf, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster and Greg Paulson, Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung Writing the Textual Commentary for the ECM of Mark (25 min)
Grant Edwards, ITSEE Writing a Textual Commentary on 2 Thessalonians (25 min)
Jeanine Brown, Bethel Seminary (St. Paul, MN), Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (25 min)
S7-101

SBL Book of Daniel Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Donald Polaski, Randolph-Macon College, Presiding
Paul Cizek, Marquette University

Resolving Ancient and Modern Judicial Ambiguities in Old Greek Susanna (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Andrew R. Krause, ACTS Seminaries of Trinity Western University
Institutional and Experiential Differences in Old Greek and Theodotionic Susanna (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Emily Pothast, Graduate Theological Union

Mining Memory, Forging Future: Performativity of Metal in the Book of Daniel (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

David Hamidovic, Université de Lausanne
Danielic Traditions Enlightened by the Margins: The Example of Words of Michael (4Q529; 4Q571; 6Q13) (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Daniel Olariu, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Daniel 11:1: A New Solution to an Old Problem (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

S7-102

SBL Book of the Twelve Prophets Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: Fresh Approaches to the Book of Malachi

David Davage, Umeå Universitet, Presiding
Goran Zivkovic, McMaster Divinity College

Blending the Seemingly Unblendable: Purity in the Book of Malachi (30 min)

B.J. Hilbelink, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
The Two-Fold Turning of Fathers and Children in Malachi 3:24 (4:6): A Grammatical Analysis (30 min)

Discussion (4 min)

Loren Stuckenbruck, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

Malachi in the Twelve and in the Latter Prophets (30 min)
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**S7-106**

**SBL New Testament Textual Criticism Section**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: *Texts and Paratexts*
- Christina Kreinecker, KU Leuven, Presiding
- Tommy Wasserman, Ansar University College and Jennifer Knust, Duke University
- Codex Bezae as Repository (24 min)
- Charles E. Hill, Reformed Theological Seminary
- Jacopo Marcon, University of Birmingham
- The Critical Edition of the PS. Oecumenian Catena on Romans: First Considerations (24 min)
- David A Flood, II, University of Edinburgh
- The Damascene Catena: 0150, 2110, and 1506 as a New Textual Family of Paul’s Letters (24 min)

**S7-107**

**SBL Paul Within Judaism Section**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: *Paul and the Rabbis*
- Kathy Ehrensperger, Universität Potsdam, Presiding
- Menahem Kister, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Deeds, Reward, and Divine Mercy: Jewish Views and Pauline Passages (20 min)
- Aaron Amit, Bar-Ilan University
- Partners in Creation in I Corinthians 11:8–12: An Investigation of the Relationship between Paul and Rabbinic Literature (20 min)
- James B. Prothro, Ave Maria University
- Colossians within Judaism? Christ and the Torah in Colossians and the Rabbis (20 min)
- Rachel Toombs, Baylor University
- Songs of Heaven: Hildegard of Bingen’s Use of Biblical Allusions in Her Symphonies Marian Hymns (20 min)
- Erin Risch Zoutendam, Duke University
- The Influence of the Psalms in the Mystical Poetry of Hadewijch of Brabant (20 min)

**S7-108**

**SBL Pseudepigrapha Section**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: *A Jewish Narrative in Egypt: A Conversation about Joseph and Aseneth*
- This session offers a conversation about issues which emerge from Patricia Ahearne-Kroll, *Aseneth of Egypt: The Composition of a Jewish Narrative* (SBL, 2020).
  - Randall Chesnutt, Pepperdine University, Presiding
  - Trajectories in Aseneth Studies (15 min)
  - The Limitations of Reconstructed Texts (15 min)
  - “Joseph and Aseneth” as a Jewish Narrative among the Jews of Hellenistic Egypt (15 min)
  - Patricia Ahearne-Kroll, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, Respondent (15 min)
  - Roundtable Discussion (15 min)

**S7-109**

**SBL Qur’an and Biblical Literature Section**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: *Comparative Explorations of the Qur’an and Bible*
- Daniel J. Crowther, Oxford University
- The Dilemma of the Psalms and the Qur’an (30 min)
- Abdulla Galadari, Khalifa University of Science & Technology
- The Man in the Empty Town: Comparison between the Qur’an and Biblical/Rabbinic Literature (30 min)
- Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies
- “Rehearsing the Signs of God All Night Long”: The Bible, the Qur’an, and Night-Vigils (tahajjud) (30 min)
- Business Meeting (30 min)

**S7-110**

**SBL Recovering Female Interpreters of the Bible Section**
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: *Women Poets, Artists, and Musicians: Interpreting Scripture through Art and Literature through the Centuries*
- Joy Schroeder, Capital University, Presiding
- Deborah Niederer Saxon, Butler University
- Scriptural Interpretation in the Music of Hildegard of Bingen (20 min)
- Rachel Toombs, Baylor University
- Songs of Heaven: Hildegard of Bingen’s Use of Biblical Allusions in Her Symphonias Marian Hymns (20 min)
- Erin Risch Zoutendam, Duke University
- The Influence of the Psalms in the Mystical Poetry of Hadewijch of Brabant (20 min)
S7-111

SBL Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Ethical Reading of the Bible
Rachel Adelman, Hebrew College, Presiding
Ying Zhang, East China Normal University
Who Is the Ideal Sage for Maimonides(?): Moses and Abraham in the Guide of the Perplexed (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)
Soo J. Kim, Central Baptist Seminary
When Time Seems a Matter: Dry Bones, Children of the Dry Bones, and a Levinas Reader (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)
Karl-Henrik Wallerstein, Abo Akademi
Abusive Text or Abusive God: The Difference of Using the Rule of Faith as Lense or as Result (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)
Katrina Schaafsma, Duke University
Reading as Haman (20 min)

Discussion (4 min)

S7-112

SBL Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Proverbs and Ecclesiastes
Mark Sneed, Lubbock Christian University, Presiding
Elizabeth Currier, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Speech Performance in Proverbs: Imagining Speakers Imagining Readers and Readers Imagining Speakers (30 min)

Jesse Peterson, Durham University
Qalšeletšh: Concept of Meaning: A Philosophical Account (30 min)

Klaus-Peter Adam, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Enemies and Friends as Constructs in Proverbs (30 min)

Alexander T. Kirk, University of Durham
The Burden of the Sages: Tracing the Semantic Typography of משׂא with Proverbs 30:1 as a Test Case (30 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S7-201

SBL Archaeology of Religion in the Roman World Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Periphery and Center
Jorunn Økland, Norwegian Institute at Athens, Presiding
David Riggs, Indiana Wesleyan University
Civic Genii in the Cultic Life of Roman North Africa (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Rhiannon Pare, Princeton University
By Jove! Religion, Memory, and Identity in the Northern Provinces (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Jordan Ryan, Wheaton College (Illinois)
Interpreting the Constantinian Church of the Holy Sepulchre: Theology, Politics, and Religious Competition in Architecture (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Richard Westall, Independent Scholar
The Epigraphic Record and the Creation of St Peter's in the Vatican (19 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S7-202

SBL Bible and Emotion / Prayer in Antiquity Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Psalms and Emotions
Angela Kim Harkins, Boston College STM, Presiding
Katherine Schweers, The Catholic University of America
Uncovering Hidden Anger in Psalms 60–80: A New Method (20 min)

Erbele-Kuester, Dorothea, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz
Rage for Justice as Prayer (20 min)

Anthony Lipscomb, Brandeis University
Conceptual Metaphors of Shame Nouns in Petitionary Psalms (20 min)

David A. Bosworth, The Catholic University of America
The Psalms as a School of Emotional Regulation (20 min)

Amy Cottrill, Birmingham-Southern College, Respondent (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)
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S7-203

SBL Book of Samuel: Narrative, Theology and Interpretation Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

- Song-Mi Park, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding
  - Kacie Klamm, University of Notre Dame
  - Sophia R C Johnson, University of Cambridge
  - Jordan Brown, University of Wisconsin-Madison
  - Andrew C. Witt, Tyndale University College and Seminary (Ontario)

S7-204

SBL Christian Apocrypha Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Christian Apocrypha

- Lily Vuong, Central Washington University, Presiding
- Nathan J. Hardy, University of Chicago
- Amity Reading, DePauw University
- Brandon Hawk, Rhode Island College
- Guang Chen, Trinity International University

Discussion (35 min)

P7-205

Ethnic Chinese Biblical Colloquium
1:00 PM–2:30 PM


- Yi-Jie Lin, Yale Divinity School, Presiding
- Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University, Panelist (10 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Russell M. Jeung, San Francisco State University, Panelist (10 min)
Timothy Lim, University of Edinburgh, Panelist (10 min)
Sze-ker Wan, Southern Methodist University, Panelist (10 min)

Discussion (35 min)

P7-207

Institute for Biblical Research
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Emerging Scholarship in Biblical Studies

This session showcases cutting-edge scholarship from emerging Old and New Testament scholars sponsored by Fellows of the Institute for Biblical Research. All are welcome to attend. Summaries of the papers will be read at the session, leaving opportunity for discussion. Papers will be available for review by October 1 at www.ibr-bbr.org/emerging-scholarship. Contact Rick Hess (rick@densem.edu) or Ruth Anne Reese (ruthanne.reese@asburyseminary.edu) for more information.

- Richard S. Hess, Denver Seminary, Presiding
- Guang Chen, Trinity International University

Discussion (15 min)

Abbie F. Mantor, Asbury Theological Seminary
Grieving for the Sufferers among Us: Job 3 through the Lens of Classical Rhetoric and Modern Psychological Trauma Studies (9 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Kevin Foth, McMaster Divinity College
Toward a Poetics of the Righteous and the Wicked in the Psalms (9 min)

Discussion (15 min)

P7-208

Institute for Biblical Research
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Research Group - Book of the Twelve in Biblical Scholarship

The “Book of the Twelve Prophets in Biblical Scholarship” group focuses on synchronic approaches to the study of the Book of the Twelve/Minor Prophets. This year we are continuing to explore the theme of “Empire, Power, and Politics in the Twelve.” For more information, see the IBR website (www.ibr-bbr.org) or contact Beth M. Stovell (bstovell@ambrose.edu), George Athas (george.athas@moore.edu.edu.au), Daniel Timmer (daniel.timmer@prts.edu) or Colin M. Toffelmire (ctoffelmire@ambrose.edu).

- Daniel Timmer, Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)
- Terence J. Kleven, Central College
  - For I Will Cleanse Their Blood (וְנַקְיָתי דַּמּוֹ) That I Have Not Cleansed: A Rhetorical Study of the Depiction of the People, the Land, and the Nations in the Book of Joel (35 min)
- Nathan Lovell, George Whitefield College
  - Pax Assyriaca or Pax Zion? Micah’s Logic of Peace and Militarism (35 min)

Discussion (25 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)
Monday, December 7

**P7-209**

**International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies**
1:00 PM–2:30 PM

**Theme: Content and Context**

- Anna Angelini, University of Zurich, Presiding
- Jelle Verburg, University of Oxford
  The Value of Motive in the Septuagint’s Laws on Theft and Murder (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

- Max Leventhal, University of Cambridge
  The Letter of Aristeas and the “Diaspora” Vocabulary of the LXX (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

- Matthew Albanese, University of Oxford
  Greek Isaiah and the LXX as Lexicon (20 min)


**S7-210**

**SBL Josephus Seminar**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

- Chris Seeman, Walsh University, Presiding
- Joabson X. Pena, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
  A Portable Cosmos: The Cosmological Symbolism of the Tent in Josephus’ Judaeans Antiquities (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

Break (5 min)

- Carson Bay, Universität Bern - Université de Berne
  The Nature of the “Law(s) of Nature” in Flavius Josephus (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

- David R. Edwards, Florida State University
  Tradition and Innovation in Josephus’ Antiquities (15 min)

Discussion (20 min)

**S7-211**

**SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Seminar / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Affiliate**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

**Theme: Linguistic Variation in Biblical Hebrew**

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

- Jacobus Naude, University of the Free State, Presiding
  The Origin of the Hebrew Nitpaal: A Sociolinguistic Proposal (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

- Tania Notarius, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
  Impersonal Verbal Constructions in Biblical Hebrew (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

- Jesse Scheumann, Sattler College
  A Re-examination of Verbal Agreement with Conjoined Subjects in Biblical Hebrew (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

- Joshua Berman, Bar-Ilan University
  Determining the Significance of Lexical Features as Indicative of CBH and LBH: Insights from The Tiberias Stylistic Classifier for the Hebrew Bible (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

**S7-212**

**SBL Metaphor Theory and the Hebrew Bible / Theological Perspectives on the Book of Ezekiel Section**
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

**Theme: Metaphors and Theology in the Book of Ezekiel**

- Michael Lyons, University of St. Andrews, Presiding
  A Monstrous Showdown: God versus Pharaoh in Ezekiel 32 (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

- Kipp Swinney, Baylor University
  Born of Fire, Perfected in War: The Sword and the Making of an Allegory in Ezekiel 21 (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

- Kevin Chau, University of the Free State
  Cooking with the Right Gadgets: Examining Ezekiel’s Metaphor of the Boiling Pot (Ezekiel 24:1–14) through Poetry, the Holiness Code, and Textual Criticism (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

- Sean Burt, North Dakota State University Main Campus
  The Art of Ezekiel’s Poetry (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

- Lieve Teugels, Protestant Theological University Amsterdam
  The Vine Metaphor in Ezekiel 15, 17, and 19 (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)
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S7-213

SBL Qumran Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Jutta Jokiranta, University of Helsinki, Presiding
John Kampen, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Hillel Mali, New York University and Naphtali Meshel, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Patrick J. Angiolillo, New York University

Reading Instruction as a Sectarian Composition (30 min)
Hierarchy and Impurity from 4QTohorot A to Mishnah Kelim 1 (30 min)

P7-301

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Theme: Pedagogies of Justice and Care in Liminal Times
A 90-minute session for early career faculty teaching in a range of higher educational contexts. Early career faculty courses are often expected to adhere stringently to disciplinary canons and institutional ethos norms regardless of world events, national happenings, or social movements.

At the same time, early career faculty are often expected to be the nimblest, most adept, most technologically savvy, and most able to adjust to complicated teaching tasks, yet they rarely have more than a little experience with teaching in higher education. In addition, they often find an abundance of expectations related to peer responsibilities like advising, mentoring, teaching, service to the institution through committees, and scholarship. Teaching during uncertain times can make teaching more difficult, even overwhelming.

Justice and care for students and faculty in liminal times is often in short supply and finding practices and strategies of incorporating real time goings-on can be daunting. This session will attend to a range of topics and questions related to pedagogies of justice and care for the early career colleague.

Nancy Lynne Westfield, Presiding
Shehnaz Haqqani, Mercer University-Macon, Panelist
Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary, Panelist
Sara Ronis, Saint Mary's University (San Antonio), Panelist
Ben Sanders, Eden Theological Seminary, Panelist
Lisa Thompson, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Panelist

S7-302

SBL Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: Teaching Today's Students—Online and in Person
John Hilton III, Brigham Young University

Spiritual Outcomes and Online General Education Religion Courses (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Ian Kinman, Fordham University

Teaching Canonization: A Musical Analogy (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Nicholas A. Elder, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

Bridging the Residential and Online (New Testament) Classroom (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Alexander P. Thompson, Tennessee Wesleyan University

Baby Yoda and the Cultivation of a Biblical Imagination (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S7-303

SBL Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: Trauma and the Book of Daniel

Session 1 is an open joint session developed with the "Book of Daniel" program unit and will explore the interpretive intersections of Daniel traditions and trauma studies. Papers may use any Daniel tradition—canonical, pre-canonical, or non-canonical—as a departure point for exploring how the materials relate to historical moments of trauma in specific times, places, and locales or speak into ongoing experiences and perceptions of trauma in lives and communities. The thematic session will conclude with an invited respondent.

Donald Polaski, Randolph-Macon College, Presiding
John Ahn, Howard University
Jonathan Redding, Nebraska Wesleyan University

Cheer Their Trauma, Celebrate Their Deaths: Billy Graham's Receptions of Daniel, Revelation, and Their Impact on American Evangelical Rhetoric of Global Trauma (25 min)

Hyun Woo Kim, Emory University and Jee Hyun Baek, Boston University

Re-reading of Daniel as the Scribal "Double Telling" of Trauma (25 min)

LeAnn Snow Flesher, Graduate Theological Union/ABSW

Daniel: A Continuous Traumatic Stress Disorder Monograph (25 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)
S7-304
SBL Contextualizing North African Christianity Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Professional Seminar on Epigraphy
This is the second of a series of professional seminars designed to better equip scholars of North African Christianity, and Religion in Late Antiquity in general, in the use of material culture in their research, teaching, and publications.
   Edwina Murphy, Morling College, Presiding (5 min)
   William Tabbernee, University of Oklahoma
   Epigraphic Evidence for Early North African Christianity (40 min)
Break (10 min)
   Karen Stern, Brooklyn College (CUNY)
   New Data for Old Cultures: Considering Jews of Roman North Africa through Recent Epigraphic and Archaeological Findings (20 min)
Break (5 min)
   Margaret M. Mitchell, University of Chicago
   Epigraphy and Historiography: Lessons from Abercius (20 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S7-305
SBL Islands, Islanders, and Scriptures Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Caribbean Soundings
   Marlon Winedt, United Bible Societies
   The Papiamentu Study Bible: An Attempt at Popular Theological Formation through Creole Bible Translation (30 min)
   Althea Spencer Miller, Drew University
   Createness, Orality, and the Scriptures: A Holistic Interpretative Method (30 min)
   Carol Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University
   Pitchy-Patchy and John Bull: Patchwork Aesthetics, Performance, and Texts in the Anglophone Caribbean (30 min)

S7-306
SBL Johannine Literature Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
   Lindsey Trozzo, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
   Stuart B. Langley, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Who Says That God Loves the World? A Historical Argument to Identify the Ambiguous Speakers in John 3 (25 min)
   Chang Seon An, Chongshin University
   Reconsidering the Rhetoric of Temporality: Communal Time and Family Tree in 1 John (25 min)
   Jeannine Hanger, University of Aberdeen
   The Role of Touch in Comprehending Love: Jesus’ Footwashing in John 13 (25 min)
   Hugo Mendez, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
   The Invented Eyewitness of the Gospel and Epistles of John: A Literary History (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S7-307
SBL John’s Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Language and Reception
   Justin Jeffcoat Schedtler, Wartburg College, Presiding
   T.C. Schmidt, Fairfield University
   The Allegorical Key: Revelation and Its Interpretation in Eastern Commentators (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
   Martina Vercesi, University of St Andrews
   The Thousand-Year Kingdom (Rev 20–21) in the Textual Transmission: A Difficult Journey through Manuscripts and Church Fathers (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
   Garrett Best, Asbury Theological Seminary
   Irregular Grammar in John’s Apocalypse: Ineptitude or Artistry? (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
   Clarissa Breu, University of Vienna
   John and Ezekiel: Everything Starts with a Quote (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
   Ralph J. Korner, Taylor College and Seminary
   Are John’s “Not Jews” Non-Pauline Judaizing Gentile Christo-Followers? (2:9; 3:9): An Apokalypsis of John’s Non-supersessionist Agenda (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

S7-308
SBL Latino/a and Latin American Biblical Interpretation Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Thinking with Gregory L. Cuéllar’s Empire, the British Museum, and the Making of the Biblical Scholar (2019) and Resacralizing the Other at the US–Mexico Border (2020)
This session features panelists invited to respond to Gregory L. Cuéllar’s Empire, the British Museum, and the Making of the Biblical Scholar in the Nineteenth Century (Palgrave Macmillan, 2019) and Resacralizing the Other at the US–Mexico Border: A Borderland Hermeneutic (Routledge, 2020). The idea is not necessarily for the panelists to provide “book reviews” so much as to think with and alongside Cuéllar’s work.
   Gilberto Ruiz, Saint Anselm College, Presiding
   Kay Smith, Azusa Pacific University, Panelist (15 min)
   Néstor Medina, Emmanuel College, Panelist (15 min)
   Timothy Sandoval, Brite Divinity School (TCU), Panelist (15 min)
   Horacio Vela, University of the Incarnate Word, Panelist (15 min)
   Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton, Panelist (15 min)
   Gregory Cuéllar, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Respondent (20 min)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

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S7-309

SBL Rhetoric of Religious Antiquity Seminar
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: The Creativity of Early Christian Discourse
Harry Maier, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding (5 min)
Roy R. Jeal, Booth University College
Creative Development: Blended Discourse in Colossians (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
David Janssen, University of Divinity, Melbourne
Paul and the Cuirass: Conceptual Blending in 1 Thessalonians 5:1–10 (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
M Alroy Mascarenhe, University of Cape Town
The Invention of the Christ Rhetorolect: A Case Study from 1 Corinthians 15:1–34 (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Bart B. Bruehler, Indiana Wesleyan University
Discussion (20 min)

Early Christian discourse as represented in and beyond the New Testament displays noticeable creativity while simultaneously engaging with a wide range of religious cultures and traditions in the ancient world. The papers in this session will employ insights from cognitive blending, critical spatiality, and sociorhetorical interpretation to explore the varieties of religious discourses in the Mediterranean milieu and how they were creatively blended in the texts of the New Testament and Early Christianity to generate rhetorically effective communication.

S7-310

SBL Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: How to Read the Bible Ethically?
David Frankel, Presiding
Michael Oblath, University of Alaska
What Did Abraham Sacrifice on Moriah? (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Sonya Cronin, Florida State University
Exodus 32–34 as a Choreographed Fight Dance: The Relationship between Moses and YHWH in Light of Jonah (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Vincenz Heereman, University of Notre Dame
Priestly Self-Critique in Num 15:22–31: Theological Implications of an Unforgivable Sin (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Mark R. Glanville, Regent College
Ethics of Reading an Unethical Text Ethically: A Fresh Reading of herem (Canaanite Destruction) in Deuteronomy and Joshua (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Michael J. Chan, Luther Seminary
A Stone Unturned: Political Authority in Martin Luther’s 1530 Preface to the Book of Daniel (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

S8-101

SBL Archaeology of the Biblical World Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Louis C. Jonker, Universiteit van Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch
A Conflation of Divine and Royal Imagery? The Case of the Winged Disk Imagery in Achaemenid Persia (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Zachary Thomas, Macquarie University and Scott Booth, Pillar Seminary
Contextualising the Shifting Identities of Abel Beth Maacah in Archaeology and Text (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Christina Olson, Baylor University
Where Dead Kings Are Buried: Theological and Cultic Implications of Royal Burial in the Books of Kings and Ezekiel (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Andres Nõmmik, University of Helsinki
Some Considerations on the Connections between the Cult in Cyprus and Philistia (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
S8-102
SBL Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Section / Bible and Popular Culture Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Bible, Trauma, and Popular Culture
Sarah Emanuel, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Ma. Mariolou S. Ibita, De la Salle University Manila, Philippines

Embodied Trauma, Embodied Gospel: Matthew in Film, Theater, and Songs (20 min)
June Dickie, University of KwaZulu-Natal
The Intersection of the Story of Ruth with Local Drama (Including Elements of Xhosa/Cape Colored Culture), as a Means to Promote Healing from "Township Trauma" (20 min)
Mariah Q. Richardson, Gardner-Webb University

Under the Same Sun of Absence Trauma: Human Resilience in Ecclesiastes and A Raisin in the Sun (20 min)

S8-103
SBL Biblical Hebrew Poetry Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Blessing and Cursing in Ancient Hebrew Poetry and Beyond
Beth Stovell, Ambrose University College and Seminary, Presiding
John Hobbins, The Davenant Institute

Recovering a Curse in Psalm 119:21: The Place of Curses in Psalms of Lament (25 min)
Beth Elness-Hanson, Johannlund School of Theology and Johanna Rönnlund, VID Specialized University

Women's Ways of Blessing YHWH: An Intercultural Analysis of Poetic Blessings in the Hebrew Bible (25 min)
Garrett Galvin, Franciscan School of Theology
The Power of Curses in the Pentateuch and Protection against Evil Forces (25 min)
Jeffery Leonard, Samford University, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (20 min)
Business Meeting (10 min)

S8-104
SBL Children in the Biblical World Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Sharon Betsworth, Oklahoma City University, Presiding
Daniel Justel, Universidad Eclesiástica San Dámaso

Welcoming and Rejecting Children in Biblical and Cuneiform Literature (25 min)
Naomi Graetz, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Effect of Obstetric Violence on the Negev (25 min)
David A. Schones, Austin College
Birth and Death in Shunem: Infertility and Child Mortality in 2 Kings 4 (25 min)

Tyler S. Fulcher, Duke University
The Rhetorical Significance of Imperiled Children in 1 and 2 Kings (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S8-105
SBL Deuterocanonical and Cognate Literature Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: The Experience of the Other: Inclusion, Exclusion, and Judeophobia
Kristin De Troyer, Universität Salzburg, Presiding
Katell Berthelot, CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research)

Philo and Tacitus on Conversion to Judaism, Inclusion, and Exclusion (30 min)
Logan Williams, Durham University

Aesthetic Divine Encounter: Ben Sira's Ekphrasis on Simon ben Onias in Light of Greco-Roman Epiphanic Strategies (30 min)
Joe Morgan Currie, Harvard University

Nebuchadnezzar's Rage and Achilles' Wrath: Decentering the "Other" in Hellenistic Education (30 min)
Maren Niehoff, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Romans as Philo of Alexandria's "Other": Negotiating Politics and Judeophobia (30 min)

S8-106
SBL Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Disability and Healthcare in the New Testament and Ancient Christianity
Lena Nogossek-Raithel, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Negotiating Deviating Bodies: Context, Function, and Norm of Disability in Mark's Healing Narratives (24 min)
Seonghyun Choi, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Greatest Showman: Jesus and the Two Blind Men in Mark 8:22–26 and 10:46–52 (24 min)
Joseph Lee, Yale University

The Specter of Hysteria in Soranus of Ephesus: Womb "Feeling with" Body (24 min)
Frederick David Carr, Roberts Wesleyan College

Experiencing Changes and Changing Experiences: Pauline Transformation and Altered Sensory Capacities (24 min)
Christina M. Kreinecker, KU Leuven

Women Suffering in Ancient Everyday Life (24 min)
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P8-107

International Organization for Septuagint and Cognate Studies
10:00 AM–11:30 AM
Theme: Revision and Recension
   Alison Salvesen, University of Oxford, Presiding
   Miika Tucker, University of Helsinki
   The Character of the Translational Differences within Jer LXX That Reflect Known Revisional Tendencies (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
   Daniel Olarui, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
   Recessional Contextual Additions: Insights from Theodotion Daniel (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
   Tyler Smith, University of Salzburg
   Recessional Activity in Addition C of the Alpha Text of Esther (20 min)

S8-108

SBL Israelite Prophetic Literature Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
   Job Jindo, Academy for Jewish Religion, Presiding
   Luiz Gustavo Assis, Boston College
   Updating the Biblical GPS: Eglat Šelišîyāh as ‘Ataroth in the Oracle against Moab (Isaiah 15–16) (30 min)
   Avigail Aravna, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
   Mythological Concepts and Arrogance in Isa 25:6–8 and Isa 28:7–22 (30 min)
   Joshua Berman, Bar-Ilan University
   Measuring Style Using the Tiberias Stylistic Classifier for the Hebrew Bible Isaiah: The Case of Isaiah 34 (30 min)
   Lida Panov, Universität Zürich
   Innerbiblical Exegesis of the Isaiah Tradition in the Hezekiah-Isaiah-Narratives (30 min)

S8-109

SBL Johannine Literature Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
   Christopher Skinner, Loyola University of Chicago, Presiding
   Adesola Akala, Durham University
   Jesus and the Samaritan Woman: Visual Hermeneutics as an Effective Pedagogical Method for the Gospel of John (20 min)
   Andrew G. Benko, Southwestern University
   "Our Father Jacob": Racial Rhetoric in John 4:4–26 (20 min)
   Amy Smith Carman, Brite Divinity School (TCU)
   The First Samaritan Convert as Woman and Slave: A Feminist Analysis of John 4:1–42 (20 min)
   Andrew Byers, Cranmer Hall, St John's College, Durham University
   John and "the Other" in Early Christianity: Schismatics, Seccessionists, Strangers, and Other Evangelists (20 min)
   Thomas Tops, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit
   A Historical–Contextual Study of Dialectical Interrogation in John 6:5–14 and 8:46–59 (20 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S8-110

SBL Josephus Seminar
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
   Chris Seeman, Walsh University, Presiding
   Bas van Os, Erasmus University Rotterdam
   Artabanus and Antipas in Josephus' Jewish Antiquities, Book 18 (15 min)
   Jordan Henderson, Florida State University
   Josephus' Roman Alexander? A Comparison of the Origins of Hellenistic and Roman Rule of the Jews in Antiquitates Judaicae (15 min)
Discussion (20 min)
   Warren Campbell, University of Notre Dame
   Autographs and Archives: The Apologetic Purchase of Bookishness in Contra Apionem (15 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S8-110a

SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Seminar / National Association of Professors of Hebrew Affiliate
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Typological and Grammatical Categorization of Biblical Hebrew
   Cynthia Miller-Naude, University of the Free State, Presiding
   Matthew Anstey, Flinders University
   The Syllable Typology of Tiberian Hebrew (25 min)
   Dougald McLaurin III, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
   Jun Sato, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto
   A Reconsideration of Semantic Labeling for Hebrew Verbs: Interaction between Grammatical Aspect and Lexical Aspect (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
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Discussion (5 min)
Elizabeth Robar, Tyndale House  
Caution: Morphology at Work (Though Not as We'd Expect) (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S8-111

SBL Midrash Section  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  
Theme: Innovative Approaches to Midrash

Rivka Ulmer, Bucknell University, Presiding  
Gilad Elbom, Oregon State University  
Metatextual Rivalries: Scripture, Midrash, Kabbalah (20 min)

Marc Hirshman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
The Certain and Simple Sense in the Aggadic Interpretation of the Bible (20 min)

Matthew Goldstone, Academy for Jewish Religion  
Towards a Cautious Model for Comparing Tannaitic Midrashim and the Gospels (20 min)

W. David Nelson, Independent Scholar  
Humming the Bridge: Improvisation, Performance, and the Comprehensive Study of the Midrashic Prooftext (20 min)

Lieve Teugels, Protestant Theological University Amsterdam  
Field/Vineyard and Nachalah/Segulah Metaphors in Bible and Rabbinic Parables (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-112

SBL Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible Section  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  
Theme: The Comparative Textual Criticism of Religious Scriptures

Textual Criticism is a methodological approach to various religious and non-religious literatures from antiquity through modern times. However, the textual critical work on these literary corpora happens in isolation from each other and even textual critics of, e.g., the New Testament interact rarely with textual critics of the Hebrew Bible. This lack of interdisciplinarity represents not only a lost chance to learn from one another but it also does not allow to discover common mechanisms that may underly the transmission of literary canons in ancient or modern cultures. This session is a first attempt at the comparative textual criticism of corpora of authoritative writings and hopes to identify commonalities and differences in their textual transmission.

Armin Lange, Universität Wien, Presiding (2 min)
Graeme Bird, Gordon College  
Textual Criticism and the Homeric Epics (17 min)
Emanuel Tov, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  
Textual Criticism of the Hebrew Bible (17 min)
David Trobisch, Technische Universität Dresden  
How to Solve a Text-Critical Problem by Discerning between Distinctive Editions: A Case Study of Lk 24:13 (17 min)
Marijn van Putten, Leiden University  
The Early Textual Transmission of the Quran (17 min)
Signe Cohen, University of Missouri  
Textual Criticism and Orally Transmitted Texts (17 min)
Nicholas Trautz, University of Virginia  
A History and Critique of Text-Critical Approaches in the Study of Buddhist Literature (17 min)

Roundtable Discussion (16 min)

P8-113

The Qur'an and the Biblical Tradition (IQSA)  
10:00 AM–12:00 PM  
Theme: Session I

Klaus von Stosch, University of Paderborn  
Why Mary and Jesus Had to Eat: On the Legacy of Q 5:75 (24 min)
Thomas Hoffmann, University of Copenhagen  
A Ban in the Qur'an: Was hērem Part of God's sunna? (24 min)
David Penchansky, University of Saint Thomas (Saint Paul, MN)  
The Prophet and the Blind Man: Surat al-Abasa and a Gospel Story (24 min)
Rachel Claire Dryden, Cambridge/Oxford  
Iblīs on Trial: Guilty until Proven Innocent? (24 min)
Emran El-Badawi, University of Houston  
The Zaqqum Tree and Biblical Asherah Grove (24 min)

Discussion (60 min)

S8-114

SBL Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Luncheon  
11:00 AM–12:30 PM
S8-201
SBL Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Jewish Narratives
Eric Vanden Eykel, Ferrum College, Presiding
Agata Grzybowska, University of Warsaw
Jewish Fiction in the Egyptian Diaspora and the Development of Fictional Prose Narratives in the Hellenistic Period (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Monika Amsler, University of Maryland - University College
Narratives, Tablets, and Ostraca: A Conversation (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S8-202
SBL Biblical Lexicography Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Practical Lexicography
This session is devoted to the practical and theoretical task of lexicography, that is the essential art of compiling, writing critiquing and editing lexica. The session focus, as per the focus of this Program Unit is ancient languages relating to Biblical lexicography.

Reinier de Blois, American Bible Society
A Day in the Life of a Lexicographer: Semantic Analysis from a Cognitive Linguistic Perspective (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

Klaas Spronk, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit and Paul Sanders, Protestantse Theologische Universiteit
The Semantics of Ancient Hebrew Database: History and Future of an Ambitious Project (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

William A. Ross, Reformed Theological Seminary
Too Practical? Early Modern Septuagint Lexicography and Its Effects (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

Michael P. Theophilos, Australian Catholic University
Numismatic Evidence in Greek Lexicography (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

Milton Eng, William Paterson University
Lessons on Practical Lexicography in the Baker Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

S8-203
SBL Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section
1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Theme: Book Review Panel of Israel Finkelstein, Hasmonean Realities behind Ezra, Nehemiah, and Chronicles
Philip Yoo, University of Texas at Austin, Presiding
Deirdre Fulton, Baylor University, Panelist (20 min)
Diana Edelman, University of Oslo, Panelist (20 min)
Israel Finkelstein, Tel Aviv University, Panelist (20 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S8-204
SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Micah Kiel, Saint Ambrose University, Presiding
Paavo Tucker, Lipscomb University
What Does It Profit? Qohelet and the Commodification of Nature (30 min)

Dominic S. Irudayaraj, Pontificio Istituto Biblico
Destruction-Restoration Dichotomy in Isaiah 34–35: An Ecological Reappraisal (30 min)

Rebecca Copeland, Boston University School of Theology
Blessing the Fig Tree: Redeeming Nonconforming Bodies in Matthew 21:18–22:14 (30 min)

Jung Ae Kim, Drew University
Give Me a Drink of Water: Eco-feminist Reading of John 4 (30 min)

S8-205
SBL Greco-Roman Religions Section
1:00 PM–2:15 PM
Theme: Interpreting Greek and Roman ‘Religions’ in Context in the Mediterranean World
Papers will not be read in the online session. The presentations will be available before the session on the following channel: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1550425748497548/ Papers will be available beforehand and can be requested from the program unit chair, Gerhard van den Heever, vdheeva@unisa.ac.za. The online session will only consist of the discussion of the papers. The session program lists the presenters and their paper topics as they would have appeared on the original program book.

Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa, Presiding
Ranjani Atur, University of California-Santa Barbara
Seeing Is Believing: Considering Viewership in Ancient Greek Religion via Indian Darian (1 min)

Patrick Stange, University of Toronto
Phrygian Confessions: The Vita Abercii and the Epigraphic Habit of Confession (1 min)

Frederick E. Brenk, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome
Investigating and Theorizing: The Small Artifacts in the Temple of Isis at Pompeii (1 min)

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P8-211
The Qur’an: Surah Studies (IQSA)
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Nevin Reda, Presiding
Shawkat Toorawa, Presiding
Halla Attallah, Georgetown University
Abraham’s Argument in Q 6:74–84: A Literary-Critical Examination of the Type-Scene in Sūrat Al-Anʿām (24 min)
Sohaib Saeed, Freiburg University
Surat al-An’am as ‘mufassir’ and ‘mufassar’ (24 min)
Jáchym Šenkyrík, Charles University
“wa huwa alladhī ja’alakum khālā ‘ifa l’arḍi...” (Q. 6:165): “Succession” (خلف) as a Major Theme of Surat al-An’am Regarding the Dialectics of the Inter-Communal Relations (24 min)
Samuel Wilder, Freie University Berlin
Chronology and “Transitional” Form: Sūrat al-Anʿām in the Late Meccan Corpus (24 min)
Adam Flowers, University of Chicago
The Qur’anic Treatise (24 min)

S8-212
SBL Transmission of Traditions in the Second Temple Period Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Transmission of Psalm and Prophetic Traditions
Anja Klein, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Collin Cornell, Sewanee: The University of the South
Pap. Amb 63 vi as a Missing Link in the Transmission of Royal Traditions (30 min)
Gary P. Klump, Marquette University
Ben Sira and the Psalms (30 min)
Drew Longacre, Qumran Institute, University of Groningen
The 4Q83 Psalter and the Missing Half of the 11Q5 Psalter (30 min)
Megan R. Remington, University of California-Los Angeles
From Ezekiel to Daniel: Reworking Hybrid Creatures in Visionary Literature (30 min)

S8-213
SBL Wisdom in Israelite and Cognate Traditions Section / Bible and Visual Art Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: A Celebration of Samuel E. Balentine and Discussion of His Festschrift, Seeking Wisdom’s Depths and Torah’s Heights
Contributors to Seeking Wisdom’s Depths and Torah’s Heights: Essays in Honor of Samuel E. Balentine (Smyth & Helwys, 2020) will reflect on their essays and the impact of Samuel E. Balentine’s scholarship. This session will close with remarks from Dr. Balentine.
Barry R. Huff and Patricia Vesely, Principia College and Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding (20 min)
E. Carson Brisson, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
Katharine J. Dell, University of Cambridge, Panelist (10 min)
Phillip Michael Lasater, Universität Zürich, Panelist (10 min)
William P. Brown, Columbia Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
Heidi J. Hornik, Baylor University, Panelist (10 min)
Samuel L. Adams, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
Marvin A. Sweeney, Claremont School of Theology, Panelist (10 min)
Heather Woodworth Brannon, Emory University, Panelist (10 min)
Mark E. Biddle, Independent Scholar, Panelist (10 min)
Samuel E. Balentine, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Respondent (10 min)

S8-214
SBL Women in the Biblical World Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Phyllis Bird, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Gender Distinction in Israelite Personal Names (20 min)
Jaime L. Waters, DePaul University
Women as Mourners and Prophetic Mediators (20 min)
Rachel Ofer, Herzog College - Mikhlelet Herzog
The Medium of Endor in Modern Hebrew Literature (20 min)

S8-215
SBL Writing Social-Scientific Commentaries of the New Testament Seminar
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Kathy Ehrensperger, Universität Potsdam, Presiding (5 min)
Philip Esler, University of Gloucestershire, Panelist (15 min)
Joel Green, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena), Panelist (15 min)
Aaron Kuecker, Trinity Christian College, Panelist (15 min)
Julia Snyder, University of Cambridge, Panelist (15 min)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

S8-300
SBL Women Student Members Networking Session
3:30 PM–5:00 PM
Theme: Building Resilience in the Academy and Beyond
Student Workshop with Maria Lamonaca Wisdom
Angela Harkins, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Presiding
Maria Lamonaca Wisdom, Duke University, Panelist

S8-301/A8-315
SBL Reading, Theory, and the Bible Section
4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Theme: A Thousand Readings: Theology and the Bible with Deleuze and Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus*, Forty Years Later
This session is co-sponsored with the AAR Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit.
Since its publication in 1980, Gilles Deleuze and Félix Guattari's *A Thousand Plateaus* has inspired a slow yet significant, tectonic engagement in biblical and theological studies. Yet, Deleuze and Guattari's potential for biblical and theological studies remains just as elusive as it may be vital. The papers in this session assemble a number of creative biblical, theological, and philosophical scholars thinking with alongside Deleuze and Guattari's work in general, and *A Thousand Plateaus* more specifically. Each paper in this session explores trajectories and potential connections Deleuze and Guattari's philosophical make for our present scholarly moment and speculate about how our moment(s) might yet become.

Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College, Presiding (10 min)
Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
*The 40-Year-Old Rhizome: A Limiting and Liberating Legacy* (25 min)
David J. Fuller, McMaster Divinity College
*Coding and Speech, Writing and Desire: Reading 2 Enoch with Deleuze and Guattari* (25 min)
D. Brendan Johnson, Duke Divinity School
*De-/Reterritorialization in Ezekiel: Eschatology, Prophecy, and the “Schizophrenic Physician”* (25 min)

S8-302
SBL African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Honoring Intellectual Ancestors: Cain Hope Felder and New Voices in African American Biblical Hermeneutics
Mitzi J. Smith, Columbia Theological Seminary
*Hair ‘On the Verge’: A Womanist Queering of 1 Cor 11:1–16* (20 min)
Justin Reed, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
*Xenophobia, Xenophobia, and the World behind the Text: Reading the “Others” in Genesis through Tinted Lenses* (20 min)

Terry Ann Smith, New Brunswick Theological Seminary and Janice McLean-Farrell, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
*Nurturing the Disruptive Voice: Reflections on Naaman's Slave Girl (2 King 5) and Cultivating the Voices of African American and Black Immigrant Girls* (20 min)
Charles V Gilmer, Duquesne University
*African American Biblical Hermeneutic of Justice and Princeton Seminary's Slavery Audit* (20 min)

Discussion (20 min)

S8-303
SBL Assyriology and the Bible Section
5:00 PM–6:45 PM
Theme: Literature and Cultus
Jeffrey Cooley, Boston College, Presiding
Elizabeth VanDyke, University of California-Los Angeles
*Designing the Golden Calf: A Reappraisal and Reinterpretation of Exodus 32:4a* (25 min)

John Day, University of Oxford
*Was the Biblical Flood Story Dependent on the Gilgamesh Epic or the Atrahasis Epic?* (25 min)

Benedikt Hensel, Universität Zürich
*Deporting God(s) and Demonstrating Power: The Ark Narrative(s) 1 Sam 4–6/2 Sam 6* as an Answer to the Assyrian Practice of Godnapping (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S8-304
SBL Bible and Practical Theology Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Intersections between Biblical Interpretation and Practical Theology
Deborah Appler, Moravian College & Theological Seminary, Presiding (5 min)
Kyoohan Lee, Calvary Presbyterian Church in Mesa, Arizona

Juan Marcelo Zanga Céspedes, Universidad Peruana Unión
*Perception of the #MeToo Movement from a Peruvian Perspective* (30 min)

Break (5 min)

Business Meeting (20 min)

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S8-305

SBL Christian Theology and the Bible / Matthew Section / Matthew Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Women Interpreters of Matthew’s Women
This session of invited panelists focuses on interpreting the women in Matthew’s Gospel, with a special emphasis on women interpreters and including interpretations from a theological perspective. Co-sponsored by the Matthew section and the Christian Theology and the Bible section.

Nathan Eubank, University of Notre Dame, Presiding (5 min)
Jeannine Brown, Bethel Seminary (St. Paul, MN)
Interpreting Gentile Women in Matthew: Misrepresentation, Misappropriation, and a Missed Chance (20 min)
Dorothy Jean Weaver, Eastern Mennonite Seminary
Women and Empire: A Study of Matthew’s Narrative (20 min)
Break (5 min)
Edith Humphrey, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Matriarchs, Mothers, and Mediation in Matthew (20 min)
Celia I. Wolff, Northwest Nazarene University
Dogged Faith: Matthew 15:21–28 in Literary Context (20 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S8-306

SBL Early Jewish Christian Relations Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Early Jewish–Christian Relations: State of the Field and Continuing Relevance
Thirty years after this program unit was inaugurated, this session features two kinds of papers. First, we have papers that assess the state of the field, suggest points of contact and points of departure, and elicit conversations about future directions for the study of early Jewish Christian relations. Second, we feature papers that put this work on ancient Jewish–Christian relations in conversation with modern violence and discourses of violence.

Susanna Drake, Macalester College, Presiding
Joshua Paul Smith, University of Denver
Locating Luke: Ta Ethné and the Authorship of Acts (25 min)
Eric Brewer, Baylor University
Jesus and Jesus on Banqueting Behavior: Luke 14:7–14 in Light of Sirach 32:1–2 (25 min)
David Leonhardt, Duke University
Befriending Nicodemus (25 min)
Aaron Ricker, McGill University
The Synagogue of Satan, Then and Now (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S8-307

SBL Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Jennifer Koosed, Albright College, Presiding
Jimmy Hoke, Luther College
Charity and Asexuality: Asexual Resonances around the Acts of Thecla (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Charlene van der Walt, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Moving beyond the Text as Slogan: Reading Genesis 19 in the Context of LGBTQI Lived Realities in African Faith Contexts (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Michael Rosenberg, Hebrew College
Miriam, Wisdom, and the Goddess in Rabbinic Literature (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Eric C. Smith, Iliff School of Theology
Queerer Meals: Agape, Potlucks, and Alternative Community (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
James E. Harding, University of Otago
The Threat of Male Rape in the Hebrew Bible (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

S8-308

SBL Redescribing Christian Origins Seminar
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Imagining/Inventing Christian Antiquity
Seminar session with papers exploring the question of how the category of “origins” has played a role in the history of scholarship on Christianity and how social interests have been served by origins-related discourses within early Christian social formations.

Matthew Baldwin, Mars Hill University, Presiding
Sarah E. Rollens, Rhodes College
Rethinking the Concept of Mission in Early Christianity (15 min)
Kevin McGinnis, Stonehill College
An Office without an Origin(s): Redescribing the Priesthood in Early Christianity (15 min)
M. David Litwa, ACU Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry
Theorizing Alternative "Gnostic" Christianities (15 min)
Meira Kensky, Coe College, Respondent (20 min)
Break (10 min)
Discussion (45 min)
S8-309

SBL Religions of Israel and Judah in Their West Asian Environment Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Simeon Chavel, University of Chicago, Presiding
Jessie DeGrado, Brandeis University, Panelist (20 min)
Madadh Richey, University of Chicago, Panelist (20 min)
Caryn Tamber-Rosenau, University of Houston, Panelist (20 min)
Heath Dewrell, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (20 min)
Phyllis Bird, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)
Discussion (10 min)

S8-310

SBL Student Advisory Board SBL Committees
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Turning Your Dissertation into a Book
Co-sponsored with the Professional Development Committee.
Whether you are just getting ready to write your dissertation, have recently submitted it, or long ago completed it, the prospect of revising your dissertation into a book can be daunting. Ph.D. students and early career scholars are more aware than ever of the need to turn their dissertations into published books. To help demystify this process, SBL’s Student Advisory Board and Professional Development Committee have brought together editors from university and independent presses to share their tips for successfully revising your dissertation into a monograph and landing a publishing contract. The panelists will share their perspectives on how to make your dissertation a viable book project, what makes a great book proposal, and how to approach a press about your project.

Camille Angelo, Yale University, Presiding
Ian Nelson Mills, Duke University, Presiding
Angela Zautcke, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Jennifer Banks, Yale University Press, Panelist
James Ernest, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co, Panelist
Elaine Maisner, University of North Carolina Press, Panelist
Kyle Smith, University of Toronto, Panelist
Kyle Wagner, University of Chicago Press, Panelist

S8-401

SBL Intertextuality in the New Testament Section
7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Theme: Intertextuality in the Epistles
Isaac Morales, Providence College (Rhode Island), Presiding
Paul T Sloan, Houston Baptist University
Blood on the Hilasterion: The Renewed Cult in Ezek 43:20 and Rom 3:25 (19 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Zane McGee, Emory University
An Accusation of Divine Abandonment: Making Sense of the Citation of Ps 44:23 in Romans 8. (19 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Xiaxia Xue, China Graduate School of Theology
Paul’s Concept of the Messiah in the Letter to the Romans: An Intertextual Analysis (19 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Nathan Porter, Duke University
Cyrus the Great as the God of Israel in Isaiah 45: The Intertextual Christology of Philippians 2:5–11 (19 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Julie M. Leyva, Duke University
God Said It Where? Tracing a Mystery Citation in Hebrews 13 (19 min)
Discussion (5 min)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

S9-101

SBL Archaeology of Roman Palestine Consultation
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Book Review Panel: Khirbet Qumran and Ain Feshkha IV
A: Qumran Cave 11Q: Archaeology and New Scroll Fragments
Matthew Grey, Brigham Young University, Welcome (5 min)
Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta, Introduction (5 min)
Dennis Mizzi, University of Malta, Presiding
George Brooke, University of Manchester, Panelist (20 min)
Jurgen Zangenberg, Leiden University, Panelist (20 min)
Sidnie White Crawford, University of Nebraska - Lincoln, Panelist (20 min)
Lawrence Schiffman, New York University, Panelist (20 min)
Marcello Fidanzio, Facoltà Teologia Lugano, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)
S9-102

SBL Chronicles-Ezra-Nehemiah Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Christopher Jones, Washburn University, Presiding
Kaz Hayashi, Baylor University
The Angel of YHWH Wielding a Sword: The Iconographical Background of 1 Chronicles 21 (20 min)
Lacy K. Crocker Papadakis, University of Miami and Baylor University
Chronicles and Sacred Space: An Account of Solomon’s Temple Sans Windows (20 min)
D. Allen Hutchison, Stellenbosch University
A Blameworthy Burial: A Methodology and Case Study for Inner-Biblical Allusion in 2 Chr 16:14 (20 min)
R. Jarrett Van Tine, University of St. Andrews
The Reception of Chronicles by the Author of the First Gospel: The Kingdom of Heaven as the Restored Cultic Empire (20 min)
Jason A. Staples, North Carolina State University
Shouts of Joy Mixed with Weeping in a City with Walls: The Failed Restoration(s) of Ezra-Nehemiah (20 min)
P. Cizek, Marquette University
Finding Deuteronomy’s Law of Vows in the Mouth of Zerubbabel (20 min)

S9-103

SBL Ethiopic Bible and Literature Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: Ethiopian Canon, Bible, and Interpretation

Curt Niccum, Abilene Christian University, Presiding
Nebeyou Alemu Terefe, Wycliffe Ethiopia
The Term Cush and Its Appropriation in the Andemta Commentary Tradition (20 min)
Jeremy R. Brown, Catholic University of America
Foundations of a Genre: The Early Corpus of the Ethiopic Miracles of Mary (20 min)
Ralph Lee, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Faculty of and Steve Delamarter, George Fox University
The Oldest Extant Versions of Ethiopic Deuteronomy (20 min)
Daniel Assefa, The Research Center, Ethiopia
A Bilingual Edition of the Book of the Ezekiel (20 min)
Garry Jost, Textual History of the Ethiopian Old Testament
Ethiopic Obadiah: Methodology and Analysis (20 min)
Christian Seppänen, University of Helsinki
Translator’s Additions in the Ethiopic Bible in 2 Sam 1–9 (20 min)

S9-104

SBL John’s Apocalypse and Cultural Contexts Ancient and Modern Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: Material Culture, Place, and Space

Michelle Fletcher, King’s College London, Presiding
Jonathan Groce, Emory University
Barbarian Empire: Reading Revelation 13 at the Great Altar of Pergamon (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Andrew R. Guffey, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
The Missing Image: Imagining the Divine in the Book of Revelation, Other Jewish Visionary Texts, and Their Material Environments (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Ross E. Winkle, Pacific Union College
(Re)Speaking of the Altar: Animate Architecture in the Heavenly Temple in Rev 16:7 (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Yevgeniy Runkevich, University of California-Santa Barbara
Re-centering Patmos (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Jamie Davies, Trinity College, Bristol
Reading the Apocalypse with Christopher Nolan (20 min)
Discussion (4 min)

S9-105

SBL LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Laurel Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary, Presiding
Christopher B. Zeichmann, University of Toronto
Discussion (5 min)
Kerry Carnahan, University of Connecticut
“I Was Asleep, I Was a Kind of Sleep”: The Song of Songs’ Trans Shulamit (25 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S9-106

SBL Linguistics and Biblical Hebrew Seminar
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

All papers will be read and discussed. Everyone is welcome.

Matthew Anstey, Flinders University
Qatal: The Perfect Perfective (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Young Bok Kim, University of Chicago
Free Forms of Address and the Cases of Expressive Shift in Biblical Hebrew (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Vasile Condrea, Dublin City University
Reclaiming Harald Weinrich’s Text-Linguistics: The Syntax of Genesis 24 as Test Case (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

David E. S. Stein, Freelance Editorial Services
The Hebrew Noun ‘îš as a Marker of Consequential Participation (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S9-107

SBL Novum Testamentum Graecum: Editio Critica Maior Seminar
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: The Editio Critica Maior of the Gospel according to Mark

Tommy Wasserman, Ansgar Teologiske Høgskole, Presiding (5 min)

Holger Strutwolf, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
Textual Decisions in the ECM of Mark (25 min)

Elizabeth Shively, University of St. Andrews
A Response to the Proposed Textual Changes in the ECM of Mark (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

Katharina Schröder, Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung
The Coptic Tradition in the ECM: Developments, Achievements, Prospect (20 min)

David Vasquez, Institut für Neutestamentliche Textforschung
An Investigation into the New Testament Citations of the Gospel of Mark Found in the Works of the Early Church Fathers (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

S9-108

SBL Scripture and Paul Seminar
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: 2 Corinthians

Roy Ciampa, Samford University, Presiding (15 min)

Paul B. Duff, The George Washington University
Paul, Moses, and the Glory of God in 2 Corinthians 3 (35 min)

James Scott, Trinity Western University
2 Corinthians 3–4 and the Language of Creation: The Citation of Gen 1:3 in 2 Cor 4:6 (35 min)

B. J. Oropeza, Azusa Pacific University
Reconciliation in “Light” of the New Creation: Confirming Isaianic Influence on Paul’s Use of καταλλαγή in 2 Corinthians 5:17–21 (35 min)

S9-109

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions / Greco-Roman Religions Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Fur, Feathers, Paws, and Gods; Animals in Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Daniel Schowalter, Carthage College, Presiding
Jeffrey Brod, California State University – Sacramento
The Motif of Docility in Cyclic Animals of Mediterranean Antiquity (20 min)

Carolina Lopez-Ruiz, Ohio State University
A Boat-Eating Lion? An Afterlife Motif Found in a Tartessian Ivory and its Phoenician Comparanda (20 min)

Ilona Rashkow, Stony Brook University
Monsters in the Ancient Near East: A Bridge between the Terrestrial and the Divine (20 min)

Jordan D. Rosenblum, University of Wisconsin-Madison
“A Courtyard of a Non-Jew . . . Is Like a Cattle-Pen”: The Human Other as Non-human Animal in Rabbinic Literature (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Business Meeting (10 min)

S9-110

SBL Synoptic Gospels Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Review of Matthew Thiessen, Jesus and the Forces of Death: The Gospels’ Portrayal of Ritual Impurity within First-Century Judaism (Baker 2020)

Abraham Smith, Perkins School of Theology Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Matthew Thiessen, McMaster University, Introduction (10 min)

Roy Gane, Andrews University, Panelist (20 min)

Loren Stuckenbruck, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Panelist (20 min)

Angela Harkins, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, Panelist (20 min)

Anders Runesson, University of Oslo, Panelist (20 min)

Matthew Thiessen, McMaster University, Respondent (15 min)

Discussion (15 min)
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P9-111

The Qur’an and the Biblical Tradition (IQSA)
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: Session II

Elon Harvey, The University of Chicago
Q 18:39b, the Ḥawqala, and Zech. 4:6b (24 min)

Zishan Ghaffar, University of Paderborn
Counterfactual Intertextuality in the Qur’an and the Exegetical Tradition of Syriac Christianity (24 min)

Johanne Louise Christiansen, University of Southern Denmark
“God Is Teaching You (wa-yuʿālimukumu llāhu)” (Q 2:282): On Teachers and Their Roles in the Qur’an and the Hebrew Bible (24 min)

Saqib Hussain, Oxford University
The Qur’anic Decalogue in Light of Early-Jewish and Patristic Literature (24 min)

Tugrul Kurt, University of Frankfurt
Early Muslim Exegetes’ Injil Criticism: A Case of taḥrīf? Socio-political Dynamics of Proving Identity (24 min)

S9-112

SBL Women in the Biblical World Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: Women in the Biblical Legal Codes

Kelsey Spinnato, Southern Methodist University
Ruth and the Interpretation of Biblical Law (20 min)

Sarah Cook, University of Georgia
Exclusive Laws with Symmetrical Punishments: Is the Bītālāb of Deuteronomy 22 a Kind of Bat Sōreret? (20 min)

Carmen Palmer, Martin Luther University College
Searching for an Inclusive Approach to Biblical Laws Relating to Women: Using the Dead Sea Scrolls as a Comparative Tool (20 min)

Kelsi Morrison-Atkins, Harvard University
Performing Piety: “Dress Codes” and the Construction of Gender in 1 Timothy (20 min)

Ekaterina Kozlova, London School of Theology
An Indecent Proposal or a Ritualized Quest for Survival? The Threshing Floor Episode in Ruth 3 Reconsidered (20 min)

S9-201

SBL Ancient Fiction and Early Christian and Jewish Narrative Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Christy Cobb, Wingate University, Presiding
Jeannie Sellick, University of Virginia
Virgin Acts: Blinding, Castration, and the Violence of Male Chastity (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

R. Gillian Glass, University of British Columbia
Goodness, Gracious, Great Swords of Fire! The Judeo-Hellenic Context of Military Scenes in Joseph and Aienath (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Katharine Fitzgerald, McMaster University
Trapped: Beauty and Sexual Violence in Susanna and the Elders (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

April Hoelke Simpson, Southern Methodist University
The Gods and (Dis)Honor: The Relationship between Divinely Caused Suffering and Honor in Metamorphoses, Callirhoe, and Mark (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S9-202

SBL Assyriology and the Bible Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Nuru Eššu eli Etemme Labruti

Rannfrid Thelle, Wichita State University, Presiding
David Danzig, Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York University
Shanati: A Project to Reconstruct the First Millennium BCE Ancient Babylonian Chronology to the Day (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Yuval Levavi, Universität Wien
Ghost Archival Patterns: The Generational Problem with Yahwistic Names (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Öyvind Bjørn, University of Texas at Austin
Of Brambles of Briars: Ecocritical Readings in Isaiah and Neo-Assyrian Royal Inscriptions (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Eric J. Harvey, Brandeis University
On Stumbling Blocks and Blind Pups: Blindness as Metaphor and Symbol in Hebrew and Akkadian Literature (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)
S9-203

SBL Biblical Law Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Shalom E. Holtz, Yeshiva University
Swearing by or in God's Temple: Implications of God's Own Oaths (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Or, Malka, Tel Aviv University
On the Meaning of hē'îd in the Hebrew Bible: Between Summoning Witnesses and Imposing Oaths (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Greg Church, Johns Hopkins University
When Law Becomes Ritual: The Defilement of the Land in Numbers 35 (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)
Robert D. Miller II, Catholic University of America
Orality and Performance in Biblical and Israelite Law (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

S9-204

SBL Book of Samuel: Narrative, Theology and Interpretation Section / Biblical Ethics Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Women and Violence in the Book of Samuel

David Firth, Trinity College - Bristol, Presiding
Ilse Muellner, Universität Kassel
Frightening Continuities: Reading Stories on Sexual Violence in the Book of Samuel Today (30 min)

Johanna W.H. van Wijk-Bos, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Breaking the Silence: The Violation of Tamar in 2 Samuel 13 (30 min)

Mariam Kamell Kovalishyn, Regent College, Respondent (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

S9-205

SBL Historical Geography of the Biblical World Consultation
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Administration in the Levant in the Persian Period

David Moster, Institute of Biblical Culture, Presiding
Peter Bedford, Union College, Presiding (5 min)
Peter Altmann, Universität Zürich
The Historical Development of Temple and State Administration in Persian-Period Yehud: Emphasizing the Extra-Biblical Sources (18 min)

Ryan A. Boehm, Tulane University
Achaemenid Administration of the Southern Coast: The View from Ashkelon (18 min)

Benedikt Hensel, Universität Zürich
The Administration of Samaria in the Persian Period and the Ethnic Identity of Its Population: A Perspective from the Material Evidence (18 min)

Hayah Katz, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee
The Upper Galilee during the Persian Period (18 min)

Yigal Levin, Bar-Ilan University
The Administration of Idumea in the Persian and Early Hellenistic Periods (18 min)


S9-206

SBL Jewish Christianity / Christian Judaism Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Rereading the Jewishness of Revelation

Annette Reed, New York University, Presiding
David Frankfurter, Boston University
Reframing the Book of Revelation as a Jewish Apocalypse (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)
John Marshall, University of Toronto
John's Apocalypse: "Jewish" or "Judean"? (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)
Rebekah Haigh, Princeton University
A Jewish War Scroll: Exploring Revelation as Performance (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)
Sarah Emanuel, Loyola Marymount University
Roasting Rome: Humor as Jewish Imperial Resistance in the Book of Revelation (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)
Elaine Pagels, Princeton University
"The Innumerable Multitude": Converted or Coerced? (15 min)

Discussion (9 min)
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**P9-206a**

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion  
1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
Theme: Women and Gender in the Qur'an  
The Qur'an features women and girl figures in accounts of human origins, in stories of the founding and destruction of nations, in narratives of conquest, in episodes of romantic attraction, and in incidents of family strife. Several figures leverage their kinship networks to the benefit of vulnerable male figures in distress. Moreover, sex, as a feature of embodiment and as an act of intimacy, factors into many Qur’anic narratives. In Women and Gender in the Qur'an (Oxford University Press, 2020) Celene Ibrahim considers major and minor figures referenced in the Qur’an, including those who appear in narratives of sacred history, in parables, in descriptions of the eternal abode, and in verses that allude to events contemporaneous with the advent of the Qur’an in Arabia. With reference to this book, the panelists discuss the construction of gender in the Qur’an.

- Zayn Kassam, Pomona College, Presiding (10 min)  
- Fatima Seedat, University of Cape Town, Panelist (15 min)  
- Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College, Panelist (15 min)  
- Rahel Fischbach, James Madison University, Panelist (15 min)  
- Nevin Reda, University of Toronto, Panelist (15 min)  
- Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College, Panelist (15 min)  
- Celene Ibrahim, Groton School, Respondent (15 min)  
- Break (5 min)  
- Discussion (15 min)

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**S9-207**

SBL Mark Passion Narrative Seminar  
1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
Theme: Gethsemane: Mark 14:26-42

- Thomas Shepherd, Andrews University, Presiding (5 min)  
- Holly J. Carey, Point University  
  *Abandoned by All? How Gethsemane Illuminates the Presence of the Father in the Passion Narrative (10 min)*  
- Brian Gamel, Baylor University, Respondent (10 min)  
- Discussion (30 min)  
- Business Meeting (60 min)

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**S9-208**

SBL Masoretic Studies Section  
1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
Theme: Masoretic Medieval Treatises and Traditions

- Elvira Martin-Contreras, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Presiding  
- Kim Phillips, University of Cambridge  
  *Shorthand Bible Manuscripts from the Cairo Genizah (30 min)*  
- Benjamin Ziemer, Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg  
  *The List of the Unique Words Beginning with פ as Clue for a Stemma of the Okhla Manuscripts (30 min)*  
- Nehemia Gordon, Makor Hebrew Foundation  
  *Text-Correcting Qere, Scribal Errors, and Textual Variants in Medieval Hebrew Bible Manuscripts (30 min)*

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**S9-209**

SBL New Testament Textual Criticism Section  
1:00 PM–3:00 PM  
Theme: Variants and Variant Carriers

- Juan Hernandez, Bethel University (Minnesota), Presiding  
- Elizabeth Schrader, Duke University  
  *Protecting Mary’s Virginity: An Overlooked “Western Non-interpolation” in Mark’s Gospel? (24 min)*  
- James W. Barker, Western Kentucky University  
  *Papyrus 43: An Intentional Opisthograph of the Johannine Epistles and Apocalypse (24 min)*  
- Peter Montoro, University of Birmingham  
  *Consistently Byzantine? The Romani Text of Saba 20 and the Textual Transformation of Chrysostom’s Exegetical Legacy (24 min)*  
- An-Ting Yi, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam  
  *Johann Jakob Wettstein and Codex Vaticanus (24 min)*

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**S9-210**

SBL Paul and Politics Seminar  
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

- Angela Parker, Mercer University, Presiding  
- Najeeb T. Haddad, Notre Dame of Maryland University  
  *Paul, the Colonized Colonizer: Reconsidering Counter-Imperial Interpretations of Rom 13:1-7 (35 min)*  
- Christina L. Bryant, Brite Divinity School (TCU)  
  *Politics and Domestic Violence in 1 Corinthians 4:14–21 (35 min)*

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**S9-211**

SBL Prayer in Antiquity Section  
1:00 PM–3:00 PM

- Eileen Schuller, McMaster University, Presiding  
- Atar Livneh, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev  
  *A Roman Exemplarity Discourse Meets Moses’ Prayer: References to Past Events in A.J. 4.40–50 (25 min)*
Samantha J. Scott, Marquette University
Failed Prayers of Lament in the Animal Apocalypse? Towards an Ideological Critique of the Efficacy of Second Temple Prophetic Literature (25 min)

Shlomo Zuckier, McGill University
Reciprocal Prayer in Rabbinic Literature (25 min)

Tyler Smith, University of Salzburg
Lord, Make Hate: The Greek Rhetorical Tradition and Prayers in the Greek Additions to Esther (25 min)

P9-211a

Qur’anic Exegesis: Unpublished and Recently Published tafsir Studies (IQSA)
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Kamal R. Ahmed, Princeton University
The Ta wllat abl al-Sunnah of Abi Mansur al-Maturidi (d. 333/944): Reconsidering Genres and Disciplines of Knowledge (25 min)

Conor Dube, Harvard University
More Thoughts on Tafsir and Its Genre(s): Considerations from al-Hakim al-Jishumi’s Tahdhib fi al-tafsir (25 min)

Zarif Rahman, University of Virginia
Al-Maturidi’s Typology of Waḥī: Towards a Nuanced Understanding of a Central Islamic Term (25 min)

S9-212

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions / Religious Competition in Late Antiquity Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Jesus Meets Asklepios: Healing and Medicine in Ancient Mediterranean Religion
Nancy Evans, Wheaton College (Massachusetts), Presiding (5 min)

Hanne Eisenfeld, Boston College
Pindar’s Asklepios and the Limits of the Possible (25 min)

Jennifer Larson, Kent State University Main Campus
Jesus and Asklepios: Cognitive Perspectives on the Miraculous (25 min)

Bronwen L. Wickiser, Wabash College
Agency: Medicine and Religious Authority in Galen and the Gospels (25 min)

Warren Campbell, University of Notre Dame and Marshall King, University of Notre Dame
Scripturalizing Alchemy: The Chemistry of Moses in Late Antiquity (25 min)

Discussion (20 min)

P9-213

The Qur’an: Manuscripts and Textual Criticism (IQSA)
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Shady Hekmat Nasser, Harvard University, Presiding

Alba Fedeli, Universität Hamburg, Presiding

Hythem Sidky, Independent Scholar
Consonantal Dotting in the Reading Traditions as Evidence of an Inherited Tradition (24 min)

Marijn van Putten, Leiden University
The Ibn Mas’udoid Text Tradition in Early Quranic Manuscripts (24 min)

Daniel Alan Brubaker, Rice
A Variant Quran: Further Discussion of the Text and Special Features of MS.474.2003 and Related Fragments (24 min)

Yasir Qadhi, The Islamic Seminary of America
A Re-examination of the Tradition of the “Seven Aḥruf” (24 min)

Discussion (24 min)
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S9-303

SBL Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Rebecca Bultman, University of Virginia
Finding a Character in a String of Characters: Using TEI to Support Digital Character Analysis of the Anthropomorphic Angels of the Jewish Novels (24 min)
Paul Robertson, University of New Hampshire
Applying Cosine Similarity to Paul’s Letters: Mathematically Modeling Formal and Stylistic Similarities (24 min)
Gregory Y. Glazov, Seton Hall University
Online Database of Scriptural Models for the Holocaust (24 min)
Robert Turnbull, Ridley College and Melbourne University
Analyzing Scribal Habits through Bayesian Phylogenetic Analysis (24 min)
Joey McCollum, Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University
The open-cbgm Library: Design and Demonstration (24 min)

S9-304

SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Papers from the Canceled 2020 International Meeting
This session contains some presentations that were accepted as local papers for the 2020 International Meeting in Adelaide before it was canceled.
Peter Trudinger, Flinders University, Presiding
Brian Kolia, University of Divinity
Qohelet and the Moana (Deep Sea): Futility in Diaspora? (30 min)
Ben Laie, Kanana Fou Theological Seminary, American Samoa
Jonah 2: Salvation from the Moana (Deep Sea) (30 min)

S9-305

SBL Hellenistic Judaism Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: On the Occasion of 50 Years of JSJ and 25 years of JSJS: What Is Hellenistic Judaism?
This panel, by invitation, takes the 50 years anniversary of the Journal for the Study of Judaism and the 25 years anniversary of its Supplements as an opportunity to ask a fundamental question relevant for these publications (and many others) as well as for this SBL section (and several others): What is to be understood by “Hellenistic Judaism”? Since Martin Hengel’s ground breaking Habilitationsschrift Judentum und Hellenismus, published in its first edition 50 years ago, scholars in Jewish Studies, Classics, and Biblical Studies have intensely debated the relation of Hellenism and Judaism opening up a wide range of interpretations, from suggesting different labels (such as Jewish Hellenism) to questioning the very existence of something like Hellenistic Judaism. The panel will bring together a variety of different approaches to the question.
Sarah Pearce, University of Southampton, Presiding (5 min)
Shaye Cohen, Harvard University, Panelist (15 min)
Maren Niehoff, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Panelist (15 min)
Sylvie Honigman, Tel Aviv University, Panelist (15 min)
Benjamin Wright, Lehigh University, Panelist (15 min)
Françoise Migney, Arizona State University, Panelist (15 min)
John Collins, Yale University, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (25 min)

P9-306

Institute for Biblical Research
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Research Group - Isaiah and Intertextuality
The IBR Isaiah group is part of a multi-year project in the general theme of Isaiah, Intertextuality, and the Old Testament. In 2020, the group is exploring intertextual links between Isaiah and the Nevi’im, with four invited papers. For more information, see the IBR website at www.ibr-bbr.org or contact Andrew Abernethy (andrew.abernethy@wheaton.edu) or Wilson de Angelo Cunha (wilsoncunha@letu.edu).
Andrew Abernethy, Wheaton College (Illinois), Presiding
Wilson de Angelo Cunha, LeTourneau University, Presiding
Hugh G. M. Williamson, University of Oxford
Isaiah and Jeremiah (25 min)
Beth M. Stovel, Ambrose University College and Seminary
Of King and Coal, Hearing and Hardening: Ezekiel’s Intertextual Use of Isaiah in Conceptualizing Divine Presence and Prophetic Call (25 min)
Alphonso Groenewald, University of Pretoria
Social Justice versus Cult Criticism in Isaiah (1:10–20) and Amos (5:21–24)? A Trauma Perspective (25 min)
Mark Boda, McMaster Divinity College
Isaiah in Zechiari: Assyria and Babylon in the Redemptive Plan for Zion (25 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S9-307

SBL Philo of Alexandria Seminar
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Philo’s “On the Life of Moses”
David Runia, Australian Catholic University, Presiding
Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School
How to Structure a Bios: Philo’s Life of Moses (25 min)
A. Judith Göppinger, Universität Bern
Two Approaches to One Theme: Moses in Philo and Josephus (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)
René Bloch, Universität Bern - Université de Berne
De vita Mois 2.31–44: A Sample Commentary (25 min)
Katell Berthelot, CNRS (National Center for Scientific Research)
Philo on the Superiority and Universality of the Torah in De vita Mois 2.12–24: The Significance of Philo’s Roman Context (25 min)
Discussion (10 min)

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S9-309

SBL Redescribing Christian Origins Seminar
5:00 PM–6:00 PM
Theme: Business Meeting
Business meeting to discuss Redescribing Christian Origin Seminar.

S9-310

SBL Religious Experience in Antiquity / Lived Religiousness in Antiquity Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Catherine Playoust, University of Divinity, Presiding (4 min)
Reed Carlson, United Lutheran Seminary
Attending Bodies: “Learning to Be Affected” by Spirits in Biblical Literature (24 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Eric M. Trinka, James Madison University
Cultures of Mobility and Lived Religion in the Ancient World (24 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Rebecca Harris, Messiah College
Living in the Liminal: Accessing the Divine in Qumran Religious Practice (24 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Graden Wayne Dahlberg, Oblate School of Theology
Memory in the Desert: Anamnesis as Active Presence (24 min)
Discussion (5 min)

P9-311

Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Viewing Iconic Texts
SCRIPT fosters academic discourse about the social functions of books and texts that exceed their semantic meaning and interpretation, such as their display as cultural artifacts, their ritual use in religious and political ceremonies, their performance by recitation and theater, and their depiction in art.
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding
Jonathan Homrighausen, Duke University
Scribing an Iconic Text: An Experiential, Performative Approach to Writing Mezuzot (30 min)
Juan E. Campo, University of California Santa Barbara
Talismanic Significance of the Qur'an in the Mansions of Ottoman Cairo (30 min)
Yael Landman, University of Pennsylvania; Gorgias Press
A Lost Cause? Unpacking the Bible’s Lost Property Laws (20 min)
Nicholas J. Campbell, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Prohibited Mixtures: A Comparative Interpretation (20 min)

S9-312

SBL Strategies for Minoritized Scholars to Succeed
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
In spite of significant efforts and achievements, minoritized scholars often face obstacles to professional growth and success. In this round table format session, minoritized scholars will discuss strategies for succeeding in the academy and the networks that can be helpful in the process. The session is jointly sponsored by the Committee on Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession (CUREMP) and the Professional Development Committee.
Ronald Charles, St. Francis Xavier University, NS, Canada, Presiding
Gay Byron, Howard University, Panelist (18 min)
Mary Foskett, Wake Forest University, Panelist (18 min)
Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross, Panelist (18 min)
Jean-Pierre Ruiz, Saint John's University, Panelist (18 min)
Vincent Wimbush, Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Panelist (18 min)
Discussion (30 min)

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S10-101

SBL Biblical Law Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Dylan R. Johnson, University of Zürich
Divine Law or the Law of the King? The Emergence of the Mesopotamian Collection Genre (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Matthias Hopf, Universität Zürich
Customary Law and Authoritarian Law: Some Considerations of Semantic Differences and Legal Concepts in the Hebrew Bible (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Yael Landman, University of Pennsylvania; Gorgias Press
A Lost Cause? Unpacking the Bible’s Lost Property Laws (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Nicholas J. Campbell, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
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Discussion (5 min)
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S10-102

SBL Intertextuality in the New Testament Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Intertextuality in the Gospels
Julie Newberry, Wheaton College (Illinois), Presiding
Marc Groenbech-Dam, University of Aberdeen
Intertextual Interplay in Matt 21:1–5: The Ironic Narrative Implications of a Proposed Allusion and Double Allusion to 2 Sam 16:1–2 (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Reed Metcalf, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)
Fire and Water: Luke’s Use of Judgment and Repentance Texts in the Book of Ezekiel (20 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Bruce Henning, Emmaus Bible College
Discussion (5 min)
Nicholas J. Schaser, Macalester College
Reversing Eden: The Intertextual Inversion of Genesis 1–3 in John’s Passion (20 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S10-103

SBL Literature and History of the Persian Period Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Food in Crisis: In light of COVID 19, the Meals in the HB/OT and Its World unit will host a virtual panel and open discussion on meals/food in times of crisis in ancient Israel and the Hebrew Bible
Dorothea Erbele-Kuester, Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz, Presiding (5 min)
Peter Altmann, Universität Zürich
The Sword, Plague, and Hunger: Covid through the Eyes of Jeremiah (15 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Michelle Stinson, Simpson University
Food and the Poetics of Community Lament (15 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Stephen Reed, University of Jamestown
Food Security and Egypt in the Pentateuch (15 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Margaret Cohen, W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research
Pandemic Planting and Cultic Cultivation (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)

S10-104

SBL Meals in the HB/OT and Its World Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
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Discussion (15 min)

S10-105

SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Commentary on Radcliffe Edmonds, Drawing Down the Moon: Magic in the Ancient Greco-Roman World
Kimberly Stratton, Carleton University, Introduction (10 min)
Shannon Grimes, Meredith College
Alchemy in Edmonds’s Drawing Down the Moon (20 min)
James R. Davila, University of St. Andrews
Magic in the Ancient Greco-Roman and Ancient Jewish Worlds (20 min)
Greg Shaw, Stonehill College
Ancient Magic, Theurgy, and Philosophy (20 min)
Naomi Janowitz, University of California-Davis
Erotic Love Magic and the Problem of Female Agency (20 min)
Radcliffe Edmonds, Bryn Mawr College, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (15 min)
S10-106

SBL Redescribing Christian Origins Seminar
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Intersections with Material Culture: Presence and Absence**
Seminar with papers exploring the ways that discourses in and on material culture can contribute to our data sets, theories, and methods in the study of early Christianity.

Matthew Baldwin, Mars Hill University, Presiding
Caroline Johnson Hodge, College of the Holy Cross
“My God and the God of This House”: Christian Household Cult before Constantine (15 min)
Jennifer Eyl, Tufts University
*Pistis in Philo, Paul, and Josephus* (15 min)
Daniel Ullucci, Stonehill College
Funding Spiritual Offerings: Wealth and the Spread of Early Christianity (15 min)
Nicola Lewis, Claremont Graduate University, Respondent (20 min)

Break (10 min)

Discussion (45 min)

S10-107

SBL Scripture and Paul Seminar
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **2 Corinthians and Philippians**

Edith Humphrey, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Presiding (15 min)
David Starling, Morling College,
*Scripture, Equality, and Redistribution in 2 Corinthians 8:15* (35 min)
Jane Lancaster Patterson, Seminary of the Southwest
*Philippians and the Fragrant Offering of the Gentiles* (35 min)
Erik Waaler, NLA University College
*Philippians 2:9–16: Who Is the Lord of the Eschaton, Whose Name Is above Every Name?* (35 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S10-108

SBL Syriac Studies Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Religious Diversity in the Late Antique Syriac East**

Jeff Childers, Abilene Christian University, Presiding
Daniel L. McConaughy, California State University - Northridge
*An Analysis of the Text of Acts in Paris Syriac 30* (24 min)
Shlomi Efrati, University of Haifa
*And Rested the Seventh Day*: Sabbath's Rest in Jewish, Hellenistic, and Christian Exegesis and Polemics (24 min)
Ethan Laster, Saint Louis University
*For the Love of the Son:* Death and Exemplarity in Jacob of Serug's *Memra on the Maccabean Martyrs* (24 min)
Laura Locke Estes, Saint Louis University
*The Shifting Hanpe in Syriac Christian Thought* (24 min)
Robin Darling Young, Catholic University of America
Evagrius of Pontus' Greek Letters, in Syriac (24 min)

Discussion (10 min)

S10-109

SBL Textual Criticism of Samuel – Kings Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Theme: **Critical Editions of Samuel-Kings**
This session presents collaboration between four critical edition projects on Samuel and Kings:


Biblia Hebraica Quinta (BHQ): A diplomatic edition of the MT with an extensive apparatus.


Hexapla Project: A critical online edition of the Hexaplaric material.

Kristin De Troyer, Universität Salzburg, Presiding
Craig E. Morrison, Pontificio Istituto Biblico
*The Younger Versions (Peshitta, Targum, and Vulgate) in the Critical Apparatus of the Biblia Hebraica Quinta in 1 and 2 Samuel* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Guy Darshan, Tel Aviv University
*Theological Alterations in the Text of Samuel and the Making of a Critical Edition* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Tuukka Kauhanen, University of Helsinki
*The Septuagint and the Hexapla of 2 Samuel* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

Andres Piquero Otero, Universidad Complutense de Madrid and Pablo Torijano Morales, Universidad Complutense de Madrid
*Editing the Lost: The Transition between 2 Kgs 10 and 2 Kgs 11 in LXX and HBCE Editions* (20 min)

Discussion (10 min)

P10-110

SBL The Societal Qur’an (IQSA)
10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Johanna Pink, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
*The Qur'an and Empire: Languages, Social Spaces, and Modes of Translation* (24 min)

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University
*Inscriptions of an Empire: Qur'an and the Imperial Visual Landscape* (24 min)

M. Brett Wilson, Central European University
*Inscriptions of an Empire: Qur’an and the Imperial Visual Landscape* (24 min)

Francesca Badini, Fscire

Margherita Picchi, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII
*A South African Tafsir of Praxis: Gender Based Violence in Claremont Main Road Mosque's Sermons (2013–2020)* (24 min)
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S10-111

SBL Transmission of Traditions in the Second Temple Period Section
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Theme: Diversity in the Transmission of Traditions
Dionisio Candido, Universität Salzburg, Presiding
Ariel Feldman, Brite Divinity School
 Transmitting Exodus and Deuteronomy in Tefillin and Mezuzot from Qumran (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Jessi Orpana, University of Helsinki
Changing Dimensions of Prophetic Figures (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Joshua Scott, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
Delineation of the Politics of Identity: The Textual Transmission of Isaiah's Enthronement Scenes in the Parables of Enoch (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)
Andrea Antenan Peecher, Princeton University
 Jewish Orphica: Reframing the Textual History of Jewish Pseudo-Orpheus (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

S10-201

SBL Bible and Film Section / Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Justice and the Marginalized: Biblical Reception in Film
Brandon R. Grafus, Ecumenical Theological Seminary
Us and the Tethered of Genesis (40 min)
Jeff Jay, Wabash College
Not So Good News for the Gay Jesus in The First Temptation of Christ (40 min)
Samaria Divine, University of Georgia
The Five Heartbeats: A Visual Reading of Psalm 137 (40 min)

S10-202

SBL Book of Psalms Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
This session will conclude with a brief meeting to discuss ideas for future Book of Psalms sessions. Those interested are welcome to join the conversation.
Christine Jones, Carson-Newman University, Presiding
Susanne Gillmayr-Bucher, Catholic Private University of Linz
The Many Facets of the Enemies in Ps 94 (30 min)
Discussion (10 min)
John Screnock, University of Oxford
Thinking Poetically with the Second Temple Scribes (30 min)
Discussion (10 min)
Business Meeting (40 min)

S10-203

SBL Cognitive Linguistics in Biblical Interpretation Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Karolien Vermeulen, University of Antwerp and Elizabeth Hayes, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)
Prototypes and Bible Reading: (Illustrated with) Good and Poor Examples (24 min)
James Duguid, The Catholic University of America
Nothingness and Theology in Isaiah 40–66 (24 min)
Bryan Elliff, University of California-Los Angeles
Rhetorical Recycling of Metaphors in Job (24 min)
Nicholas Bailey, SIL International
Translating “in Christ”: A Case Study (24 min)
Laura J Hunt, Ashland Theological Seminary
Time Mapping in Nursing Metaphors (24 min)

S10-204

SBL Deuteronomistic History Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Mahri Leonard-Fleckman, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding
Guangchun Chen, Zhejiang University
The Political Role of Queen Mothers and the Expansion of the Kingdom of Judah: An New Perspective on the ‘am ha’ares in the Book of Kings (25 min)
Jonathan S. Greer, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary
The Deference of Jeroboam in 1 Kings 12 and the Case for a Hezekian Edition of a Monarchic History (25 min)
Mark Lackowski, University of Notre Dame
Samson among the Deuteronomists? (25 min)
Timothy M. Wilis, Pepperdine University
The Rhetorical Function of 2 Samuel 7:13a* (25 min)
S10-205

SBL Greco-Roman Religions / Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions Section / Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions Affiliate

1:00 PM–2:15 PM

Theme: When Mediterranean Religions Intersect: Emerging Hybrid Discourses in Comparison

Papers will not be read in the online session. The presentations will be available before the session on the following channel: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1550425748497548/. Papers will be available beforehand and can be requested from the program unit chair, Gerhard van den Heever, vdheega@unisa.ac.za. The online session will only consist of the discussion of the papers. The session program lists the presenters and their paper topics as they would have appeared on the original program book.

Maria Doerfler, Yale University, Presiding
Pieter J.J. Botha, University of South Africa
Paul and the Goddess
Andrew S. Wade, University of Aberdeen
The Corinthian Ecclesiae among the Corinthian Temples: A Contextualization of Paul’s Temple Language in 1 Corinthians
Laura Carnevale, University Aldo Moro of Bari, Italy
Attending Sacred Places: Continuities and Discontinuities from ‘Paganism’ to ‘Christianity’ in Late Antique Michaelic Sanctuaries
Jeffrey Brodd, California State University - Sacramento, Respondent

Discussion (60 min)

S10-206

SBL Historical Geography of the Biblical World Consultation

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Assorted Topics

Chris McKinny, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, Presiding (1 min)
Ralph K. Hawkins, Averett University
Khirbet ‘Auja el-Foqa: An Iron Age Fortified City in the Jericho Valley (17 min)
Deborah Hurn, Avondale University College
Har Karkom, Mount Sinai, and the Exodus (17 min)
Aubrey Taylor McClain, Greenville University
The Promised Land of Genesis 15: Historical Geography and the Critical Spatial Approach (17 min)
Chris McKinny, Texas A&M University Corpus Christi and Deborah Cassuto, Bar-Ilan University
Looms on Location: Textile Production in the Shephelah and the Identity of Biblical Beth-ashbea (1 Chr 4:21) (17 min)
David Moster, The Institute of Biblical Culture
Crossing the Jordan River: North vs. South (17 min)

R. Steven Notley, Nyack College, NYC
Historical Geographical Evidence for the Identification of Bethsaida-Julias (17 min)
Philip Yoo, University of Texas at Austin
The Location of Kadesh and the Geography of the Pentateuch (17 min)

S10-207

SBL Israelite Prophetic Literature Section / Israelite Prophetic Literature Section

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Violence against Women and/or Children within the Prophetic Texts

Hyun Chul Paul Kim, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding
Anthony P. SooHoo, Pontificio Istituto Biblico
“May These Gods Be Our Witnesses”: Justifying Violence in Neo-Assyrian Sources and the Book of Deuteronomy (30 min)
Paba Nidhani De Andrado, Curry College
The Resilience of the Captive Girl Child in 2 Kings 5 (30 min)
Jason Anthony Riley, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)
Scorched Birth Tactics: The Eighth-Century Prophets and Rhetoric of Violence against Children in War (30 min)

S10-208

SBL Mark Passion Narrative Seminar

1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Theme: Psalms 41–43 in Mark’s Passion Narrative

Holly Carey, Point University, Presiding (5 min)
Jocelyn McWhirter, Albion College
ὁ παραδιδοὺς με: Messianic Exegesis of Psalm 41 in Mark’s Gospel (10 min)
Max Botner, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)

Break (10 min)

Jen Gilbertson, Eston College
Jesus Laments: The Significance of the Allusion to Pss 42–43 in Mark 14:34 (10 min)

Elizabeth Shively, University of St. Andrews, Respondent (10 min)

Discussion (30 min)
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S10-209
SBL Rhetoric and the New Testament Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Deception, Irony, and Other Rhetorical In(ter)ventions
Mark Given, Missouri State University, Presiding (5 min)
Daniel L. Smith, Saint Louis University
Israel in the Wilderness and Appius Claudius in the Forum: The Rhetoric of Exemplarity in New Testament Texts (15 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Nina E. Livesey, University of Oklahoma
Parousia in Pauline Epistolography (15 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Michael Kochenash, Hunan University
Subverting Literary Models to Incorporate Gentiles: “Radical Rhetoric” in Joseph and Aseneth and the Book of Acts (15 min)
Discussion (4 min)
Susan Benton, Baylor University
Discussion (4 min)
Roundtable Discussion (10 min)

S10-211
SBL The Historical Paul Section / Paul within Judaism Section
1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Theme: Paul as Pharisee
Heidi Wendt, McGill University, Presiding
Pamela Eisenbaum, Iliff School of Theology
Paul: The Once and Forever Pharisee (25 min)
Maren Niehoff, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Paul’s Interpretation of the Psalms: Between the Pharisees and Philo (25 min)
Jonathan Klawans, Boston University
An Elusive Identity: The Historical Paul and the Pharisaic Saul (25 min)
Matthew Novenson, University of Edinburgh, Respondent (15 min)
Discussion (30 min)

S10-212
SBL Ugaritic Studies and Northwest Semitic Epigraphy Section
1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Theme: Ugaritic Studies
Eric Reymond, Yale Divinity School, Presiding
Noga Ayali-Darshan, Bar-Ilan University
The Love of Baal for a Cow: Its Background, Dissemination, and Development in Ugarit (20 min)
Alison K. Hawanchak, Asbury Theological Seminary
When Women Go Hunting: A Reading of Aqhat’s Encounter with the Goddess Anat (20 min)
Eric McDonnell Jr., Emory University
Will Womankind Now Be Hunting? Constructions of Gender in the Aqhat Epic (20 min)
Discussion (10 min)

Discussion (3 min)
Jonathan Aurelius Mellison, Princeton Theological Seminary
A Text-Critical Proposal for Deuteronomy 32:43 (20 min)
Discussion (3 min)
Joshua M. Matson, Florida State University
What Does Cairo Have to Do with Qumran? Studying the Textual History of the Hebrew Bible Minor Prophets through the Dead Sea Scrolls and Cairo Genizah (20 min)
Discussion (3 min)
James Nati, Santa Clara University/Graduate Theological Union
The Qumran Rule Texts and the Ontology of Literature in Early Judaism (20 min)
Discussion (3 min)
S10-300

SBL Annual Business Meeting
3:00 PM–4:00 PM

S10-301

SBL Bible, Myth, and Myth Theory Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

- Austin Busch, SUNY Brockport, Presiding (5 min)
- Nathan Fredrickson, University of California–Santa Barbara

Myth, History, and Canon: Canon Creation in Ancient and Contemporary Texts and Contexts (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

- Jenelle R. D'Alessandro, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)

Anat and Judges 5 in Cognitive Linguistic Analysis: Deborah and Jael as a “Complex Heroic Blend” of the Úgaritic Warrior Goddess Anat (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

- Marshall Cunningham, University of Chicago

The Mythomoteur and the Construction of Diaspora Identity: The Case of Judeans in Egypt in the Sixth and Fifth Centuries BCE (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

- Stephen Young, Appalachian State University

Jesus, Myth, and Other Jewish Mythmakers (20 min)

Discussion (5 min)

Roundtable Discussion (15 min)

S10-302

SBL Children in the Biblical World Section / Israelite Prophetic Literature Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: Violence against Women and/or Children within the Prophetic Texts

- Kristine Henriksen Garroway, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, Presiding
- Daniel Smith-Christopher, Loyola Marymount University

From Family Hearth to God the Arsonist: The Politics of Fire in Amos (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

- Laurel Koept Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary

The Wife and Mother: Mercy for The Womb in the Divine Marriage Metaphor (25 min)

Discussion (5 min)

- Susannah M. Larry, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

"Who Has Borne Me These?" Surrogacy as Attempted Comfort in Deutero-Isaiah (25 min)

S10-303

SBL Early Christianity and the Ancient Economy Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

- David Hollander, Iowa State University, Presiding
- Katherine H. Burgett, Duke University

Choosing the Right Master: Negotiating Liminal Ownership in Plautus and Romans 6 (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

- Lyn M. Kidson, Alphacrucis College

Funding Widows in 1 Timothy 5: The Economy of Asia Minor and the Limits of Benefaction (30 min)

- Anna M. V. Bowden, Nazareth College

The Marble Economy of Ephesus (30 min)

P10-304

Institute for Biblical Research
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: Research Group - Linguistics and the Biblical Text

This research group will address topical and focused in both Biblical Hebrew and the Greek this year. Papers will provide a brief history of scholarship, including outstanding problems and some innovative view in the area of topical and focus for either Biblical Hebrew or Biblical Greek. Papers will also be posted online a month ahead of time, with a 20-minute summary to be given during the Research Group meeting, followed by a designated respondent and open discussion. For more information, see the IBR website at www.ibr-bbr.org or contact Elizabeth Robar (elizabeth.robar@gmail.com) or Will Ross (williamross27@gmail.com).

- William Ross, Reformed Theological Seminary, Welcome (5 min)
- David J. Fuller, McMaster Divinity College

Cohesion as a Criterion for the Pragmatics of Biblical Hebrew Word Order: A New Proposal (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

- Aaron Michael Jensen, South African Theological Seminary

Fronted Adjuncts and What They Teach Us about Information Structure (20 min)

Discussion (15 min)

- Travis Wright, University of Cambridge, Respondent (15 min)

Business Meeting (15 min)

S10-305

SBL Latter-day Saints and the Bible Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Theme: LDS Reception of Selected Biblical Texts

- Jill Kirby, Edgewood College, Presiding
- Joshua M. Sears, Brigham Young University

Deutero-Isaiah in the Book of Mormon: A History and Synthesis of Latter-day Saint Approaches (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

- Jonathon Riley, Catholic University of America

"Until the Cities be Wasted without Inhabitant": The Book of Mormon's Reception of Isaiah 6 (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

- Colby Townsend, Indiana University Bloomington

The Plainness of Isaiah Restored: Adam Clarke's Role in the Book of Mormon Quotations of Isaiah (30 min)

Discussion (15 min)

- Grant Adamson, University of Arizona

Mary and the Virgin Birth in the Age of Reason and Book of Mormon (30 min)
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SBL Prayer in Antiquity Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Praying with Attention to Materiality and Corporeality
Daniel Falk, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding
Tupá Guerra, Museu do Tribunal de Contas da União
Musical Prayers: The Use of Musical Instruments Associated with Apotropaic Prayers in 4QSongs of the Maskil and 6QpapHymn (20 min)
Daniel Eastman, Yale University
"Beat Your Head with Heartfelt Pounding before the Cross": Prayer and Cross Veneration in Late Ancient Monasticism (20 min)
Corine Milad, University of Toronto
Praying for the Body: Origen and Augustine on Corporeality and Daily Bread (20 min)
Michael Swartz, Ohio State University, Respondent (20 min)
Discussion (20 min)

S10-308

SBL Q Section
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Open Session
The first part of this session features papers that were accepted into the Open Session, and the second part is comprised of Sara Parks' and Harry Fleddermann’s review of Olegs Andrejevs’ new book Apocalypticism in the Synoptic Sayings Source, followed by a response by Olegs Andrejevs.

Giovanni Bazzana, Harvard University, Presiding
David B. Sloan, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Rethinking the Arguments for Q and the Criteria for Identifying It (20 min)
Lukas Weissensteiner, Graz University
Jesus and Violence in Q: An Exegetical Response to Theses of a Violent Jesus from Eisler to Aslan (20 min)
Break (10 min)
Sara Parks, University of Nottingham, Panelist (15 min)
Harry Fleddermann, Alverno College, Panelist (15 min)
Olegs Andrejevs, Loyola University of Chicago, Respondent (10 min)
Roundtable Discussion (20 min)

P10-309

The Forum on Missional Hermeneutics
5:00 PM–7:00 PM
Theme: Interrogating the Terminology and Grammar of ’Missional’ Hermeneutics
Traditionally, mission has been understood to involve efforts designed to expand, most often by conversion, the geographical and cultural reach of the Christian faith. Indeed, mission in this context has been understood as closely related to, or even synonymous with, evangelistic outreach and other initiating activities designed to bring non-Christians into the Christian fold. Biblically and theologically, however, such understandings are often profoundly reductionistic. With good reason, the word "mission" and related terminology have become deeply suspect and problematic for many within and beyond the Christian community.

In line with its commitments to critical engagement with biblical texts and to self-consciously rigorous assessment of its presuppositions, methodologies, and findings, the steering committee of The Forum on Missional Hermeneutics will sponsor a session dedicated to interrogating the terminology and grammar of "mission" and “missional” relative to the theory and practice of missional hermeneutics. Are there semantic options other than mission-terminology that would be preferable? What assumptions must be unpacked and examined? What is at stake in these terminological choices—biblically, theologically, historically, ethically, and hermeneutically? Should mission” terminology be jettisoned, or can—and should—it be salvaged? Six short, 10-minute papers, from a variety of perspectives, will introduce the session, to be followed by open-ended discussion.

John Franke, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Presiding (5 min)
Michael Barram, Saint Mary’s College of California, Panelist (10 min)
Dennis Edwards, North Park Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
Stina Busman Jost, Bethel University, Panelist (10 min)
Bo Lim, Seattle Pacific University, Panelist (10 min)
Lisa Bowens, Princeton Theological Seminary, Panelist (10 min)
John Franke, Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Panelist (10 min)
Discussion (55 min)
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Arts Series

Theme: Protest In Word and Music

The year of 2020 marks the 55th anniversary of Detroit’s Broadside Press, one of the country’s first black publishing houses, which co-launched the Black Arts Movement, and the 50th anniversary of Black Forum. The latter was Motown Records’ spoken word label that released material from the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., former Black Panther leader Elaine Brown, Huey P. Newton and Stokely Carmichael, to name a few. Together, these two entities provided outlets for a city in pain to cry out its woes and angsts through music and literature. During the tumult of the historic 1967 Detroit riot, the city was at a pinnacle stage of societal challenges, with white flight on the rise, urban blight and the loss of residential property reaching a peak, while black-owned businesses went up in flames, along with the morale of many of its loyal residents. This virtual exhibit looks at how art, in the form of literature and music, served as an avenue for espousing feelings of anger, frustration and dashes of hopefulness in the midst of an oppressed population in inner cities during a series of civil unrests. Through an exemplary exhibition of Detroit during the period of 1965 to 1970, the virtual exhibit reflects upon the impact of discrimination, racial suppression and inner city struggles for fair housing and employment. This exhibit is a mini virtual gallery of video from the riots, images and music from Black Forum and spoken word material from Broadside Press. Conveniently, some of the published authors on Broadside Press were released on Black Forum.

Panelist:
Marilyn Batchelor, Claremont Graduate University

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A29-100
International Connections Committee Meeting
Sunday, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM
Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University, Presiding

A29-101
Theological Education Committee Meeting
Sunday, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A29-200
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–3:00 PM
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

A29-201
Academic Relations Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–3:00 PM
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

A29-202
Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–3:00 PM
Evan Berry, Arizona State University, Presiding

A29-203
Regions Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–1:30 PM
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX, Presiding

A29-204
Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–3:00 PM
Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Presiding
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**A29-206**

Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts Workshop: Media Training and Work Outside the Academy
Sunday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Join the Applied Religious Studies Committee for this two-part workshop that will empower scholars of religion to communicate about their work in the public sphere. During the first session, a panel of experts will discuss the ways that several scholars of religion are engaging with the general public, emphasizing social impact. During the second session, panelists will join registrants in small groups to discuss registrants’ current projects. This workshop is designed for those seeking an opportunity to talk to experienced public scholars about reaching general audiences through various media. We will pay particular attention to challenges faced by scholars off the tenure track and outside the academy who are committed to communicating about the relevance of religious studies scholarship to interdisciplinary and general audiences.

Panelists:
Brad Braxton, Saint Luke’s School, New York

**A29-207**

Graduate Student Committee Meeting
Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

**A29-208**

Motherhood and Religion Workshop: A Comparative, Interdisciplinary, Matricentric Feminist Approach
Sunday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Pascale Engelmajer, Carroll University, and Florence Pasche Guignard, Université Laval, Presiding

The intersection of motherhood and religion remains rarely studied even within research on gender in religious studies. Yet, under the influence of matricentric feminism, topics on motherhood and mothering (as institution and experience) or parenting are being brought to the foreground in religious studies and in theology, with mothering (as institution and experience) or parenting often brought to the foreground in religious studies and in theology, with mothering (as institution and experience) or parenting often being approached as oppressive. Designed from a comparative and interdisciplinary approach, this workshop will also give an opportunity for networking to scholars, including emerging researchers, specializing in a variety of religious contexts and using different methodologies.

Panelists:
Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas
Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College

**A29-209**

Pandemic Rituals Workshop
Sunday, 1:30 PM–5:30 PM
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

This workshop will be concerned with rituals or ritualized practices linked with the Covid 19 pandemic and lockdown. Some new ritual practices, such as the daily 8 o’clock PM applause for health workers in France, are easy to identify. Others, consisting in subtle yet systematic shifts in behavior that reconfigure social relations (disinfecting, handwashing, masking, social distancing, the accelerated circulation of jokes and videos on the Internet, etc.), or in new forms of collective interaction (“virtual” classes or meetings), are more difficult to pin down. One of the theoretical issues raised by these new practices has to do with the differences that are worth making (or not) between habits and rituals, and more generally, between ceremonial performance and equally conventional everyday activity. How can taking these recently introduced Covid 19 related practices into consideration shed light on these questions and others? Panelists will provide detailed accounts of such practices from their own observations and self-observations, and offer speculative interpretations. All participants will be expected to contribute both material of their own and to get involved in discussions.

Panelists:
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico
Ronald L. Grimes, Wilfrid Laurier University
Barry Stephenson, Memorial University
Marika Moisseeff, The French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)/Laboratoire d’anthropologie sociale, Université Paris Sciences & Lettres
Tyson Herberger, Inland Norway University
Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études

This workshop will offer participants the opportunity to discuss their on-going work and to network with other researchers in religious studies or theology who focus on common research themes such as alternative forms of motherhood and mothering in religion, divine and human mothers, or (non-religious) feminist perspectives that consider both the patriarchal institution of motherhood and religion as oppressive. Designed from a comparative and interdisciplinary approach, this workshop will also give an opportunity for networking to scholars, including emerging researchers, specializing in a variety of religious contexts and using different methodologies.

Panelists:

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A29-210
Centers for Religion and Public Life Workshop: Continuing Collaborations
Sunday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM
Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham, Presiding
This annual gathering of leaders and members of our global network of centers working, in some capacity, on religion and public life seeks to find common cause, share best practices (and pitfalls), and discuss the future of our work and build strategic collaborations. The meeting is open to everyone who is involved in the leadership, management or support of one of these centers.

A29-211
Reading Religion Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Kimberly Davis, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

A29-212
Regional Officers Meeting
Sunday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX, Presiding

A29-213
Religion, Memory, History Unit Business Meeting
Sunday, 2:00 PM–2:30 PM
Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University, and Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding

A29-214
Tour: Mapping Malcolm’s Boston
Sunday, November 29, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Kayla Renée Wheeler, Xavier University, Presiding
This presentation will provide a virtual tour of my digital humanities project, Mapping Malcolm’s Boston: Exploring the City that Made Malcolm X. Participants will be introduced to sites within the Greater Boston area that were important to Malcolm X’s political development between 1941 and 1953. Through showing what these sites looked like when Malcolm X was alive and what they look like now, I will discuss the role that gentrification and urban renewal has played in shaping Black Muslim life in Boston. This presentation will also provide participants with tips on how they can engage in digital humanities and incorporate it into their classrooms.

A29-300
Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Sunday, 3:00 PM–6:00 PM
Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

A29-301
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
Sunday, 3:00 PM–5:00 PM
Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding

A29-302
American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) program of Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion (DoSER) Workshop: Racism and Anti-Racism in Science and Theology
Sunday, 3:30 PM–5:00 PM
Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
The Dialogue on the Science, Ethics, and Religion Program (DoSER) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) invites religious scholars to join us in discussing the role of racism in the past and present of science and theology. How have racist ideas affected the development of both scientific and theological thought, and how does that history affect how the intersection of the two subjects is discussed today? After presentations by several scholars on the topic, the panel will open a moderated discussion about pedagogies, practices, and goals for moving forward. Topics will include climate change, evolution, and public health. We hope to see you there!
Panelists:
Curtis Baxter, American Association for the Advancement of Science
Augustín Fuentes, Princeton University
Sharon Grant, Hood Theological Seminary
Melanie Harris, Texas Christian University
Terence Keel, University of California, Los Angeles
John Slattery, American Association for the Advancement of Science

A29-303
Publications Committee Meeting
Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

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A30–100
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit
Theme: Bodies Divine: Art, Agency, and Body in Daoist and Buddhist Images
Monday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
Aaron Reich, Saint Joseph’s University, Presiding
Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee
Ritual Assemblages: Esoteric Bodies and the Problem of Agency
Michael Naparstek, University of Wisconsin
About Face: The Body Multiple and Icon Agency in Zhou Jichang’s 周季常 (fl. 12th c.) “Lohan Manifesting Himself as Eleven-Headed Guanyin”
Ziyun Liu, University of Wisconsin
Truth of Daoist Visualization: Transforming Inner Alchemical Vision into Landscape Painting in Huang Gongwang’s 黃公望 (1269-1354) Nine Peaks After Snow
Responding:
Noelle Giuffrida, Ball State University

A30–101
American Academy of Religion
Theme: New Members’ Welcome and Virtual Annual Meeting Orientation
Monday, 9:45 AM–10:45 AM
Matt Vieson, American Academy of Religion, and Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
New (first-time) AAR members in 2020 are cordially invited to a welcome event hosted by the AAR Staff and Board of Directors, including a brief orientation to the AAR Virtual Annual Meeting.

A30–102
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Theme: Breaking the Guild Open
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
James Dennis LoRusso, Georgia State University, Presiding
Panelists:
Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

A30–103
Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Theme: Self-Promotion, Collective Promotion
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kathryn Phillips, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
In a time when presses are scaling back their marketing departments and the job market is as cutthroat as ever, many of us are being told to self-promote in whatever way we can. But what are the best ways to do this, especially for people without degrees in marketing? Which forms of self-promotion are effective and which backfire — and how is the line between the two shaped by gender, race, gender expression, sexuality, and other factors? How can we address these challenges through collective promotion of each other’s work, and what limitations might this approach have? This panel brings together women scholars from a range of positions in the academy for a practical conversation about promoting ourselves and our work in the 2020s.
Panelists:
Nyasha Junior, Temple University
Kimberly Majeski, Anderson University
Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University
Tammy Ho, University of California, Riverside
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology

A30–104
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit
Theme: Bonhoeffer’s Ethics
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Clifford Green, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Koert Verhagen, University of Saint Andrews
“Confessing its Dangerous Concessions”: Bonhoeffer’s Problematization of the Sacred Autonomy of the Church
Derek Taylor, Whitworth University
Resistance Beyond the Two Kingdoms: Can Bonhoeffer’s Theology of Resistance Speak Today?
A30-105

Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit

Theme: Joanna Macy and the Work of Our Time (Shambhala, 2020)

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, Presiding

Panelists:
- Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University
- William Edelglass, Barre Center for Buddhist Studies, Marlboro College
- Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College
- Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University

Responding:
- Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont
- Joanna Macy, Work That Reconnects Network

Business Meeting:
- Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy, and Sid Brown, University of the South, Presiding

A30-106

Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and History of Christianity Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit

Theme: Author Meets Critics: Celebrating Ronald Hutton’s Contribution to the Academic Study of Religion

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

David Frankfurter, Boston University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Michael Ostling, Arizona State University
- Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia
- Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University
- Chris Miller, University of Waterloo
- Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

Responding:
- Ronald Hutton, University of Bristol

A30-107

Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: Accountability as a Theological Virtue

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Aaron Griffith, Sattler College, Presiding

- C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University
  Accountability and the Fear of the Lord
- Andrew Torrance, University of St. Andrews
  A Baptismal Theology of Accountability

Responding:
- Brendan Case, Duke University
  “The Doers of the Law Will Be Justified”: Resolving a Pauline Dilemma
- Joanna Leidenhag, University of Saint Andrews

A30-108

Hinduism Unit

Theme: New Books in Hindu Studies

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Marko Geslani, University of South Carolina
- Hamsa Stainton, McGill University
- Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College
- Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma

A30-109

Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit

Theme: Movement Chaplaincy

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Micky Scottbey Jones, Faith Matters Network, Presiding

Panelists:
- Hilary Allen, Faith Matters Network
- Jennifer Bailey, Faith Matters Network

Responding:
- Aly Benitez, Faith Matters Network
- Kirstin Boswell Ford, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:
- Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University, and Michael Skaggs, Brandeis University, Presiding

A30-110

North American Religions Unit

Theme: Blackness, Indigeneity, and the Arts in North American Religions

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Samira Mehta, University of Colorado, Presiding

- Justine Bakker, Rice University
  Blue Humanities, Blue Religion
- Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto
  From Discovery Park to Pimisi Station: Public Art and the Spiritual Politics of Commemorating Colonial Violence and Indigenous Survivance in the City
- Janan Graham, Harvard University
  Cuts and Crossroads: Religio-Horror, Secularism, and the Supernatural in Black Cinema

Responding:
- Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College
- Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

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Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A30-112

Religion and Disability Studies Unit

Theme: 25 Years On: Re-Imagining, Expanding, Enriching Nancy Eiesland’s The Disabled God (Abingdon Press, 1994)
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Stephanie Addenbrooke Bean, Yale University
This Body Executed for You: The Crucifixion of Jesus and the Murder of People with Disabilities
Lisa Hancock, Southern Methodist University
Moving Beyond The Disabled God: Christology in Disability Theology
Lisa Powell, Saint Ambrose University
Queer Crip Christology
Miriam Spies, University of Toronto
Liturgical Imagination: Leadership of Ministers with Disabilities

Responding:
Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

A30-113

Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin, Presiding

Panelists:
S. Mark Heim, Yale University
Michelle Voss Roberts, Emmanuel College, Toronto
Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College
Catherine Keller, Drew University

Responding:
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

A30-114

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: Tillich and Health
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding
Kirk MacGregor, McPherson College
Tillichian Courage as Theologically Foundational to the Treatment of Obsessive–Compulsive Disorder
Taylor Thomas, Boston University
A Tillichian Analysis on Substance Abuse
Katharina Opalka, Evangelische Theologie; Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn
‘New Being’ After Crisis: Paul Tillich’s Contribution to Current Research on Resilience

Business Meeting:
Bryan Wagoner, Davis and Elkins College, Presiding

A30-115

Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar

Theme: Interreligious Reflections on Forced Migration: Memories, Histories, and Willful Ignorance
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Loye Ashton, Aoyama Gakuin University, Presiding
Kaia D. S. Ronsdal, University of Oslo
Borderland Religion and A World of Neighbours
Victoria Perez, University of Southern California
Borderland Religiosity: The Subversive Religion of Immigrant Communities
Bryan Ellrod, Emory University
The Bones in the Sonoran: Law, Violence, and the Political Afterlife of the Dead
Helen Boursier, College of Saint Scholastica
Examining the Role of Willful Ignorance and the Christian Church’s Silence on the Human Rights Violations at the US-Mexico Border

Responding:
Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University
Silas Allard, Emory University
Michael Canaris, Loyola University, Chicago
Kirsteen Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:
Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University, Presiding

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A30-200/S30-210
Theme: Cultural Evolution and Cognitive Historiography
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Rikard Roitto, Stockholm School of Theology, Presiding
Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University
The Cultural Evolution of Early Christianity via Prestige-Biased Transmission of Cooperative Norms
Petri Luomanen, University of Helsinki
Cultural-Evolutionary Analysis of the Reception of the Gospels of Luke and John
Ronit Nikolsky, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
The Rise of Rabbinic Judaism in Light of Cognitive and Cultural Evolution
Colleen Shantz, University of Toronto
Constructing Heaven: The Cultural Adaptation of Afterlife Belief
Jarkko Vikman, University of Helsinki
Mister Worldwide? Areal Prominence in the Prestige of Ephesian Religious

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
A30-201
African Religions Unit
Theme: Public, Political and Material Religions in Contemporary West Africa
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Emily Stratton, Indiana University
Jesus in the Apple Icon: Vehicle Decals and Ecologies of Value in Urban Ghana
James Kwateg-Yeboah, Queen's University
Framing Debates About Homosexuality in Ghana (2006–2018): The Multiple Modernities Paradigm?
Justice Anquandah Arthur, Pentecost University College
Religion in Public Spheres: Exploring Religious Education and Religious Diversity in Public Schools in Ghana
Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary
Theorizing the Local and the Global of Religion in the Niger Delta: A Pragmatic Account

A30-202
Buddhism Unit
Theme: New Work in Buddhist Studies
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding
Jeff Schroeder, University of Oregon
Is Buddhism Democratic? Discourse from Postwar Japan
Kati Fitzgerald, Ohio State University
No Pure Lands: Theological Understandings of Impurity from the Perspective of Tibetan Lay Women
Gilbert Chen, Towson University
The ‘Lustful Nun’: Sexual Transgression Committed by Buddhist Nuns in Nineteenth-Century Chongqing
Lang Chen, University of Michigan
Repressed Modern Buddhism? Gong Zizhen (1792 – 1841)’s Buddhist Thoughts and Praxis

A30-203
Christian Spirituality Unit
Theme: Spiritual Dimensions of Memory
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jessica Smith, United Methodist Church, Presiding
Nathan White, Institute for Faith and Resilience
Dangerous Memory? TBI, PTSD, and the Nature of Forgetfulness and Remembrance in Paul Ricoeur’s Thought
Michelle Marvin, University of Notre Dame
Writing as a Spiritual Practice for those with Alzheimer’s Disease
Business Meeting:
Beringia Zen, Saint Agnes Medical Center, and Margaret Benefiel, Shalem Institute For Spiritual Formation, Presiding

A30-204
Comparative Theology Unit
Theme: Jewish-Christian Comparative Theology: Engaging Ideas of Divinity, Love, and Eschatology
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Kristin Johnston Largen, United Lutheran Seminary, Presiding
Alan Brill, Seton Hall University
A Jewish Understanding of the Trinity
Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago
Can God love All of Us? Reading Origen’s Song of Songs Commentary from a Jewish Theological Perspective
Matthew Tapie, Saint Leo University
A Thomistic Reflection on the Biblical Eschatology of Nahmanides
David Maayan, Boston College
Hermeneutic Hope in Judaism and Christianity

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A30-205

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion

Theme: Bringing Back the Social into the Sociology of Religion (and Religious Studies) (Haymarket Books, 2019)

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Rebecca Catto, Kent State University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Katja Rakow, Utrecht University
- J.P. Reed, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale
- Fareen Parvez, University of Massachusetts

Responding:
- Veronique Altglas, Queen's University, Belfast

A30-207

Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

Theme: Women Shaping Theology and Religion in the Nineteenth Century: I

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology
- "Rahel Varnhagen as Radical Theorist of a Distributed Self"

Emilie Casey, Yale University
- Enfleshing the Spirit: Performances of Objecthood in 19th-Century Women Preachers

Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University
- Virginia Woolf, the Long Nineteenth Century, and the Ministry of Women

Responding:
- Thandeka Thandeka, Love Beyond Belief, Inc.

A30-208

North American Hinduism Unit

Theme: The Search for Communal Identity and the Making of Digital Hindu Publics in North America

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

Bhakti Mamtora, College of Wooster
- Digital Media and Religious Programming in the Swaminarayan Sampraday During the Covid-19 Pandemic

Venu Mehta, University of Florida
- From Digital Hindu Nationalism to the Construction of Material Hindu Identity: Facebook and Hindu International Student Communities in North America

Prathiksha Srinivasa, Harvard University
- Technical Traditions: Public Hinduism and American Secularism in Silicon Valley

Moumita Sen, MF, Norwegian Institute of Theology, Religion, and Society
- Why Hindu Techies Post: Tracking Islamophobia from Silicon Valley Back ‘Home’

Business Meeting:
- Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University, and Shana Sippy, Centre College/Carleton College, Presiding

A30-209

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: Psychology, Religion and Politics: Responding to the Coronavirus Pandemic and Presidential Election of 2020

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:
- John Blevins, Emory University
- Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theological Seminary
- Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Azusa Pacific University

- Technical Traditions: Public Hinduism and American Secularism in Silicon Valley
- Why Hindu Techies Post: Tracking Islamophobia from Silicon Valley Back ‘Home’
A30-210

Queer Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Queer Secularities
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Kori Pacyniak, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
  Marco Pflanzen, University of Alabama
  Sexuarilms
  Eric Stephen, Harvard University
  "To Excite Agreeable Sensations": The Knowlton Affair, the Victorian-Era Secularist Movement, and the Shaping of Sexual Subjectivities Within Modern Secularity
  Daniel Miller, Landmark College
  Secularization and the Queer Social Body

A30-211

Religion and Food Unit
Theme: New England, Thanksgiving, and the American Context
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding
  Jonathan D. Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College, Massachussets
  Myths, Micro-practices, and Identity in The American Civil Religious Meal Ritual: What's Cooking for Thanksgiving Now?
  William Schanbacher, University of South Florida
  Norman Rockwell, Alice Brock and Arlo Guthrie Walk into a Bar… What's on the Menu for Conversation?
  Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University
  'Not-so Forbidden Fruits': Wild Apples, Thoreau, and the Tasteful Sacrament of Healing
Responding:
  Daniel McKanan, Harvard University

A30-212

Religion, Memory, History Unit
Theme: Religion, Memory, and the State: Commemorating Power from Inquisition to Empire
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding
  Pamela Stevens, Graduate Theological Union
  Ghostly Effigies, Suspended Shame: Assemblages of Garments of Shame in Churches During the Spanish Inquisition
  Rubina Salikuddin, Bryn Mawr College
  Saintsly Shrines in Timurid Iran and Central Asia: Issues of State, Religion, and Collective Memory
  Maayan Raveh, Hebrew University, Jerusalem
  Witness in the Holy Land: The Formation of the Palestinian-Christian Narrative
  Verena Meyer, Columbia University
  The Agency of Memory: Modernism, Traditionalism, and Islamic Graves in Java
Responding:
  Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

A30-213

Ricoeur Unit
Theme: Ricoeur, Feminism and Intersectionality
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Hille Haker, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding
  Nathan Pederson, Loyola University Chicago
  Ricoeur, Opacity, and Intersectionality: Multi-Dimensional Pathologization of the Symbol
  Georg Kalinna, Georg-August-University Göttingen
  Concepts of Metaphors — Liberal-Feminist and Hermeneutical Readings of Paul Ricoeur and Their Consequences for a Concept of Religious Innovation
Business Meeting:
  W. David Hall, Centre College, and Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding

A30-214

Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Theme: Catholicism and the Formation of Conscience
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Katherine Dugan, Springfield College, Presiding
  Benjamin Peters, University of Saint Joseph
  "A Presumption of Injustice": Franz Jägerstätter, Gordon Zahn, and the Formation of Conscientious Resistance
  Kathryn Lilla Cox, University of San Diego
  Conscience as Metaphor: Breaking Open the Dialogical Nature of Moral Formation
  Mary Gratton, Villa Maria Academy
  Forming Consciences: A Modern Consideration for Conscience as a "Dimension of the Self"
  Marcus Mescher, Xavier University
  Toward a "Restorative Church": Moral Injury, Conscience Formation, and Restorative Justice in Response to Clergy Sexual Abuse
Responding:
  Peter Cajka, University of Notre Dame

A30-215

Exploratory Session: A Public-Focused Religious Studies
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Sandra L. Gravett, Appalachian State University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University
  Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University
  Anandi Silva Knuppel, Lawrence University
  Amanda Mbuvi, High Point, University
  Brian K. Pennington, Elon University
  Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
  Joseph Witt, Mississippi State University
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P30-200
Manchester Wesley Research Centre
Theme: Global British Methodism and Nonconformity in the 19th and Early 20th Centuries
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Geordan Hammond, Nazarene Theological College, and David Bundy, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding
This session highlights the research of recent Visiting Research Fellows of the Manchester Wesley Research Centre. The first presentation will focus on increasing global awareness in British Methodist hymnbooks published in the 19th century. A case study of the theological convictions on liberty and justice of six persecuted Methodist agricultural labourers who founded one of the first British trade unions in 1833 is the subject of the second presentation. The final presentation will explore Methodist and wider Nonconformist efforts to offer aid to persecuted Ottoman Armenians in the later 19th and early 20th centuries. Collectively the presentations serve as examples of the wide-range of research possibilities on Methodism that may be undertaken utilizing resources in the UK (particularly in Manchester).

- Alan M. Guenther, Briercrest College
  "Deserts shall rejoice with singing": Global Awareness in British Methodist Hymnody
- Ulrike Schuler, Reutlingen School of Theology
  Liberty and Responsibility in the Spirit of Wesley: A Case Study of Methodist Agricultural Labourers in the 19th century
- Stéphanie Prévost, Université Paris Diderot
  "Not being past feeling": Practical Christianity for Ottoman Armenians and International Conciliation (1894–1915)

A30-300
American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee Meeting
Monday, 3:00 PM–5:00 PM
Duncan Williams, University of Southern California, Presiding

Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A30-301
African Diaspora Religions Unit
Theme: African Diaspora Religion, Embodiment and Survival Amidst an Eshu/Legba/Anansi Moment
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Scott Alves Barton, New York University, Presiding
Carol Marie Webster, Columbia University
Fall/Rise...Repeat: Bringing Down Babylon, An Embodied Exploration of African Diaspora Spiritual Resilience as Warfare Against Oppression
Business Meeting:
Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver, Presiding

A30-302
Buddhist Philosophy Unit
Theme: Buddhism and Animal Ethics
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Geoffrey Barstow, Oregon State University, Presiding
Daniel Capper, University of Southern Mississippi
American Buddhist Ethics and the Search for Unknown Life Forms
Alka Arora, California Institute of Integral Studies
Toward an Integrated and Engaged Buddhist Vision of Animal Ethics
Rachel Pang, Davidson College
Dissolving Anthrocentrism through Impartiality: Shabkar’s (1781–1851) Contribution to Tibetan Buddhist Animal Ethics
Jeffrey Nicolaïsen, Duke University
Protecting Life in Taiwan: Can the Rights of Nature Protect all Sentient Beings?
Guangshuo Yang, Northwestern University
Protecting the Mind, Civilizing the World: Buddhist Pro-Animal Activism in Republican China
Geoffrey Barstow, Oregon State University
Re-Thinking Buddhist Perspectives on the Human / Animal Divide
A30-303
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit
Theme: On Brown and Yellow Labor: Immigrant Bodies in/and US Religious Traditions
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Jeremy V. Cruz, Saint John's University, New York, Presiding
Ashlee Andrews, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Labor Negotiations at the Home Shrine: Analyzing Bengali American Hindu Women's Home Shrine Care as Reproductive Labor
Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University
Orderly Bodies, Orderly Souls, Orderly Citizens: Reforming the Racialized Immigrant Through Physical Discipline
Francisco García, Vanderbilt University
Moving From the Table to the Streets: The Solidarity and Promise of Interfaith Organizing

A30-304
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Theme: Participation and Life in God
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Natalia Marandiuc, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Kirsten Guiédo, Indiana Wesleyan University
Participation, Theosis, and Deification, All Yes: A Modest Proposal
Charles Guth, Princeton Theological Seminary
To Share Life with God: Participation as Friendship
Eric Mabry, Christ the King Seminary
Représentatur et Efficitur: Sacramental Presence, Participation, and Meaning in the Life of Christ

A30-305
Gay Men and Religion Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit
Theme: Explorations of A Post-Queer Worldly Aesthetic
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Nina Hoel, University of Oslo, Presiding
Timothy Jones, La Trobe University
Being Ex-Trans in Australia? Gender in LGBT Conversion Ideology and Practice
Weijen Chen, Chicago Theological Seminary
Challenges to the LGBTQ-Identical Churches in Taiwan in the Post-Equal Marriage Era
Tristan Carwile, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Queer Eschaton: An Anti-Doctrine of Embodiment

A30-306
Religion in South Asia Unit
Theme: Lives and Afterlives of Texts: Translation and Reception of the Tiruvāymoḻi—Round Table Discussion of Endless Song: Tiruvāymoḻi by Archana Venkatesan
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Leah Comeau, University of the Sciences, Presiding
Panelists:
Sucharita Adhuri, Cleveland State University
Manasicha Akepiyapornchai, Cornell University
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Steven P. Hopkins, Swarthmore College
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington
Responding:
Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis
Business Meeting:
Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma, and Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary, Presiding

A30-307
Islamic Mysticism Unit
Theme: Theoretical Sufism and the Lived Human Experience
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding
Adam Tyson, University of California, Riverside
Religious Pluralism and the Philosophy of Wahdat al-Wujud in Bedreddin's Revolt
Mohammed Rustom, New York University, Abu Dhabi
Fallen in Love: Ayn al-Qudat's Satanology in Context
Arthur Schechter, University of Chicago
Nearness to the Real: Sainthood as Ontological Proximity in the Thought of Dawūd al-Qayṣarī
Elizabeth Sartell, University of Chicago
The Letters of Creation in Judaism and Islam
Kabira Masotta, Catholic University of Louvain
Spiritual Anthropology of the Border in the First Ascetics of Islam
Business Meeting:
Cyrus Zargar, University of Central Florida, Presiding
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A30-308

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Elizabeth Palmer, University of Chicago, Presiding
Panelists:
  Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin
  Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University
  Anthony M. Bateza, St. Olaf College
  Sigridur Gudmarsdottir, VID Specialized University
Responding:
  John D. Caputo, Syracuse University

A30-309

Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit
Theme: Guarding Virtue and/or Garnering Respectability: Holiness Dress Codes and Female Pentecostal Bodies
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Zachary Michael Tackett, Southeastern University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills
  Leah Payne, George Fox University
  Dara Delgado, University of Dayton
  Erica Ramirez, Drew University
  Kimberly Alexander, Regent University
Business Meeting:
  Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills, and Leah Payne, George Fox University, Presiding

A30-310

Political Theology Unit
Theme: Political Theology and Imagination
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Inese Radzins, California State University, Stanislaus, Presiding
  Maria Tedesco, Seattle University
  Travis LaCouter, University of Oxford
  Joseph Harroff, Temple University
  Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University
Responding:
  An Yountae, California State University, Northridge
Business Meeting:
  Inese Radzins, California State University, Stanislaus, and David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

A30-311

Reformed Theology and History Unit
Theme: Reformed and Always in Need of Reform
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University, Presiding
  Craig Meek, University of Edinburgh
  Chelsea Williams, Princeton Theological Seminary
  Henry Kuo, Greensboro College
Responding:
  Henry Kuo, Greensboro College

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A30-312  
Religion and Human Rights Unit  
Theme: Orthodox Christianity, Human Rights, and the State  
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding  
  Paul Ladouceur, University of Toronto  
  Ethno-Theology, Human Rights and Orthodoxy in Romania  
  Vebjorn Horsfjord, Inland Norway University of Applied Science  
  The Russian Orthodox Church on Human Rights, Dignity and a  
  Dignified Life — A Critical Analysis  
  Philip Lemasters, McMurry University  
  “Liberal Democracy, Human Rights, and Eastern Orthodox  
  Christianity”  
Business Meeting:  
  Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

A30-313  
Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit  
Theme: Roundtable: The Futures of Postcolonialism and Religion  
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding  
  Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
  Prea Persaud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
  Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston  
  Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary’s University, Halifax  
  Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College  
Business Meeting:  
  Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, and Prea Persaud,  
  University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

A30-314  
Teaching Religion Unit  
Theme: Building A “Public-Focused” Future for Non-Sectarian  
Undergraduate Religious Studies Programs  
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Sandra L. Gravett, Appalachian State University, Presiding  
  Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University  
  Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University  
  Anandi Silva Knuppel, Lawrence University  
  Andrew Monteith, Elon University  
  Amanda Mbuvi, High Point, University  
  Brian K. Pennington, Elon University  
  Joseph Witt, Mississippi State University  
  Cuong Mai, Appalachian State University

A30-315  
Vatican II Studies Unit  
Theme: Structural Reform for a New Epoch  
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Peter De Mey, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Presiding  
  Peter Folan, S.J., Georgetown University  
  “Concerns About 'Sharing the Concerns': A Critical Re-Examination  
  of the Office of Auxiliary Bishop”  
  Julia H. Brumbaugh, Regis University  
  Vatican II, Reform & Continuity of Tradition: As We have [Not]  
  Always Taught  
  Elyse Raby, Boston College  
  The Missionary Body of Christ: Merleau-Ponty and Postconciliar  
  Ecclesiology

P30-300  
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and  
Religion  
Theme: After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging  
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Nancy Lynne Westfield, Drew University, Presiding  
The conversation will consider the implications of Dr. Jennings’ book  
After Whiteness: An Education in Belonging for teaching and learning in  
North American college, university, and theological school contexts.  
The session will begin and end with comments by the author, Dr.  
Jennings, about his book and its implications for pedagogy in the 21st  
century. The bulk of the session will involve a conversation among  
peers, moderated by Dr. Nancy Lynne Westfield, about how the book  
raises specific questions about contemporary higher education practice  
and the implications of these questions for the future of higher  
education, particularly as it relates to theological education.  
In the book, Dr. Jennings asserts, “Theological education has always  
been about formation: first of people, then of communities, then of  
the world. If we continue to promote whiteness and its related ideas of  
masculinity and individualism in our educational work, it will remain  
diseased and thwart our efforts to heal the church and the world. But  
if theological education aims to form people who can gather others  
together through border-crossing pluralism and God-drenched  
communion, we can begin to cultivate the radical belonging that is at  
the heart of God's transformative work.” ([Eerdmans.com])  
Panelists:  
  M. Craig Barnes, Princeton Theological Seminary  
  Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University  
  M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College  
Responding:  
  Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

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A30-400
Japanese Religions Unit
Theme: Beyond Kami and Buddhas: Demons, Ghosts, and Vengeful Spirits in the Study of Japanese Religions
Monday, 6:15 PM–7:45 PM
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Eric Swanson, Loyola Marymount University
Addressing the Spirits of the Heian Capital Through Buddhist Doctrines and Rituals of Salvation
Caleb Carter, Kyushu University
Beyond and Betwixt: Situating the Demonic and Dragonesque in Japanese Religions
Takashi Miura, University of Arizona
Pleading the Powerless: Sakura Sogoro and the Rise of Peasant Onryo in Early Modern Japan
Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University
Transformations of Earthbound Spirits: The Japanese Reception and Adoption of Jibakurei from Spiritualism to Masukomi to Modern Ethnography
Responding:
Norika Reider, Miami University

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A1-100
Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit and Ritual Studies Unit
Theme: The Concept of Zhen (True, Real) and Its Potential Contributions to Ritual Theory: A Roundtable on Poul Andersen’s The Paradox of Being: Truth, Identity and Images in Daoism (Harvard University Press, 2019)
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Tobias Zuern, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding
Panelists:
Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University
David Mozina, Boston College

A1-101
Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting
Tuesday, 10:15 AM–10:45 AM
Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding
Attention graduate students! We will be holding our annual business meeting in the Student Lounge. We encourage you to attend the meeting, connect with your regional AAR student directors, and share your requests, concerns and/or suggestions for AAR’s 2021 Annual Meeting with the Graduate Student Committee. If there are items you want to be sure are discussed, email Aarti Patel, AAR Student Director, before the meeting: aartipatel16@gmail.com.

A1-102
Academic Relations Committee
Theme: Strategies for Creating Successful Religion Programs
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding
This session asks: what does it mean for a religion program to be successful? What kinds of programs generate positive attention from students and administrators? What are effective strategies for recruiting students to courses and programs? How can we partner with non-academic units on campus to increase departmental visibility? Especially with COVID, how can we use online tools most effectively? Join us to explore ways that religion departments are maintaining and increasing their viability and visibility during a time of instability in higher education.
Panelists:
Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University
Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University
Grant Potts, Austin Community College
Joanne Maguire, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
A1-103

Public Understanding of Religion Committee  
Theme: 2020 AAR Award-Winning Religion Journalists: Covering the Religion Beat in an Election Year
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Nathan Walker, 1791 Delegates, and Jacqueline Charles, Miami Herald, Presiding

The 2020 AAR Best In-depth Newswriting Award winners will engage some of the most provocative news and religion-related stories of 2019. Emmy Award-winning Correspondent Jacqueline Charles of the Miami Herald will join the three award recipients. Charles’ celebrated reporting on the Caribbean has brought attention to issues of health, migration, and natural disasters, especially in the Republic of Haiti. Given the importance of religion in contemporary U.S. politics, the panel will also discuss religion reporting and campaigning in 2020, the presidential election, and religion-related “hot topics” that may emerge in the coming year.

First-place finisher Peter Smith, religion editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, is part of the Post-Gazette team that won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for breaking news coverage of the Tree of Life synagogue massacre. Smith’s winning submission includes articles about the Amish community, sexual abuse in the Mennonite community, aftermath of the Tree of Life shootings, and Notre Dame’s fire in Paris.

Second-place finisher Jaweed Kaleem, a national correspondent at the Los Angeles Times, writes about how race, ethnicity, and faith shape the evolving understanding of what it means to be American. Kaleem’s series takes readers on a ride along a Punjabi American highway while seamlessly integrating the story of the trucking industry with substantial and much-needed education about Sikhism.

Third-place finisher Kalpana Jain, a senior editor, who heads the ethics and religion desk at The Conversation, writes on religion and rise of Hindu nationalism in India. Jain offers articles surrounding a study of women warriors within the Durga Vahini movement, Interreligious Resilience, and the path of Kabir, a 15th century mystic, and the attraction of India’s millennials to him.

At the beginning of the session, the AAR will hold the 2020 award ceremony.

Panelists:
Peter Smith, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Jaweed Kaleem, Los Angeles Times
Kalpana Jain, The Conversation

A1-104

Theological Education Committee  
Theme: Creating and Teaching Seminary Courses Online: A Workshop
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

This will be a workshop for theological educators thrust into online and distance teaching by the COVID-19 crisis in the spring. Dr. Ken Stone, professor of Hebrew Bible at Chicago Theological Seminary, is an experienced theological educator who has been developing and teaching online courses for the seminary for ten years. He describes himself as an online skeptic-turned-convert, and will lead participants through the process of developing and conducting a course online, especially geared toward students in theological education. In the workshop Dr. Stone will focus on key differences between online and in-person curriculum, and provide practical instruction in online course development, teaching, evaluating, and student participation. He will lead the participants through his own process of course development from beginning to end, focusing on the practical wisdom he has gained through trial and error. Participants may be asked to bring laptops to do some work on their own syllabi in a workshop format.

Panelists:
Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary

A1-105

Buddhism in the West Unit and Buddhism Unit  
Theme: Buddhism and Racism Across Asia, Europe and North America
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Joseph Cheah, University of Saint Joseph, Presiding
Paride Stortini, University of Chicago
The Buddha as an Aryan Samurai: Julius Evola’s Spiritual Racism and its Legacy on Italian Buddhism
Bruce Grover, University of Heidelberg
Race, Ethnic Nationalism and Power in Modern Japanese Buddhism, 1880–1945
Melyn McKay, Oxford University
Risk Mitigation as a Moral Undertaking in Modern Myanmar
Adeana McNicholl, Vanderbilt University
Shades of Whiteness in American Buddhism

Responding:
Duncan Williams, University of Southern California

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A1-106

Contemporary Islam Unit
Theme: The Ethics of Critique and Care
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College, Presiding
Sayed Hassan Hussaini Akhlaq, Coppin State University
The Islamic (Sunni-Shia) Unity and the Contemporary Mujtahids, (Case Study of Ayatollahs Mobeni and Salehi Najafabadi)
Donohon Abdugafurova, Emory University
Adab and Elder Care: Islamic Values of Elder Care in Central Asia
Adel Hashemi, McMaster University
Martyrdom, Messianism, and Sectarianism in the Contemporary Twelver Shi’ism: The Case of Martyred Shrine Defenders
Iman AbdoulKarim, New York, NY
Black Feminist Theory and Analyzing Contemporary Muslim Ethics on Race and Gender

Business Meeting:
Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College, Noah Salomon, Carleton College, and Kayla Renée Wheeler, Xavier University, Presiding

A1-107

History of Christianity Unit and Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: The History of Religion in U.S. Elections
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Elias Ortega, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding
Andrew D. Walsh, Culver-Stockton College
William Jennings Bryan, Evangelicals, and the Democratic Party
Isaac Sharp, Union Theological Seminary
The Election of 1976: The Year of the Evangelical and its Ongoing Implications for Religion and Elections in the U.S.
Scott Culpepper, Dordt University
“The Religion Thing”: The 1988 Presidential Election and the Shaping of Conservative Evangelical Political Activism
Caroline Matas, Princeton University
Laughing with God: American Evangelical Political Satire and the 2020 Election

A1-108

Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit
Theme: Rising the Feathered Serpent: A First Flight Over Indigenous Contemplative Traditions
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College, Presiding
Guilhem Olivier, Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas - Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Divination, Conception of Time and Body Among the Mexico
Juan Santoyo, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Veaving Indigenous Traditions and Contemplative Research in Colombia
Tenzin Namdul, Earl E. Bakken Center for Spirituality & Healing University of Minnesota
Familiarizing Consciousness with the Unfamiliar World: Death Rituals Among a Tibetan Refugee Community in Mundgod, Southern India
Yuria Celidwen, Pacifica Graduate Institute
Mictlan, Our Shared Home: Funerary Rites, Ethics of Belonging, and Contemplative Science in Indigenous Mexico

Responding:
Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

A1-109

New Religious Movements Unit
Theme: White Supremacy, Race, and New Religious Movements
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Alexandria Griffin, Arizona State University
African Americans in the Israelite House of David and Mary’s City of David
Jefferson Calico, University of the Cumberlands
American Völkisch: White Nationalism and the Performance of Religion in Heathenism
Tessa Harmon, University of California, Riverside
“Straight But Not Narrow:” Greg Johnson on Gay Inclusion and Masculinity Within Academic White Nationalism in the United States
Colette Walker, Graduate Theological Union
Engendering the “Transparent Race”: Mazdaznan in the Context of Lebensreform, Aryanism, and the International Eugenics Movement

Responding:
Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University
A1-110

Qur’an Unit
Theme: Issues in Qur’anic Interpretation
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Aisha (Ash) Geissinger, Carleton University, Presiding
Syed Zaidi, Emory University
The Use of the Qur’ān in the Brethren of Purity’s (Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’) Conception of Theurgy and Magic
Zarif Rahman, University of Virginia
Al-Māturīdī’s Typology of Waḥī: Towards a Nuanced Understanding of a Central Islamic Term
Youmus Mirza, Shenandoah University
Islamic Mary: Between Prophecy and Orthodoxy
Business Meeting:
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, and Lauren Osborne, Whitman College, Presiding

A1-111

Religion and Ecology Unit
Theme: Religion and Ecological Futures
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Terra Schwerin Rowe, University of North Texas, Presiding
Jeremy Sorgen, University of Virginia
By Faith and Fossil Fuels: Cultural Strategies of Christian Life
Joseph Viola, Boston University
Baptism in the Jordan: Christian Zionist Theology Perpetrating Environmental Injustices
Hans Olsson, University of Copenhagen
Restoring the Divine Order of Creation? Christian Food Production, Class and Sustainable Profitability in South Africa

A1-112

Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Theme: 100 Years After Prohibition: Temperance and Alcohol in Popular Culture
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding
David Grummet, University of Edinburgh
Christian Responses to Spirits: Medicine or Poison?
Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College
‘Booze’
Taylor Dean, Florida State University
John Barleycorn Must Die: The Trial and Execution of Alcohol in Juvenile Temperance Literature
Responding:
Gary M. Laderman, Emory University
Business Meeting:
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, and Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding

A1-113

Religion in Europe Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion
Theme: Faith, Knowledge, and Rational Freedom: A Roundtable on Jürgen Habermas’ Also a History of Philosophy (Suhrkamp, 2019)
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion, Presiding
Panelists:
Eduardo Mendieta, Pennsylvania State University
Francis Schussler Fiorenza, Harvard University
Maeva Cooke, University College Dublin

A1-114

Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Theme: Catholicism, Colonialism and Ambulant Devotion in the Global Imperial Church
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jennifer Schepfer Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Panelists:
Karin Velez, Macalester College
Jessica Delgado, Ohio State University
J. Michelle Molina, Northwestern University
Kelsey Moss, University of Southern California
Business Meeting:
Daisy Vargas, University of Arizona, Presiding

A1-115

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Theme: Responding to COVID-19: A Comparative Religion & Healing Perspective
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding
Panelists:
William McGrath, Manhattan College
Marcus Harvey, University of North Carolina, Asheville
Matilde Moros, Virginia Commonwealth University
Shin Kwon Kim, Ajou University Medical College
Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University
Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University
Rahimjon Abdugafurov, Emory University
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Ritual Studies Unit
Theme: Strategies of Ritual Performance
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding
Kie Man Bryan Mok, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Jacob Latham, University of Tennessee
Kenny Schmitt, Al-Quds Bard College
Responding:
Paul-Francois Tremlett, Open University
Martin Pehal, Charles University
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
Business Meeting:
Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Presiding

A1-117

Navarātri Seminar
Theme: Rethinking Navarātri
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona, Presiding
Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University
Moumita Sen, MF, Norwegian Institute of Theology, Religion, and Society
Venu Mehta, University of Florida
Responding:
Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

A1-118

Exploratory Session: “Things That Go Bump in the Night”:
Folklore, the Supernatural, and Vernacular Religion
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College, Presiding
Patrick Polk, University of California, Los Angeles
Kelly E. Hayes, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis
Lo Valk, University of Tartu
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University
David Hufford, Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine
Responding:
William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

P1-102

Society for the Study of Japanese Religions
Theme: Old Paths and New Directions in Zen Studies: Celebrating Over Four Decades of Scholarship by Steven Heine
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University, Presiding
Join the Society for the Study of Japanese Religions as we raise a virtual glass to celebrate the scholarly contributions of Steven Heine upon his retirement this year. Five leading scholars of Japanese and East Asian religions will focus on selected works from his oeuvre of 35 books and edited volumes, and reflect on how they have influenced the field in terms of interregional flows, historical period studies, and methodological approaches. Following these prepared remarks and Dr. Heine's response, online participants are welcome to offer their own brief tributes that speak to Dr. Heine's scholarship, mentorship, and continued influence in the field. A final toast will close out the session (we encourage you to prepare your own drink of choice at home in advance!)
Panelists:
Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University
Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University
Albert Welter, University of Arizona

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A1-216
Publications Committee
Theme: Meet the Editor: Vincent Lloyd, Editor of AAR-OUP Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series
Tuesday, 12:00 PM–2:30 PM
New and prospective authors interested in learning more about publishing in the Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion series published by Oxford University Press are encouraged to email Vincent Lloyd, series editor, to schedule a time to between noon and 2:30 PM Eastern to share conversation. Learn more about the series at aarweb.org/reflection-theory-series. Contact Vincent Lloyd at vincent.lloyd@villanova.edu.
Panelist:
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

A1-119
Religion and Human Rights Unit Business Meeting
Tuesday, 12:50 PM–1:45 PM
Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, and Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

P1-103
Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
Theme: T. F. Torrance’s Soteriological Suspension of the Ethical
Tuesday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Gary Deddo, Grace Communion Seminary, Presiding
Dr. Speidell (Ph.D. Fuller Theological Seminary) serves as the Editor of Participatio: The Journal of the Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship. His most recent book is Fully Human in Christ: The Incarnation as the End of Christian Ethics. He has served as editor, contributor or co-editor of several books including Trinity and Transformation; J.B. Torrance’s Vision of Worship, Mission, and Society; T. F. Torrance and Eastern Orthodoxy: Theology in Reconciliation; and Incarnational Ministry: The Presence of Christ in Church, Society, and Family. Now retired, he has most recently served as Director of Education for Acadia Healthcare Corporation and Instructor in Theology at Montreat College.
This year we have invited Dr. Chris Kettler to offer a response to Dr. Speidell’s paper. After a time of exchange between them, we will have a time for Q&A from the online participants.
Responding:
Todd Speidell, Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
T. F. Torrance’s Soteriological Suspension of the Ethical
Christian D. Kettler, Friends University

A1-200
Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Theme: Centering the Guild: The Role of Academic Centers in the Field of Religion
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University, Presiding
Academic research centers play distinct and important roles within scholarly guilds and as bridges to other guilds and the broader public. This panel, organized by the Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion, the Center for the Study of Law and Religion at Emory University, and the Centers on Religion and Public Life, brings together representatives from academic research centers whose missions include the public understanding of religion to discuss the presidential theme: “The AAR as a Scholarly Guild.” Panelists will address questions such as: What do academic research centers contribute to the study of religion as a scholarly guild? What are the opportunities and challenges of running centers for the study of religion, especially interdisciplinary or interprofessional ones? What are the public questions these centers address? What does it take to pitch their mission to wider publics outside of the guild? How do centers impact the scholarship, teaching, and research of their affiliate scholars? How does participating in the life of a center, particularly an interdisciplinary center, affect scholars’ sense of their guild(s), their field(s) of study, and their public(s)?
Panelists:
Zahra Jamal, Rice University
Shaun Casey, Georgetown University
Debra Mason, University of Missouri
Justin Latterell, Emory University
Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

A1-201
African Religions Unit
Theme: Teaching African Religions
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding
Panelists:
Devaka Premawardhana, Emory University
Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University
David Ngong, Stillman College
Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
Corey Williams, Leiden University
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Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Cognitive Science of Religion Unit
Theme: The Ethology of Religion and Art: Potential Avenues of New Research
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
John Allison, Rice University, Presiding
Zoe Anthony, University of Toronto
Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University
Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University
Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University

Responding:
Bryan S. Rennie, Westminster College

A1-203

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Women and Religion Unit
Theme: Asian and Asian American Women in Theology and Religion
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Panelists:
Rita Brock, Volunteers of America
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology
Sharon A. Suh, Seattle University
Lisa Cunningham, Drew University

Responding:
Kelly Brown Douglas, Episcopal Divinity School
Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University

A1-204

Body and Religion Unit
Theme: Sensing Religion: Smell, Touch, Perception, and Sight
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
George Patti, Valparaiso University, Presiding
Iva Patel, University of Iowa
Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University
Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University
Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University

Responding:
Bryan S. Rennie, Westminster College

A1-205

Buddhism in the West Unit
Theme: Transnationalism, Secularization, and Hybridity: Adapting Buddhisms in the West
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Hospice by the Bay, Presiding
Alexander Rocklin, Otterbein University
Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jason Ellsworth, Dalhousie University
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida

Responding:
Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies, and Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Hospice by the Bay, Presiding
A1-206
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit
Theme: Reconciling Latinx Identities Post-Genocide
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding
Rita Rodriguez, University of Chicago
Reconciling Indigeneity for a Decolonial Mujerista/Theology: La Preservacion de los Taínos en Puerto Rico
Mary Diggin, Velarde, NM
The Albuquerque Chautauquen Memorial: Contestation and Dissent in NM
Responding:
Matilde Moros, Virginia Commonwealth University

A1-207
Practical Theology Unit
Theme: Vulnerability, Dignity and the Ecological Crisis
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Sabrina Mueller, University of Zurich, Presiding
Pamela McCarroll, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto
Living in the Anthropocene: Embracing Eco-Anxiety and the Vulnerability of Being
Allison Covey, Villanova University
Cats on the Crossing: Dignity and Relationality in the Syrian Refugee Crisis
Wilson Dickinson, Lexington Theological Seminary
Out of the Mouths of Infants: Parenthood, Climate Change, and a Practical Theological Aesthetics of the Psalms
Responding:
Christian Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary

A1-208
Qur'an Unit
Theme: Boundaries and the Qur'an
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Lauren Osborne, Whitman College, Presiding
Johanne Louise Christiansen, University of Southern Denmark
"I Would Just Light a Fire in my Backyard and Burn It" (Imām from Arab Mosque in Denmark, 2018): A Qualitative Study of the Material Qur'ān
Pieter Coppens, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Tafsīr and a Silent Print Revolution: Book Culture in Early 20th Century Damascus
Shuaib Ally, University of Toronto
Policing the Discipline in late 8th C Mamluk Cairo – Sīrat al-Dīn al-Buğānī and Qur'ānic Interpretation
Omer Awass, American Islamic College
The Quran and Its Structural Influences on Early Islamic Theological Discourse

A1-209
Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit
Theme: Religious Education in the Context of Digital/Social Media and Religious Nationalism
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding
Jussi Ikkala, University of Helsinki, Arto Kallioniemi, University of Helsinki, and Arnika Kuusisto, Stockholm University
Digital Medias in Religious Education: The Need for Powerful Knowledge and Religious Literacy Skills
Shino Yokotsuka, University of Massachusetts Boston
Breaking the Taboo: the Rise of Global Religious Nationalism and Public School Teachers' Struggles Over School Prayer in the USA and Japan
Business Meeting:
Jenny Berglund, Stockholm University, Presiding

A1-210
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit
Theme: A Critical Reassessment of Religion and Nonviolent Praxis in Populist Times
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding
Rasheed Rabbi, Hartford Seminary
An Interconnected and Iterative Framework to Deconstruct American Mosques and Acculturate Muslim Identity
Purvi Parikh, Muhlenberg College
Gandhian Satyagraha and Hindu Nationalism in Contemporary India
Tsz Him Lai, Drew University
Hong Kong Theology: After the 2019 Protests
Responding:
Heather M. DuBois, Stonehill College

A1-211
Secularism and Secularity Unit
Theme: African American Secularism and Freethinking: Recent Work in the Field
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College, Presiding
Panelists:
Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University
Joseph Winters, Duke University
Nathan Alexander, Max Planck Institute
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Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit
Theme: Works in Progress
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College, Presiding
Panelists:
- An Yountae, California State University, Northridge
- Brandy Daniels, University of Portland
- Biko Gray, Syracuse University

Business Meeting:
- Adam Kotsko, North Central College, and Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College, Presiding

A1-214

Wildcard Session: Breaking Boundaries: A Roundtable Discussion on the Scholar-Practitioner
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jacob Kyle, Embodied Philosophy, Presiding
Panelists:
- Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
- Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i
- Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union
- Marcy Braverman Goldstein, Queens University of Charlotte
- Stephanie Corigliano, Embodied Philosophy
- Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College
- Zoe Slatoff, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies

A1-215

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Reformed Theology and History Unit
Theme: Reformation Theologies: Continuities and Transformations
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Mary Philip, Martin Luther University College, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding
- Edward Watson, Yale University
  Conceiving Nothingness: Calvin Warren, Karl Barth, and Total Depravity as Antiblackness
- Caryn D. Riswold, Wartburg College
  Luther/an(d) Theological Treatises Today
- Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki
  Masculinity and Transgender Language in Luther

P1-200

Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
Theme: Reconsidering the Catholic Church: A Special Film Screening of Holy Silence
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

P1-201

International Bonhoeffer Society Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A1-300

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Religious Studies as Part of a General Education (GE) Curriculum: Aligning Threshold Concepts in Information Literacy, Writing Studies, and Religious Studies

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

I have been thinking and writing for several years now about the challenge of integrating an information literacy program—along with other general education (GE) goals—into specialized disciplines—in this case, specifically religious studies and the newly developing “worldview studies” discipline, which expands on the interdisciplinary nature of religious studies to embrace a wider range of comparable phenomena. My roundtable will explain how I have used tools like threshold concepts, backward course design, and the related decoding of disciplines (the first two being central to the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy and its application in instruction and the third being a kind of extension of the first two grounded in other evidence-based pedagogical literature) to try to help the religious studies discipline be more successful as part of GE curricula by integrating its subject matter with the information literacy goals of LIS and the rhetoric and composition skills cultivated in writing studies, thereby continuing the integration of information literacy skills beyond first-year writing and similar introductory classes.

Panelists:
Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara

A1-301

Anthropology of Religion Unit and Body and Religion Unit

Theme: Purification and its Discontents: On Contagions and Practices of Containment

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Jon Bialecki, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Panelists:
Hanna H. Kim, Adelphi University
Maria Turek, University of Toronto
Gopal Sukhu, Queens College, City University of New York
Laurel Kendall, American Museum of Natural History

Responding:
Brian A. Hatcher, Tufts University

A1-302

Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit

Theme: Buddhist Philosophies of the Material / Tibetan Buddhist Philosophies of Materiality

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Ana Cristina Lopes, Stanford University, Presiding

David Germano, University of Virginia

Tracing an Original Theology of Matter Underlying a Normative Theology of Vision: The 11th Century Foundations of the Great Perfection Seminal Heart

Devin Zuckerman, University of Virginia, and Adam Liddle, University of Virginia

The Sound of Earth, Water, Fire and Wind: Elemental Theory and Practice in 12th Century Great Perfection Literature

James Gentry, Stanford University

Theorizing Buddhist Amulet Practice in Tibet: What does it Mean to be Liberated Through Wearing?

Catherine Hartmann, Harvard University

Don’t Throw Away These Favorable Conditions for Nothing!: Place, Materiality, and Agency in Tibetan Pilgrimage

Business Meeting:
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, and Karin Meyers, Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Presiding

A1-303

Chinese Christianities Unit

Theme: Negotiating Politics and Religion

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Zhixi Wang, Shantou University

A Jesus-Centered Public Theology: Scripturalization of Three Peoples’ Principles and the Politics of Jesus in China, 1920s–30s

Jesse Sun, Duke University

For God and a New China: Cai Yongchun’s Fateful Return in 1950

Justin Tse, Singapore Management University

“A lot of lawsuits there”: Evangelical Recollections of Chong v. Lee Among Vancouver’s Conservative Cantonese Protestants

Responding:
Chloe Starr, Yale University

A1-304

Comparative Religious Ethics Unit

Theme: Postcolonialism, Race, and Critical Theory in the Study of CRE

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Devin O’Rourke, University of Chicago

Ideology and the Study of Religion: Revisiting a Troublesome Concept

Eun Hwang, University of Chicago

Methodological Implications of Post-Colonial Approaches for Comparative Religious Ethics

Nicholas Andersen, Brown University

Race, Empire, and (Comparative) Religious Ethics
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Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

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**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**


Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

C. Mackenzie Brown, Trinity University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Justin R. Ritzinger, University of Miami
- Brianne Donaldson, Rice University
- Roger Jackson, Carleton College
- Taner Edis, Truman State University
- Kuan-yen Liu, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen

Responding:
- Hyung Park, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Business Meeting:
- Trish Beckman, Saint Olaf College, and Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding

### A1-306

**Ecclesiological Investigations Unit and Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit**

Theme: LGBTQ Experience as an Ecclesial Issue

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Cindy K. Wesley, University of Northern Colorado, Presiding

Lynne Gerber, San Francisco, CA

*Justice, Doctrine, or Participation? Debating Ecclesiology and Sexuality in the 1970s and 80s*

Victoria Slabinski, Yale University

*Justice and the United Methodist Church: A Queer Response to a Global Denomination’s Crisis*

Ian B. Straker, Healing of the Nations Foundation

*What If It’s Not Really About LGBTQ? The Long Simmering Crisis in the United Methodist Church*

### A1-307

**History of Christianity Unit**

Theme: Teaching the One Term History of Christianity Course

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Trish Beckman, Saint Olaf College, Presiding

- Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri
- Christenities at a Public University
- Douglas Jacobsen, Messiah College
- Follow the Numbers: Globalizing the One-Semester History of Christianity Class
- John McCormack, Aurora University
- Un-Syllabus-ing Tradition: A Student-Centered, Reverse-Diachronic Approach to the Survey Course
- Dan Wells, Florida State University
- Reframing the Christian History Survey Course Through Religious Racial Identity and the Digital Humanities

Business Meeting:
- Trish Beckman, Saint Olaf College, and Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding

### A1-308

**Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit and Religion and Disability Studies Unit**

Theme: Broken Bodies, Sacred Rituals, and Public Theological Imagination

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Adam McDuffie, Emory University

*This is the Body, Broken for You: The Warrior Image, Soldier Bodies, and the Scars of WWI*

Ann Duncan, Goucher College

#VibrateHigher: Baltimore Ceasefire, Sacred Ritual, and Remembrance in the Midst of Baltimore’s Homicide Epidemic

Hee-Kyu Heidi Park, Ewha Womans University

*Trauma-Ridden Body Lifted High: Forming Theological Imagination in the Public Square*

Business Meeting:
- Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, and David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
A1-309

Mysticism Unit and Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit and Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit

Theme: Mysticism and Ecology: On Willemien Otten’s Thinking Nature and the Nature of Thinking: From Eriugena to Emerson (Stanford University Press, 2020)

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Adrian Guiu, University of Chicago, Presiding

Panelists:
- Catherine Keller, Drew University
- Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto
- Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Australian Catholic University
- Junius Johnson, Baylor University

Responding:
- Willemien Otten, University of Chicago
- Dermot Moran, Boston College

A1-310

Religion and Cities Unit

Theme: Emerging Scholarship in Religion and Cities

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Elise Edwards, Baylor University, Presiding

Fatimah Fanusie, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies
- Mapping Islam and Justice onto the City of Boston: Mohammad’s Temple No. 11 and the Economic and Social Empowerment of 1948–1998
- Joe Pettit, Morgan State University
  - Blessing Oppression: The Support Given by Churches for Housing Apartheid and Racial Inequality
- Sher Afgan Tareen, Florida State University
  - Rhythmanalysis of Cities and American Islam
- Christy Randazzo, Haddonfield Friends Meeting
  - The Place of Reconciliation in Divided Cities: A Theological and Practical Framework for Reconciliation in Baltimore
  - Abel Gomez, Syracuse University
  - Defending Indigenous Sacred Places: Perspectives from Ohlone Territory/San Francisco Bay Area
  - Katie Day, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia
    - Emerging Themes and Methods in the Routledge Handbook of Religion and Cities

Business Meeting:
- Elise Edwards, Baylor University, Presiding

A1-311

Study of Islam Unit

Theme: "Physiology is Theology": Gendered Bodies in Sufi and Islamic Discourses of the Self

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Laury Silvers, University of Toronto, Presiding

Rose Deighton, Emory University
- Reading the Self Through a Sufi Hermeneutic of Divine Immanence: A Case Study of Shaykh Fariha al-Jerrahi
- Sara Abdel-Latif, University of Toronto
  - Emaciation and Menstruation in Sufi Hagiographies of Women: Men Reading Female Piety and Self-Discipline in Corporal Terms
- Arpan Bhandari, University of North Carolina
  - A Space for the Truth: Mansur Halaj, His Utterances, and His Attempts at Deconstructing and Redefining the Physical Body Through Sound and Space
- Garrett Kiriakos-Fugate, Boston University
  - Be Content with the Decree of Allah: The Cisgendered Nafs in Shi’i and Sunni Fatwahs on Transsexuality and Intersexuality

A1-312

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: The "Negative" Emotions in Halakha: Despair, Grief, and Jealousy in Jewish Legal Thought

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Yonatan Brafman, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding

Sarah Zager, Yale University
- There is No Sickness Greater than the Feeling of Despair": Halakhah, Emotion, and Virtue in Musar Literature
- Shira Billet, Yale University
  - Between Halakha, Jewish Philosophy, and Leidengeschichte: Mourning Children, and the Legal and Philosophical Containment of the Passions
- Sarah Wolf, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
  - The Language of Kinnui: The "Spirit of Jealousy" and Its Rabbinic Reception

Responding:
- Martin Kavka, Florida State University
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Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A1-313

Women and Religion Unit
Theme: #MeToo and #ChurchToo
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland, Presiding
  Leah Thomas, Lancaster Theological Seminary
  Restitutio Divina: An Embodied Approach to Gender-Based Violence
  Hilary Scarsella, Memphis Theological Seminary
  When Survivors Come Forward: Analyzing Patterns of Institutional Response and Proposing Transformative Interventions
  Seong Hyun Lee, Drew University
  When Empathy Meets Digital Activism: A Response to Sexual Violence in Church Community
  Rebekah Gordon, Florida State University
  #BelieveWomen: The Gendered Constructions of Guilt and Innocence in American Jurisprudence

P1-302

Manchester Wesley Research Centre and Pentecostal Theological Seminary
Theme: Social Engagement in the American Holiness and Pentecostal Traditions
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Geordan Hammond, Nazarene Theological College, and David Han, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Presiding
The Holiness and Pentecostal traditions have complicated relationships with American society; however, both historically and presently, they have been engaging with it in conventional and creative ways. The concept of “social engagement” as developed in the social sciences provides a considered framework for this session. This session will examine these engagements using specific cases and comparative analysis.
  Daniel Alvarez, Pentecostal Theological Seminary
  Social Engagement of the Holiness Movement among Immigrants and the Urban Poor of New York City at Five Points

P1-303

Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies
Theme: Contemplative Practices and Religious Experiences: Buddhist–Christian Perspectives
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Contemplative practices and religious experiences are at the core of much of religious life in both Buddhist and Christian religious life. Yet, they are often overlooked in the academic study of these religions and in religious studies generally. First, contemplative practices are often subsumed under the rubric of “ritual practices,” where the ritual forms are often emphasized at the expense of two facets of contemplative practices: 1) the subjective dimensions including the content of religious experiences, and 2) the spontaneity, dynamism, and fluidity often associated with contemplative practices. Instead, contemplative practices are often reduced to the over-determined terms of a rigid set of predetermined actions. Second, contemplative practices are often understood in relative isolation from society and the religious forces of social transformation. In this panel, four presenters examine these overlooked dimensions of contemplative practices such as Buddhist meditation and Christian contemplation within a dialogical and comparative framework of religious experience in interreligious perspective.
Panelists:
  Peter Feldmeier, University of Toledo
  Kevin Hunt, Trappist Monastery, St. Joseph’s Abbey
  Kristin Johnston Largen, United Lutheran Seminary
  Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University

A1-400

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit Business Meeting
Tuesday, 5:30 PM–6:00 PM
Business Meeting:
  Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame, and Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

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A 2-100

Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit

Theme: Debating Consciousness from Abhidharma to Contemporary Philosophy

Wednesday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Jingjing Li, Leiden University, Presiding
Eyal Aviv, George Washington University

Cognitive Parallelism and Sequentialism in the Buddhist Scholastic Tradition

Ching Keng, National Chengchi University

From “One Type of Consciousness at One Moment” to “Multiple Types of Consciousness at One Moment”

Ernest Brewster, Iona College

Reflections in the Mirror: Transformations in the Theories of Sensory Perception and Cognition in Three Chinese Renderings of the Lankāvatāra Sūtra

Jiyun Kim, Dongguk University

Is the Source of Cognition the Eighth or the Ninth Consciousness?: An Interpretation on the Amala-vijñāna in East Asia Buddhism

P 2-101

Religion in Europe Unit

Theme: Jewish Identity on the Margins in Modern Europe: Two Cases

Wednesday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

John McCormack, Aurora University, Presiding
Shannon Quigley, University of Haifa

The Culmination of Christian Dejudaization Efforts in the Nazi Era

Tyson Herberger, Inland Norway University

Jewishness Negated: An Intersectional Look at Marginalized Jews in Norway

P 2-102

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Theme: Natal and Convert Christians and Buddhists

Wednesday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Karen Enríquez, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

In examining the membership of religious communities, a large percentage are natal in character, often belonging to the same institution for many decades, sometimes centuries. Yet, religious institutions cannot be sustained without the influx of new converts. Some communities are predominantly natal in their demographics, others are predominantly convert. While studies of either natal or convert populations are widespread, the similarities and differences between natal and convert religious belonging have not received sufficient attention. Furthermore, there are often different dynamics among the natal and convert populations within the same church, temple, or community.

By examining the diverse patterns of religious life in terms of religious ideals, praxes, and social organization in Buddhist-Christian dialogical context, one can gain new insights into the specific challenges faced by, and the strengths and weakness of, natal versus convert religious belonging and the interaction between these demographics.

Business Meeting: 11:30 AM–12:00 PM

Panelists:
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
Natalie Quli, Institute of Buddhist Studies
Mark Unno, University of Oregon
Andre Van Der Braak, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

P 2-103

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Theme: Politics and Religions in India: Religious Freedom for all Citizens of India

Wednesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

This panel will address the issue of religious freedom in a political climate in which a version of Hinduism is being promoted which seems to delegitimize other well-established religions and to increase social conflict. How should religion scholars understand and respond to this situation?

Ted Ulrich, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota

The Emergence of the Rhetoric of Hindu-Muslim Strife in India’s Independence Movement

Jose Abraham, Concordia University, Montreal

Victimization and Ghettoization: A Girardian Reading of Recent Communal Violence in Delhi

Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

The Legacy of Vinayak Damodar Savarkar Examined

Responding:
Michael T. McLaughlin, Old Dominion University

P 2-104

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Presidential Address and Annual Meeting

Wednesday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Barbara Quinn, University of San Diego, Presiding

9:00 AM–10:15 AM 2020 Presidential Address Timothy H. Robinson, Brite Divinity School, President, “He Talks to Trees! Interpreting Howard Thurman’s Nature Mysticism.”

10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Annual Meeting. All are welcome. For more information on the Society and its events, please visit https://sscs.press.jhu.edu/; please send additional questions to Rachel Wheeler, Secretary, at wheelerr@up.edu.

Timothy Robinson, Brite Divinity School
He Talks to Trees! Interpreting Howard Thurman’s Nature Mysticism
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P2-105

Niebuhr Society
Theme: Reflections from the New Oxford Handbook of Reinhold Niebuhr
Wednesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

P2-106

Colloquium on Violence and Religion
Theme: Mimetic Theory and Christian Spirituality
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Brian Robinette, Boston College, Presiding
The Colloquium on Violence & Religion will use this panel to explore the connection between the mimetic theory of René Girard and Christian Spirituality. With particular interest in how Girard’s seminal insights may be integrated into Christian spiritual practice, this panel will explore ways Christian spirituality can be illumined or informed by Girard’s understanding of mimetic desire. It will also consider how mimetic theory itself might be enhanced or critically developed in light of Christian spiritual practices/traditions.

Jared Price, Multnomah Biblical Seminary
"All Shall Be Well", Julian of Norwich, Rene Girard, Jacques Lacan, and the "Other Side" of Christian Mysticism

Aline Lewis, Graduate Theological Union
Mimetic Desire in Ignatius of Loyola’s Autobiography

Joseph Rivera, Dublin City University
Eucharist as Contemplative Action: A Girardian Perspective

Business Meeting:
Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University, Presiding

A2-102

Academic Relations Committee
Theme: Managing Crises on Campus
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
As we have all learned in 2020, no campus is immune from crisis: natural disasters, campus shootings, campus unrest, and national crises can all affect our lives and those of our students. Panelists will speak briefly from their experience responding to situations that were both genuinely unprecedented (9/11) and more predictable (natural disasters and campus shootings). Panelists will facilitate a discussion about preparation and response to managing campus crises.

Panelists:
Joanne Maguire, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Brian M. Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Kate McCarthy, California State University, Chico
Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico

A2-103

Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Theme: Religious Literacy and K-12 Education: Opportunities for Successful Partnerships
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University, Presiding
Since the publication of the AAR’s 2010 “Guidelines for Teaching About Religion in K-12 Education in the United States,” there has been significant innovation in religious literacy efforts: curricular standards about the teaching of religion have become stronger and new opportunities for scholars of religion to partner with K-12 educators have emerged. This panel features religion experts working to foster religious literacy through primary and secondary education across a variety of regional contexts. The roundtable conversation will explore the interface between religion scholars and educators, with an eye to best practices, interesting cases, and creative possibilities. K-12 education is a critical aspect of the public understanding of religion and this panel aims to help AAR members envision and enact collaborative projects.

Panelists:
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University
Gayle Pagnoni, Rice University
Kate Soules, Boston College
Celene Ibrahim, Groton School
A2-104

Baha'i Studies Unit

Theme: Changing Identities in a Global Society

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community, Presiding

- Layli Maparyan, Wellesley College
  - Planetary Identity and Spiritual Identity: Expanding Human Identity for Global Citizenship
- Loni Bramson, American Public University System
  - Contrasting Baha'i Paradigms of Womanhood
- Mikhail Sergeev, Ph.D., University of the Arts
  - The Issue of Self-Identity in Transhumanism and the Bahá’í Writings
- Shahrzad Sabet, New York University
  - Social Identity and the Oneness of Humankind: Reconciling the Universal With the Particular

Business Meeting:
Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community, and Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding

A2-105

Bioethics and Religion Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit

Theme: Religion, Race, and the Emodied Health and Well-Being of Black Women: Bioethics and Womanist Perspectives

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Terri Laws, University of Michigan, Dearborn, Presiding

- Shaunesse' Jacobs, Boston University
  - Black Maternal Morality as a Health and Human Rights Issue
- Darcy Metcalfe, University of Iowa
  - The Rootedness of “White Normativity”: Heightened Dangers for Black Women in a New Era of Genetic Technologies
- Wylin Dassie Wilson, Harvard Medical School
  - A Conceptualization of Womanist Bioethics as a Theoretical and Practical Response to the Black Woman's Health Crisis in the U.S.
- Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Vanderbilt University
  - Knowing Full Well: Ethics of Care, Womanist Ethics, and the Biomedical Gaze

A2-106

Confucian Traditions Unit

Theme: Confucian Approaches to Education

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, Presiding

- Naiyi Hsu, Indiana University, Bloomington
  - Taciturn Exemplar: Silence, Speech, and Moral Cultivation in the Lanyu
- Timothy Gutmann, University of Chicago
  - Exhortations: Mass Education and Confucian Traditions

Business Meeting:
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University, and Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, Presiding

A2-107

Contemporary Islam Unit and Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Islamic Mysticism Unit and Qur'an Unit and Study of Islam Unit and Constructive Muslim Thought and Engaged Scholarship Seminar

Theme: Mentoring and Networking Session

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont, and Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

A2-108

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit

Theme: I Know the Feeling: Affect in the Academic Guild

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Amy R Barbour, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:
- Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado
- Donovan Schaefer, University of Pennsylvania
- Samantha Kang, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Marvin Wickware, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
- Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:
J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto, and Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College, Presiding

A2-109/S2-114

Evangelical Studies Unit and SBL Bible and Practical Theology Unit

Theme: Evangelical, Biblical, and Political Views on the Election

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Johnny Ramirez-Johnson, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:
- Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University
  - A Battle Between Good and Evil: Ethnographic Reflections on the Election from First Baptist Dallas
- Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary
  - Evangélico No Mas: Latinx Pentecostals within US Evangelicalism
- Anna Hutchinson, University of Birmingham
  - The Role of Theological Education in Evangelical Bible Reading and Interpretation
- Joul Smith, University of Texas, Arlington
  - "Church Friends": The Precarious Interpretations and Perceptions of Evangelical Christians Upon Trump Policy

Business Meeting:
Jason Sexton, University of California, Los Angeles, and Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois, Presiding
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Business Meeting:
Asuka Sango, Carleton College, and Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University, Presiding

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**A2-112**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Theme: *Women with 2020 Vision: Boston and the 100th Anniversary of Women’s Suffrage*

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Barbara McClure, Brite Divinity School
- Teresa Snorton, The CME Church
- Kimberly Detherage, St. Mark AME Church, Jackson Heights, NY
- Sophia S. Park, Neumann University
- Insook Lee, New York Theological Seminary
- Francesca Nuzzolese, Eastern University
- Beth Tolol, Moravian Theological Seminary
- Michelle Oberwise Lacoak, Advocate Aurora Health Care
- Angelique Walker-Smith, Bread for the World

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**A2-110**

**Hindu Philosophy Unit**

Theme: *Ways of Knowing (I): Debating Perception*

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Nalini Bhushan, Smith College, Presiding

Alex Watson, Ashoka University

*Do the Perceptions of Non-Enlightened People Weigh in Favor of, or Against, Momentariness?*

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

*Vijnāna as a Pramāṇa: The Experiential Foundation of Sri Ramakrishna’s Religious Pluralism*

Responding:
- Rosanna Picascia, Swarthmore College
- Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

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**A2-111**

**Japanese Religions Unit and Society for the Study of Japanese Religions**

Theme: *Shinto Epistemologies in Global Perspective: Rethinking Gender, Nation, and Ritual*

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University

*Use of “Shinto” in Nippon Kaigi: Coming to Terms with an Elusive Category*

Dana Mirsalis, Harvard University

*What’s the Value of Female Priests?*: Discourses on the Gendered Priesthood in Postwar Shinto

Aike Rots, University of Oslo

*Shinto Kami Are Not Special: Methodological Nationalism, Translatability, and the Necessity of Intra-Asian Comparison*

Kaitlyn Ugoretz, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Altared Ontologies: Sacred Anxieties in the Glocalization of Shinto Traditions*

Responding:
- Helen Hardacre, Harvard University

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**A2-113**

**Religion and Politics Unit**

Theme: *New Directions in the Religious Left and the Religious Right*

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Katharine Batlan, University of Alberta, Augustana, Presiding

Chad Moore, Boston University


Isaac Sharp, Union Theological Seminary

*The “Other” Evangelicals: Complicating Canonical Histories of 20th Century U.S. American Evangelicalism*

L. Benjamin Rolsky, Rutgers University

*The Religious Left: A History, and a Reckoning*

Stephen Waldron, Boston University

*U.S. Denominational Beliefs and Political Affiliations from the Perspective of Moral Foundations Theory*

Hannah Waits, Harvard University

*Missionaries and Failed Missionaries: The Shifting Politics of US Evangelicals and Ex-evangelicals*
A2-114

Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
Theme: Hong Kong Protests and Political Theology
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Siu Pun Ho, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - Shin-Fung Hung, Duke University
  - Albert Sui-Hung Lee, Evangel Seminary
  - Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong
  - Nami Kim, Spelman College
  - Sharon Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School

A2-115

Space, Place, and Religion Unit
Theme: Methodology in the Study of Space, Place, and Religion
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Katie Oxx, Saint Joseph’s University, Presiding
  - Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia
  - Daniel Murray, McGill University
  - Amidu Elabo, Princeton Theological Seminary
  - Madeline Gambino, Princeton University
  - Kathleen Fisher, Assumption College, Presiding
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  - Erika Nelson, Vanderbilt University
  - Promoting Critical Historical Learning Through Online Annotation Technology
  - David B. Howell, Ferrum College, and Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

A2-116/S2-115

Study of Judaism Unit and SBL Jewish Christianity/Christian Judaism Unit
Theme: Loving Judaism Through Christianity? A Roundtable Discussion of Shaul Magid’s R. Elijah Zvi Soloveitchik’s Commentary on the Gospels (Yale University Press, 2019)
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Panelists:
  - Randi Rashkover, George Mason University
  - Eric Gregory, Princeton University
  - Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Princeton University
  - Matt Jackson-McCabe, Cleveland State University
  - Eliyahu Stern, Yale University
  - Shaul Magid, Dartmouth College
  - Jonathan Young, California State University, Bakersfield
  - Ben Van Overmeire, Duke Kunshan University

A2-117

Teaching Religion Unit
Theme: Intentional Tech: A Conversation about Teaching, Learning, and Technology
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kathleen Fisher, Assumption College, Presiding
  - Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barbara
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A2-118

Buddhist Pedagogy Seminar
Theme: Innovative Techniques for Teaching Buddhism in Modern Classrooms
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Todd T. Lewis, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding
  - Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
  - Teaching Buddhism Alongside Islam in the Intro to Asian Religions Class
  - Elizabeth Guthrie, University of Waterloo
  - North American Religious Studies and “Built Pedagogy”
  - Alyson Prude, Georgia Southern University
  - Engaging Buddhist Ethics to Engage Students
  - Andrew Houseaux, Tang Institute at Andover
  - Mahāpajāpatī Gotami, Misconceptions, and Religious Literacy: Reflections on an Early Buddhist Story
  - Ivory L. Lyons, University of Mount Union
  - The Mandala Project: A Class Activity
  - Jonathan Young, California State University, Bakersfield
  - Ben Van Overmeire, Duke Kunshan University
  - Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University, and Trung Huynh, University of Houston, Presiding
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A2-119

Exploratory Session: Expanding the Guild: Why Video Games Matter for the Study of Religion and Vice Versa

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

John Borchert, Syracuse University, Presiding

Jason Anthony, Brooklyn, NY
The Divine Game: The Challenge of Holy Play, Game as Ritual, and The Design Of The “Ten-Year Game”

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Beyond Belief: How a Video Game’s Procedural Rhetoric Models How Rituals Make Arguments

Owen Gottlieb, Rochester Institute of Technology, and Dheepa Sundaram, University of Denver
Integrating and Negotiating the Globalizing of Religion in the Mobile Video Game Florenee

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen
“No One is Forced to Join a Cult”: Researching the Mediatization of Religion from the Perspective of Game and Religious Studies

Responding:

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

A2-120

Women’s Caucus

Theme: Re-Engaging Praxis Through Publication: New Books on Gender and Religion

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

Christina Garcia Lopez Lopez, University of San Francisco
Calling the Soul Back: Embodied Spirituality in Chicanx Narrative

Courtney Pace, Memphis Seminary
Freedom Faith: The Womanist Vision of Prathia Hall

Amanda Benckhuysen, Calvin Theological Seminary
The Gospel According to Eve: A History of Women’s Interpretation

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University
I Bring the Voices of My People: A Womanist Vision of Racial Reconciliation

Jill Peterfeso, Guilford College
It’s Not You; it’s Them: Escaping Bad Publishing Relationships and Re-Respecting Your Project

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A2-200

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee

Theme: Meet with a Union Rep Discussion on Contingent Faculty and Related Labor Issues

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University, Presiding

Please join the Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty (ALCF) Working Group for this open discussion about labor in the academy. ALCF will update you on AAR’s efforts and facilitate structured yet wide discussion on what matters to you. All are welcome: contingent faculty, tenured faculty, deans, those who no longer work in the academy, graduate students—we really mean everyone and anyone who cares about this issue. Drop-in or stay for the whole time.

A2-201

Teaching and Learning Committee

Theme: Online Education as a Social Justice Issue

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Online education has recently jumped into the spotlight, with institutions worldwide trying to hastily implement online solutions to address educational needs remotely during the pandemic. This rapid adoption of online teaching has divided perceptions of its role and efficacy, overshadowing the contexts in which online education has developed and the pedagogies which have been established to serve different student populations. Online education initiatives are still frequently derided by faculty as administrative attempts to place profits over educational quality. The exploitation of minorities by for-profit educational institutions has also negatively impacted the reputation of the modality. In todays environment, we need to acknowledge online education as an important strategy for increasing inclusion and reaching underserved and at-risk populations. This discussion session includes seasoned online educational professionals who will address the important social justice implications of online education, and consider how online learning, when well and thoughtfully implemented can drastically increase outreach to people who struggle to get on the higher education ladder.

Panelists:

Matthew Bingley, Georgia State University
Mary E. Hess, Luther Seminary

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A 2-202

African Religions Unit and Body and Religion Unit
Theme: Embodiment of African Religions
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Wesley Barker, Mercer University, Presiding
Georgette Ledgister, Emory University
Wrestling the Spirits: 'Catch Fétiche' and Congolese Women's Embodiment of Ritual Power
Douglas Bafford, Brandeis University
African Bodies Out of Place: Evangelical Discourses of Material Religion in Contemporary South Africa

A 2-203

Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Theme: Metaphysical and Pragmatic Perspectives on Participation and the Church
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Natalie Carnes, Baylor University, Presiding
Joanna Leidenhag, University of Saint Andrews
Participatory Metaphysics and the Corporate Body of Christ: Participation in the Theology of Gertrud von Leibniz and Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Alex Fogleman, Baylor University
Participation and the Church as Totus Christus: Nicene Responses to Contemporary Criticisms
Rory Misiewicz, Eastern University
Semiotic "Withing": Recovering a Theory of Signs Through Bonaventure, Aquinas, John of St. Thomas for a Concept of Participation

A 2-204

Comparative Theology Unit
Theme: The Whence, Whither, and Wherefore of Comparative Theology: A Conversation Across Generations, Schools, Traditions, and Continents
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding
Panelists:
Katie Mahowski Mylroie, Boston College
Jerusha Rhodes, Union Theological Seminary
Bin Song, Washington College
Axel Marc Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University
Bethany Slater, Boston College
Nougoutna Litoing, Harvard University
Daniel Soars, University of Cambridge
David Maayan, Boston College
Yongho Francis Lee, Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome
Responding:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

A 2-205

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Chad Seales, University of Texas, Presiding
Panelists:
Rachel Cantave, Swarthmore College
N. Fadeke Castor, Northeastern University
Brendan Jamal Thornton, University of North Carolina
Funlayo Easter Wood, African and Diasporic Religious Studies Association
Responding:
Alexander Rocklin, Otterbein University
J. Crosson, University of Texas

A 2-206

Evangelical Studies Unit
Theme: Evangelical Political Identities
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jason Sexton, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding
Emma Long, University of East Anglia
Lobbying for the Lord: The National Association of Evangelicals and Post-war Evangelical Political Activism
Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary
Religious and Political: A Study of Evangelical Identities During the Cold War
Caleb Brown, University of Oxford
Liberty University and the Ecological Import of “Fill the Earth, and Subdue it”: A Dialogue Between Two Nexus of Evangelical Identities
Responding:
Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois

A 2-207

Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit
Theme: Narrative Crossing: From Literary to Visual Arts
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Gudrun Buhnemann, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Albert Welter, University of Arizona
An Indian Buddhist Imaginaire in Hangzhou China and the Transformation of East Asian Buddhism
Dessislava Vendova, Columbia University
Bodily Characteristics and Four Distinct Types of Identities in the Buddha’s Last Life
Yi Ding, Stanford University
From Blood Sacrifice to Bloodless Sacrifice: The Buddhist Rhetoric of Ritual Supersession and Its Reception in Medieval China
Responding:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

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Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A2-208

Music and Religion Unit

Theme: Book Panel on Alisha Lola Jones’ Flaming?: The Peculiar Theopolitics of Fire and Desire in Black Male Gospel Performance (Oxford University Press, 2020)

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University, Presiding

Panelists:
Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University
Josef Sorett, Columbia University
Quincy Rineheart, Chicago Theological Seminary
Braxton Shelley, Harvard University

A2-209

Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

Theme: Women Shaping Theology and Religion in the Nineteenth Century: II

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Emily Dumler-Winckler, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Panelists:
Ashley Reed, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
The Fictional Medium: Spirituality and Women's Religious Authority in Elizabeth Oakes-Smith's Bertha and Lily
Lydia Willsey-Ciollo, Fairfield University
“Practicing Self-Culture in Community: Caroline Dall and Historical Pictures Retouched”
Michael Putnam, Brown University
Zitkala-Sa and the Politics of Paganism

Responding:
Ann Braude, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, and Zachary Purvis, University of Göttingen, Presiding

A2-210

Open and Relational Theologies Unit

Theme: Moral Injury, Interdependence, and Nature: Open & Relational Perspectives

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Elaine Padilla, University of La Verne, Presiding

Rebecca Copeland, Boston University
The Goodness of Dependence: A Relational Corrective to Myths of Nature

Allison Covey, Villanova University
Relationality, Moral Injury, and Religious Community Among Women in Animal Rights Activism

Responding:
Sharon V. Betcher, Langley, WA

A2-211

Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: Looking Back to Move Forward: The Legacies of McFague, Edwards, and Ruether

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Kimberly Carfore, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Jim Robinson, Fordham University
Spiraling into Wider Justice: The Life, Legacy, and Insights of Rosemary Radford Ruether

James Dechant, Fordham University
Two Savvy Australians: Denis Edwards and Anthony Kelly on the Task of Human Knowing in an Ecological Age

Tim Middleton, University of Oxford
The Wounded Body of God: A Theology of Ecological Trauma and the Legacy of Sally McFague

A2-212

Religion and Politics Unit


Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Panelists:
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico

Responding:
Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University
Luke Bretherton, Duke University
A2-213
Religion and Sexuality Unit
Theme: Queer Cases of Transition
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Bee Scherer, INCISE - Intersectional Centre for Inclusion and Social Justice, Presiding
Haley Petersen, University of North Carolina
*Trans Macabre: Reproduction and Wrath in Koji Suzuki’s “Ring” Series*
Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University
*The Queer Case of Father Seraphim Rose: Conversion, Homophobia, and Masculine Spirituality in the Russian Orthodox Church*
Lynne Gerber, San Francisco, CA
*Gay Refugees and the Gay Church: Homonationalism, the Metropolitan Community Church, and the Resettlement of Gay/Lesbian Marielitos*
Responding:
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida
Business Meeting:
Nina Hoel, University of Oslo, and Jennifer S. Leath, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

A2-214
Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Theme: Padmasambhava’s Traces
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Dominique Townsend, Bard College, Presiding
Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley
*Padmasambhava in the Tibetan Canon (Bstan ’gyur)*
Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College
*Blazing Transformation: Dorjé Drolo’s Geographic Embodiment*
Jue Liang, Denison University
*The Guru’s Beautiful Body: The (Ir)relevance of Attractiveness and Masculinity in Tantric Consortship*
Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia
*The Eleven Acts of Padmasambhava*

A2-215
Women’s Caucus
Theme: Women’s Religious Biographies – A Call to Action: Raising Up the Marginalized Voices and Contributions of Women in the Academy
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Mary Hamlen, Harvard University, Presiding
Jonathon Eder, Mary Baker Eddy Library
*Florence Alden Gragg – Groundbreaking Translator of a Renaissance Pope*
Julia Berger, Baha’i International Community
*Biography of Dr. Azza Karam*
Kimberly Carter, California Institute of Integral Studies
*Biography of Dr. Chenoqua Walker-Barnes*
Carolyn Bratnober, Columbia University
*Biography of the Rev. Dr. Traci West*
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
*Biography of Buddhist Scholar Paula Robinson Kane Arai*
Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University
*“Dr. Carolyn Tennant, Prophet and Mystic at the Helm of Pentecostal Education: A Ballast in the Current of Change”*
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University
*Marginalized Leader: Sr. Mary Milligan, R.S.H.M.*
Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD
*Stephanie Y. Mitchem: The R/evolutionary Brain in the Academy*
Responding:
Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project

A2-300
Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Advocate for Yourself Instead of Fighting Yourself: Succeeding in Graduate School with a Neurodivergent Scholar
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Succeeding in graduate school with neurodivergence can feel like a constant battle to force ourselves into the mold of (neuro)typical scholars. Based upon my own experiences being diagnosed with ADHD midway through my graduate school career as well as my subsequent research into strategies and resources for neurodiverse scholars, my workshop will discuss the difficulties and stigma related to navigating graduate school with neurodivergence—including, but not limited to, ADHD, autism, dyslexia, and other neurodevelopmental disorders—as well as how we can carve out the space we need to do our best work. Learn about advocating for your needs with faculty and colleagues, how best to utilize student disability services as well as other university-run student services, understanding the Americans with Disabilities Act, and accessing a wealth of resources online and in your community to support you in your scholarship.
Panelists:
Andrea Scardina, University of Iowa
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Afro-American Religious History Unit
Theme: From Sun Ra to Grace Jones: A Roundtable on African-American Performers and Religious Identity
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, and Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College
  Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College
  Brett Grainger, Villanova University
  Matthew Harris, University of California, Santa Barbara
  M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University
Business Meeting:
  Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, and Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A2-302

Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: Weaponizing Religious Authenticity: Religious Freedom and National Identity Across the Pacific Divide
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Tisa Wenger, Yale University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania
  K. Healan Gaston, Harvard University
  Carleigh Beriont, Harvard University
  Jason Josephson-Storm, Williams College

A2-303

Christian Spirituality Unit
Theme: Apocalyptic Spirituality
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Leonard McMahon, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Aline Lewis, Graduate Theological Union
The Apocalyptic Spirituality of Anne Wentworth
Derek Taylor, Whitworth University
Bonhoeffer’s Spirituality in a World Come of Age: Practicing Christ’s Apocalypse as the World Warms

A2-304

Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit
Theme: Diverse Perspectives on Heathenry
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Damon Berry, Saint Lawrence University, Presiding
Barbara Jane Davy, University of Waterloo
Sacrifice and Feast in Heathen Blot and Husel
Fredrik Gregorius, Linkoping University
The Landscape of the Gods: Scandinavian Heathenism and the Role of Cultural Memories
Bran Stigile-Wright, Graduate Theological Union
Social Destruction, Social Purpose: Narratives of Trans Identity in American Heathenry

A2-305

Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit
Theme: Kierkegaard, the Problem of Patriarchy, and Related Social Ills, Part 2
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Aaron Edwards, Cliff College, Presiding
Frances Maughan-Brown, College of the Holy Cross
Without Authority: Kierkegaard’s Resistance to Patriarchy
Thomas Millay, Baylor University
An Equal Chance to Make Our Lives Miserable: Kierkegaard’s Paradoxical Feminism
Troy Wellington Smith, University of California, Berkeley
Material Traces of a Kierkegaardian Confrontation with the Patriarchy

Business Meeting:
  Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary, and Jennifer Venninga, Saint Edwards University, Presiding

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A2-306
Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit
Theme: Moral Injury and Sexual/Gender Violence
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry, Presiding
Kate Jackson-Meyer, Boston College
Institutional Moral Injury: A Facet of Harm Caused by Sexual Abuse in the Roman Catholic Church
Jeehyun Baek, Boston University
Rethinking the Theological Task of Grieving and Resistance from Korean Yanggongju’s Experience of Wartime Sexual Violence
Timothy Jones, La Trobe University
Spiritual Harm and Recovery from LGBT Conversion Practices
Business Meeting:
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

A2-307
Philosophy of Religion Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit
Theme: Hope in a Secular Age Book Panel (Cambridge University Press, 2020)
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding
Panelists:
Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge
Noreen Khwaja, Yale University
Andrew Prevot, Boston College
Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago
Responding:
David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University
Business Meeting:
Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College, and Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College, Presiding

A2-308
Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit
Theme: Eros and Ascent
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Derek Michaud, University of Maine, Presiding
Ryan Darre, Princeton University
Two Visions of Eros in Cambridge Platonism: Henry More and Ralph Cudworth
Michael Ennis, Harvard University
Mary, Divinization, and the Ascent to God
Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University
Anne Carson and the Poetics of Erotic Ascent
Daniel Fishley, McGill University
Beauty In J.R.R. Tolkien’s The Silmarillion: A Neoplatonic Reading

Business Meeting:
Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

A2-309
Practical Theology Unit
Theme: Decoloniality, Religious Practices, and Practical Theology
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Courtney T. Goto, Boston University, Presiding
Daniel Hauge, Boston University
Comfortable White Affect as Colonial Practice, and the Oppressive Power of Norms
Linwood Blizzard, Virginia Union University
Expanding the Theological Voice of the Ancestors: The Body and Embodied Collective Memory as Epistemology for Pedagogies in Introducing Post-Colonial Theological Inquiry
Katherine Kunz, University of Basel
Offering “A Place of Home” to Asylum-Seekers in Switzerland: Possibilities for Decolonizing Church Outreach
Britta Meiers Carlson, Boston University
Striving to Be Mainline: White Perfomativity as a Barrier to Equity and Diversity in U.S. Progressive Christian Denominations
Responding:
Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Christian Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, Presiding

A2-310
Religion and Politics Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit
Theme: The Space of the State
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter’s University, Presiding
Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University
Contact Zone: Supernature and the State in the Big Thicket
Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina
The Path of Improvement: Religion, Politics, and Labor in Transit.
Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University
Buddhist Religious Activity Sites: The Evolution of State-Controlled Religious Space in China
Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University
State Cosmology, Gurus, and the Re-making of Singapore
Responding:
Samuel Kigar, University of Puget Sound

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Religion in South Asia Unit
Theme: The Implications of Being Earnest: Sincerity in South Asian Contexts
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Sophia Nasti, Harvard University, Presiding
 Shiv Subramaniam, Columbia University
 Learning to Read Earnestly
 Meghan Hartman, University of Virginia
 Sincere Scholarship: Miraji’s Cultivation of Earnestness and Theory of Translation
 Kenneth Valpey, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies
 Earnestness in Hearing and Reading the Bhāgavata Purāṇa
 Seth Ligo, Duke University
 The Importance of Bhairava’s Earnestness
 Responding:
 James Reich, Pace University
 Business Meeting:
 Jennifer Ortegren, Middlebury College, and Sarah Pierce Taylor, University of Chicago, Presiding

A2-312

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit
Theme: Gaming the System: Death, Memory, and Community in Video Gaming Culture
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Jennifer Caplan, Towson University, Presiding
 John Borchert, Syracuse University
 ‘Re-Presenting Death in Video Games: “That Dragon, Cancer” and Christian Images of Suffering and Grief’
 Daniel Wyche, University of Chicago
 The Lonely Goddess: Religion, Memory, and History in The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild
 William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara
 ‘Choose Your Destiny!’: Approaching the Mortal Kombat Gaming Culture as Religion

A2-313

Sikh Studies Unit
Theme: Sikh Approaches to Gender, Embodiment, and Space
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Nikky Singh, Colby College, Presiding
Panelists:
 Anneeth Kaur Hundle, University of California, Irvine
 Francesca Cassio, Hofstra University
 Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College
 Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University
 Business Meeting:
 Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, and Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

A2-314

Teaching Religion Unit
Theme: Teaching after Traumatic Events
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego, Presiding
 Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College
 Teaching After Traumatic Events: 9/11’s Indelible Landscape
 Christopher Jones, Washburn University
 ‘But Everybody Got Gede’: Studying Vodou in the Midst of Shared Trauma
 Michelle Wolff, Augustana College
 Killjoys and Myth-Busters: Uses of Affect for Pedagogy

A2-315

Women and Religion Unit
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Brittany Landorf, Emory University, Presiding
Panelists:
 Kayla Renée Wheeler, Xavier University
 Saadia Yacoob, Williams College
 Traci C. West, Drew University
 Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

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A2-316

Yogācāra Studies Unit
Theme: Text Panel: Yogācāra in Dharmakīrti: Pramāṇavārttika 3.194–224
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
John Dunne, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Panelists:
- Nilanjan Das, University College London
- Catherine Prueitt, University of British Columbia University
- Davey Tomlinson, Villanova University
- Alexander Yiannopoulos, Emory University
- Smriti Khanal, Harvard University

A3-100

Daoist Studies Unit
Theme: Mountains, Cliffs, and Inscriptions: Explorations in Daoist Epigraphy
Thursday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
Raz Gil, Dartmouth College, Presiding
- Wen Lei, Institute of History, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences
  The Abbey Celebrating the Tang 慶唐觀: Representation and Evolution of a Sacred Site from the Tang Dynasty
- Jie Zhou, Alliance Theological Seminary
  Art, Religion and Heritage: Multiple Identities of Daoist Cliff Statues in Dazu Nanshan
- Jonathan Pettit, University of Hawai‘i
  Parallel Worlds: Hagiographic Juxtaposition in Early Daoist Stele Monuments

P3-100

Colloquium on Violence and Religion
Theme: Beyond Scapegoats: Marginalized Voices in Conversation with Rene Girard
Thursday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University, Presiding
- Julia Robinson Moore, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa
  An Escalation to Extremes: Purity Spirals and Victimization
- Chelsea King, University of Notre Dame
  Girard, the Feminist? Bringing Mimetic Theory into Dialogue with Feminist Critiques of Sacrifice
- James Alison, Madrid, Spain
  Title Forthcoming

A3-101

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Theme: Reports from the Field: COVID and Contingency
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding
This session will provide an update from the field on how COVID has been impacting contingent faculty and campuses across the country. We will share data as it is available and brainstorm ways to address concerns.

A3-102

Applied Religious Studies Committee
Theme: Another Plan A: Religious Studies Education and Careers Beyond the Academy
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding
Worried about the tenure-track job market? Thinking that a career in higher ed no longer matches your interests and goals? Or just wondering about options? Join the Applied Religious Studies Committee for a discussion on career paths off the tenure track and/or outside the academy. Panelists hold masters and doctoral degrees in a variety of religious studies and theology specializations and will discuss fields including: publishing and editing; freelance writing; nonprofits and foundations; government; religious communities; academic administration; and more. Panelists will discuss the ways faculty, departments, and the AAR might better support scholars as they consider diverse careers. Come hear more about what graduate education in religious studies and theology already do to prepare us for and enhance our practice of various careers, and help us think about what more the academy can and should do to support scholars in the pursuit of diverse professional opportunities.
This panel will include substantial time for audience Q&A and discussion. Please come and share your thoughts!
Panelists:
- Gina Cogan, Boston University
- Walker Bristol, Tufts University
- Casey Crosbie, Claremont School of Theology
- Zahra Jamal, Rice University
- Eric Lewis Williams, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture
A3-103
Program Committee and Regions Committee
Theme: Regions Forum
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX, and Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding
If you are interested in the AAR 365 mission, and specifically with how the AAR Annual Meeting program and the regions might work together to advance that, then please come to this forum. We will have members of the AAR Program Committee, the Regions Committee, Regional Officers, and Program Unit Chairs there to think together about such opportunities. For instance:
• Might Program Units Chairs send robust but not accepted paper/panel proposals to the Regional Coordinator where the proposer resides? Where the proposed topic might fit with a region’s emphasis?
• How might we see the Regions as both an extension of the work done at the annual program and as a way of doing pre-work prior to the annual program?
• How might Program Unit Chairs work with Regional Coordinators to connect regional scholars with local presses?
• How might the Regions and the Program Units develop region-specific public forums throughout the year?
Please come help us think about these and other questions, and bring your own creative ideas to the table.
Panelists:
Elizabeth Coody, Morningside College
Matthew Vaughan, Columbia University

A3-104
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Theme: Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Samuel Bak’s Paintings, Holocaust Memory, and Icons of Loss
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University, Presiding
Mark Celinscak, University of Nebraska
Religious Iconography in the Art of Samuel Bak
Gary A. Phillips, Wabash College
Beauty, Barbarity, and Bak: Aesthetics of Loss and the Art of Tikkun Olam
Isabelle Mutton, University of Exeter
Loss, Redemption and the Star of David: The Artwork of Samuel Bak and Daniel Libeskind’s Canadian National Holocaust Monument
David Tollerton, University of Exeter
Multidirectionalizing Memory: Samuel Bak, British Holocaust Education, and Jewish-Christian Relations
Responding:
Samuel Bak, Pucker Gallery
Business Meeting:
Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University, Presiding

A3-105
Bioethics and Religion Unit and Ethics Unit
Theme: The Plague of Darkness: Ethics, Justice, and Faith in the COVID-19 Pandemic
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago, Presiding
Panelists:
Jeffrey P. Bishop, Saint Louis University
Gaymon L. Bennett, Arizona State University
Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University
Marc Lipsitz, Harvard University
Stephen Zoloth, Northeastern University
Laurie Garrett, Princeton University
A3-106

Black Theology Unit
Theme: Undying Love: Black Theology and Anti-Colonial Movements
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Michele Watkins, University of San Diego, Presiding
Joshua Bartholomew, Harvard University
Black Theology and The Black Panthers: A Methodologically Womanist Consideration of Praxis
Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
Black Liberation Theology and the "Black Manifesto": Reflections on Race, Racial Injustice, and Religion a Half-Century Later
R. Nick Peterson, Emory University
Towards a Theological Liberation of Care in Lena Waithe's Film "Queen and Slim"
Responding:
Jawanza Eric Clark, Manhattan College

A3-107

Buddhism Unit
Theme: The Business of Asceticism during the Long First Millennium CE
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas, Presiding
Matthew Milligan, Trinity University
Consuming the Robes: Buddhist Monasticism as Brand
Johan Elverskog, Southern Methodist University
No-Self, Money, and Status
Alice Collett, York St John University
Are Women Bad for Business? The Advent of Gender Segregation in Buddhist Monasticism
Nicholas Witkowski, Nanyang Technological University
Caste, Impurity, and Monastic Norms in the Business of Cemetery Asceticism: The Economics of the Impure Vocations Within the Buddhist Monastery
Julie Hanlon, University of Chicago
Capitalizing on Donations: Economy of Practices at Early Jain Monastic Sites in South India
Justin Henry, Georgia College & State University
South Indian Diplomatic Buddhism at the Close of the Long First Millennium

A3-108

Cognitive Science of Religion Unit
Theme: Current Theories and Applications of the Cognitive Science of Religion
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jed Forman, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Jason N. Blum, Davidson College
CSR, Theory, and the Truth of Religious Belief
John Teehan, Hofstra University
Enactive Cognition, Complex Systems, and Religion as Adaptation
Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University
Growth and Advances in the Cognitive Science of Religion
Alastair Lockhart, University of Cambridge
Uncovering Cognitive Pathways in the Study of New Religious Movements
Business Meeting:
Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, and Claire White, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

A3-109

Ecclesial Practices Unit
Theme: Accountability at the Intersections of Theology and Ethnography
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto, Presiding
Helen Cameron, University of Oxford
Dual Accountability in a Faith-Based Organization: Critical Reflections on Turning First-Person Action Research into a Text
Paul Houston Blankenship, Graduate Theological Union
The Dark Night of Ethnographic Theology and What Lucifer Taught Me About How to be a Christian
Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University
"But You Love Jesus, Right?": Ethnographic Accountability Across Polarized Worldviews
Ken Chitwood, Freie Universität Berlin
"I've Seen You": Reflections on Ethnographic Theology, Accountability, & Christian-Muslim Relations
Business Meeting:
Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden, Presiding
A3-110

Gay Men and Religion Unit
Theme: Drag, Ballroom, Celibacy, and BDSM: LGBTQ Religious Histories, Rituals, and Public Performances
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Or Porath, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Drake Konow, University of Texas
Lip-Syncing Religion: Queer Theories of Religion in Drag Performances of the “God Warrior” Monologue
Heather White, University of Puget Sound
Meghan Beddingfield, Southern Methodist University
Ritualistic Rapture: Transgression, BDSM Piercing Practices, and a Sense of Community
Michael Roberson, Center for Race, Religion, and Economic Democracy
The Trans Sounds of Black Freedom
Business Meeting:
Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University, Presiding

A3-111

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Theme: Decolonial Practices of Naming, Thinking, and Being
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Lauren Frances Guerra, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Natalie Solis, University of California, Los Angeles
Decolonial Aesthetics in Latin(x) America: Mapping Contemporary Border-Crossings and Spiritual Activisms
Alejandro Escalante, University of North Carolina
What We Can Learn from Trans Studies
Responding:
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley
Business Meeting:
Angel Gallardo, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

A3-112

Music and Religion Unit
Theme: Tonality, Time, and Text: Three Aspects of Apocalypticism in Music
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jeffrey Scholes, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, Presiding
Panelists:
Carol Symes, University of Illinois
Colin McAllister, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Richard F. Thomas, Harvard University
Lorenzo DiTommaso, Concordia University Montréal
Business Meeting:
Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University, and Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding

A3-113

Philosophy of Religion Unit
Theme: Enrique Dussel and the Task of Decolonizing Philosophy of Religion
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, Presiding
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College
Dussel, Liberation, and Heterosexuality
Rafael Vizcaino, Rutgers University
Decolonizing the Anti-Fetishist Method
Lucas Wright, University of California, Irvine
La epifanía del Otro y la analogía: Toward an Understanding of Enrique Dussel’s Use of Theological Language and Concepts
Vincent Cervantes, University of Illinois
Reading Dussel Queerly
Responding:
Eleanor Craig, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, and Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding
A3-114/S3-113

Qur’an Unit and SBL Qur’an and Biblical Literature Unit
Theme: Qur’an and Bible: Modern Reflections
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK, Presiding
  Halla Attallah, Georgetown University
  Gender Rhetoric in the Qur’an: A Feminist Literary Analysis of the Qur’an’s Annunciation Scenes
  Elisabeth Kennedy, American University in Cairo
  Interpreting Sodom in Cairo: Reading Genesis 18–19 and Its Qur’anic Parallels
  Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University
  Can One Be an “Open-Minded Fundamentalist?” Salafi Discourse on the Use of Jewish and Christian Scripture in Qur’an Commentary

A3-116

Schleiermacher Unit
Theme: Love and Power
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding
  Calli Micale, Yale University
  Dependence, Disability, and F.D.E. Schleiermacher
  James Rogers, Claremont Graduate University
  Love and Power in Schleiermacher’s Philosophy of Language
  Thandeka Thandeka, Love Beyond Belief, Inc.
  Schleiermacher and American God-Politics
Responding:
  Jennifer A. Herdt, Yale University

A3-117

Sociology of Religion Unit
Theme: Conceptualizing Religion and Rethinking Methods in the Sociology of Religion
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Dusty Hoesly, University of Southern Mississippi, Presiding
  Amidu Elabo, Princeton Theological Seminary
  Gustavo Morello, Boston College
  Modernity and Sacralization Practices: Photographs and the Sacred
  Brenton Kalinowski, Rice University, Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University, and Rachel Schneider, Rice University
  Perceptions of Work as Calling
  Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University
  The Value Added of “Holding the Space”: A Case Study of Chaplains in Boston and their Changing Roles over Time
Business Meeting:
  Dusty Hoesly, University of Southern Mississippi, and Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

A3-119

Wildcard Session: (Dis)Armed: American Faiths and American Firearms
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Haley Iliff, Florida State University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Noah Schwartz, Carleton University
  Jessica Dawson, United States Military Academy at West Point
  Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
  Michael Grigoni, Duke University
  Katie Day, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia

P3-101

Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts
Theme: Performing Iconic Texts
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University, Presiding
  Maria Turek, University of Toronto
  Reenacting Ritual Contract: A Tibetan Text Between Buddhist Enlightenment and Local Cosmology
  Bhakti Mantora, College of Wooster
  Rethinking Engagement in Historical and Contemporary Swaminarayan Katha Performances
  David Dault, Sandburg Media LLC
  A Magical Book That Nobody Reads: Expanding Discussions of Iconic Scripture to Include the Dimension of ‘Charismatic Technology’
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Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A3-200

Graduate Student Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee
Theme: Effective Teaching Demonstrations
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding
Many colleges and universities ask job candidates to give a "teaching demo" as a part of their campus visits. Unfortunately, with few pedagogical courses in graduate school and a lot of previous classroom experience that equates content delivery with learning, graduate students and other scholars on the job market might not feel prepared to succeed at this aspect of the interview process.
This workshop and panel is an opportunity to learn evidence-based teaching techniques that can be incorporated into teaching demos to make them more engaging, accessible, equity-minded, and learning-centered. Participants will have an opportunity to hear from both established educators and recently successful job-seekers in this session.

Jessica Tinklenberg, Claremont Colleges
Evidence-Based Practices for Engaging Teaching Demonstrations
Iva Patel, University of Iowa
Speaking to Multiple Audiences in A Teaching Demonstration
Bhakti Mamtora, College of Wooster
Strategies for Effectively Structuring Your Teaching Demonstration
Kirsty Jones, Georgetown University
Making Your Teaching Demonstration Accessible

A3-201

Publications Committee
Theme: Women and Publishing
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding
This panel brings together women successful as editors and book authors to discuss some of the unique challenges women face in the publishing process, issues ranging from gender bias in book reviews to juggling teaching, service, or child-rearing while writing books. In addition to sharing about their experiences and how they felt gender shaped or influenced them, panelists will offer advice and support to women with regard to their publishing goals.

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
April D. DeConick, Rice University
Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

Panelists:

A3-202

Animals and Religion Unit
Theme: Animality Racialized: Rethinking the Pedagogies of Subjectivity
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College, Presiding

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University
Teaching Animal Personhood through Comics

Eric Meyer, Carroll College
Constructing Whiteness through Animality: Ownership, Pity, and Violent Identification

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University
"Utterly Miserable and Inefficient": Defecation, Animality, and White Trash Religion

Responding:
Jeannie Ree Moore, General Board of Church and Society

A3-203

Anthropology of Religion Unit
Theme: Destruction and Preservation: Ethnographies of Religion and Urban Infrastructure
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Presiding

Tammy Wilks, Colgate University
The Bulldozers are Coming! The Portents, Poetics and Production of Religion in Nairobi

Alanna Cooper, Case Western Reserve University
Preserving Sacred Material Culture: A Cleveland Jewish Congregation’s Gaze to the Past

Heather Mellquist Lehto, University of Toronto
Skinship: Communion and Contagion in South Korea

Responding:
Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto

Business Meeting:
James Bielo, Miami University, and Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Presiding
A3-204

Black Theology Unit and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Unit

Theme: The Prophetic Black Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Montague Williams, Point Loma Nazarene University, Presiding
Shonda Nicole Gladden, Indiana University, Indianapolis
Where Do We Go From Here: Trans-Versing the SOUL of Black Folx
Edgar “Trey” Clark, Fuller Theological Seminary
Howard Thurman and the African American Contemplative Preaching Tradition
Yohance Whitaker, Virginia Union University
Social Salvation and Queerness
Responding:
Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

A3-205

Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Hindu Philosophy Unit and Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit

Theme: Roundtable on Roy Tzohar’s A Yogācāra Buddhist Theory of Metaphor (Oxford University Press, 2018)
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding
Panelists:
Jonathan Gold, Princeton University
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College
Joy Brennan, Kenyon College
Richard Nance, Indiana University
Catherine Prueitt, University of British Columbia
Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University
Responding:
Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University

A3-206

International Development and Religion Unit

Theme: Religion, Development and the Secular: Considering Perspectives from Local Faith Actors
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding
Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University
Olivia Wilkinson, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities
The Triple Nexus and Local Faith Actors in South Sudan
David Tittensor, Deakin University
Becoming Secular, Yet Remaining Religious: The Gülen Movement and the Golden Generation

A3-207

Mormon Studies Unit and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit

Theme: Entangled in the Spirit: Mormonism and Charismatic Movements
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, Presiding
Jenny Webb, Woodinville, WA
Glesialalia: Charismatic Convergence and Divergence Within Mormonism and Pentecostalism
Kathryn Davis, Claremont Graduate University
Carving, Sculpting, Training: The Creation of Legible Bodies in Mormon and Pentecostal Communities in America
Responding:
Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University

A3-208

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: Religious and Political Systems of Dehumanization: Long-term Psychological Consequences of Systemic Injustice
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding
Hee Jin Lee, Emory University
Unresolved Historical Trauma and Survival in the Korean Diaspora: Dehumanization of Self and Others
Reamogetje Ngoepe, Union Theological Seminary
Black Pentecostal Women: Praying as Ritual for Healing from Intersectional (Racial) Trauma
Jaeyeon Chung, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and Ilsup Ahn, North Park University
Systemic Terror, Silent Mourning, and Postcolonial Hope: The Case of Forcibly Separated Migrant Families

A3-209

Religion and Cities Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogies Unit

Theme: Cities as Sites for Transformative Teaching
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Michael Fisher, San Jose State University, Presiding
Christopher Cantwell, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Gathering Places: Religion, Community, and the Classroom in Milwaukee
Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego
Teaching Catholic Social Thought in the Context of San Diego’s Homelessness Crisis

Business Meeting:
Laura Stivers, Dominican University of California, Presiding
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A3-210
Religion and Ecology and Study of Islam Unit
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jaclyn Michael, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga, Presiding
Panelists:
- Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside
- Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
- Nur Amali Ibrahim, Indiana University, Bloomington
- Lisa Sideris, Indiana University
- Sarra Tlili, University of Florida
Responding:
- Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin

A3-211
Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: Thinking About Religious Violence
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Ann Duncan, Goucher College, Presiding
- Dan-Erik Andersson, Lund University
  *The Public Debates on Violent Extremism in Sweden; New Concepts and Meanings and Consequences for Religious Practice*
- Drago Stoica, Concordia University
  *A Virtuous Ummah Under Siege: The Mythology of Universal Conspiracy in Sayyid Qutb’s Coranic Commentary*
- David Kirkpatrick, James Madison University
  *The Latin American Bullring: Billy Graham, John F. Kennedy, and the Origins of the “Global War on Christians”*
- Joy Palacios, University of Calgary
  *Ritualization and Worker Autonomy in the Salesforce Ecosystem*
- Nermeen Mouftah, Butler University
  *Sacrificial Skins: The Value of Pakistan’s Eid al-Adha Animal Hide Collection*
Responding:
- Clayton Ashton, University of British Columbia

A3-212
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Theme: Religious Identity Construction and Interreligious Civic Practices
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding
Linda Bredvik, Heidelberg University
*Discussing the Faith: A Social-linguistic Analysis of Interreligious Dialogues*
Valentina Cantori, University of Southern California
*Civic Engagement at Religious Duty Among American Muslims*

A3-213
Ritual Studies Unit
Theme: Ritual at Work: Ritual in Organizational Contexts
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding
- Dana Logan, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
  *Evangelical Meetings and the Aesthetics of Boredom in Minute-Taking*
- Emily Dubie, Duke University
  *Managing Tragedy Through Leaving-Work Rituals: Social Workers and Unmet Human Need*
- Joy Palacios, University of Calgary
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- Clayton Ashton, University of British Columbia

A3-214
Space, Place, and Religion Unit
Theme: Place-Making, Secularism, and Commodification: *Courtney Bruntz and Brooke Schedneck’s Buddhist Tourism in Asia* (University of Hawai‘i Press, 2020)
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Matthew Mitchell, Allegheny College, Presiding
Panelists:
- Erik Braun, University of Virginia
- Natasha Heller, University of Virginia
- Angela Zito, New York University
Responding:
Courtney Bruntz, Doane University
Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College

A3-215

Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
Theme: The Religion of the Dance Floor? Queer Techno Beyond the Religious/Secular Divide
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Eva Pascal, Saint Michael’s College, Presiding
Panelists:
Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University
Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University
Abdul Rahman Mustafa, University of Paderborn
Linn Tonstad, Yale University

A3-216

Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit
Theme: Decolonizing our Fields: Women of Color Scholars on Transforming the Guild
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Deborah Rogers, Lane College, Presiding
Panelists:
Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary’s University
Merin Shobhana Xavier, Queen’s University
Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado
Oluwatomisin Oredein, Brite Divinity School
Shana Sippy, Centre College/Carleton College

Business Meeting:
Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary’s University, and Deborah Rogers, Lane College, Presiding

Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A3-300

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: A Foot in Two Worlds but No Real Home: Forging an Interdisciplinary Path in Graduate School
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Interdisciplinary scholarship is ostensibly valued, increasing opportunities for collaboration and including multiple perspectives, but the reality of pursuing a truly interdisciplinary path in graduate school can be discouraging and confusing. This can be especially challenging if your graduate program is not explicitly designed as interdisciplinary or when the fields that you bridge frequently clash. Although this approach can sometimes be lonely and require additional work, creativity, and self-advocacy, forging your own path is also exciting. How do you find, or create, an academic “home” when you don’t quite fit in either field and you are the only person in your program/department/school on this path? This session will discuss strategies for navigating graduate school and beyond while bridging multiple academic fields. These will include tips on developing relationships and communities with colleagues across fields, “translating” between disciplines, choosing a committee, and other topics relevant to participants.
Panelists:
Kate Soules, Boston College

A3-301

Afro-American Religious History Unit
Theme: Mormon, Muslim, Coptic, Webb: Blackness and Identity in New Religious Movements
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, Presiding
Judith Huenneke, Mary Baker Eddy Library
Marietta Webb and the “Colored” Christian Science Churches of Los Angeles
Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University
“I Told Jesus it Would be Alright if He Changed my Name”: Performative Imagination and Identity Formation as Rituals of Freedom in the Black Coptic Church
Megan Leverage, Central Michigan University
Black Mormon Tells Her Story: Religion, Race and Gender in the Post-Civil Rights Era
Patrick Bowen, Arvada, CO
Exploring Local Histories of African American Islam Through the Black Press

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Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A3-302

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit

Theme: Global Formations of Religion and Literature
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Zhang Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding
Craig Tichkelamp, Stonehill College  
*Mystifying the Letter: Religion and Literature in the Twentieth Century*
Micah Hughes, University of North Carolina  
*Reading Sufism at the University: The Literary Remaking of an Islamic Tradition in Twentieth-Century Turkey*
Yunus Dogan Telliç, Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
*The Untranslatable and its Opposite in Secular Modernity*
Christopher Douglas, University of Victoria  
“The Failure of the Postsecular”

Responding:
Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College

A3-303/S3-301

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit and SBL Book of Psalms Unit

Theme: Bonhoeffer on the Psalms: New Perspectives on Prayerbook of the Bible (Fortress Press, 1940)
Thursday, 4:00PM–6:00PM
Brad Pribbenow, Lutheran Brethren Seminary, Presiding
Brent A. Straw, Duke University  
*Bonhoeffer on Enemies and Imprecation: A Commentary*
Stephen B. Chapman, University of Tubingen  
*Who Prays the Psalms? Bonhoeffer’s Christological Concentration and Psalm 69*
Arnold Huijgen, Theological University of Apeldoorn  
*Bonhoeffer’s Approach of the Psalms as Incentive for Reading the Bible Theologically*
Michael Mawson, Charles Sturt University  
*Retrieving Bonhoeffer’s Prayerbook: Towards a Post-Holocaust Christological Reading of the Psalms*

A3-304

Childhood Studies and Religion Unit

Theme: New Theories of Childhood Religiosity
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Sally Stamper, Capital University, Presiding
Kishundra King, Vanderbilt University  
*A Kaleidoscope Analysis: Toward a Womanist/ist Theology*
Jessica Pratezina, University of Victoria  
*Disciples by Default: Social and State Interventions with Children in Alternative Religious Movements*

A3-305

Comparative Religious Ethics Unit

Theme: Civil Disobedience and Duties to Resist in Comparative Perspective
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University, Presiding
David Gides, University of Providence  
*Bonhoeffer, Antifa, and the Moral Defensibility of Uncivil Disobedience*
Alease Brown, University of the Western Cape  
*Violence: A Typology Fitting for the South African Context of Entrenched Inequality*
Joshua Carpenter, Florida State University  
*Black Rights Matter: Adjudicating Uncivil Disobedience*

A3-306

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit

Theme: Field Notes: Making and Unmaking the Ethnography of Religion
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Kijan Bloomfield, Rhodes College, Presiding
Panelists:
Cody Musselman, Yale University
George Gonzalez, City University of New York
Hillary Kaell, McGill University
Salih Chattoo, University of Toronto
Eziaku Nwokocha, University of Pennsylvania
Timothy Byram, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
Kristin Scheible, Reed College, Presiding

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A3-307

Evangelical Studies Unit
Theme: Complexities of Evangelical Perspectives
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Peter Choi, Newbigin House, and Gabriela Viesca, George Fox University, Presiding
Jennifer Riley, Durham University
  Abortion and Evangelicalism in England: Capturing and Communicating Complexity
Stephen Wolma, Lancaster Theological Seminary
  Analytical Tool or Secular Interloper?: The Challenge of Critical Race Theory to the Contemporary White Evangelical Identity
Ronald Potter, Hinds Community College
  Fifty Years of Revisioning American Evangelicalism: Reflections of an Older “New Black Evangelical”
Jason Fallin, Fuller Theological Seminary
  Do You See What I See?: Operation Christmas Child and Evangelical Aesthetic Formation

A3-308

Mysticism Unit
Theme: Mysticism in the Wild: Ecology and Nature in the Mystic Frame
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University, Presiding
Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University
  The Presence of God(s): Mysticism and Ecology in the Big Thicket
Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
  Doing Nothing in a World of Wounds: The Place of Mysticism in Ecological Emergency
Russell Powell, College of the Holy Cross
  John Muir, Sacred Value, and Environmental Racism: Lessons from Hegel for a Moral Mysticism

A3-309

Native Traditions in the Americas Unit
Theme: Sacred Lands and Waters: Legal Challenges in Indigenous Efforts to Protect Sacred Spaces
Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Abel Gomez, Syracuse University, Presiding
Brennan Keegan, Randolph College
  Shifting Legal Boundaries and Indigenous Ecologies at Bears Ears National Monument
Khrystyne Wilson, University of Arizona
  It's Not Like Their Church: Problematizing the Practice of Equating American Indian Sacred Land to Abrahamic Sites
Denise Marie Nadeau, Concordia University, Montreal
  Decolonizing Water: Revitalizing Indigenous Water Laws
Responding:
  Tiffany Hale, Barnard College of Columbia University

A3-310

North American Religions Unit and Religion and Economy Unit
Theme: Religious Liberty Incorporated
Thursday, 4:00PM ~6:00 PM
Catherine Brekus, Harvard University, Presiding
Lucia Hulsether, Skidmore College
  Family Corporation v. Blackface Feminism: Reproducing Religious Freedom from Hobby Lobby to Notorious R.B.G
Erik Nordbye, Harvard University
  Liberty of Conscience Becomes Liberty of Estate: Property, Dissent, and the Massachusetts Constitution
Dana Lloyd, Washington University, St. Louis
  From Corporate Personhood to Environmental Personhood
Responding:
  Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University
Business Meeting:
  Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University, and Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico, Presiding

A3-311

Queer Studies in Religion Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit
Theme: Queer Lives, Trans Tales, and Marvelous Morphologies in Premodern Christianity
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Georgia Frank, Colgate University, Presiding
Rebecca Wiegel, University of Notre Dame
  Ascesis as Gender Transition: The Dialogue of Identity and Spirituality in the Life of St Matrona of Perge
Martha Newman, University of Texas
  Disguise and Discernment: Constructing the Story of a Transgender Monk
C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University
  The Apophasis of (Trans)Gender
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A3-312
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Theme: Global Fandoms and Religion: New Case Studies from Scandinavia, Korea and Zimbabwe
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
James Thrall, Knox College, Presiding
Hyemin Na, Emory University
“Testing the Limits of Implicit Religion as Research Frame: BTS Fandom Case Study”
Lisa Kienzl, University of Bremen
“The Pagan Here, Loving It!” Negotiating Norse Mythology and Paganism in Fan Culture Discussed on the Examples of the Television Series “American Gods” and “Jordskott”

A3-313
Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit
Theme: Revolution, Rebellion, and Critique: Dissident Affects in the 19th Century North Atlantic
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Zachary Smith, University of Tennessee, Presiding
Emily Dumler-Winckler, Saint Louis University
“Affect and the Formation of Taste: Revolution Debates Then and Now”
Jeffrey Wheatley, Iowa State University
“Religious Racial Affectability: Nat Turner and Nineteenth-Century Theories of Fanaticism”
Eric Chalfant, Queen’s University
“The Sensual versus the Sensible in American Irreligion: How to Illustrate Reason’s Affects”

Business Meeting:
Maia Kotrosits, Denison University, and Tam K. Parker, University of the South, Presiding

A3-314
Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit and Religious Education Association
Theme: Attending to Trauma: Innovative Pedagogies for Teaching on Gender and Sexual Violence in Religious Studies Classrooms
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
“From Sympathy to ‘Sissification’: Pedagogical Approaches for Dismantling Sexual Violence”
Almeda Wright, Yale University
“Radical Ways of Knowing: Education at the Intersections of Race, Gender, and Religion”
Patrick Reyes, Forum for Theological Exploration
“The Purpose Gap: Bodies (That) Matter”

A3-315
Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar
Theme: The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion as a Site of Interreligious Friendship
Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University, and Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding
Panelists:
Margaret Gower, Saint Mary’s College
Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University
Mugdha Yeolekar, California State University, Fullerton

Business Meeting:
Eric Meyer, Carroll College, Presiding

A3-316
Women’s Caucus Business Meeting
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, and Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding
Come join in the Women’s Caucus Business Meeting. We will be reviewing feedback from this year’s panels, discussing our ongoing projects, establishing the Women’s Caucus leadership team for 2018, and planning for next year’s conference. All are welcome.
Panelists:
Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University
Deborah Fulthorp, Grand Canyon University
Julia Berger, Baha’i International Community
Julia Enxing, University of Dresden
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**P3-300**

**Society for Hindu-Christian Studies**

**Theme:** The Significance of Sri Ramakrishna for Hindu-Christian Studies: New Perspectives

Thursday, 4:00PM –6:00 PM

**Panelists:**

- Pravrajika Vrajaprana, Vedanta Society
- Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College
- Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union
- Christopher Conway, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

**Responding:**

- Swami Medhananda, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda University

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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**

**A4-100**

**Publications Committee**

**Theme:** Journal Editors’ Breakfast

Friday, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM

Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

This session is open to all editors of journals in religious studies, theology, biblical studies, and related fields. It is an opportunity for attendees to discuss the different challenges they face, concerns they have, or successes they’ve achieved as journal editors. This session is hosted as a breakfast each year during the in-person conference; this year, attendees are welcome to virtually attend with their own mid-morning refreshments.

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**

**A6-100**

**Ritual Studies Unit Business Meeting**

Sunday, 12:00 PM–12:30 PM

**Business Meeting:**

- Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, and Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Presiding

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**P6-400**

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit**

**Theme:** Death Over Dinner

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

The Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Death Over Dinner bring you a Virtual Death Over Dinner. How we want to die represents the most important and costly conversation America isn’t having. We have gathered dozens of medical and wellness leaders to cast an unflinching eye at end of life, and we have created an uplifting interactive adventure that transforms this seemingly difficult conversation into one of deep engagement, insight and empowerment. We invite you to gather friends and family and fill a table, or simply bring along a drink and sit with other AAR members as we eat together and talk about death.
A6-200

Plenary Panel: Telling the Truth of Our Lives: Intersectional Coalition Building as Scholars, Educators, and Activists

Sunday, 12:30 PM–1:30 PM
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, Presiding

Are we all telling the truth of our lives? What do we mean by the labels ‘scholar’ and ‘activist’? How have these terms been understood historically and in the present? They often come with loaded meaning, so how do we understand the political power plays that intersect them and separates them? Scholars of religion often find themselves threading together their work mixed between being scholars, educators, and activists. In this Presidential Plenary Workshop, members of the four AAR Status Committees provide an opportunity for all present to explore the complexities that emerge when we discuss what it means to be scholars, educators, and activists, specifically focusing on what becomes ‘foundational’ or ‘center points’ of our fields. Is there a genealogy in how we have constructed the AAR and those who work within it and from it? Does the academy judge those who don’t first and foremost label themselves as ‘scholar’? To what extent are these labels (pre-tenure, precarious, tenured etc.) solidified in the hierarchies of our academy? Panelists will begin by discussing how they understand their work and the complexity of the term ‘scholar activist’. A particular focus of this panel is how they came to be involved in their respective AAR status committees.

Panelists:
Amanullah De Sondy, University College Cork
Devan Stahl, Baylor University
Angela Parker, Mercer University
Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific University

A6-201

Plenary Panel: The AAR as a Crucible for New Fields

Sunday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

A number of new areas of study have emerged in the academic study of religion over the past decades. In this panel two scholars who have been at the forefront of their respective fields—Comparative Theology and Buddhist Philosophy—reflect on the challenges they have faced, the vision they have of their fields, and the role that the AAR has played in creating new disciplines and recreating old ones. Frank Clooney, a scholar of classical Hinduism and the Jesuit missionary tradition in India, is widely recognized as the world’s leading scholar of Comparative Theology. His writings have revived a field that was dormant for decades. Jay Garfield, a scholar of Euro-American and Buddhist philosophy is at the forefront of advocating for the cultural diversification of philosophy and has worked to increase awareness of Buddhist philosophy in contemporary philosophical practice and education.

Panelists:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Jay Garfield, Smith College
Plenary Panel: What Do We, as Scholars of Religion, Value?

Sunday, 3:30 PM–4:30 PM
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Scholars who study religion often disagree strongly over the values that ought to guide their academic work. Researchers within and across disciplines debate which methods to use, which audiences to target, the extent to which an individual’s religious faith should influence his or her scholarship, and even how to define their object of study. This panel will present selected findings from the Values in Scholarship on Religion (VISOR) project, which gathered data over three years from scholars of religion associated with the AAR and many other professional associations. Wesley Wildman will discuss the mission and significance of VISOR, LeRon Shults will describe the measures that were used to assess scholarly values, and Ann Taves will present in more detail some of the key findings that reveal the distinctive values of the AAR (in comparison with other scholarly associations) and some of the differences among various groups within the AAR.

Panelists:
F. LeRon Shults, University of Agder
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

Presidential Address: The Study of Buddhism in the AAR

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:00 PM
Marla Frederick, Emory University, Presiding

The scholarly study of Buddhism in Europe dates to the early nineteenth century, but it did not become institutionalized in North American higher education until the mid-twentieth century. The AAR has played (and continues to play) an important role in the academic study of Buddhism, becoming—just as it has for the study of other religious traditions—the de facto North American home of the discipline and one of the most important scholarly organizations for the study of Buddhism in the world. This year’s presidential lecture traces the history of the study of Buddhism within the AAR, explores the role that the AAR has played in the development of Buddhist Studies, and examines the implications of this.

Panelists:
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
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A7-100

Wildcard Session: Religious Responses to COVID-19 and Ritual Innovations
Monday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
Kenneth Dean, National University of Singapore, Presiding
Panelists:
- Natalie Lang, National University of Singapore
- Neena Mahadev, Yale-National University of Singapore College
- Carola Lorea, National University of Singapore

A7-101

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Theme: Unpaid Labor in the Academy
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University, Presiding
Colleges and universities rely heavily upon the unpaid labor of faculty and graduate students, especially of those in contingent positions. This session is designed to start a conversation and to share practical tips about unpaid labor within academic positions and the academy-at-large. We will discuss why the boundary between required tasks and “above and beyond” efforts are often blurred within academic positions, clarifying what is unpaid labor and what is the paid work of research, teaching, service, and professional development. Studies have also shown that women and faculty of color complete more than their share of service loads and are more likely to be in contingent positions. In addition to identifying where and why unpaid labor occurs, we will also explore strategies for making unpaid labor visible, including drawing clearer boundaries between work requirements and unpaid labor and advocating for groups most impacted.
Panelists:
- Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
- Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury
- Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside
- Lauren Horn Griffin, University of Oklahoma

A7-102

Animals and Religion Unit and Study of Judaism Unit
Theme: Roundtable on Critical Animal Studies and Jewish Studies: Intersections, Open Questions, New Directions
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Carol Adams, Richardson, TX, Presiding
Panelists:
- Alex Weisberg, New York University
- Beth Berkowitz, Barnard College
- Mira Wasserman, Reconstructionist Rabbinical College
- Aaron Gross, University of San Diego
- Naama Harel, Columbia University
- Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Noam Pines, State University of New York, Buffalo
- David Shyovitz, Northwestern University
- Jay Geller, Vanderbilt University

A7-103

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit
Theme: Diversity and Unity: Religious Institutions and Asian Pacific Islander American Life
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, Presiding
Hoi San Lu, Vanderbilt University
Examining Gender and Division Among Kachin Baptist Congregations in the U.S.
Tom Park, Concordia University Irvine, CA
The Rise of Hmongism
Albert Shannon G. Toribio, University of California, Santa Barbara
St. Columban’s Church of Los Angeles: The First Filipino National Church
Tejpaul Bainialwal, University of California, Riverside
Stockton Gurdwara: The Political Center of Sikhs in the United States
Emily Yen, Trinity College
The Moral Logics of Religious Advocacy for Chinese Student Refugees
Business Meeting:
SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, and Melissa Borja, University of Michigan, Presiding
A7-104

Comparative Theology Unit and Mysticism Unit
Theme: The Challenge of Spirituality in a Comparative Perspective
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College, Presiding

Woo Jae Hur, Xavier University
Nonduality and the Body: Edith Stein’s Contribution to Recent Comparative Theology

Gloria Maita Hernandez, West Chester University
Proximity and Resemblance: Divine Presence in Christian and Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Theology

Jason Welle, Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies
"Poverty is My Glory: Comparative Medieval Approaches to Spiritual Poverty"

Veli-Matti Karkkainen, Fuller Theological Seminary
"The Spirit (is) from the Amr of my Lord: The (Holy) Spirit in a Muslim-Christian Engagement: A Little Comparative Exercise"

Responding:
Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston

A7-105

Contemplative Studies Unit
Theme: Contemplative Modes of Knowing and Transforming
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University, Presiding

Shodhin Geiman, Valparaiso University
Why Renunciation (Still) Matters: Lessons from the Buddhist and Christian Desert Traditions

Andre Van Der Braak, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Indigenous and Western Ayahuasca Contemplative Practices

Kythe Heller, Harvard University
Sonic Possible Worlds: Listening and the Political Possibilities of Sound in Arvo Pärt’s Spiegel im Spiegel

Responding:
Harold D. Roth, Brown University

Business Meeting:
Harold D. Roth, Brown University, and Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University, Presiding

A7-106

Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit
Theme: Exploring Modern Discourses of Magic
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Diana Brown, Syracuse University
A Note on the Origins of “Tech” as Metaphor for Magic

Kendra Holt Moore, Boston University
Playing the Witch: The Work of Play in Mainstreaming Witchcraft

Angela Puca, Leeds Trinity University
The Philosophy of Magic. From the Fringe of Society to the Fringe of Reality.

Marisa Franz, New York University
Vital and Spectral Things: Ghosts, Magic, and Everyday Objects in Museums

A7-107

Ethics Unit
Theme: New Directions in Religious Ethics
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Caleb Brown, University of Oxford
Acts of God and Humans: Addressing the Monotheistic Tension Between Divine Sovereignty and Human Responsibility in Ecological Ethics

Sean Lau, Harvard University
Models of the Theology/Ethics Relationship in Modern Christian Thought: A Typology

Ross Moret, Florida State University
Religious Ethics and Empirical Ethics

Fred Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary
Evolutionary Biology, Ecological Crisis, and the Character of Christian Salvation History

Graedon Zorzi, George Fox University
Toleration and Insurrection: Locke, Winnifred Sullivan, and Global Religious Freedom

A7-108

Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit
Theme: Why Humanities Should Go Global
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding

Nell Hawley, Harvard University
Crisis and the Call to Interpretation: The Sanskrit Mahābhārata in the First Millennium

Jane Mikkelson, University of Virginia
Crossings: Lyric Meditation and Comparative Religion Early Modern India

Thomas Mazanec, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Practice of Religious Poetry: Buddhist Poet-Monks of Late Tang China

Rafal Stepien, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
‘Why Are My Humanities So Black-and-White?’ Buddhist Lessons in Undisciplining Religion, Literature, and Philosophy
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Native Traditions in the Americas Unit
Theme: Teaching Native Religious Traditions with Dr. Inés Talamantez
Andrea McComb Sanchez, University of Arizona, Presiding
Delores Mondragon, University of California, Santa Barbara
Indigenous Decolonizing and Rematriating Ways of Knowing per Dr. Inés Talamantez: Moving Forward with Ancestral Knowledges and Responsibilities
Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach
Teaching Caxcan Gender, Language, and Place-Names
Felicia Lopez, University of California, Los Angeles
Teaching Inés Talamantez’s Theory of Translation: Poetic Translations of Native and Indigenous Texts
Lawrence W. Gross, University of Redlands
The Pedagogy of Self-Directed Native Language Learning
Responding:
Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University

A7-110
Philosophy of Religion Unit
Theme: Ethics, Subjectivity, and Ascetic Practice: A Discussion of Niki Kasumi Clements’s Sites of the Ascetic Self (University of Notre Dame Press, 2020)
Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Hartford, Presiding
Panelists:
Biko Gray, Syracuse University
Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University
Responding:
Niki Clements, Rice University

A7-111
Religion and Ecology Unit
Theme: Religion, Ecology, Coloniality and Settler Colonialism: Life at the Intersection
Christopher Carter, University of San Diego, Presiding
Andrew Ronnevik, Baylor University
Whipple’s Vision: The Theology of the Land in Nineteenth-Century Episcopal Missions to Minnesota Native Americans
Tyler Tully, Oxford University
Native Futurities in an Age of ‘Permanent Settler War’: Conceptualizing Settler Coloniality as an Ongoing Ecological Structure
Renan Dos Santos, University of São Paulo / Brazil
Formation and Development of the Official Catholic Ecotheology in Brazil
Blair Wilner, University of Virginia
“This Sad Little Island”: Colonialism as a Racial and Ecological Theodicy
Business Meeting:
Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University, Presiding

A7-112
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding
Panelists:
Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University
Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Seminary of the Southwest
Richard Pitt, Vanderbilt University
Responding:
Gerardo Marti, Davidson College
Kyle Lambelet, Emory University
Nichole Phillips, Emory University
Business Meeting:
Nichole Phillips, Emory University, and Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

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Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Theme: Alternative Healing, Transnationalism, & Biomedicine
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College, Presiding
Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Vanderbilt University
(II)Legitimate Suffering: Afrocentric Alternative Medicinal Practices
Angela Xia, University of Pennsylvania
Crystals Beyond the New Age: U.S. Mineral Healing and Novel Formations of Science, Medicine, and Religion
Leonard Lowe, College of Charleston
White Doctors Cannot See Everything: Transnationalism, Biomedicine, and Pentecostal Healing in Haiti
Business Meeting:
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, and Emily Wu, Dominican University of California, Presiding

A7-114

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Theme: Broadening the Vision of Theology and Science: A Roundtable Session with the Authors of T&T Clark Handbook for Christian Theology and the Modern Sciences (Bloomsbury Academic, 2020)
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
John Slattery, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Presiding
Panelists:
Jessica Coblenz, Saint Mary's College, Indiana
Rufus Burnett, Fordham University
Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University
J. Richard Middleton, Roberts Wesleyan College
Sarah Lane Ritchie, University of Edinburgh
Paul Schutz, Santa Clara University
Tim Snyder, Wartburg Theological Seminary
Stoyan Tanev, Carleton University

A7-115

Study of Islam Unit
Theme: Knowledge, Authority, and Power in Early-Modern and Modern Islam
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Yasmine Fodin-Ali, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Mary Elston, Harvard University
Debating Twelvths: Religious Knowledge in Egypt’s al-Azhar
Naveen Ramamurthy, University of California, Los Angeles
The Canon and the Canonization of Law in Islamicate South Asia (c. 1300–1500s)
Samuel Kigar, University of Puget Sound
When Map is Territory: Morocco’s Claim for the Western Sahara
Pieter Coppens, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
Reassessing the Rise of Salafism in Damascus: A Social Network Analysis
Ermin Sinanovic, Shenandoah University
Theological Innovation on the Edges of Islam: Evidence from the Balkans and Southeast Asia

A7-116

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Theme: New Research in Tibetan and Himalayan Religions
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Nicole Willock, Old Dominion University, Presiding
Rae Dachille, University of Arizona
Counting the Way to Liberation: Distinguishing the Thirteenth Bhumi in Fifteenth-Century Tibet
Rachel Levy, Northwestern University
Sartorial Visions: Clothing and Visionary Experience in Seventeenth-Century Tibetan Buddhist Biography
Gideon Elazar, Ariel University, Bar Ilan University
The Sacred Geography of Thangka Scrolls: Cultural Preservation, Buddhist Expansion and Longing for Shangrila
Maria Turek, University of Toronto
Realm of Meditators: Transnational Visions of Buddhist Belonging
Business Meeting:
Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College, Presiding

A7-117

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit
Theme: Futuring the Womanist Project: Creative, Liberating, Intersectional Visions of Womanist Theory and Praxis, the Next 30 Years
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Candace M. Laughinghouse, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
Sakena Young-Scaggs, Arizona State University
LaKeesha Walrond, First Corinthian Baptist Church
Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology
Funlayo Easter Wood, African and Diasporic Religious Studies Association
Responding:
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University
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Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit
Theme: Provocative Pictures and the Politics of Visual Culture
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Lina Verchery, Harvard University, Presiding

Teng-Kuan Ng, Georgetown University
"The Open Road: Zhang Yang’s “Paths of the Soul” and the Contemporary Chinese Quest for Faith"

Torin Alexander, Winston-Salem State University
"Watchmen: Afro-Speculative Fiction and Africana Religious Reflection"

Bryson White, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
"What Does Vietnam Have to Do with San Quentin? The Incarcerated Black Pose as Source for Theological Method"

Business Meeting:
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, and Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

P7-100

La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion
Theme: Pandemic and Social Justice
Monday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Lauren Frances Guerra, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

As we continue to shift our ways of being and thinking in light of the ways COVID-19 has impacted our lives, families, communities, workspaces, and beyond, we must take a closer look at how the pandemic has affected the Latinx community specifically. The panelists will explore various aspects of how the pandemic has transformed our world.

Panelists:
Loída I. Martell, Lexington Theological Seminary
Claudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary
Elaine Penagos, Emory University

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A7-200

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Drawing mainly from materials in the AAR archives and past presidential addresses, this plenary panel suggests that there are at least two major transitions prior the current one we are experiencing. The first occurs as the National Society of Biblical Instructors forms out of the Society of Biblical Literature in 1909, and is driven mainly by the implications of evolution for the Bible and how biblical studies should be taught in academic settings. The second happens in the post WWII 1960s, when the study of religion in the United States becomes more than the study of Christianity (and to a lesser extent Judaism), and more about the study of religions in a much more diverse academy. The present transition, a major one, is marked by the context of globalization, and by a rise in the numbers of people who don’t profess any particular religion. Historical comparative approaches to the study of religion (which still shape many religious studies departments) fail to fully capture the realities of what might today be called meaning-making practices, which often draw from a combination of various religious and non-religious (scientific, philosophical, etc.) sources in an effort to make sense of the world. After exploring the earlier shifts through the institutional history of the AAR, the panelists offer some suggestions about how we might weather the more recent shifts in the study of religion.

Panelists:
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
Sarah Cassel, American Academy of Religion
Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion

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A7-201

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Class, Religion, and Theology Unit
Theme: Contingent Labor Across Society and Academy
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Joseph Strife, Fordham University, Presiding
Throughout capitalist economies, more and more occupations are being re-structured into predominantly contingent, precarious, and/or gig labor. The papers in this session allow us to more critically understand this shift and see both the problems it is causing and the possibilities for worker resistance it opens up. The first paper presents the overall trend within the US class structure, providing context for the remaining papers, which focus on contingency in the academy. The second paper offers a case-study of an organizing drive among part-time faculty at a private research university. The third paper explicates ways of thinking about labor and solidarity that limit building effective worker power and considers alternatives that can expand them.

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University
From Adjuncts to Uber Drivers and OnCall Cooks: The New Class System and the Loss of Benefits and Belonging

Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University
The Elephant in the Room: Organizing and Sustaining Our Part-Time Faculty Union

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College
I'm Sticking with the Union Trouble: Territory, Solidarity, and Contingent Academic Labor

Business Meeting:
Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, and Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

A7-202

Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Theme: 2020 Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion Forum: Khaled Abou El Fadl
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding
This session celebrates this year’s recipient of the Martin Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion, Dr. Khaled Abou El Fadl. Over the past two decades, public scholarship on Islam has been a critical component in conversations about social inclusion, foreign policy, and interreligious dynamics. Abou El Fadl’s work engages these issues in ways that are accessible to both specialist and non-specialist audiences. This group of distinguished panelists will consider efforts to advance the public understanding at the intersection between Islam and politics in the United States since 9/11, taking up key themes in Abou El Fadl’s scholarship including Islamic ethical approaches to global challenges, religious tolerance, and human rights.

Panelists:
Khaled Abou El Fadl, University of California, Los Angeles
Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University
Nader Hashemi, University of Denver
Ziba Mir-Hosseini, University of London

A7-203

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: ‘A Very Present Help In Trouble’: The Care and Keeping of Self, Soul, Service, and Sanity alongside Pandemics and Other Precarious Times
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our world irrevocably, and will continue to do so in unpredictable ways that will require creative, compassionate responses. Though our collective understandings of the long-term impacts of the virus are still developing and evolving, what is both evident and demonstrable already is that the virus’ impact on mental health and wellbeing, directly (ill loved ones, recovery statistics showing neurological impacts that precipitate mental health diagnoses, etc.) and circumstantially (through lockdowns, social distancing, virtual learning, working from home, etc.), is significant and life-altering. Thus, as we grapple for a new foothold in the Academy to continue our work as mentors, educators, scholars, and colleagues, we are faced with a sharp increase in both the incidence and risk of exacerbation when it comes to the already deeply stigmatised issue of mental health. In this conversational workshop, you are invited to join a collaborative discussion in which we collectively decompress—emotionally and practically—in the context of personal and professional (and global) crisis. We will aim to brainstorm how to proceed in terms of being mentors to students who are experiencing the vast transformative shifts of higher education in times of even greater uncertainty, whilst we as practitioners and scholars balance being resources of support and active change-makers in and beyond classrooms and faith communities with maintaining our own wellbeing and self-care amidst a pandemic, as well as numerous other sources of stress and labour demanded in a sometimes-overwhelmingly changing world. Please feel encouraged to bring any elements of self-care to the workshop you feel inspired to: from your knitting project, to a glass or mug of whatever-you-like, to your best-loved oversized hoodie. The only ceremony this workshop stands upon is sharing community in a candid, supportive exchange of ideas to meet the challenges of the present moment.

Panelists:
Katelynn E. Carver, University of Saint Andrews
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**Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM**

### A7-204

**Afro-American Religious History Unit**

Theme: Sites, Sources, and the Historical Imagination: Trajectories in Graduate Research of African-American Religion

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, Presiding

- Cori Tucker-Price, Dartmouth College
  - *Beyond Azusa: Mapping Black Religion in Los Angeles*
- Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University
  - *New Orleans 300 Years Later: The Study of African American Religions in a Southern City*
- Ambre Dromgoole, Yale University
  - *Into the Archive: Excavating the Influence of Twentieth Century Gospel Music Composer Roxie Ann Moore*
- Krishni Metivier, Duke University
  - *Breaking My Master's Chains: Advancing Intersectional Histories of Black and Hindu*
- Jacob Havel, University of Iowa
  - *Religion or Culture?: Re-thinking Categories from the Bottom Up with the Five Percenters*
- Yasmine Flodin-Ali, University of North Carolina
  - *Writing Resistance: The Archives' Racialization of Omar ibn Said*

### A7-205

**Buddhism Unit**

Theme: An Open Conversation on Urban Religiosities in Chinese Buddhism Today

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Esther-Maria Guggenmos, IKGF, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Presiding

Panelists:

- Alison Denton Jones, Harvard University
- Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University
- Robert Weller, Boston University
- Yang Shen, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity
- Di Di, Santa Clara University

### A7-206

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Teaching Religion Unit**

Theme: Teaching Death, Dying, and Beyond

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

- Tanya Walker, Yale University
  - *Framing and Re-Framing Death and Religion: The Discursive Potential of Visual Artworks for Examining Threads of Continuity, Change, and Complexity in Death Education*
- Laura Simpson, Villanova University, and Naomi Washington-Leapheart, Villanova University
  - *“Do Black Lives Matter to God?” Teaching About Death in a Prison Classroom*
- Melinda McGarrah Sharp, Columbia Theological Seminary
  - *Writing With Casket Stationary: A Narrative Pedagogy for Teaching and Learning the “Blessed Ambiguity of Dying”*

### A7-207

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit**

Theme: Decolonizing and Resetting the Interfaith Table

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Margarita M. W. Suarez, Meredith College, Presiding

- Matthew Sayers, Lebanon Valley College
  - *A Broader Table: Bringing Missing Voices to the Interfaith Table*
- Jenny Small, Convergence, J.T. Snipes, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Sachi Edwards, University of Tokyo, and J. Cody Nielsen, Convergence
  - *Emerging Frameworks for Critical Analysis of Religion and Interfaith Studies: Reflections on Pluralism and Decolonization in Higher Education*
- Feryal Salem, American Islamic College
  - *Decolonizing Christian-Muslim Relations: Historical Frameworks, Premises, and Power Dynamics*
- Rachel A. Heath, Vanderbilt University
  - *Decentered Inclusivity: The Limits and Possibilities of Hospitality and Inclusion in Multifaith Models for College and University Chaplaincies*

### A7-208

**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Theme: Kierkegaard, the Problem of Patriarchy, and Related Social Ills, Part 1

Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Iben Damgaard, University of Copenhagen, Presiding
Donnell Williamson, Brown University
Ironic Reversal: Kierkegaard and Douglass

Deidre Green, Brigham Young University
Kierkegaardian Christianity and Epistemic Privilege of the Oppressed

Natalia Marandiuc, Southern Methodist University
Can Queer Feminism Save Kierkegaard from Charges of Patriarchy?

Responding:
Marilyn Piety, Drexel University

A7-209

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit
Theme: Pentecostal Movements in the Latinx World
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Justin Doran, Middlebury College, Presiding
Paul J. Palma, Regent University
Bottom-Up Christianity: Grassroots Pentecostalism and the Christian Congregation in Brazil and North America

David Luckey, Richland College
Pentecostal Politicity: Latinx Human Rights and Complicity with Power

Responding:
Nstor Medina, University of Toronto

A7-210

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Theme: Punishment or Treatment? How Substance Abuse, Addiction and Treatment is Shaped by Religious, Political and Racialized Narratives
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Sonia Waters, Princeton Theological Seminary
To Every Disorder a Social Order: Exploring the Theological Traces of “Disorder” Language in the Punitive Treatment of Addiction

Rachelle Green, Fordham University
White Women’s Care, Black Women’s Crime: How Race and Sexism Shaped the Legacy of Care Practice Toward Incarcerated Women of Color

A7-211

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit
Theme: The Ambivalent and Performative Work of Memorialization and Reconciliation
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding
Isabelle Mutton, University of Exeter
Representing the Holocaust at National Memorials: An Ambivalence Towards Jewish Tradition?

Nindyo Sasongko, Fordham University
“*The Nature of Our Resistance*”—Intercultural or Performative?: Raimon Panikkar and Judith Butler on Nonviolence

Aaron Ellis, Florida State University
The Open Program’s Political and Theatrical Ritual: An Intervention

A7-212

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Theme: Is Divine Action ‘Natural’ in a Theology of Nature?
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Sarah Lane Ritchie, University of Edinburgh
Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University
Fiona Ellis, University of Roehampton

A7-213

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West, Presiding
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Vineet Chander, Princeton University
Emily Clark, Gonzaga University

A7-214

Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
Theme: Mapping the Cakras Across Tantra and Yoga
Monday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary, Presiding
Vesna Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Cakra Theory and Buddhist Tantric Epistemology of Perception in the Kalacakra Tantric Literature

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado
The Theology of the Body

Ben Williams, Naropa University
Cakras in the Saiva Age: Inner Centers and Deity Circuits

Naomi Worth, University of Virginia
Cakras in the Tibetan Yoga of Winds, Channels, and Inner Heat

Seth Powell, Harvard University
Between Vīraśaivas and Nāthas: Nine Cakras and Sixteen Ādhāras in the “Post-Saiva Age”

Responding:
John Nemec, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:
Sрvana Borkatakay-Varma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, and Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, Presiding
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Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A7-300

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Theme: Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Virtual Happy Hour
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, and Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding
Come hear updates from the Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Group and AAR leadership on important issues relating to contingent faculty and bring your questions and concerns about the well-being of contingent faculty. There will be plenty of time for open discussion. This session is open to all AAR members regardless of job title or category. Join the conversation.

A7-301

Applied Religious Studies Committee Meeting
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

A7-302

African Diaspora Religions Unit and Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and Teaching Religion Unit
Theme: Indigenous Pedagogies in the Religious Studies Classroom
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding
Michelle Ajisebo McElwaine Abimbola, Ifá Heritage Institute/ Boston College
Ifá Heritage Institute: Teaching Texts from the Spirit World
Ayodeji Ogumaike, Bowdoin College
Teaching Through Traditional Yoruba Religion
Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University
Making Indigenous Religions Relevant to Non-Indigenous Students
Responding:
Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University

Business Meeting:
Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College, and Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

A7-303

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit
Theme: Bonhoeffer and Contemporary Theological Reflection
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Matthew Puffer, Valparaiso University, Presiding
Joseph McGarry, Saint John’s College
Christ After the Crown: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Post-Colonial Indigenous Theological Reflection
Dianne Rayson, United Theological College, Charles Sturt University and The University of Newcastle
Kill the Polluters: Pacifism, Tyrannicide, and Bonhoeffer’s Ethics for the Anthropocene
Julie Morris, Duke University
Patriarchal Soteriology: Bonhoeffer’s Slip to Theological Colonialism
Business Meeting:
Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg University, and Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College, Presiding

A7-304

Childhood Studies and Religion Unit
Theme: Childhood, Religion, and the History of Identity
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Princeton University, Presiding
Elisabeth Yang, Rutgers University
Medical Advice for Moral Infancy: The Confluence of Science and Religion in Victorian America
Laura Popa, Justus Liebig University, Giessen, Germany
The Construction of (Religious) Childhood in the Italian Protestant Women’s Teaching (1860–1915)
E. Sundari Johansen Hurwitt, California Institute of Integral Studies
Goddes or Pariah? Intersections of Economics, Caste, and Social Order in Kumārī Worship in India
Business Meeting:
Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding
A7-305

Ethics Unit and Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Theme: Ethical Implications of Scientific Theories
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Patrick Haley, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Virtuous Animal: Adapting Religious Virtue Ethics to Evolutionary Biology
Ryan Juskus, Duke University
The Sacred and the Stratified: Theorizing the Political and Religious Dimensions of Geology’s Master Principle
Neil Arner, University of Notre Dame
Interdisciplinary Challenges and Opportunities Amidst the Crisis of Confidence in the Sciences

A7-306

Gay Men and Religion Unit and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit
Theme: Trans and Female Masculinities
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College, Presiding
Beck Henriksen, University of North Carolina
Trans Fat: Disidentification, Evangelicalism, and Possibilities for Trans Bodies
Micah Cronin, Princeton Theological Seminary
Really, Cis?: Transmasculinity, Sexual Violence, and the Absurdity of Masculinity
Elizabeth DiMiele, New Haven, CT
Restless Hearts, Weary Members: The Possibility of a Transgender Ecclesiology
Max Thornton, Drew University
Brides of Frankensteiin: Transmasculinity, T-Theology, and the New TERFism
Joshua Shelton, Northwestern University
“The Queen of Tibetan Exile": An Ethnographic and Discursive Analysis of Tibetan Trans Icon Tenzin Mariko

A7-307

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit
Theme: The Global and Alternative Luther and His Relevance for Today
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding
Christopher Ocker, Australian Catholic University
The “Global-Historical” Luther
Jennifer Hockenbery, Mount Mary University
Christian Freedom, Academic Debate, and the Struggle for Mutual Recognition
Daniel Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary
Theologia Crucis for Asian America: Contra Confucian Moralism and Orientalism
Andrew Ronnevik, Baylor University
Lutheran Conceptions of Human Dignity in a Global Context: A Conversation with Indian Dalits and European/Americans
Mary J. Streufert, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
A Feminist Hermeneutic of Constructive Reframing
Trygve Wyller, University of Oslo
The Maktshift Curtain: A Touching Piece of Political Theology
Business Meeting:
Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, and Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

A7-308

Middle Eastern Christianity Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit
Theme: Middle Eastern Christianity and Others in the City of the Late Antique East
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding
Charles Rivera, Yale University
Hagar’s Bestial Daughters: Christian and Barbarian in Ephrem’s Nisibis
Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University
The World Has Lost Rome and the Monks Have Lost Scetis!” Monastic Civic Visions in the Arabic Christian Versions of the Apophthegmata Patrum
Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University
Reticent and Vocal About Judgement and Hell for Christians: Contextualizing Jerome and Pelagius’ Conflict Over Soteriology and the Last Things in the Religious Context of the Divided Roman East

A7-309

Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit
Theme: Moral Anguish and the Pandemic
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Rita Brock, Volunteers of America, Presiding
Panelists:
Shelly Rambo, Boston University
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary
Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology
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A7-310

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit and Schleiermacher Unit

Theme: The Spirit as Framed by Schleiermacher and the Pentecostals

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Emilio Alvarez, Institute for Paleo-Orthodox Christian Studies
“Sensing” the Spirit: Pentecostalism, Orthodoxy and the Affections

Shelli Poe, Iliff School of Theology
Divine Indwelling and the Spirit of Love: Schleiermacher and Yong in Ecumenical Conversation

Responding:

Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, and Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

A7-311

Religion and Food Unit

Theme: Religion and Food in Global Perspective

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Scott Alves Barton, New York University
Melegueta: To Be Pepperish

Sasha Stern, Yiddish Book Center
The Essence of the Esn: Jewish Food, Yiddish Cookbooks, and Embodied Memory

Hyaewool Choi, University of Iowa
Zen Buddhist Nuns Go Global

Business Meeting:

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, and Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding

A7-312

Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: Religion and the Modern Islamicate: Cosmopolitans, Composites, and Colonial Critique in South Asia

Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Anna Bigelow, Stanford University, Presiding

Illyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont
Muslims, Modernity, and Memorializations of the 1857 Indian Rebellion

Hayden Bellenoit, US Naval Academy
Kayasthas and their Islamicate cultural associations in north India, 1760–1930

Hayden Bellenoit, US Naval Academy
A Modern, ‘Eternal’ Religion: The Sanatana Dharma of Shraddha Ram Phillauri

Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College
Khilafat’s Islamicate Solidarities: Gandhian Sufis, Delhi’s Badshah Khan and Bio–Moral Beef

Quinn Clark, Columbia University
Love and Money: Soft Shrines, Politics, and Comparative Secularism in North India

A7-313

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: Affecting Jewish Studies

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Steven Weitzman, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Sarah Wolf, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
Doubting Feeling: Reading for Emotion in Premodern Sources

Sarah Pessin, University of Denver
Ibn Gabirol’s Visceral Poetics of Material Desire: From Scholastic to Affective Frames in the Study of Medieval Jewish Emanationism

Dustin Atlas, University of Dayton
Affect and Modern Jewish Thought: Relationships Without Language in Eve Sedgwick and Martin Buber

Responding:

Elias Sacks, University of Colorado

Business Meeting:

Shari Rabin, Oberlin College, and Paul Nahme, Brown University, Presiding

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A7-314

Women and Religion Unit and Women’s Caucus
Theme: Emerging Scholars Re-Engaging Praxis
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding
  JuneHee Yoon, Drew University
    Envisioning Home with Queer Holiness at the Core: A Case Study of Korean American Christian Communities
  Grazina Bielousova, Duke University
    A Different Belonging: Feminist Resistance in East-Central Europe as an Alternative Community
  Tracy McEwan, University of Newcastle, Australia
    Identity Struggles: Re-imagining Catholic Women’s Praxis
Responding:
  Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds

A7-315

World Christianity Unit
Theme: Decolonizing World Christianity
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Wanjiru Gitau, Saint Thomas University, Presiding
  Janice McLean-Farrell, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
    Decolonizing World Christianity: Interrogating its Roots, Pedagogy and Research and Money.
  Jesse Lee, Florida State University
    “Power and Post-Colonial Realities”: Anglican Realignment and the Rhetoric of Reverse Colonialism
  Shin-Fung Hung, Duke University
    A Christianity of Hongkongers, by Hongkongers, for Hongkongers: Resistance to China’s Re-colonization as Indigenization
  Byung Ho Choi, Princeton Theological Seminary
    History of East Timor Revisited: Through the Lens of Interculturality
Business Meeting:
  Corey Williams, Leiden University, and Briana Wong, Wake Forest University, Presiding

P7-300

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Theme: Pedagogies of Justice and Care in Liminal Times
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Nancy Lynne Westfield, Drew University, Presiding
A 90-minute session for early career faculty teaching in a range of higher educational contexts. Early career faculty courses are often expected to adhere stringently to disciplinary canons and institutional ethos norms regardless of world events, national happenings, or social movements.
At the same time, early career faculty are often expected to be the nimblest, most adept, most technologically savvy, and most able to adjust to complicated teaching tasks, yet they rarely have more than a little experience with teaching in higher education. In addition, they often find an abundance of expectations related to peer responsibilities like advising, mentoring, teaching, service to the institution through committees, and scholarship. Teaching during uncertain times can make teaching more difficult, even overwhelming. Justice and care for students and faculty in liminal times is often in short supply and finding practices and strategies of incorporating real time goings-on can be daunting. This session will attend to a range of topics and questions related to pedagogies of justice and care for the early career colleague.
Panelists will respond to such questions and topics as:
• What’s the alternative in social upheaval to pretending all is the same?
• What pedagogies of care might be employed in contested spaces and liminal times?
• How does one attend to student resistance and fear when engaging justice concerns and topics?
• What strategies of listening can support teaching during upheaval within or beyond the institutional context?
• What does it mean for an early career scholar to read the institutional politics when the institution is, itself, in crisis?
• What is the role of educational imagination and design when creating syllabi in uncertain times?
Panelists:
  Shehnaz Haqqani, Mercer University
  Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary
  Sara Ronis, Saint Mary’s University, Texas
  Ben Sanders, Eden Theological Seminary
  Lisa Thompson, Vanderbilt University

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A8-100

Yogācāra Studies Unit
Theme: Yogācāra as Idealism? The State of the Debate and New Avenues of Inquiry
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Daniel McNamara, Rangjung Yeshe Institute, Presiding
Koichi Takahashi, University of Tokyo
The Inexpressibility of the Vastu in Early Yogācāra Philosophy
Karen O’Brien-Kop, University of Roehampton
Reality Processing in the ‘Yogalehrbuch’: Vivid Visualisation or Complex Hallucination?
Joy Brennan, Kenyon College
Mind Only as Diagnosis

Responding:
Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

Business Meeting:
Joy Brennan, Kenyon College, and Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University, Presiding

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A8-101

Applied Religious Studies Committee
Theme: Off the Tenure Track: Career Services for Diverse Careers
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

When humanities scholars talk about exploring and pursuing “alt-ac” and “post-ac” careers, two concerns often dominate the conversation: 1) Graduate studies in the humanities don’t prepare us for or aren’t relevant to diverse nonacademic career paths, and 2) We don’t know where to look for or how to apply for nonacademic jobs. Whether you are a scholar thinking about career opportunities off the tenure track or outside the academy or a faculty member interested in supporting students engaged in such searches, join our panel of career services experts to discuss the many careers that are open to — and even looking for! — people with advanced training in the humanities.

Panelists will discuss existing resources and where to find them, as well as ways that departments, universities, and professional organizations like the AAR can better support scholars in diverse non-tenure track and nonacademic careers.

Panelists:
Brian DeGrazia, Modern Language Association

A8-102

Graduate Student Committee
Theme: Making our Home as Scholars: Creating Spaces of Hospitality within the Academy
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Aarti Patel, Syracuse University, Presiding

Inspired by this year’s Presidential theme, we are excited to host a special panel that will explore the ways in which the academy supports, or fails to support, graduate student’s scholarly, vocational, and spiritual formation. We will pay particular attention to the narratives, descriptions, and critical analysis and reflections on hospitality, mentoring, and making-space. Here we look to examine how and in what way(s) the academy makes space for and supports new generations of scholars. We will explore questions like, “What is the role of hospitality in the lives of scholars?” “What does it mean for the academy to be a hospitable place?”, and “What is our role in developing and contributing to a hospitable academic community?”

Ultimately, this special call will provide constructive proposals and critical reflections on the various ways in which the academy functions, or should function, as a home for graduate students (and junior scholars) as whole persons engaged in scholarly work.

Panelists:
Andrea Scardina, University of Iowa
Emily Stratton, Indiana University
James Smoker, University of Saint Andrews
Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union
Zac Poppen, Brite Divinity School

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A8-103

Public Understanding of Religion Committee and Religion
and Politics Unit

Theme: Religion and Public Life in and after the COVID-19
Pandemic

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Panelists from several disciplines in the study of religion will host a
conversation about the recent and future impact of the COVID-19
pandemic on different issues, themes, and vectors in religion and
public life. Specific themes for reflection include cultural fault lines,
women’s rights, race, public health, climate change, state power, civil
religion, the body politic, truth and post-truth, and public theology
among others. Specific questions the panelists will consider include
the following: How has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted or
altered how we approach, think about, and understand these themes?
Does the resilience of these themes suggest whether things might
return to pre-COVID conditions? How are things likely to change
going forward? What underlying challenges has this pandemic helped
to expose or exacerbate? What constructive insights has it helped
to generate? What role can scholars of religion play to improve the
public’s understanding and conversations about this crisis?

Panelists:

- Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute
- R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, St. Louis
- Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
- Nichole Phillips, Emory University
- Evan Berry, Arizona State University
- Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University
- Philip Gorski, Yale University
- Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University
- Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
- Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

A8-104

Publications Committee

Theme: Publishing in Religious Studies Journals

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis,
Presiding

This panel brings together editors of a wide range of religious studies
journals to discuss the nuts and bolts of journal editing, with the
aim of making editorial procedures more transparent and addressing
common questions about the journal publishing process. The panel
will be of particular interest to graduate students and junior faculty
who are new to the activities of scholarly publishing.

Panelists:

- S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College
- Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
- Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion
- Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University
- Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary

A8-105

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit

Theme: Bonhoeffer, Truth-Telling and Obedience

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

- Michael Laffin, University of Aberdeen
- Bonhoeffer and the Politics of Truth-Telling in an Age of Virtual
  Reality
- Barbara Meyer, Tel Aviv University
- Command and Commandment in Times of Evil
- Cole Jodon, Houston Graduate School of Theology
- Truth-Telling and the Ecumenical Imperative to Proclaim the
  Commands of Christ

A8-106

Chinese Religions Unit

Theme: Channeling Efficacy: Making, Using, and Understanding
Talismans in Pre-modern Chinese Religions

Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Zhaohua Yang, Columbia University, Presiding

- Hsin Yi Lin, Fo Guang University
- An Examination of Dunhuang Esoteric Talismans for Childbirth
  Protection: Taking Guanyin’s Cult as an Example
- Joshua Capitiano, Stanford University
- Objective and Subjective Efficacy in the Use of Daoist Talismans
- Minhao Zhai, Princeton University
- Engaging with the Body: Paradigms of Utilizing Talismanic Objects
  in Medieval China
- Zhaohua Yang, Columbia University
- Shifting Signs: Talismanic Innovations in the Ucchuṣma Cult of the
  Middle Period

Responding:

- Shih-shan Huang, Rice University

Business Meeting:

- Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, and Anna Sun, Harvard
  University, Presiding
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Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A8-107

Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Theme: New Theological Perspectives on Participation
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jennifer Martin, Alexandria, VA, Presiding
  Luke Zerra, Princeton Theological Seminary
  "A Kind of Transubstantiation in Us": Participation and Moral Formation in Richard Hooker's Sacramentology
  Thomas Bredlove, Baylor University
  "Imaging the Invisible: Nature and Participation in Gregory of Nyssa"
  Philippe Eberhardt, Nassau Community College
  "Listening in the Voice or the Participative Process of Faith"
  Deborah Caswell, Liverpool Hope University
  "Participation as Decreation: Suffering, Unselfing and Unworldly Goodness in Simone Weil"

A8-108

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
David Freidenreich, Colby College, Presiding
Panelists:
  Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
  Robert Smid, Curry College
  Catherine Cornille, Boston College
  Florence Pasche Guignard, Université Laval
  Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
Responding:
  Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas

A8-109

Contemplative Studies Unit
Theme: Creating Communities of Care Through Contemplative Praxis
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding
Colin Simonds, Queen's University at Kingston
  "Buddhist Moral Phenomenology, the Ecological Crisis, and the Ethical Implications of Contemplative Practice"
Nadrol Miranda Adams, Maitripa College
Tiffany Lee, Boston College
  "Deep Learning, Addiction, and Contemplation: Constructing a Theological Response to Addiction in Conversation with Developmental Neuroscience and Sarah Coakley's Contemplative Pedagogy of Desire"
Maggi Jones, Baylor University
  "Linking Mysticism and Ethics Through the Life and Thought of Howard Thurman"
Responding:
  Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

A8-110

Political Theology Unit
Theme: Eric Nelson's The Theology of Liberalism: Political Philosophy and the Justice of God
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Ryan Darr, Princeton University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Jennifer A. Herdt, Yale University
  Eric Gregory, Princeton University
  Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology
  Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University
  Paul Weithman, University of Notre Dame
Responding:
  Nelson Eric, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
  Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
A8-111

Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit
Theme: Issues in Interreligious Studies - Interactive Workshop
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Anne Hege Grung, University of Oslo, Presiding

Alternative Pedagogies
Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University
Collaborative Story Telling Assignment
Katie Givens Kime, Odyssey Impact
Stranger/Sister: Case Study of Pedagogical Use of Film Clips for Interfaith/Interreligious Learning Outcomes

New Publications in the Field
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Chicago Theological Seminary
Critical Perspectives in Interreligious Education: Experiments in Empathy
Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University, Patrice Brodeur, University of Montreal, and Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies
Interreligious Studies: Dispatches from an Emerging Field

Online Teaching and Learning, Before and After the Pandemic
Discussion Facilitators:
Marianne Moyaert, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Carolyn Roncolato, Interfaith Youth Core

Community-based Learning and Activism
Gregory Han, Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston
Interfaith Prayer in Public and Private Spaces: Three Years of Experiences
Sana Syed, Inner-City Muslim Action Network
Community-based Learning and Activism

Between and Among Religions: Exploring the Goals of Religious Education and the Meaning of Belonging
Jon Levisohn, Brandeis University, Mona Abo-Zena, University of Massachusetts, Boston, and Cynthia Cameron, Rivier University
Learning from Particulars: What Happens When Scholars from Different Traditions Pursue the Question of the Desired Outcomes of Religious Education Within Their Particular Traditions?
Daan F. Oostveen, Utrecht University
Rhizomatic Belonging: Rethinking Hybrid Religious Belongings and Multiple Religious Belonging

Discussion Facilitators:
Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School
Elinor Julia Pierce, Harvard University
John Sheveland, Gonzaga University
Russell CD Arnold, Regis University
Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:
Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Feryal Salem, American Islamic College, Presiding

A8-112

Liberation Theologies Unit
Theme: Subverting the Canons of Liberation Theology
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
An Yountae, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Chasity Jones, Boston University
A Womanist Liberation Theology of African Ancestral Traditions
Shadaab Rahemtulla, University of Edinburgh
Israelites, Canaanites, and Liberation Theologies: A Qur’anic Intervention in a De/Colonial Debate
Gerald West, University of KwaZulu-Natal
The Canonical-Conceptual Contribution of South African Liberation Theologies: From the Anti-Apartheid 1980s to the Post-Colonial Present
Ana Maria Rodriguez Alfonso, Boston University
Theology of the Perpetrator
Helen Boursiere, College of Saint Scholastica
Art as Public Witness for Refugees Seeking Asylum

Business Meeting:
Maria T. Davila, Merrimack College, Presiding

A8-113

Middle Eastern Christianity Unit
Theme: Education, Agency, and Subject Formation at Turning Points in Middle Eastern Christian History
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word, Presiding

Joshua Mugler, Saint John’s University
The Translation Movement of Eighteenth-Century Aleppo and the Creation of the Middle Eastern Catholic Churches
Joshua Donovan, Columbia University
“Education, Pedagogy, and Subject Formation in the Greek Orthodox Christian Community of Bilad al-Sham”
Tala AlRaheb, Emory University
Uncovering Agency: Christian Women and Personal Status Laws in Palestine

Business Meeting:
Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding

A8-114

North American Religions Unit
Theme: Localizing American Religions Pedagogy in Institutional Settings
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University, Presiding

Panelists:
Brandon Bayne, University of North Carolina
Kijan Bloomfield, Rhodes College
Emily Clark, Gonzaga University
Ryan Harper, Colby College
Elizabeth Jemison, Clemson University
Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University
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Religion and Migration Unit
Theme: Faith, Immigration and Destinations Amongst North American Korean Communities
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Nanette Spina, University of Georgia, Presiding

Heesung Hwang, Chicago Theological Seminary
Abundant Life Together: An Application of Sok Practice for Identity Formation of Second-Generation Korean American Children in the Globalizing Society

Jeyoul Choi, University of Florida
Religion and Migration: The Crisis of Korean Evangelicalism in the Korean-American Church

Eunil David Cho, Emory University
Learning Mother Tongue on Sunday Morning: The Korean Immigrant Church-Based Heritage Language Education for Intergenerational Harmony

Seokweon Jeon, Harvard University
When America is Not Your Destination: The Rise of Transient Migration in the US and the Transformation of Asian Migrants’ Religious Life in Boston

Business Meeting:
Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding

A8-116

Religion, Media, and Culture Unit
Theme: Machines that Surveil and Enchant
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Hussein Ali Agrama, University of Chicago, Presiding

Panelists:
Christopher Glen White, Vassar College
Suzanne Van Geuns, University of Toronto
Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Sharmin Sadequee, City University of New York

Business Meeting:
Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding

A8-117

Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit
Theme: Theological Education in the Wesleyan/Methodist Traditions
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Alma Tinoco Ruiz, Duke University, Presiding

Clive Marsh, University of Leicester
The Purpose of Theological Education in Wesleyan Perspective: Facilitating Ordinary People to be Ordinary Christians

Charles Rivera, Yale University
Sanctification and the Experts: Patristic Models for Wesleyan Theological Education

Mary Elizabeth Moore, Boston University
The Heart of Theological Education: Wisdom, Value, and Transformation

Andrew Stobart, Wesley House
A World Parish of Higher Education: The Impact of Inter-Contextual Learning on the Coloniality of Wesleyan Theological Knowledge

Business Meeting:
Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University, Presiding

A8-118

Women and Religion Unit
Theme: Against Healing
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Molly Farneth, Haverford College, Presiding

Panelists:
Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College
Fannie Bialek, Washington University, St. Louis
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University
Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside
Tiloma Jayasinghe, Queens, NY

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A8-119

Women’s Caucus
Theme: Feminist Theologies and Religious Studies – Publications from Around the World
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Julia Enxing, University of Dresden, Presiding
Ulrike Auga, Humboldt University of Berlin
An Epistemology of Religion and Gender. Biopolitics — Performativity — Agency
Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno
The Bloomsbury Research Handbook of Indian Philosophy and Gender
Hannah Bacon, University of Chester
Feminist Theology and Contemporary Dieting Culture: Sin and Salvation in Women’s Weight Loss Narratives
Responding:
Julia Berger, Baha’i International Community

A8-201

Anthropology of Religion Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit
Theme: Renew, Re-voice, Re-imagine: Ethnographies of Religion and Technology
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding
Jeremy F. Cohen, McMaster University
Creating Future Bodies: The Biosocial Imaginaries of Cryonics and Medical Aid in Dying
Nick Tackes, Columbia University
Om Shanti Emoji: Three Facets of Digital Hinduism
Ian VanderMeulen, New York University
Technologizing Tajwid: Sound Reproduction, Embodied Performance, and the “Word of God” in Moroccan Qur’an Recitation
Rachel Feldman, Franklin and Marshall College
“I call it Rabbi YouTube:” Noahidism, Philo-semitism, and Rabbinic Authority in the Global South
Responding:
Katherine Dugan, Springfield College

P8-100

Søren Kierkegaard Society
Theme: Kierkegaard and Phenomenology
Tuesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jeffrey Hanson, Harvard University, Presiding
Panelists:
Merold Westphal, Fordham University
Eleanor Helms, California Polytechnic State University
Amber Bowen, University of Aberdeen
Responding:
Claudia Welz, Goethe University, Frankfurt
Antony Aumann, Northern Michigan University
Stephen Minister, Augsburg University

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A8-200

African Diaspora Religions Unit
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University, Presiding
Melva L. Sampson, Wake Forest University
Going Live!: Black Women’s Proclamation in the Digital Age
Melissa Alexis, Cultural Fabric
Spiraling Black to Wholeness: Embodied Cognition as the Way Back to Embodying the Soul

A8-202

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Music and Religion Unit
Theme: The Heart is a Bloom: U2’s Theological Highways and Byways
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University, Presiding
David Barbee, Winebrenner Theological Seminary
It’s A Beautiful Day, But I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For: the Eschatological Spirituality of U2
Andrew Smith, Tennessee Technological University
America’s Making War on Itself*: U2, Boston, and the Failure of Unity
Steven R. Harmon, Gardner-Webb University
Souls on the Tree of Pain*: An Ellacuría Echo in “Bullet the Blue Sky” and the Theological Framework of the “Two Americas” of U2’s The Joshua Tree

A8-203

Buddhism Unit and Japanese Religions Unit
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Hwansoo Kim, Yale University, Presiding
Panelists:
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
Charles Hallisey, Harvard University
Anne R. Hansen, University of Wisconsin
Justin McDaniel, University of Pennsylvania
Alicia Turner, York University
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A8-204

Cognitive Science of Religion Unit

Theme: Book Panel Discussion with the Author: Joseph Henrich's *The WEIRDest People in the World: How the West Became Psychologically Peculiar and Particularly Prosperous* (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2020)

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University
- Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Joseph Henrich, Harvard University
- Robert N. McCauley, Emory University

A8-205

Contemporary Islam Unit and Political Theology Unit

Theme: *Contemporary Islamic Political Theology: Ethnographies of Tribulation in the Age of Global War*

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Aaron Eldridge, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

M. Bilal Nasir, Northwestern University

*Between Uhud and Terror: Policing, Race, and Islam in the City of Angels*

Zunaira Komal, University of California

*Aafat: Divine Calamity and the Military Psychiatry Hospital in Kashmir*

Muneeza Rizvi, University of California, Davis

*Syria in London: Aid Convoys, the Umma, and Islamic Traditions of Charity*

Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley

*Ambivalence and Askesis in Zaatari Refugee Camp*

Responding:

Hussein Ali Agrama, University of Chicago

A8-206

Hinduism Unit and North American Hinduism Unit and Religion and Economy Unit

Theme: Hinduism, Neoliberalism, and Global ‘Spirituality’ Discourses in India and America

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Rumya Putcha, University of Georgia

*New Age Music, Yoga, and the Somatics of 21st Century Orientalism*

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary

*Tantra, Neoliberalism, and Global ‘Spirituality’: A Case Study of a Mumbai-Based Modern-Day Tantrika*

Claire Robison, Bowdoin College

*The Gods Go Corporate: ‘Lifestyle Hinduism’ in Western India*

A8-207

Mysticism Unit

Theme: The Imagination of Mysticism

Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Molly Boot, University of Oxford

*Vivid Remembrance: The Role of the Imagination in the Spiritualities of Teresa of Avila (d. 1582) and Ignatius of Loyola (d. 1556)*

Elizabeth Sartell, University of Chicago

*The Imagination in Maimonides’ Mysticism*

Jordan Brady Loewen, Syracuse University

*The Medieval Imagination at the Roots of Postmodern Technological Mysticism*

Business Meeting:

Jason N. Blum, Davidson College, and Margarita Simon Guillory, Boston University, Presiding
A8-208
Practical Theology Unit
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Sabrina Mueller, University of Zurich, Presiding
Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union
Pastor as Fundraiser?: Economic Justice and Ecclesial Practices
Dustin Benac, Duke University
The Evolution of Pastoral and Ecclesial Imagination: Ecclesial Ecology as Place and Prism for Adaptive Work
Ciska Stark, Protestant Theological University Amsterdam
Transformative Theological Education for a New Guild of Pastors Even Without a Solid Church

A8-209
Qur’ān Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit
Theme: Translation, Transmission and Intertextuality in Eastern Late Antiquity
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding
Louise Gallorini, American University of Beirut
A Mystical Function: Angels in the Sufi Commentaries on the Qur’ān
Charles Haberl, Rutgers University
Meryey, Standing at the Boundary
Responding:
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University

A8-210
Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: Religion, Protest, and Revolution
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Rachel M. Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding
Rachel Almashankar, Iona College
Religion and Revolution: The Poetry of Faiz Ahmad Faiz and Its Many Publics
Joseph Flipper, Bellarmine University
David Warren, Washington University, St. Louis
Why and How Does Consistency Matter? Creating and Preserving Yusuf al-Qaradawi’s Image During the Arab Spring and Its Aftermath

A8-211
Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit
Theme: Mounds, Burial Grounds, and Memory: The Ethics and Politics of Claiming and Stewarding Land on Turtle Island
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto, Presiding
Panelists:
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
Tiffany Hale, Barnard College of Columbia University
Lindsay Montgomery, University of Arizona
Michael Gueno, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Spencer Dew, Ohio State University / Wittenberg University
Responding:
Philip Deloria, Harvard University

A8-212
Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit and Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Theme: Healing and Transformation in Catholicisms across the Latina/o Americas
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Arizona, Presiding
Fabio Vieira de Souza, Archdiocese of Montes Claros, Brazil
Catholic Praxis and Political Praxis in Brazil After the Second Vatican Council
Veronique Lecaros, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, and Ana Lourdes Suarez, Universidad Católica Argentina
Sexual Abuses in the Latin American Catholic Church: Assessing the Problem and the Responses
Lynn Hillberg Jencks, Santa Clara University
Charismatic Catholicism and Healing Depression Among Latina Immigrants in the US
Responding:
Matthew Peter Casey, Arizona State University

A8-213
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Theme: Narratively Framing Therapy and Disease
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona, Presiding
Emma Nolan-Thomas, University of Michigan
A Cure for All Maladies: Cupping Practices and the Contested Integration of Islamic and Chinese Medical Traditions in Indonesia
Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University
The Profit and Price of Historiography as Encounter
Steven Quach, University of California, Riverside
Mindfulness as Healing and Resistance: Buddhist-Inspired Communities Mediated by Meetup.com

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#### A8-215

**World Christianity Unit**  
Theme: Round Table: Indigenous Christian Journals as a new Category of Sources for History of World Christianity Studies  
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM  
Jane Carol Redmont, Massachusetts Council of Churches, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Klaus Koschorke, University of Munich  
- Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn  
- Deanna Womack, Emory University  
- David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary

#### A8-216

**Film: Hail Satan?**  
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM  
Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, Presiding  
A look at the quick rise and influence of the controversial religious group known as The Satanic Temple.  
Directed by Penny Lane (2019). 95 minutes.  
*Hail Satan?* is available to watch streaming on multiple platforms listed at magpictures.com/hailsatan/watch-at-home/. Please watch the documentary before joining this open discussion of the film.  
Panelists:  
- Jesper Aagaard Petersen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology  
- Penny Lane, filmmaker

#### P8-200

**Society for the Study of Chinese Religions**  
Theme: Roundtable Discussion  
Tuesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

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#### A8-300

**Applied Religious Studies Committee**  
Theme: Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-Academic Careers: What's a Faculty Member to Do?  
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University, Presiding  
In recent years as the job market for tenure-track academic positions has tightened and the use of contingent faculty has exploded, increasing numbers of graduate degree seekers are intending to pursue careers off the tenure track and outside of the academy.  
While some areas of study present obvious career options, for scholars in the humanities, nonacademic career opportunities and the best preparation for them may not be obvious and religious studies faculty are exploring how graduate programs can — and should — prepare all alumni for diverse employment outcomes. This panel brings together faculty members from a variety of institutions to discuss some of the problems confronting their students and their programs as more people turn — by necessity and by choice — to diverse career paths.  
Panelists:  
- Kecia Ali, Boston University  
- Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago  
- Martin Kavka, Florida State University  
- Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

#### A8-301

**Publications Committee**  
Theme: How to Get Published in the AAR/Oxford University Press Book Series and JAAR  
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM  
Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, and Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding  
This session offers advice for publishing in general and specifically for publishing in the AAR/Oxford University Press books series and the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*. Attendees will be able to talk one-on-one with the editors to learn more about publishing opportunities and the publishing process.  
Panelists:  
- Andrea Jain, Indiana University–Purdue University, Indianapolis  
- Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich  
- Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College  
- John Nemec, University of Virginia  
- Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

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- Wildcard Sessions
A8-302

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
Theme: COVID-19 and the 2020 U.S. Presidential Election: Precariousness, Connectedness, Creative Expressions
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
In the context of COVID-19 and the U.S. presidential elections, how are scholars and communities of color impacted and what are the particular issues and risks they face? How do we advance the work of racial and ethnic minorities, attend to our intersectionality, and think about humanity and the environment? How is the increased sense of our precariousness and fragility finding strength in our religious and cultural communities, traditions and practices? How is this leading to new forms of belonging, connectedness, solidarity and resilience, and how are these being creatively expressed? In this panel, members of the AAR's Status Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession discuss some of the ways they are navigating these tenuous times.
Panelists:
- Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University
- Arun W. Jones, Emory University
- Elias Ortega, Meadville Lombard Theological School
- Angela Parker, Mercer University
- C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union

A8-303

Buddhism Unit
Theme: Aesthetics and Ritual in Chinese Buddhist Religions
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Jason Protass, Brown University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee
  Demonstrating Wrath: The Aesthetics of Horror in Middle-Period Buddhist Art and Ritual
- Kwi Jeong Lee, Columbia University
  The Allure of Form: Dedicating Buddha Images at Dunhuang
- Katherine Alexander, University of Colorado
  Aesthetic Pleasures of Karmic Revenge and Religious Romance: The Precious Scroll of Liu Xiang as Popular Narrative
- Kevin Buckelew, Northwestern University
  Picturing the Patriarchs: Aesthetic Cultures of Portraiture in Song-Dynasty Chan Buddhism

Business Meeting:
- Bryan Lowe, Princeton University, and Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

A8-304

Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Religion and Disability Studies Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit and Religion and Migration Unit
Theme: Survivance, Integrity, Divine Economies and Habitats: the Ecological Crisis and Vulnerable Peoples
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, Presiding
Zaynah Shahar, Chicago Theological Seminary
The Shoreline at the End of the World: Towards a Queer Black Theology of Crip Survivance
Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College
The Gods Must Be Crazy: Climate Change and Family Gods in Tamil Nadu, South India
Christopher Dowdy, Paul Quinn College
Wrongs, Claims, and Plans: Lessons for Frontline Communities in the Failure of Sara Winnemucca's School
Responding:
- Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

A8-305

Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Unit
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Richard W. Newton, Jr., Identifying Roots: Alex Haley and the Anthropology of Scriptures (Equinox, 2020)
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Christopher Driscoll, Lehigh University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
- Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
- Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University
Responding:
- Richard Newton, University of Alabama

Business Meeting:
- Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University, and Daniel White Hodge, North Park University, Presiding

A8-306

Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit
Theme: Modern Medias and Counter-Narratives of Devotion
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Ankur Desai, Kansas City Art Institute, Presiding
Richard H. Davis, Bard College
Godesses of Old Calcutta in Print
Amy-Ruth Holt, Westerville, OH
Hand vs. Machine: The Sacrality of Temple Building in the American Tamil Diaspora
Karen Pechilis, Drew University
On Not Looking Away: Dance, Broadcast and Digital Circulations of Devotion
Emilia Bachrach, Oberlin College and Conservatory
Hashing Hinduism and Mobile Masculinities
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A8-307

History of Christianity Unit and World Christianity Unit

Theme: Contesting Western Colonial Logics and Legacies in the East

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Roy Fisher, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Jennifer Welsh, Lindenwood University-Belleville
Jethro Calacday, Yale University
Philip Hopkins, Gateway Seminary, Los Angeles

'Chinchinning Joss' and Throwing Pamphlets: Nineteenth-Century Christian Missionaries and Western Views of Okinawa
Canon Law and Colonial Logic: Francisco Gainza and the Creation of the Native Clergy in the Philippines, 1863–1879
Proselytization Efforts of American Protestant Missionaries in Iran during the Last Years of the Pahlavis

A8-308

International Development and Religion Unit

Theme: Theologies and Ideologies of Faith-Based Humanitarianism and Development

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

John Rees, University of Notre Dame, Australia, Presiding
Alexandra Salvatierra, Fuller Theological Seminary
Jukka Kääriäinen, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
Hannah Waits, Harvard University

World Vision and Tearfund: Biblically-Based Public Policy Advocacy
The Missiological Challenge of the ‘Anonymous Missionary’ in Faith-Based Development
Promoting Global AIDS Work: Evangelical Theological and Secularized Discourses of Development

Business Meeting:
Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

A8-309

Men, Masculinities, and Religions Unit

Theme: Toxic Masculinities and Religion

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

Kyle Byron, University of Toronto

Allison Murray, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University

Charles Barber, Emory University, and Tyler Fuller, Boston University

Business Meeting:
Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College, and Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

A8-310

Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit

Theme: Noncombatants and Moral Injury: Responsibility for Moral Harm after Violence

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Laurel Cosgrove Blackthorne, Florida State University, Presiding
Rosemary Kellison, University of West Georgia
Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University
Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University

The War Came Alive Inside of Them: Genocidal Rape, Moral Injury, and Religion

Responding:
Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

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Qur’ān Unit
Theme: Reading the Qur’ān
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding
Mian Ahmed Shaheer Afaqi, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis
Mechanisms for Producing Emotion: Al-Ghazālī on Experiencing the Qur’ān
Nadir Ansari, York University
Coherence, The Titles of Sūras, and Central Ideas: A Study of the Tafsīr of Alā‘uddīn al-Muhā’imi
Sohaib Saeed, University of Freiburg
Towards a “Canonical Translation” of the Qur’ān

A8-312

Religion and Human Rights Unit
Theme: Activism, Sacred Space, and the Human
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding
Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Michael Spezio, Scripps College, and Gunes Sevko, Massachusetts General Hospital & Harvard Medical School
Dignifying Human Rights: Competing Conceptions of Autonomy and Their Explanatory Role in Turkish Activism
Adam Beyt, Fordham University
Norms and the Human: Judith Butler’s Philosophy of Nonviolence
James Waters, Florida State University
Kinship, Activism, & Sacred Space: How the Standing Rock Sioux Expanded Human Rights to Their More-Than-Human Tribe

A8-313

Religion and Science Fiction Unit
Theme: Alternative Ontologies and Queering Religion
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Zhang Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
How the Hippies Reinvented Daoism: Rereading Philip K. Dick’s The Man in the High Castle and Ursula Le Guin’s The Lathe of Heaven
Aaron Goldman, Harvard University
The Pantheological Apocalypse of Jeff VanderMeer’s Southern Reach: Ecological Catastrophe and the Shattering of Distinctions
Julia McClenon, University of California, Santa Barbara
Elliot Mason, Concordia University
Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf-God?: Divinity and Monstrosity in Indra Das’s The Devourers

A8-314

Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Theme: Transnationalism, Migration, and the Church
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Carlos Ruiz Martinez, University of Iowa, Presiding
Cari Myers, Pepperdine University
“Same is Better:” A Qualitative Study of Latinx and White Young Adults in Churches of Christ Along the U.S./Mexico Border
Jill Marsh, Northampton Methodist District, Methodist Church in Britain
White Privilege and Cosmopolitanism in the British Methodist Church: A Study

A8-315/S8-301

Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit and SBL Reading, Theory and the Bible Unit
Theme: A Thousand Readings: Theology and the Bible with Deleuze and Guattari’s A Thousand Plateaus, Forty Years Later
Tuesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Robert Seesengood, Albright College, Presiding
Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
The 40-Year-Old Rhizome: A Limiting and Liberating Legacy
Hannah Strommen, University of Chichester
Mapping Biblical Assemblages: A Thousand Plateaus as a Resource for Biblical Reception History
David Fuller, McMaster University
Coding and Speech, Writing and Desire: Reading 2 Enoch with Deleuze and Guattari
D. Brendan Johnson, Duke University
De-/Reterritorialization in Ezekiel: Eschatology, Prophecy, and the ‘Schizophrenic Physician’
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Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A8-316

Sociology of Religion Unit

Theme: Crossing Global and Religious Boundaries: Social Change, Identity, and Power

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University, Presiding

Francesco Cerchiaro, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Christian-Muslim couples dealing with religious difference: A qualitative inquiry in three European countries

Mathew J. Guest, Durham University

Stigma and Suspicion in the Lives of Muslim Students: How the ‘radicalisation’ narrative has changed higher education in Britain

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University

‘Integrated Religious Multiplicity‘: Challenge to Sociology of Religion

Drishadwati Bargi, University of Minnesota

Social Revolution by other Means: The Writing of Conversion in Dalit Autobiographies in Postcolonial India

A8-317

Vatican II Studies Unit

Theme: Rereading Vatican II in a World Church

Tuesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Ormond Rush, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

Judith Gruber, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Worlding the Church. A Postcolonial Commentary on the Project “International Commentary of the Second Vatican Council”

Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University

A New Intercontinental Commentary: The Differentiated Receptions of Vatican II

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University

Commenting Vatican II in a Largely Post-Institutional Theological and Ecclesial Ecosystem

Business Meeting:

Kristin Colberg, College of Saint Benedict, Saint John’s University, Presiding

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

A8-400

African Religions Unit Business Meeting

Tuesday, 5:30 PM–6:00 PM

Business Meeting:

David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania, and Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding

A9-100

Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: Renegotiating Unseen Realms: Studies on the Ritual Reinvention Among Late-Imperial and Contemporary Daoists

Wednesday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, Presiding

Tyler Feezell, Arizona State University

Ritual Narratives and Female Sin: Xuehu 血湖 (Blood Lake) Rites in the Guangcheng yizhi 廣成儀制 (Imperially Approved Rituals of the [Master] of Broad Achievement)

Stephen Flanigan, University of Hawai‘i

The Fire Juwu: A Paradigm-Challenging Rite of Late-Imperial Exorcism

Kenneth Dean, National University of Singapore

Daoist Diaspora: Spirit Mediums, Daoist Masters and Ritual Events in Singapore and Malaysia

Responding:

Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara
A9-101

Making Sense of/from the 2020 US Election

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Presiding

The 2020 US election will have profound consequences for the nation and the world, regardless of who wins the presidency. This session will be a facilitated conversation among scholars from a wide range of AAR units with interests pertaining to the election. It will be divided into segments involving different groups of panelists, to allow fuller engagement among them. Panelists will examine key factors that drove the results of the election, its implications for various communities, and potential directions for response.

Sponsored by the Afro-American Religious History Unit; Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit; Class, Religion, and Theology Unit; Evangelical Studies Unit; Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit; History of Christianity Unit; Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit; Law, Religion, and Culture Unit; Liberation Theologies Unit; Political Theology Unit; Queer Studies in Religion Unit; Religion and Politics Unit; Religion, Media, and Culture Unit; Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit; Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit; and Women and Religion Unit

Panelists:
- Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Illinois
- Eleanor Craig, Harvard University
- Dorothy Dean, Berea College
- Jamil Drake, Florida State University
- Gastn Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College
- Ángel Gallardo, Southern Methodist University
- Zareena Grewal, Yale University
- Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
- Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute
- SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine
- Rita Brock, Volunteers of America
- Nichole Phillips, Emory University
- L. Benjamin Rolsky, Rutgers University
- Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College
- Charlene Sinclair, Union Theological Seminary
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A9-103

Animals and Religion Unit

Theme: Ritualizing and Remembering Animal Death

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

Celebrating Creation and Commemorating Life: Ritualizing Pet Death in Christian, Jewish, and Buddhist Communities in the U.S.

Wendy Wiseman, University of California, Santa Barbara

"Do You Believe in Ghosts?": Genocide, Ecocide, and the Im/possibility of Redemption

Business Meeting:
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, and Eric Meyer, Carroll College, Presiding

A9-104

Buddhism Unit and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit

Theme: New Perspectives on Socially Engaged Buddhism: From Extinguishing Suffering to Collective Transformation of the World

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Rongdao Lai, McGill University, Presiding

The Earliest Chinese Socially Engaged Buddhism

Douglas Gildow, Chinese University Hong Kong

The Earliest Chinese Socially Engaged Buddhism

Gitanjali Surendran, Jindal Global Law School

B. R. Ambedkar and the Indian Prehistory of Socially Engaged Buddhism, c. 1890–1970

Jessica Zu, Princeton University

Buddhist Story-Telling as Social Commentary: Three Modern Afterlives of the Outcaste Maiden

Jordan Baskerville, University of Wisconsin

Dhamma and Social Change: The Formation of Socially Engaged Buddhist Networks in Thailand

Sara Swenson, Syracuse University

Dirty Dāna: The Emotional Virtue of Generosity Among Buddhist Charities in Vietnam

Panelists:
- Douglas Gildow, Chinese University Hong Kong
- Gitanjali Surendran, Jindal Global Law School
- Jessica Zu, Princeton University
- Jordan Baskerville, University of Wisconsin
- Sara Swenson, Syracuse University

A9-102

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Academic Relations Committee

Theme: Developing Institutional Literacy: How Do New Faculty Find Out What They Need to Know?

Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

The job of a faculty member is complex: whether one is a full-time or part-time, it takes time and access to the right information to do our jobs well. How do new faculty find out what they need to know?

From orientations to faculty mentoring to the advice of colleagues, what works best? What kinds of career development opportunities are the most helpful for new faculty? Join our panelist for a conversation about what works, what doesn’t, and what institutions can do to make the transition for new faculty as painless as possible.

Panelists:
- Arthur Zárate, San Jose State University
- Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
- Ashley Coleman Taylor, University of Texas
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Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

A9-105

Comparative Theology Unit
Theme: Sound as God-Talk: Approaches to Comparative Theology of Music
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Mark Edwards, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary
*Is It “Praying Twice?”: An Anglican Christian Comparative Theological Consideration of Chanting and Hymn-Singing in Bhakti Hindu, Sikh, and Sufi Muslim Traditions*
Thomas Cattai, Graduate Theological Union
*Sounds of the End: Music and Eschatology in Messiaen’s Quartet for the End of Time and the Tibetan Practice of Chöd*
Michael VanZandt Collins, Boston College
*Beyond A Love Supreme? John Coltrane’s Classic, Muslim-Christian Comparative Theology, and an Ethic of Listening*
Wilhelmsen Valkenberg, Catholic University of America
*“How Easily Things Get Broken”: Leonard Bernstein and Osvaldo Golijov on the Body and Blood of Christ*
Loye Ashton, Aoyama Gakuin University
*Rhythm and Reality: Constructing a Comparative Theology of Creativity and Dynamic Non-Duality Abstract*
Kijin James Wu, Chang Jung Christian University School of Theology
*Ritual and Music: A Comparative Study*

Business Meeting:
Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College, Presiding

A9-106

Hinduism Unit
Theme: The Ayodhya Verdict: The Jurisprudence and Geography of Modern Hinduism
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Diana Dimitrova, University of Montreal, Presiding
Christopher Fleming, University of Southern California
*In Breadth of Trust with God’s Fiduciary Principles and the Bar of Limitation in the Ayodhya Verdict*

Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen
*Hinduization of Space and the Case of Ayodhya*

Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University
*The Ayodhya Decision and Marwāri Merchants: Financing Ram Devotion Through Hanuman*

Responding:
Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

A9-107

Mormon Studies Unit
Theme: Mormonism in the History of Sexuality
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Sara Patterson, Hanover College, Presiding
Panelists:
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah
Anthony Petro, Boston University
Heather White, University of Puget Sound

Responding:
Peter Covello, University of Illinois, Chicago
Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College

Business Meeting:
Sara Patterson, Hanover College, and Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

A9-108

New Religious Movements Unit
Theme: Beliefs Beyond Borders - Asian New Religious Movements in Transnational Contexts
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Emily McKendry-Smith, University of West Georgia
*Polysemic Understandings of Tradition and Legitimacy Among the Brahmá Kumáris in Nepal*

Timothy Smith, University of North Carolina
*On the Outside Looking Further Out — Tenrikyó’s Transnational Interfaith Networking as Self Reflection and Self-Reinvention*

Kyungsoo Lee, Rice University
*Sex as the Origin of Sin in Early Christian Gnostics and Korean NRMs*

Naohito Miura, Harvard University
*Schisms in Transnational Japanese NRMs: The Case of Sekai Kyukyö*

Kirby Sokolow, University of Pennsylvania
*Transforming the Incarcerated Self: Buddhist Modernism in American Prisons*
Business Meeting:
Joseph Laycock, Texas State University, and Lydia Willsky-Ciillo, Fairfield University, Presiding

A9-109
Open and Relational Theologies Unit
Theme: What Open & Relational Theologies Have Always Shared
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston, Presiding
John Sanders, Hendrix College
What Open and Relational Theologies Have Always Shared: Nurturant Values
Responding:
Wm. Curtis Holtzen, Hope International University
Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University
Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College
Business Meeting:
Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

A9-110
Quaker Studies Unit
Theme: Revolution and Dissent in Quaker Theology and Practice
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
Jennifer Ryenga, San Jose State University
The Percolation of Jonathan Dymond's Thought Among New England Abolitionists, 1829–1836
Isaac Barnes May, University of Virginia, and Mae Speight, University of Virginia
Quakers and the Women's Ministry Revolution: Quaker Influences on Women's Ordination Among Mainline and Liberal Protestants in the United States
Rhiannon Grant, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham, UK
Those Shall Decide For Yourself: The Continuity of Change in British Liberal Quaker Theology
Responding:
James Krippner, Haverford College

A9-111
Religion and Disability Studies Unit
Theme: Disability, Community, and Theology: Panel on Brian Brock’s Wondrously Wounded (Baylor University Press, 2019) and Grant Macaskill’s Autism and the Church (Baylor University Press, 2019)
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Devan Stahl, Baylor University, Presiding
Calli Micale, Yale University
Desiring Disability—Disability Theology Beyond Inclusion
Joanna Leidenhag, University of Saint Andrews
Autism, Liturgy and the Human Person Before God
Elizabeth Agnew Cochran, Duquesne University
Moral Formation and Autism: Challenges for an Inclusive Model of Moral Agency
Sarah Jean Barton, Western Theological Seminary
Re-Membering Methodology in Theologies of Disability
Responding:
Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen
Grant Macaskill, University of Aberdeen

A9-112
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Theme: What’s At Stake in the Everyday?: Positionality, Authority, and Ordinary Ethics in the Study of Religion
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Michael Grigoni, Duke University, Presiding
Emmy Corey, Emory University
“I Don’t Have a Survey. Can We Still Hang Out?”: Finding the Everyday in a Nairobi Clinic
Aalekhy Malladi, Emory University
“You’re a Researcher, You Tell Me”: Positionality, Authority, and Everyday Religion in South India
Cara Curtis, Emory University
Listening In-Between: Multiplicity and Ethical Imagination in Multi-Sited Ethnographic Research
Emily Dubie, Duke University
Problematizing Divine Absence: God’s Command & the Moral Life in Qualitative Research in Religion
Responding:
Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

A9-113
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Theme: Witnesses to Exile: Blackness and Jewishness Between France and America
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Mendel Kranz, University of Chicago, Presiding
Paul Cato, University of Chicago
Talk of Love and Exile: The Religiosity of James Baldwin and Emmanuel Levinas's International Community of Discourse
Joel Swanson, University of Chicago
A Pathologically Abnormal Situation: Le Cercle Gaston Crémieux and the [Im]possibility of an Anti-National Jewishness
Kirsten Collins, University of Chicago
Witnessing Whiteness: Re-Reading “The Jew” in Maurice Blanchot’s Philosophy of Exile
Business Meeting:
Elissa Cutter, Georgian Court University, and Carol Ferrara, Boston University, Presiding

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Religion in Southeast Asia Unit
Theme: New Decade, New Directions: Advancing the Study of Southeast Asian Religions
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Charles Carstens, Harvard University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Richard Fox, University of Victoria
- Oona Paredes, University of North Carolina, Los Angeles
- Chiara Formichi, Cornell University
- Penny Edwards, University of California, Berkeley
- Alicia Izharuddin, Harvard University
- Cuong T. Mai, Appalachian State University
- Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont
- Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

Business Meeting:
- Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

A9-115

Space, Place, and Religion Unit
Theme: Place and Religious Performance
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Joy Palacios, University of Calgary, Presiding
Panelists:
- Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University
- Pollard and the Performance of Healing at Auschwitz-Birkenau
- Kyle Byron, University of Toronto
- Rhythm, Place, and Performance in American Street Preaching
- Hans Olsson, University of Copenhagen

Responding:
- Saliha Chattoo, University of Toronto
  The Power of Performance: Pentecostals in Texas and the Formation of Sacred Space
- Aron Engberg, Lund University
  Christian Zionism as a Second Conversion

A9-116

Study of Islam Unit
Theme: Author-Meets-Critics: SherAli Tareen’s Defending Muhammad in Modernity (University of Notre Dame Press, 2020)
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Ali Altaf Mian, University of Florida, Presiding
Panelists:
- Kecia Ali, Boston University
- Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan
- Megan Robb, University of Pennsylvania
- Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley

Responding:
- SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College

Business Meeting:
- Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, and Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont, Presiding

A9-117

Exploratory Session: Critical Whiteness Studies and Global Religion
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding
Panelists:
- J. Kameron Carter, Indiana University
- Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
- Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
- Elizabeth Ingenthron, Jewish Voice for Peace
- Khyati Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Chanqua Walker-Barnes, Mercer University
- Eric Weed, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Exploratory Session: Jewish Theology Today
Wednesday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Cass Fisher, University of South Florida, Presiding
Jerome Gellman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
Janus and The God of Modern-Orthodox Jewish Theology
Steven Keppes, Colgate University
From Practical Metaphysics to Hermeneutical Theologies
Nathaniel Berman, Brown University
The Kelipotic Verses: Resisting the Torah’s “Other Side”
Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Arizona State University
Jewish Theology for the Anthropocene: Ethics of Care and Responsibility
Responding:
Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago
Alan Brill, Seton Hall University

Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
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Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Theme: A Step Closer to Heaven: Nineteenth-Century American Women Writers and Theologies of the Afterlife
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Emily Hamilton-Honey, State University of New York, Canton, Presiding
Panelists:
LuElla D’Amico, University of the Incarnate Word
Margaret Lowe, Bridgewater State University
Amy Easton-Flake, Brigham Young University
Jennifer McFarlane-Harris, Xavier University

Chinese Christianities Unit
Theme: Negotiating Space and Place
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Christie Chui-Shan Chow, City Seminary of New York, Presiding
Heidi Campbell, Baylor University
Michel Chambon, Hanover College
Spring Couples and the Materialization of Chinese Christianity
Eastern Law, Georgetown University
Negotiating a Lived Chinese Theology Across Boundaries – the Mainland Chinese Christian Experience in Hong Kong
Responding:
Joseph Ho, Albion College

Business Meeting:
Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Theme: Creation, Mysticism, and Theosis: Perspectives on a Theology of Participation
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jim Fodor, Saint Bonaventure University, Presiding
Patrick Haley, Princeton Theological Seminary
Diversity or Disorder: Between Athanasius and Origen on Differentiation in Creation
Eugene Schlesinger, Santa Clara University
The Tie that Binds: Mysticism and Sacrifice in Henri de Lubac
Aaron Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary
“Draw Me After You:” Toward an Erotic Theosis
Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University
Universalism or Fire and Brimstone?: Rufinus of Aquileia’s Attempt to Reclaim Origen’s Eschatology for Catholic Christianity

Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit
Theme: Narrating Change in Paganism
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Vivianne Crowley, Nottingham Trent University, Presiding
Deoin Cleveland, Cherry Hill Seminary
Missing Millennials: Investigation of Millennial Pagan Identities, Rejection of Community, and Inter-Generational Conflict
Julia Phillips, University of Bristol
Pagan Witchcraft and Cunning Folk
Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia
The Time of the Tower: Apocalyptic Narratives in Modern Paganisms

History of Christianity Unit
Theme: Roundtable on Disability in Medieval Christian Philosophy and Theology, ed. Scott M. Williams (Routledge, 2020)
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Meghan Henning, University of Dayton, Presiding
Panelists:
Lauren F. Winner, Duke University
Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen
Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz
Martin Pickave, University of Toronto
Responding:
Scott Williams, University of North Carolina, Asheville
Richard Cross, University of Notre Dame
Miguel J. Romero, University of Notre Dame
John Slotemaker, Boston College
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Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit
Theme: Lesbian-Feminist Methodologies
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Michelle Wolff, Augustana College, Presiding
Wendy Mallette, Yale University
Desiring the Lesbian Feminist Killjoy: Affective Negativity in Sara Ahmed and Beverly Smith
Shatavia Wynn, Vanderbilt University
Expanding Experience and Categories
Laulie Eckeberger, University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Lesbian-Feminism as a Methodology: How to Avoid Erasure

Business Meeting:
Sarah Bloesch, University of North Carolina, Presiding

A9-207

Queer Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Myths, Histories, Hauntings
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
William Boyce, University of Virginia, Presiding
Shoshana McClarence, University of Denver/Iliff Theology School
The First Brick Thrown: Myth and Materiality Through the Stonewall Riots
Skyler Keiter-Massefski, Yale University
Temporal Hauntings: Ambiguity, Eschatology, and the Lived Finitude of Trans Embodiment
Shonda Nicole Gladden, Indiana University, Indianapolis
Drag Me to Church: Trans-Versing Black Church Performance Through Ball Culture
Cameron Partridge, Saint Aidan’s Episcopal Church
The Hyena and the Early Christian Morphological Imaginary

Business Meeting:
Brandy Daniels, University of Portland, Presiding

A9-208

Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria, Presiding
Panelists:
Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University
Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University
Kathryn Lofthus, Yale University
Dheepa Sundaram, University of Denver
Neil Dalal, University of Alberta

A9-209

Ricoeur Unit
Theme: Feminist Hermeneutics After Pamela Sue Anderson
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Stephanie N. Arel, Fordham University, Presiding
Kerilyn Harkaway-Krieger, Gordon College
How We Talk When We Talk About God: Metaphor, Embodiment, and the Work of Theology
Patrick McCauley, Chestnut Hill College
Suspicion and Faith in Ricoeur, Anderson and Kant

A9-210

Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Theme: Journalism and Clerical Sex Abuse Before and After the Boston Globe’s Spotlight Reports
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Maura Jane Farrelly, Brandeis University, Presiding
Panelists:
Eileen McNamara, Brandeis
Matthew Carroll, Northwestern University
Mark Massa, Boston College

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## A9-211

**Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**

**Theme:** Manifold Interventions: Political, Queer, and Decolonial Openings in Constructive Theology  
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Filipe Maia, Boston University, Presiding  
- Robert Overy-Brown, Claremont Graduate University  
  *The Entrapment of Political Theology by its Texts: Toward a Pluralistic Intervention*  
- Timothy Couper, Drew University  
  *Three Queer Constructions of God: Theorizing the Trinity as the Embodiment of Triadic Temporalities*  
- Henry Kuo, Greensboro College  
  *Salvation as Method: Deimperializing National Soteriologies*

**Business Meeting:**  
Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin, and Filipe Maia, Boston University, Presiding

## A9-212

**Study of Islam Unit**

**Theme:** The Politics of Everyday Islam: Space, Place, and Devotion  
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding  
- Parnia Vafaeikia, University of Toronto  
  *The Poetics and Politics of Walking: An Ethnography of The Arbaeen Pilgrimage*  
- Timothy Gutmann, University of Chicago  
  *Constant Bonds: Wang Daiyu's 王岱輿 Islamic Humanism*  
- Aun Hasan Ali, University of Colorado  
  *The Sanctuary of The Twelfth Imam in Hillah*

## A9-213

**Study of Judaism Unit**

**Theme:** Jewish Objects, Jewish Affects: Crafting, Relics, Tea Cups, Toys, and Delis  
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding  
- Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University  
- Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University  
- Laura Leibman, Reed College  
- Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

**Responding:**  
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

## A9-214

**Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit**

**Theme:** Black Hope and Social Imagination in the Thought of Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Wednesday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

Valerie Miles-Tribble, American Baptist Seminary of the West, Presiding  
- Phillip Allen, Fuller Theological Seminary  
  *The Prophetic Lens: Film as a Tool for Public Theology for Martin Luther King, Jr. and Contemporary Black Filmmakers*  
- David Justice, Saint Louis University  
  *Negating Capitalism: The Beloved Community as Negative Political Theology and Positive Social Imaginary*  
- Andre E. Johnson, University of Memphis  
  *From Riverside to the River City: The Prophetic Pessimism and Hope of Martin Luther King*

**Responding:**  
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University  

**Business Meeting:**  
Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University, Presiding

## A9-300

**Department Chairs and Program Coordinators' Meeting**  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding  
Department Chairs and Program Coordinators are invited to this gathering to discuss shared concerns.

## A9-301

**Black Theology Unit**

**Theme:** Black Theology Post-Cone: Interrogating Value, Mis-Religion, and the Theological Legacies of Settler Colonialism  
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Ben Sanders, Eden Theological Seminary, Presiding  
- Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside  
  *James Cone: Settler Colonialism and Anti-Blackness in Indigenous Theologies*  
- Andre Key, Claflin University  
  *“Mis-Religion of the Negro and Oppression” William R. Jones, Theodicy, and Black Theology.*  
- Amaryah Shaye Armstrong, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
  *A Measure of Existence: The Value of A Black Theology of Liberation*

**Responding:**  
Adam Clark, Xavier University  

**Business Meeting:**  
Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University, Presiding
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Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

**A9-302**

**Buddhist Philosophy Unit**

Theme: Perspectives on Douglas Duckworth’s *Tibetan Buddhist Philosophy of Mind and Nature* (Oxford University Press, 2018)

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

John Makransky, Boston College, Presiding

  John Dunne, University of Wisconsin
  *Immediacy and Construction in Late Indian Mahāyāna Thought*

Wendi Adamek, University of Calgary

  ‘Mind and Nature’ in Other Traditions: China, 6th–8th Centuries

Jin Y. Park, American University

  Non-duality Thesis and Buddhist Philosophy: the Case of Huayan and Zen Buddhism

Constance Kassor, Lawrence University

  *What are Buddhist Philosophers Doing when they “do Philosophy”?*

Responding:

  Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University

**A9-303**

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

Theme: Trends and Challenges in Religious Publishing: A Publishers' Roundtable

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Panelists:

  Charles Collier, Wipf and Stock Publishers
  Jennifer Banks, Yale University Press

Responding:

  Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

**A9-304**

**Ecclesiological Investigations Unit**

Theme: Church and the Common Good

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Cristina Lledo Gomez, BBI-The Australian Institute for Theological Education, Presiding

  Scott Hagley, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
  *Won’t You Be My Neighbor? Neighborhood Church in a Consumerist Age*

Nicholas Hayes, Boston College

  *Power Politics for the Common Good: The Political Ecclesiology of Alinsky Organizing*

Christopher C. Brittain, Trinity College, Toronto

  *Faithfully Embracing the Public Sphere: Religious Citizenship and Public Engagement in the UK and Canada*

Business Meeting:

  Brian Flanagan, Marymount University, and Vladimir Latinovic, University of Tübingen, Presiding

**A9-305**

**Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit and Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit**

Theme: Interfaith Chaplaincy and Higher Education

Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Varun Soni, University of Southern California, Presiding

  Jem Jebbia, Stanford University
  *Indigenizing College Chaplaincy: Beyond Decolonization*

Vineet Chander, Princeton University

  *Lokah Samastah Sukhino Bhavantu: A Hindu Approach to Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy*

Monica Sanford, Rochester Institute of Technology

  *The Empiricism of ‘Religion’: Buddhist Strategies for Deconstructing/Decolonizing Religion & Embracing Diverse Lifeways in Chaplaincy Education & Spiritual Care Praxis*

Responding:

  Kirstin Boswell Ford, University of Chicago
A9-306

Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit
Theme: Nature
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto, Presiding
Travis Proctor, Wittenberg University
Porphyry of Tyreo and the "Posthuman" Environments of the Ancient Mediterranean
Nathan Tilley, Duke University
Inhabiting a Different World: Neoplatonic Asceticism and Ecological Thought in a World of Change
James Smoker, University of Saint Andrews
Willemien Otten, University of Chicago
Nature and Gender in Medieval Christian Platonism

A9-307

Religion and Politics Unit
Theme: Religion in Politics and Politics in Religion
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Nicholas Adams, University of Birmingham, Presiding
Panelists:
   Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University
   Erin Wilson, University of Groningen
   Jocelyne Cesari, University of Birmingham
   Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
   William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University
Business Meeting:
John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, and Rachel M. Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

A9-308

Religion in Southeast Asia Unit and Study of Islam Unit
Theme: Islam in Southeast Asia: Formation, Indigenization, Modernization
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
James Hoesterey, Emory University, Presiding
Andi Herawati, Indiana University Bloomington
Traditional Islam and Modernity in Indonesia: The Activism of the Nahdatul Ulama and Its Leaders
Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside
Judging Religious Others: Islam and Religious Pluralism in Contemporary Indonesia
Torsten Tschacher, Freie Universität Berlin
The Idea of Religion and the Criminalization of Moharram in the Straits Settlements, 1830–1870
Siti Sarah Muwahidah, Emory University
The Alids Came to Nusantara: Šī‘a Imams and the Creation of Indo-Malay Sacred Geography

A9-309

Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit
Theme: The Aesthetics and Emotions of Religious Belonging: Case Studies from Buddhist Communities
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Erica Baffelli, University of Manchester, Presiding
Frederik Schröer, Max Planck Institute for Human Development
Double Absence: Time and Emotions in the Formation of Buddhist Feeling Communities
Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University
Practicing Beethoven as Buddhist Practice: The Role of Classical Music in Soka Gakkai's Past and Future
Dominique Townsend, Bard College
Feeling the Way to Revelation: The Work of Aesthetics and Emotions in Belonging to a Tibetan Treasury (gter ma) tradition
Responding:
   Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University

A9-310

Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit
Theme: Textual Healing: Cosmological Creation, Divine Participation, and Hopeful Political Action
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Raissa Von Doetinchem De Rande, Princeton University, Presiding
   Evan LeBarre, University of Texas
   Ethical Formation at the Intersection of Authorship and Cosmology in an Ancient South Asian Text: The Mānavadharmaśāstra's Construction of the Ideal Ethical Subject
   Eun Hwang, University of Chicago
   The Therapeutic Effect of Scriptural Interpretations on Lived Experience in Augustine and Tiantai Zhi Yi
   Nathan Hershberger, Duke University
   Healing Memory: Münster and the Hermeneutics of Wounded Hope
Business Meeting:
   Tyler Atkinson, Bethany College, and Elizabeth Goldstein, Gonzaga University, Presiding

A9-311

Queer Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Postsecular Queer Theory
Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Melissa E. Sanchez, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Panelists:
   Abdulhamit Arvas, University of California, Santa Barbara
   Michael Cobb, University of Toronto
   Peter Coviello, University of Illinois, Chicago
   Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College
   Linn Tonstad, Yale University
Business Meeting:
   Rakesh Peter-Dass, Hope College, and Linn Tonstad, Yale University, Presiding
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**A9-312**

**Women and Religion Unit**

Theme: *Women Making Religion: Identity, and Transnational Activism*

*Wednesday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM*

Tamara Lewis, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

- Tracy McEwan, University of Newcastle, Australia
- Gen X Catholic Women: Subverting Gendered Norms in the Formation of Catholic Identities
  - Alejandro Escalante, University of North Carolina
- Madness: Blackness, Women, and Religion
  - Jiangxue Han, Beijing, China
- *Under the Shamanistic-Organizational Core: Women Activities and Social Change in China, from the Southern Song to the Qing*
  - Nechama Juni, Brown University
- The Multiply-Gendered Forms of Orthodox Jewish Women's Ritual Practices
  - Paola Cavaliere, Osaka University, School of Human Sciences
- Women and Local Faith Communities in Building Disaster Resilience in Japan: The Cases of Sōka Gakkai and GLA

**Business Meeting:**

K. Christine Pae, Denison University, and Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland, Presiding

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**A9-313**

**Film: death. everything. nothing.**

*Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM*

Separated by distance, time, and a pandemic, a daughter wrestles with her mother’s impending death.

In this powerful documentary short, director LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant turns the camera toward herself as she confronts the COVID-19 pandemic and an unexpected loss. Based on an op-ed published in the *New York Times*, Manigault-Bryant tells a profound story about race, love, death and loss—a story that has everything and nothing to do with COVID-19.

The 6 minute film is available to view at [youtube.com/watch?v=fIl8rbZej-M&slist=PLv0Bfim0aEgbhQP5sCW3iZtms1VuwQZn6](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIl8rbZej-M&slist=PLv0Bfim0aEgbhQP5sCW3iZtms1VuwQZn6)

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University, Presiding

**Panelist:**

- LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College

**Responding:**

- Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver

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**P9-300**

**Karl Barth Society of North America**

Theme: *Barth and Nationalism*

*Wednesday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM*

Paul Dafydd Jones, University of Virginia, Presiding

- Angela Hancock, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- Preaching to Citizens?: Karl Barth’s Critique of Nationalism and the Politics of Proclamation
  - Matt Jantzen, Hope College
- Karl Barth and the Cold War: The Doctrine of Providence Between East and West
  - Alberto La Rosa Rojas, Duke University Divinity School
- Participation in the Indwelling God: Toward a Theology of Home

**Responding:**

- Eric Gregory, Princeton University

**Business Meeting:**

Keith Johnson, Wheaton College, Illinois, Presiding

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**A9-400**

**Quaker Studies Unit Business Meeting**

*Wednesday, 5:30 PM–6:00 PM*

**Business Meeting:**

Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University, and Jon Kershner, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

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A10-100
Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee
Theme: Creative Actions in Crises by Experienced Communities
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University, Presiding
This forum considers how marginalized individuals from diverse religious traditions and identity backgrounds respond to crises. What skills do they use to combat a given crisis and its effects? What utopian imaginings, or imaginings of an "otherwise," do they offer? What innovations do they create that become part of the new normal?
Panelists:
  Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
  Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Activist Theology Project
  Roger A. Sneed, Furman University
  Adriaan Van Klinken, University of Leeds

A10-101
Christian Spirituality Unit
Theme: Mystical Theology: Emerging Perspectives
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Douglas Christie, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Panelists:
  John Arblaster, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
  Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University
  Rachel Smith, Villanova University
  Joanne Maguire, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Responding:
  Louise Nelstrop, Oxford University

A10-102
Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Saints in Divided Societies
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Aaron Hollander, Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute, Presiding
Panelists:
  Connie Gagliardi, University of Toronto
  Dean Accardi, Connecticut College
  Edith Szanto, University of Alabama
  Elizabeth Harris, Liverpool Hope University
  Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University
  Ayodeji Ogunnaïke, Bowdoin College
  Michelle Bentsman, Harvard University
  Christina Désert, Emory University
  Kythe Heller, Harvard University
  Munjed Murad, Harvard University
  Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College
  Oludamini Ogunnaïke, University of Virginia
Responding:
  Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

A10-103
Confucian Traditions Unit
Theme: God and Confucianism
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Catherine Hudak Klancer, Boston University, Presiding
Shumo Wang, Harvard University
Seeking God in Confucianism: Luo Rufang’s Thought on Shangdi
Li Quan, University of Edinburgh
Self-Cultivation and Vocation: Mou Zongsan and Karl Barth on the Action of Responsibility
Responding:
  Michael Ing, Indiana University

A10-104
Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit
Theme: Going Beyond Death in Practice and Storytelling
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jamie Brummitt, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding
Zachariah Buck, University of Oxford
Reading Facebook Memorial Pages as Charnel Grounds: Digital Shrines and Vedic Tradition
Rachel Ward, Columbia Theological Seminary
Living-Death Doula: Midwifing Rebirth from the Ashes of Living-Death as Queer Grief Care
Genevieve Nrenzah, University of Ghana
Dying, Death and Burial Rituals in Crisis: A Contemporary Analysis of Funerals in Ghana
Lucy Bregman, Temple University
Is Death the Enemy of God? Cullmann's Challenge and Its Influence
Business Meeting:
  Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

A10-105
Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit
Theme: Indigenous Ecologies: Trees, Temples, Texts, and Sacred Territory in an Era of Climate Change
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Kimberley Patton, Harvard University, Presiding
Ayodeji Ogunnaïke, Bowdoin College
Michelle Bentsman, Harvard University
Christina Désert, Emory University
Kythe Heller, Harvard University
Munjed Murad, Harvard University
Oludamini Ogunnaïke, University of Virginia
Responding:
  Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

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A10–106

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit
Theme: Illiberal Religion and the Question of Community
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Nadia Marzouki, Paris Institute of Political Studies, Presiding
Panelists:
- Spencer Dew, Ohio State University / Wittenberg University
- Hillel Gray, Miami University
- Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
- Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University
- Magali Della Sudda, University of Lille / University of Rome
- Heather Miller Rubens, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies
Responding:
- Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University
Business Meeting:
- Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

A10–107

Liberation Theologies Unit and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit
Theme: Religion & Cultural Activism: Disrupting Peace and Pursuing Justice in Palestine/Israel
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Diane L. Moore, Harvard University
- Hilary Rantisi, Harvard University
- Vivien Sansour, Palestine Heirloom Seed Library
- Rebecca Pierce, African-American Jewish documentary filmmaker and journalist
- Noam Shuster, freelance comedian, performer, peacebuilder and activist
- Suhail Khourey, Palestinian musician
Responding:
- Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa
Business Meeting:
- Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

A10–108

Middle Eastern Christianity Unit
Theme: Middle Eastern Christianity and Gender
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Tracy Russell, Saint Louis University
  * The Bridal Chamber of the Heavenly Bridegroom: Gender and the Metaphor of Betrothal in Syriac Virgin Martyr Texts
- Monica Mitri, Claremont School of Theology
  * The Female as Anthropological Role Model in Jacob of Serugh
- Ramy Marcos, Hartford Seminary
  * Women’s Conversion and Religious Toleration in Ottoman Islamic Egypt: The Case Study of Fatimah of Asyut
- Mitri Raheb, Dar al-Kalima University
  * Karimah Aboud: A Female Arab Christian entrepreneur in British Mandate Palestine
Responding:
- Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame
Business Meeting:
- Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

A10–109

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit
Theme: Thinking American Religious Futures in Landscapes of Production
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto, Presiding
Panelists:
- Matthew Smith, Northwestern University
  * The Story of Bakelite: Modern Magicians, Polymer Capitalism and the Origin Myths of the Anthropocene
- Joanna Smith, University of North Carolina
  * Negative Sacred Slaughter: Prohibition, Transgression and Gendered Limits on the Kill Floor
- Richard Callahan, Gonzaga University
  * The Civilizing Whale
- Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina
  * Surfacing American Religion: Industrial Expertise and the Religious Erotics of Smooth Surfaces
Responding:
- Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

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A10-110

Reformed Theology and History Unit
Theme: The Doctrine of Total Depravity
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

- Gregory Lee, Wheaton College, Illinois
  Total Depravity and Systemic Evil

- Taido Chino, Augustana College
  Neither Essential Nor Accidental: Sin in a Relational and Apocalyptic Key

- Mary Nickel, Princeton University
  Blessed Assurance: A Theology of Collective Action Problems

Wendy Mallette, Yale University
Total Depravity, Original Sin, and Pessimism: Revisiting Lesbian Feminist Theorizations of Sex and Sociality

Business Meeting:
Paul T. Nimmo, University of Aberdeen, and Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

A10-111

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit
Theme: The Enduring Legacy of Christian Complicity and Colonial Genocide Narratives
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Presiding

- Emily Wilday Ricker, University of Hawai‘i
  Pilgrims, Plymouth, and Public Memory: A Critical Examination of Contemporary New England Foundation Mythology

- Lily An Kim, McMaster University
  Missing and Murdered Esther, Métis ‘Queen’ of the Munsee: Spiritual Mutism and Colonial Origins in North America

- David Tollerton, University of Exeter
  The Religious Challenges of Linking Holocaust Memory with Colonial Violence

Business Meeting:
Kate E. Temoney, Montclair State University, Presiding

A10-112

Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Theme: Catholicism in 10 Objects
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University, Presiding

- Rachel Lindsey, Saint Louis University
  Billfolds and Wallets

- Catherine Osborne, Fordham University
  Catholicism in 10 Objects: A Pilgrimage to See the Holy Father Through the Stereoscope

- Michael Rogers, University of Toronto
  Catholicism in 10 Objects: The Pocket Prayers Books of the Children of Mary

- Dugan McGinley, Rutgers University
  Catholicism in Objects: Dignity's Book of Intentions

- Monica Mercado, Colgate University
  My Graduation: Girlhood in the Collections of Loretto Academy [Catholicism in 10 Objects]

- Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology
  The Divine Mercy Image

- Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University
  Votives: The Visualized Art of Supernatural Narratives

- Alexander Darius Ormella, University of Hull
  The Easter Food Basket as the Eight Sacrament: A Visual Journey

- Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University
  The Actes du Très Dévot Frère Didace Pelletier as Medium of Real Presence

- Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
  Rice, Relics and the Blood of Suffering: Material Catholicism in a 19th Century Letter

- Responding:
  Hillary Kaell, McGill University

Business Meeting:
Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Seminary of the Southwest, and Melanie Jones, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

A10-113

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit
Theme: Celebrating 30 Years of Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society: Womanist Retrospective
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Marcia Y. Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary
- Jacquelyn Grant, Interdenominational Theological Center
- M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
- Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
- Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College
- Renita Weems, Black Religious Scholars Group, Inc

Responding:
Kelly Brown Douglas, Episcopal Divinity School

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A10-114

Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar
Theme: Round-Table Paper Discussions
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding
Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University
The Shahada: Act of Faith, Act of Friendship
John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University
Becoming a Friend to the World: Sāntideva on “Bodhisattva Friendship”
Hans Harmakaputra, Boston College
Friends of God, Friends of Humans: A Muslim-Christian Comparative Theology Reflection on Sainthood and Friendship
Jennifer Fields, University of Cambridge
Questioning the Promotion of Friendship in Interfaith Dialogue
Joas Adiprasetya, Jakarta Theological Seminary
Let the Stranger Stay in the Table of Friends
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College
Because You Are My Friend: Inter-Religious Friendship and Religious Pluralism
Hans Gustafson, University of Saint Thomas
Interreligious Friendship for Changemaking and Leadership
Adam Tietje, Duke University
A Path Through the Hell of War Trauma: Pavel Florensky’s Theology of Friendship
Sarah Bixler, Princeton Theological Seminary
"Musing on Cicero’s Thoughts": Methodology in Aelred of Rievaulx’s Practical Theology of Spiritual Friendship
Karen Bray, Wesleyan College, and Christy Cobb, Wingate University
Neither Single nor Coupled, But Friended: Biblical and Theological Sources for Friendship as Our Central Relationship
Dorothy Dean, Berea College
Theology, Friendship, and the Human Animal
R. Michael Wilcher, University of Cambridge
Simone Weil on Friendship: Pythagoreanism, Trinity, and the Practice of Attention
Joud Alkorani, University of Toronto
"Sisters for the Sake of Allah": Mediating Friendship Through God

A10-115

Exploratory Session: Decolonizing Anglican Studies
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Jennifer Snow, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Presiding
Sathianathan Clarke, Wesley Theological Seminary
Decolonizing Identity Politics in the Anglican Communion: Balancing Multiple Belonging with Resistant Unbelonging
Jenny Te Paa Daniel, Ohaki Consultancy
Decolonising Anglican Studies: An Indigenous Prescription . . .!
Carla Roland, General Theological Seminary
Anglicanism Beyond Empire: Expanding Anglican Epistemology to a Multi-Centered/Polycentric Economy of Knowledge that Includes US-Latin and Latin American Perspectives
Responding:
Esther Mombo, Saint Paul's University
Business Meeting:
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Seminary of the Southwest, Presiding

A10-116

Exploratory Session: Religion and Drugs Roundtable: Why?
Thursday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Gary M. Laderman, Emory University, Presiding
Panelists:
Hollis Phelps, Mercer University
Joseph Christian Greer, Harvard University
Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University
Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University
Isaac Horwedel, Emory University

Courtney Rabada, Northwestern University
Audre Lorde and the Erotic Power of Female Friendships
Olivia Bustion, University of Chicago
Participation as Plural Agency: An Augustinian Proposal
Laura Duhan-Kaplan, Vancouver School of Theology
Isaiah’s Vision of the Lion and the Lamb: A Paradigm for Civic Friendship

Symbol Key:
- E AAR Award Winners
- M Arts Series
- A Books Under Discussion
- C Business Meeting
- L Films
- Full Papers Available in the Virtual Platform
- New! New Program Unit
- Presidential Theme: The AAR as a Scholarly Guild
- Professional Development—Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development—Employment
- Professional Development—Publishing
- Professional Development—Mentoring
- Wildcard Sessions
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A10-200

Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR) Editorial Board Meeting
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

A10-201

Chinese Religions Unit
Theme: Religion in Chinese Spaces of Political Conflict and Contestation
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Kelly Hammond, University of Arkansas, Presiding

- Benno Weiner, Carnegie Mellon University
  From Patriotic Religious Representatives to Wolves in Monks’ Robes: Tibetan Buddhism, Islam and the Party on an Ethnocultural Frontier of Early Maoist China

- Sandrine Catris, Augusta University
  From Mao to Xi: Religion and Repression in the Uyghur Region

- H.S. Sum Cheuk Shing, University of Chicago
  Religion as Resistance: Chinese Religions in the Hong Kong Anti-Extradition Bill Movement

Responding:
Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University

A10-202

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Mellon, Fulbright, NSF, Oh My! Preparing Successful Proposals in the Intimidating World of Multi-Disciplinary Research Grants
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Graduate-level scholars of religion are remarkably versatile in our academic skills sets. We are often ill-equipped, however, to demonstrate these skills in marketable ways to broader audiences. An immediate ramification: struggling to obtain the funding required to carry out our research. Effectively showcasing ourselves and our work to a variety of discipline-specific and multi-disciplinary scholars is all the more important when common understandings of what it means to be based in a “religious studies” or “religion” program are often nebulous in the first place. Focusing upon the grant-writing genre, this workshop introduces participants to strategies for preparing effectively-communicated, compelling project proposals with review committees potentially unfamiliar with the academic study of religion. This session is primarily designed for graduate students in the early or middle-years of their graduate programs, but warmly welcomes anyone interested.

Panelists:
Emily Stratton, Indiana University

A10-203

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Theme: Implicit and Explicit Comparison in Religious Studies Scholarship: A Collaborative Experiment in the Use of Buddhist Categories
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Christopher Handy, McMaster University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Andrew Taylor, University of Virginia
- Andrew Wilson, Mount Allison University
- Shawna Dolansky, Carleton University
- Shankar Nair, University of Virginia

Responding:
Christopher Jensen, Carleton University

A10-204

History of Christianity Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit
Theme: Race in the Middle Ages
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Minji Lee, Reunion Institute, Presiding

- Kathleen M. Self, Saint Lawrence University
  Race and Old Norse Mythology

- Lora Walsh, University of Arkansas
  White Nun as Black Woman and Other Twelfth-Century Opinions on Nigra Sum (Song of Songs 1:4)

- Hartley Lachter, Lehigh University
  Kabbalah and the Question of Race in the Middle Ages

A10-205

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit
Theme: Territorial Peace Beyond the Law: Spiritual Politics and Indigenous Political Theologies in Post-Accord Colombia
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Heather M. DuBois, Stonehill College, Presiding

- Janna Hunter-Bowman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
  Peace Through Participation in Struggle: Enhancing Post-Accord Peacebuilding Through Linking Stakeholders to Peace Accord Stipulations

- Diego Caguemas Rozo, Universidad Icesi
  Forgiveness, Justice and the Damage Done: On the Metaphysics of the Face

- Carlos Manrique, Universidad de los Andes
  Peace-Building in the Midst of Horror and the Practices of “Theocratic Pluralism”

Responding:
Rebecca Bartel, San Diego State University
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Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

A10-206

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit
Theme: Martin Luther King, Pragmatism, and Transcendentalism
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding
Andrew Stone Porter, Vanderbilt University
Experiments with Non/VIolence: King’s Stride Toward Pragmatism
Jeremy Sorgen, University of Virginia
The Pragmatic King: The Anatomy of Nonviolent Transformation
Russell Johnson, University of Chicago
Transcendental Empiricism: Martin Luther King and the World Behind the World
Joe Pettit, Morgan State University
Transcendental Pragmatism: The Case for Necessary and Pragmatic Truth
Business Meeting:
Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding

A10-207

Religion and Cities Unit
Theme: Contagion, Religion, and Cities
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Harold Morales, Morgan State University, Presiding
Panelists:
Jennifer Schepel Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Wende Marshall, Temple University
Amanda Furiasse, Hamline University
Katherine Marshall, Georgetown University
Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College

A10-208

Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit
Theme: Postcolonial Perspectives on Religion in China, South Asia, and the Americas
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary’s University,Halifax, Presiding
Kathy Chow, Yale University
The Invention of Religion in China
Rebecca Faulkner, Princeton University
Colonialism and Caliphate
Heather Burrow, Claremont Graduate University
Conquistadors, Colonialism, and Christianity: From Church and Empire to States

A10-209

Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Theme: Religious Change and Persistence: Contested Narratives of Spiritual Identity
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Jessica Delgado, Ohio State University, Presiding
Lynn Hillberg Jencks, Santa Clara University
From Machismo to Moderation: The Transforming Effects of Latinx Immigrant Male Conversion to Charismatic Catholicism
Josefrazyn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas
Incense and Performance: Teaching Ritual Labor in the Nabua World
Michael Rogers, University of Toronto
Daniel Nourry, University of Texas
The Three Child Martyrs of Tlaxcala: Tracing the Ways in Which the Indigenous Escapes the Logic of Catholic Martyrdom and the Cult of the Saints
Yanitsa I Buendia De Llaca, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Women of the Mexicayotl. Retelling a History Through Gendered Disruptions

A10-210

Study of Judaism Unit
Theme: Re-Engendering the Norms of Caregiving, Parenting, Reproduction and Ritual
Thursday, 1:45 PM–3:15 PM
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University, Presiding
Lindsey Jackson, Concordia University
Brit Without Milah: Remixing the Dominant Ritual System
### A10-211

**Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit**  
**Theme:** Intercultural Exchanges and the Religions of the Late Antique East  
**Thursday,** 1:45 PM–3:15 PM

- Sigrid Kjaer, University of Texas, Presiding  
- Joseph Wilson, Sacred Heart University  
- A Mirror on the Threshold of East and West: Buddhist and Christian Sculpture in Hellenistic Late Antiquity
- Nicolo Sassi, Indiana University, Bloomington  
- The Forgotten History of Origenism in Medieval Syria
- Mourad Takawi, University of the Incarnate Word  
- The Many Lives of Hind bint al-Nu'mān al-Kindīyah: 'Abbāsid Narrations of Late Antique Muslim–Christian Encounters
- John Zaleski, New York University, Abu Dhabi  
- *My Mercy Encompasses Every Thing*: Christian and Islamic Views on the Universal Scope of Salvation in Tenth-Century Iraq

**Responding:**  
- Shulamit Shinnar, Jewish Theological Seminary of America

**Business Meeting:**  
- Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Bloomington, and Sara Ronis, Saint Mary’s University, Texas, Presiding

### A10-212

**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit**  
**Theme:** Two Decades in the Spotlight: Psychological, Cultural, and Religious Impact of Public Awareness of Clergy Sexual Abuse  
**Thursday,** 1:45 PM–3:00 PM

- Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University, Presiding  
- Ahyun Lee, Indiana Wesleyan University  
- Psychological, Cultural, and Religious Impact of Public Awareness of Clergy Sexual Abuse: Navigating Cultural Differences that Make a Difference
- Kathleen McPhillips, University of Newcastle, Australia  
- Unbearable Knowledge: Cultural Trauma and Institutional Child Sexual Abuse

**Responding:**  
- Walter Robinson, *Boston Globe*
- Mary Gail Frawley-O’Dea, Presbyterian Psychological Services

**Business Meeting:**  
- Eileen Campbell-Reed, Union Theological Seminary, and Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University, Presiding

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Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

A10-303
Evangelical Studies Unit
Theme: Critical Engagement with Robert Chao-Romero’s “Brown Church”
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Kristen Deede Johnson, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
   - Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University
   - Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University
   - Jennifer Schepers Hughes, University of California, Riverside
   - Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
   - Ruth Padilla DeBorst, Fraternidad Teológica Latinoamericana
Responding:
   - Robert Chao Romero, Matthew 25 Movement

A10-304
Hindu Philosophy Unit
Theme: Ways of Knowing (II): New Approaches
Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Presiding
   - Aleksandar Uskokov, Yale University
     Making Sense of Religious Experience: Jiva Goswami and "Learned Perception"
   - James Reich, Pace University
     The Gem and the Jeweler: The History of a Stock Example
   - Aalekhya Malladi, Emory University
     The Trouble with Maya: Philosophical Considerations in a Telugu Poetess’ Folk Drama
Business Meeting:
   - Michael Allen, University of Virginia, and Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University, Presiding

A10-305
History of Christianity Unit
Theme: The 1619 Project
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University, Presiding
Panelists:
   - Amy Burris, Durham, NC
   - Constance Furey, Indiana University Bloomington
   - Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University
   - Dana Logan, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

A10-306
Japanese Religions Unit
Theme: Examining the Scholarly Guilds of Shingon Buddhism in Medieval Japan
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Takashi Miura, University of Arizona, Presiding
   - Aaron Proffitt, State University of New York, Albany
     Death on the Mantra Path
   - Elizabeth Noelle Tinsley, University of California, Irvine
     Hennyō'in's Lost Altar: Shingon Debate Culture and Scholar Monks of Koyasan
   - Eric Swanson, Loyola Marymount University
     The Construction of Esoteric Buddhist Identities Through Commentaries on Mahāyāna Faith
   - Takahiko Kameyama, Ryukoku University
     The Secret Views on Cosmos in Medieval Shingon Buddhism: The Significance of the Shingon Doctrinal Debate “Is Our Dharma Realm Completely Unified or Multiple?”
Responding:
   - Asuka Sango, Carleton College

A10-307
Open and Relational Theologies Unit
Theme: Book Panel: The Future of Open Theism (IVP Academic, 2020)
Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Panelists:
   - Thomas Oord, Center for Open and Relational Theology
   - Bethany Sollereder, University of Oxford
   - David Basinger, Roberts Wesleyan College
   - Anna Case-Winters, McCormick Theological Seminary

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- AAR Award Winners
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- Professional Development — Employment
- Professional Development — Mentoring
- Professional Development — Pedagogy and Teaching
- Professional Development — Publishing
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### A10-308
**Political Theology Unit**  
**Theme:** Political Theology and the Pandemic  
**Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Stephanie Mota Thurston, Princeton Theological Seminary  
- Karen Bray, Wesleyan College  
- Kyle Lambelet, Emory University  
- Olaoluwa Alimi, Princeton University  
- Nomaan Hasan, Brown University

### A10-309
**Religion and Human Rights Unit and Religion and Migration Unit**  
**Theme:** Immigration, Human Rights, Sexual and Reproductive Justice  
**Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding  
- I Sil Yoon, Graduate Theological Union  
- Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College  
- Michael Woolf, Harvard University

### A10-310
**Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit**  
**Theme:** Religion Education and Distance Learning: Impacts, Challenges, and Opportunities  
**Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
Jenny Berglund, Stockholm University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Greg Soden, Mizzou Academy  
- Audun Toft, University of South-Eastern Norway

### A10-311
**Science, Technology, and Religion Unit**  
**Theme:** Science and Secularism  
**Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM**  
Heather Mellquist Lehto, University of Toronto, Presiding  
- Emma Rifai, University of Iowa  
- Joseph Fisher, 1991  
- Ryan Juskus, Duke University  
- Michael Woolf, Harvard University

### A10-312
**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**  
**Theme:** Interspecies Relations in Tibet and the Himalayas  
**Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College, Presiding  
- Brandon Dotson, Georgetown University  
- Rachel Pang, Davidson College  
- Chiarra Letizia, Université du Québec à Montréal

### A10-313
**Teaching Religion Unit**  
**Theme:** Beyond ‘Judaism Week’: Jewish Sources for the Religious Studies Classroom  
**Thursday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
Shari Rabin, Oberlin College, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Naftali Cohn, Concordia University, Montreal  
- Samuel Brody, University of Kansas  
- Krista Dalton, Kenyon College  
- Jennifer Caplan, Towson University  
- Elias Sacks, University of Colorado  
- S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University  
- Andre Key, Claflin University

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OTHER EVENTS

Other Events 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 SBL and AAR provide space for activities listed as “Other Events,” the content and purpose of these gatherings are not reviewed by either the SBL or AAR’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 SBL and AAR policies and core values in holding events.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

M29-400
Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion Pines School of Graduate Studies Alumni Reception
7:00 PM–8:30 PM

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

M30-100
Society of Christian Philosophers
Theme: Trust in Polyphony: Four Disciplines in Debate About the Nature of Christian Trust in God
11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Michael Pace, Chapman University, Presiding
The attitude and act of trust are integral to Christian faith, but the scholarly literature on trust in God is still relatively small. What does exist, moreover, has been developed in different disciplines with little reference to, or even knowledge of each other. Now a major new project brings together philosophers, theologians, biblical scholars and psychologists to study trust in God in dialogue. In this session, project members present some of their current research, focusing particularly on how their different perspectives are informing, challenging and changing each other.
Among the topics discussed will be whether the biblical ’emunah and pistis lexi can map onto any defensible theological or philosophical model of trust in God; whether trust in God can, or must be analogous to intra-human trust in at least some ways; how psychology’s definition of trust in God is changing in dialogue with philosophy and theology; how a psychological measure of trust in God derived from New Testament pistis concepts compares with existing measures influenced by modern evangelicalism; and how investigating New Testament pistis historically compares with developing a NT theology of trust.
Panelists:
  - Michael Pace, Chapman University
  - Christopher Woznicki, Fuller Theological Seminary
  - Jordan Wessling, Fuller Theological Seminary
  - Nathaniel Gray Sutanto, Westminster Theological Seminary
  - Ross Inman, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Responding:
  - Oliver Crisp, University of Saint Andrews

M30-300
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: Analyzing Doctrine Book Panel
4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Christopher Woznicki, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding
One of the main architects of analytic theology, Oliver Crisp, has published a new volume, Analyzing Doctrine: Towards a Systematic Theology. This marks a significant contribution to the field because it is the first attempt to construct something close to an entire systematic analytic theology. Although it is not yet a complete systematic theology, Crisp draws upon theological and philosophical literature to establish the elements that will form the foundation of a completed study. The fact that this is the first attempt by an analytic theologian to put together a systematic theology demands a response.
Panelists:
  - Ross Inman, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
  - Thomas McCall, Trinity International University
  - Nathaniel Gray Sutanto, Westminster Theological Seminary
  - Jordan Wessling, Fuller Theological Seminary
Responding:
  - Oliver Crisp, University of Saint Andrews

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M30-200
Journal of Interreligious Studies (JIRS) and the Association of Interreligious/Interfaith Studies (AIIS) Annual Meeting
1:00 PM–4:00 PM
A celebration of the publication of Deep Understanding for Divisive Times: Essays Marking a Decade of the Journal of Interreligious Studies edited by Lucinda Mosher, Axel Takács, Or Rose, and Mary Elizabeth Moore. Join editors past and present along with contributors to this new volume for a conversation about engaging interreligiously in a time of upheaval.
Panelists:
  - Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary
  - Axel Marc Oaks Takacs, Seton Hall University
  - Or Rose, Hebrew College
  - Mary Elizabeth Moore, Boston University

M30-301
Society for the Study of Native American Sacred Traditions Annual Meeting
4:00 PM–6:00 PM
This meeting is open to anyone interested in teaching courses on Native American Sacred Traditions. The meeting format is informal discussions on ideas, materials, and strategies.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

M1-100
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Virtual Gathering
7:00 AM–8:15 AM

M1-101
Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies (LWTRS)
Theme: Intersectionality and Community in a Time of Pandemic
8:00 AM–5:30 PM

M1-102
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Science and Religion in The Genealogical Adam and Eve, by S. Joshua Swamidass
11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Panelists:
  Michael Heiser, Awakening School of Theology
  Kenneth R. Miller, Brown University
  Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah University and Biblical Seminary
  Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico
Responding:
  S. Joshua Swamidass, Washington University

M1-103
University of Saint Andrews
Theme: Teaching Science-Engaged Theology (New Visions in Theological Anthropology)
11:00 AM–1:00 PM

M1-201
The Fetzer Institute
Theme: Beyond Stereotypes: Understanding What it Means to Be Spiritual in the United States
12:00 PM–1:30 PM
A newly published survey on spirituality helps bring nuance to our understanding of what it means to be spiritual, while also providing a new data set for researchers to pursue. This session will discuss the data, which includes online and telephone surveys of more than 3,000 people, 16 focus groups, 25 in-depth interviews, and dozens of visual data (drawings)—all available for additional analysis. The survey points to the importance of spirituality, in addition to religion, as motivating civic engagement. It also shows that most people view spirituality as a positive attribute.

This new data brings nuance to the categories that researchers use to sort people based on self-identified spirituality and religion. Although some people truly are “spiritual but not religious” this research shows that some deeply religious people identify as deeply spiritual, too. The survey was conducted by NORC, based on insights from the qualitative stage conducted by Hattaway Communications. It was funded by the Fetzer Institute.
Panelists:
  Nancy Ammerman, Boston University
  Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago
  Ruth Braunstein, University of Connecticut
  Bob Boisture, The Fetzer Institute

M1-300
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: Modernizing The Beatific Vision: Philosophical and Scientific
4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Ryan Brandt, Grand Canyon University, and Joshua Farris, Mundelein Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
  Gavin Ortlund, First Baptist Church of Nordhoff
  Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas
  Paul Allen, Corpus Christi College, Vancouver
  Tyler McNabb, University of Macau
Responding:
  Josh Reeves, Samford University

M1-301
Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends
Theme: What Is Democracy Now?
4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Amid the political corruption, white supremacist violence, and widespread suffering of 2019, the Unitarian Universalist Association launched “UU the Vote.” This election-year campaign called on Unitarian Universalists to “act locally to build thriving communities,” go “all in” by challenging the carceral and police systems, and “share spiritual resilience” with one another. In the aftermath of a tumultuous election, our panel will ask what is next for democracy in the United States and for a religious movement that claims “the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process” as one of its defining principles. Cosponsored by the UUA Panel on Theological Education, Harvard Divinity School, Meadville Lombard Theological School, and Starr King School for the Ministry. The panel will be followed by a virtual social hour beginning at 5:30 PM ET.
Panelists:
  Susan Leslie, Unitarian Universalist Association
  Carey McDonald, Unitarian Universalist Association
  Stephanie Mitchem, University of South Carolina
  Elias Ortega-Aponte, Meadville Lombard Theological School
  Sharon Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School
OTHER EVENTS

M1-400
Mennonite Scholars and Friends
Theme: Roundtable on Recovering from the Anabaptist Vision
6:30 PM–8:30 PM
Panelists:
- David Cramer, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Presiding
- Laura Schmidt Roberts, Fresno Pacific University
- Paul Martens, Baylor University
- Myron A. Penner, Trinity Western University
- Karl P. Koop, Canadian Mennonite University
- Carol Penner, University of Waterloo
- Stephanie Chandler Burns, University of Waterloo
- Melanie Kampen, University of Toronto
- Jeremy M. Bergen, University of Waterloo
- R. Bruce Yoder, Martinsburg, PA
- Paul Doerksen, Canadian Mennonite University

Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College
Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University
Kate Stockly, Boston University

Responding:
- Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
- Rory McEntee, Drew University
- Bin Song, Washington College

M2-200
Zen Reading Group 7th Annual Meeting
1:30 PM–3:30 PM
Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Michaela Mross, Stanford University
- Kevin Buckelew, Northwestern University
- Lu Zhang, University of Arizona

Responding:
- Morten Schlutter, University of Iowa

M2-100
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: Author Meets Critics: God and Ultimate Origins: A Novel Cosmological Argument, by Andrew Ter Ern Loke
11:00 AM–1:00 PM
William Lane Craig, Talbot School of Theology and Houston Baptist University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh
- Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge
- Timothy Maness, Boston University

Responding:
Andrew Loke, Hong Kong Baptist University

M2-300
Theology Without Walls Group
Theme: SBNRs: Doing Theology Beyond the Walls
5:30 PM–7:00 PM
Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo, Presiding
The Spiritual But Not Religious, and even more the Nones, have already stepped outside confessional boundaries. This could be seen as a spiritual and cultural crisis insofar as it is religious traditions that have preserved and transmitted some of the profoundest ideas and practices with regard to ultimate reality and how we should live in light of it. On the other hand, the premise of Theology Without Walls is that there are truths to be found outside one’s confession and perhaps outside any confession. In this session, the SBNR and TWW perspectives will meet for the first time in a conference setting. In particular, experts who either are or can speak for SBNRs will speak to the relevance to their concerns of the TWW project, as set out in its flagship volume, Theology Without Walls: The Transreligious Imperative. Scholars active in the TWW project will respond.
Panelists:
- Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria
- Todd Green, Luther College
- Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College
- Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University
- Kate Stockly, Boston University

M3-100
Theology Without Walls Group
Theme: Rising Scholars Discussion: Avenues of TWW Inquiry
9:00 AM–10:30 AM
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminar, Presiding
As TWW moves beyond the familiar parallel studies of most Comparative Theology, what directions and forms — what dissertation topics, for example — might begin to emerge?
Panelists:
- Rory McEntee, Drew University
- Bin Song, Washington College
- Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Claremont School of Theology

Note: a limited number of participants who commit to attending the reception will receive a special gift; send your name, title, and plans for attending to lspoelhof@cic.nche.edu.
**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**M3-101**

Theology Without Walls Group Planning Meeting  
10:30 AM–11:30 AM  
Panelists:  
Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Boulder  
Christopher Denny, St. John's University  
Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo  
Kurt Anders Richardson, University of Toledo

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**M3-200**

Evangelical Philosophical Society  
Theme: *Christian Philosophical Theology and the Church*  
1:45 PM–3:15 PM

**M3-201**

Theology Without Walls Group  
Theme: *The Transreligious Imperative Meets its Readers*  
2:30 PM–5:00 PM  
*The Transreligious Imperative* (Routledge 2019) brings to fruition several years of work by scholars involved in the Theology Without Walls project. It presents twenty-one essays offering diverse but mutually reinforcing arguments for a mode of theologizing that is not bound by confessional commitments. The essays address a range of issues raised by the project, such as its implications for religious participation and identity, and exemplify methods for conducting theology beyond the walls. Scholars who are not contributors are asked to present a critical appreciation of the theological project represented in the volume. Two key questions are: Is the argument for TWW persuasive? Are the methods promising? Contributors will be available to respond to comments.  
Panelists:  
Perry Schmidt-Leukel, University of Muenster  
Hugh Nicholson, Loyola University, Chicago  
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University  
Hans Gustafson, University of St. Thomas  
Jerusha Rhodes, Union Theological Seminary  
Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo  
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary  
Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado  
Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America

**M3-400**

China Academic Consortium  
Theme: *The Role of Confucian–Christian Dialogue in the China Puzzle*  
7:30 PM–9:30 PM  
The event is a collaborative effort and hosted by China Academic Consortium, US-China Catholic Association and China Source.

The purpose of the lecture series is to explore the role of Christianity in the ongoing "dialogue of civilizations" between China and the West. The lecture is open to all AAR/SBL participants. It will be a time of Q&A and displays of the three organizations’ resources about China. Diane Obenchain, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*The Role of Confucian–Christian Dialogue in the China Puzzle*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**M7-300**

Religious Studies Review (RSR) Annual Editorial Meeting  
4:00 PM–7:00 PM

**M7-301**

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Department of Religious Studies Reception  
4:30 PM–5:30 PM

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**M8-101**

Council on Graduate Studies in Religion Annual Meeting  
11:00 AM–1:00 PM

**M8-100**

University of Saint Andrews  
Theme: *Puzzles in Science-Engaged Theology (New Visions in Theological Anthropology)*  
11:00 AM–1:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9**

**M9-100**

Lutheran Scholars of Religion  
Theme: *New Directions in Luther Scholarship*  
11:00 AM–1:00 PM  
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding  
This panel explores Martin Luther as generative conversation partner for constructive theology, ecumenical theology, and global Christianity.  
Panelists:  
Simeon Zahl, University of Cambridge  
Peter Folan, Georgetown University  
Man Hei Yip, Wartburg Seminary

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**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

**Sheffield Phoenix Press**

**300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print**
Monday, November 30, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
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**Authors’ Opening Reception**
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Scholars who have published with Sheffield Phoenix are invited to socialise and network in a very diverse setting with other authors. Make use of our breakout rooms, Q&A with our directors and manager, and have conversations about new book or project ideas.

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**Oxford University Press**

**Meet the Editor: Vincent Lloyd, Editor of AAR-OUP Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series**
Tuesday, December 1, 12:00 PM–2:30 PM
New and prospective authors interested in learning more about publishing in the Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion series published by Oxford University Press are encouraged to email Vincent Lloyd, series editor, to schedule a time to between noon and 2:30 PM Eastern to share conversation. Learn more about the series at aarweb.org/reflection-theory-series. Contact Vincent Lloyd at vincent.lloyd@villanova.edu.

**Project MUSE**

**Research Refresher with Project MUSE**
Tuesday, December 1, 12:30 PM–1:00 PM
Whether it’s morning, noon, or night wherever you are logging in, take a break between conference sessions, grab a snack or drink, and settle in to learn about the resources available to you on the Project MUSE platform. Refresh your research with access to hundreds of journals and thousands of books in religion, philosophy, and related subjects in the humanities and social sciences, all from distinguished university presses and scholarly societies. Titles available include the Journal of Biblical Literature, Christianity and Literature, and books from Fortress Press, Baylor University Press, Liturgical Press, Princeton University Press, and the Catholic University of America Press, among many others. We’ll share tips for using MUSE in your classes, finding open access materials, and organizing your research with a free MyMUSE account.

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Harvard University Press

Open House with Harvard University Press: Meet an Acquisitions Editor
Tuesday, December 1, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM
All are welcome to attend a virtual open house with Harvard University Press acquisitions editor Emily Silk. This Zoom event will be run as an informal Q&A session, geared towards answering your questions about the acquisitions process. Whether you are a prospective author or simply curious to learn more about publishing at HUP, please feel free to drop in anytime across the hour and join the conversation.

Stanford University Press

Meet David J. Halperin, author of Intimate Alien: The Hidden Story of the UFO (Stanford University Press)
Tuesday, December 1, 1:00 PM–1:30 PM
UFOs are a religious phenomenon—a UFO encounter is a bona fide religious experience, UFO lore a religious myth. As a collective cultural dream, UFOs transport us to the outer limits of that most alien yet intimate frontier, our own inner space. In his new book David Halperin, Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and lifelong specialist in Judaica, explores what UFOs and UFO belief mean for us as individuals, as a culture, as a species.

Princeton University Press

Q&A with Tanya Luhrmann
Tuesday, December 1, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
Join anthropologist and author Tanya Luhrmann (Stanford) for a Q&A about her new book How God Becomes Real: Kindling the Presence of Invisible.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Sheffield Phoenix Press

300+ Titles in Biblical Studies: never out-of-print
Wednesday, December 2, 9:30 AM–10:00 AM
Short Description: Drop by our virtual stall to ask any questions of the Sheffield Phoenix Press team. Ask about new titles for 2020/21, find out how to get the best discounts, set up a subscription, or chat about a book idea with one of our directors.

Brill

Presentation of the World Christian Encyclopedia Online
Wednesday, December 2, 10:00 AM–10:30 AM
Interested in descriptions of Christian traditions all over the world, and the state of Christianity in every country worldwide? Join us for the presentation of the World Christian Encyclopaedia Online, and meet one of the Editors, Gina Zurlo, Center for the Study of Global Christianity. Free trials available.

Gorgias Press

George Kiraz presents the Syriac–English New Testament
Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
George Kiraz, Gorgias Co-founder and General Editor of our new, single volume Syriac–English New Testament present the story behind this historic publication. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session.

Fortress Press

A conversation with Greg Carey and respondents to his new book, Using Our Outside Voice: Public Biblical Interpretation
Wednesday, December 2, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
Carey encourages interpreters to develop proficiency in historical, cultural, and literary modes of interpretation as well as to cultivate familiarity with a broad range of interpretive options, including those from diverse cultural locations and historical points of view.
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Sheffield Phoenix Press

Imagining my Sheffield Phoenix book
Wednesday, December 2, 3:00 PM–3:30 PM
What do you need to do to get your manuscript accepted by Sheffield Phoenix Press? How will it be transformed from manuscript into a book? There are many types of author who are published by Sheffield Phoenix Press, and our two determining factors are academic quality, and engagement with the full diversity of scholarship. Learn what it’s like to publish with Sheffield Phoenix Press.

Princeton University Press

Q&A with Peter Manseau
Wednesday, December 2, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheffield Phoenix Press

Trauma Bible Launch: a new series of monographs and commentaries
Wednesday, December 2, 4:30 PM–5:00 PM
Join Liz Boase and Megan Warner, as they explain the purpose and ambition of our new Trauma Bible series. Questions from potential authors and editors welcome.

Baker Academic & Brazos Press

Author Meet & Greet
Wednesday, December 2
While many introductions to the New Testament focus on critical issues such as authorship, background, and history, Reading the New Testament as Christian Scripture focuses on actually reading the text of the New Testament. Come meet authors Con Campbell and Jonathan Pennington as they discuss their new book, including how to read the New Testament from different angles, and this textbook’s utility for the classroom.

Baker Academic & Brazos Press

Acquisitions Meeting
Wednesday, December 2
Q&A with Baker Academic editors: Jim Kinney (Executive Vice President of Academic Publishing) and colleagues will be available to answer your questions about publishing in 2021 and beyond. Questions can be submitted via Zoom chat during the session.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

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Bloombsury Academic

Meet the editor!
Thursday, December 3, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
This hour-long drop-in is scheduled in order to provide an opportunity to connect with Lalle Pursglove, the Publisher for Religious Studies at Bloomsbury Academic. There will be an overview of key areas of publishing and an introduction to Bloomsbury’s wide range of publishing options in print, digital and open access. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and make contact with editor. If you have a project to propose and wish to schedule a separate video meeting please email: lalle.pursglove@bloomsbury.com.

Sheffield Phoenix Press

Classical Hebrew’s Revised Dictionary: how 6,000 new words were found
Thursday, December 3, 12:30 PM–1:00 PM
David J. A. Clines introduces the innovations in the Revised Dictionary of Classical Hebrew, and explains some of its features.

Princeton University Press

Michael D. McNally Discussion
Thursday, December 3, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
In this session, Michael D. McNally (Carleton College) discusses his new book, Defend the Sacred: Native American Religious Freedom Beyond the First Amendment.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

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Sheffield Phoenix Press

2020 Titles: Claassens on trauma, Crisler on Luke, Kirova on masculinity
Friday, December 4, 12:30 PM–1:00 PM
Hear L. Juliana M. Claassens, (Writing and Reading to Survive), Channing Crisler, (Echoes of Lament and the Christology of Luke) and Milena Kirova, (Performing Masculinity in the Hebrew Bible) talking about their new books. Plus all the news on 2020 titles ranging from Hebrew Bible Monographs exploring Numbers, Chronicles, Samson, or Daniel to New Testament Monographs on Luke, or Pentecostal theology to new books in our Bible in the Modern World series on the cultural reception of the Magnificat in Australia, or the bible on violence, or trauma narratives from the Hebrew Bible.

Princeton University Press

Publishing Your Book
Friday, December 4, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
Join Fred Appel, acquisitions editor for books in religious studies at Princeton University Press, for a short Zoom session on the practicalities associated with finding a suitable publisher for your scholarly book. Questions that could be addressed in this virtual session include: who’s the right publisher for your book? When and how should you approach a publisher? What should a formal book proposal consist in? The focus here will be on questions often posed by early career scholars interested in placing a first book, but attendees at all career stages will be welcome.

Fortress Press

A Conversation with Katherine Sonderegger on Systematic Theology, Volume 2: The Doctrine of the Holy Trinity
Saturday, December 5, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM
The highly anticipated second volume of Katherine Sonderegger’s Systematic Theology is finally here. In this ambitious new work, Sonderegger explores the doctrine of the Trinity and retrieves the systematic starting point of the trinitarian theology: the divine processions. Join Fortress Press for a conversation with Dr. Sonderegger about her new book.

Langham Publishing

Langham Publishing - Meet an Author
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Bloomsbury Academic/T&T Clark

Publishing your first book with Bloomsbury/T&T Clark
Monday, December 7, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
This session will be led by editors from Bloomsbury and T&T Clark and will focus on how to go about proposing your first academic book in Religious Studies, Theology, Biblical Studies and Ancient Religion. There will be an overview of Bloomsbury/T&T Clark’s different series and peer review processes and an opportunity to ask questions and make contact with editors.

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Baker Academic & Brazos Press
Publisher Show & Tell of New Releases
Monday, December 7
In his two recent books, Jack Levison describes the Spirit as both boundless and unconventional. He uses the word *boundless* to refer to *rûaḥ* in the Hebrew Bible and *unconventional* to refer to *pneuma* in the Gospels. Join Levison for a short talk followed by open discussion about the boundless and unconventional character of the Spirit in the Bible.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

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T&T Clark
Meet the editor!
Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
This hour-long drop-in is scheduled in order to provide an opportunity to connect with Anna Turton, the Senior Commissioning Editor for Theology at T&T Clark. There will be an overview of key areas of publishing and an introduction to T&T Clark’s wide range of publishing options in print, digital and open access. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and make contact with editor. If you have a project to propose and wish to schedule a separate video meeting please email: anna.turton@bloomsbury.com.

Fortress Press
A conversation with Regnum Books
Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
Fortress Press is pleased to be the new North American distributor for Regnum Books, an imprint of the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies. Regnum Books is committed to publishing on issues of great importance to the global church. Join Will Bergkamp, Publisher for Fortress Press, and Dr. Paul Bendor-Samuel, Executive Director for Regnum Books in a conversation and Q&A about the list, and the issues facing the global church today.

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Brill
Brill’s Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism
Tuesday, December 8, 11:30 AM–12:00 PM
Did you know that Spirit-Empowered Christianity is one of the fastest growing global movements? Brill’s Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism shares insight in Worldwide Pentecostalism, from a range of disciplinary perspectives, focusing on historical figures, movements and organizations, particular topics, as well as countries and regions. Join us in finding out all about Brill’s exciting new product. Editor-in-Chief: Michael Wilkinson. Free trials available.

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Princeton University Press
Robert Wuthnow Discussion
Tuesday, December 8, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
You are welcome to attend a discussion with esteemed American sociologist of religion Robert Wuthnow about his new book on the concept and study of religious practice, *What Happens When We Practice Religion? Textures of Devotion in Everyday Life.*

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Sheffield Phoenix Press

Hector Avalos: In Conversation
Wednesday, December 9, 12:30 PM–1:00 PM
Hector Avalos has published at the intersections of religion and violence, health and spirituality, biblical studies and atheism. Here, in conversation (as his voice and health permit), he discusses his work including The Bad Jesus, The Reality of Religious Violence and his latest project Horror Film, the Bible and Christian Propaganda.

Princeton University Press

Q&A with Sarit Kattan Gribetz
Wednesday, December 9, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
Please join us for a Q&A with author Sarit Kattan Gribetz (Fordham U.) about her new book Time and Difference in Rabbinic Judaism.

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Princeton University Press

Hillary Kaell Discussion
Thursday, December 10, 4:00 PM–4:30 PM
In this session author Hillary Kaell (McGill University) joins us for a discussion of how ordinary U.S. Christians create global connections through participation in child sponsorship. Professor Kaell's new book is entitled Christian Globalism at Home: Child Sponsorship in the United States.

Sheffield Phoenix Press

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