FRIDAY

A20-100
Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee
Theme: Committee Meeting
Patrick S. Cheng, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM
Marriott-L507 (Lobby Level)
Meeting for members of the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee.

M20-108
Drew University
Theme: Pedagogy Workshop: Teaching Sexuality and Religion to a Changing Student Body
Friday - 12:00 PM-4:00 PM
Hyatt-Hanover F (Exhibit Level)
Sexuality magnifies the embodied nature of teaching and learning as well as conspicuously silences open dialogue given its taboo status in many religious and theological contexts. This workshop engages participants in a discussion of contextual, affective, and trans/formational aspects of classroom pedagogy, offering constructive pedagogical strategies for teaching about sexuality and embodiment across a variety of institutional contexts (undergraduate, graduate, and seminary) and religious traditions (Christian, Jewish, Muslim). A wide range of faculty will present specific classroom teaching strategies developed during a year-long collaboration. Participants will be encouraged to articulate their own desired student learning outcomes appropriate to their educational context and be equipped with a range of tested and refined pedagogical strategies. This workshop is sponsored by Drew University and funded by a grant from the Wabash Center.
Registration is limited and required.

P20-316
AAR's Bible, Theology, Postmodernity Group
Theme: Book Discussion: Divine Enjoyment: A Theology of Passion and Exuberance
Jacob Erickson, St. Olaf College, Presiding
Friday - 6:00 PM-8:30 PM
Marriott-M102 (Marquis Level)
This panel will offer a critical and constructive review of Elaine Padilla's Divine Enjoyment: A Theology of Passion and Exuberance (Fordham University Press, 2014). Paradigms of divine pathos have emphasized, for good reasons, the significance of suffering. This panel presses beyond this argument to offer a dialog on its complement, enjoyment, and in particular, the experience of jouissance or pleasure as a mode of
becoming reciprocally. Having as its foreground the book’s main theme of divine enjoyment and exuberance, and employing interpretative lenses such as feminism, queer thought, and aesthetics, it will take a fresh look at discourses that focus on bodied imaginings. The goal of the session is not just to bring panelists and author together in conversation but to collaborate in envisioning a way forward for future projects likewise seeking to break free from philosophical and theological constructs on divine love lacking in porosity, intensity, multiplicity, or impropriety.

Panelists:
Maaike De Haardt, Tilburg University
Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University
Responding:
Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary

A20-402
Films
Theme: *Pariah*
**Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**
*Marriott-International 3 (International Level)*
Directed by Dee Rees (2011, 86 minutes)
*Pariah* follows a young Brooklynite struggling to navigate her own emerging identity as a lesbian in the midst of a cultural and religious context that sees her only as a pariah. This screening will be hosted by the co-founders of Level Ground, an organization started by religious-studies graduates who desired to use art to create safe spaces for dialogue about religion, gender, and sexuality.

Panelists:
Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary
Samantha Curley, Level Ground, Pasadena, CA
Chelsea McInturff, Level Ground, Pasadena, CA

A20-404
Films
Theme: *Al-Nisa: Black Muslim Women in Atlanta's Gay Mecca*
**Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**
*Marriott-International 6 (International Level)*
The Afro-American Religious History Group, Contemporary Islam Group, Islam, Gender, and Women Group, Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Group, Religion and Cities Group, Religion and Sexuality Group, Queer Studies in Religion Group, Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, & Queer Persons in the Profession Committee, Status of Women in the Profession Committee, and the Study of Islam Section want to co-sponsor showing the film "Al-Nisa: Black Muslim Women in Atlanta's Gay Mecca." The film is a documentary of black women that filmmaker Red Summer brought together to discuss their triple identity as black Muslim lesbians.

Panelists:
Red Summer, Washington, DC
Responding:
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina
Farah Zeb, University of Exeter
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge

**SUNDAY**

A21-115
Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group and SBL African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section, and SBL LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics Section
Theme: *Honoring the Scholarship of Randall Bailey*
Love Sechrest, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding
**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**
*Hyatt-Harris (Atlanta Conference Level)*
Panelists:
Eric Thomas, Drew University
Rodney Sadler, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Valerie Bridgeman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame

A21-124
Gay Men and Religion Group
Theme: *Progress and Perils in the Queer-Evangelical Sea Change*
Deborah Jian Lee, Beacon Press, Chicago, IL, Presiding
**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**
*Hilton-Grand Salon A (Level 2)*
This roundtable will examine the complex shift toward LGBTQ acceptance among certain evangelical communities, specifically exploring the areas of evangelicalism where the most robust conversations and transformations are taking place.
Panelists:
David P. Gushee, Mercer University
Joshua Wolff, Adler University
Haven Herrin, Soulforce, Abilene, TX
Paul Southwick, On God's Campus

A21-146
Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee
Theme: *Roundtable Lunch*
Patrick S. Cheng, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
**Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM**
*Hyatt-International South (International Tower Level LL1)*
All students and junior scholars who identify outside of normative gender histories and/or sexualities are welcome to join us for an informal lunch. No fee or preregistration is
required. Please bring your own lunch; a cash-and-carry station will be available near the room for those wishing to buy their lunches onsite. The roundtable leaders listed were confirmed attendees as of April; other senior scholars in the field may be joining us as well.

Panelists:
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University
Anna Blaedel, Drew University
Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University
Randall Miller, Arcus Foundation, New York, NY
Cameron Partridge, Harvard University
Max Strassfeld, University of Arizona
Kathleen T. Talvacchia, New York University
Linn Tonstad, Yale University
Heather White, New College of Florida
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

A21-202
Women's Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Beyond Down and Dirty: From Good to Great Sex

Theresa Ann Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles, Presiding
Marcelle Grano, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding
Alicia Besa-Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

This panel will examine the theme of sex from an intergenerational, intercultural, and interdisciplinary perspective in light of Patricia Beattie Jung, Radhika Balakrishnan and Mary Hunt’s book Good Sex: Feminist Perspectives from the World’s Religions. It recognizes that the qualification of good sex differs based on values, culture, social status, religious belief, and sexual orientation. Presenters are invited to choose a chapter from Mary Hunt’s book and critique it. The chapter topics are as follows: "Good Sex: Beyond Private Pleasure"; "The Muslim Religious Right ("Fundamentalists") and Sexuality"; "Guilty Pleasures: When Sex is Good Because It's Bad"; "Capitalism and Sexuality: Free to Choose?"; "Islam and Women’s Sexuality: A Research Report From Turkey"; "Sanctifying Women’s Pleasure"; "Beyond Compulsory Motherhood"; "Buddhism on Sexuality and Enlightenment"; "Authority, Resistance, and Transformation: Jewish Feminist Reflections on Good Sex"; "The Sex of Footbinding"; and "Just Good Sex: Feminist Catholicism and Human Rights."

Unregistered Participant
Sex Workers, Moral Agency and Human Rights: A Response to Mary E. Hunt's Just Good Sex: Feminist Catholicism and Human Rights
Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University
Just Shameful(-ly) Good Sex
Fitri Junoes, The University of Hong Kong
The Many Shades of Grey between Sexuality and Enlightenment in Buddhism
Alicia Besa-Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Sex and the Seasoned Woman: Patriarchy to Heterarchy*
Responding:
Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Silver Spring, MD
Patricia Beattie Jung, Saint Paul School of Theology
Wanda Deifelt, Luther College

A21-222
Eastern Orthodox Studies Group and Religion and Sexuality Group
Theme: *Orthodoxy and Eros: Gender, Sexuality, and Embodiment in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition*
Vera Shevzov, Smith College, Presiding
**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**
*Hilton-206 (Level 2)*
Exploration of themes of gender, sexuality, and embodiment in the Eastern Orthodox tradition (e.g., historic/contemporary Orthodox theology, patristic heritage, liturgics, hagiography, and/or lived practice).
Unregistered Participant
*Putting On Clothes: Body, Sex, and Gender in Gregory of Nyssa*
Crystal Lubinsky, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth
*What’s in a Name?: The Transvestite or Andromimetic Saints of Eastern Christendom*
Maria McDowell, Portland, OR
*Common Particularity: Theodore the Studite and Symeon the New Theologian on the Diversity of Embodiment*
Ashley Purpura, Purdue University
*Beyond the Binary: Hymnographic Constructions of Eastern Orthodox Gender Identities*
Responding:
Edith Mary Humphrey, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

A21-224
Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
Theme: *Unfamiliar Spaces: Critical Perspectives on Ethics, Sexuality, Pedagogy, and Erotics*
Unregistered Participant, Presiding
**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**
*Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)*
This panel addresses the interstices of ethics, pedagogy, queer-feminism, and sex education. Each paper provokes ethical conversations in the public sphere on topics too often marginalized or privatized. The first paper considers the ways an eidos of motherhood promotes three dimensions of ethical action: interdependence between eros and responsibility; ethical ambiguity in trans-racial/national adoption; and courage that faces cultural pain and violence. The next three papers follow a similar strategy, focusing on issues of sexuality and sex within diverse educational structures. One uses queer ethics and feminist pedagogy in a college course to de-familiarize and de-naturalize religion and sexuality. Another explores celibacy and sexual abstinence, promoting a vision of sexual education as a continuum of embodied relationships. A third addresses sexual violence on
evangelical Christian college campuses. Drawing on Crip theory, it explores a response to sexual violence that works within existing bodily relations rather than assuming bodily autonomy.

Wendy Farley, Emory University
“Courage Unparalleled Opened Her Utterly” Maternal Ethics: Eros, Ambiguity, and Power

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
Queering and De-Protestantizing "Religion and Sex/uality” Courses

Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University
Let’s Talk about Celibacy! An Analysis of Popular and Scholarly Discourses

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University
Crippling Responses to Sexual Violence

Responding:
Elizabeth Gish, Western Kentucky University

Business Meeting:
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
Carol White, Bucknell University

A21-227
Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
Theme: Lesbians, Dykes, Feminists, and Queers: Who Really Is Part of the "L-Word" Today?

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Hilton-302 (Level 3)
This paper session is devoted to Lesbian Feminist Issues in Religion and explores what the word “lesbian” means today. What are the multiple ways to define and understand the meaning of the L-Word? What are the various points of resonance and dissonance with other identities in the LGBTIQA spectrum? Where is the common ground among lesbian and lesbian-feminists and where is it not? This session explores variance in race, gender and identity, culture/community, and ideas of lesbian, feminist, lesbian-feminist, butch lesbian, butch, femme, trans men, bois, butch dykes, as well as lesbian poetics and millennial identity. Note: the beginning of the business meeting will be devoted to a proposed name change for the group. Interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Raedorah Stewart, Washington, DC
Queer Femmes: Lipstick on My Dipstick and Other Womanist Feminist Lesbian Poems

Amey Victoria Adkins, Duke University
Hail, Mary: Intimacy, Ecstasy, and the Lesbian Relation of Annunciation

Unregistered Participant
Against Nature and God: The Evangelical Use of Biology Against Feminists and Lesbians, 1980-2015
Sarah Bloesch, Southern Methodist University

Lesbians in Space and Out of Time: Sexuality on Display from Museums to Prisons

Responding:
Amy Milligan, Elizabethtown College

Business Meeting:
S21-230
LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics
11/21/2015
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Room: 313 (Level 3) - Hilton
Theme: Queering Canons
James Hoke, Drew University, Presiding
Eric A. Thomas, Drew University
When Eunuchs Read: Black Queer Ambi-veil-ence, Matt 19:12, and Others (30 min)
Lynne Gerber, University of California-Berkeley
Queering the Sacred, Sacralizing the Queer: The Bible and/as Gay Literature at the Metropolitan Community Church of San Francisco, 1986–2001 (30 min)
Teresa J. Hornsby, Drury University
The Slender Man: A Trans Hermeneutic of the Apocalypse (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)
Business Meeting (30 min)

S21-252
Women in the Biblical World
11/21/2015
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Room: 305 (Level 3) - Hilton
Theme: Intersections of Gender, Race, and Class in Biblical Literature
Kimberly Russaw, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Naomi Steinberg, DePaul University
What is a Virgin? Gender and Genocide in the Holy War of Numbers 31 (30 min)
Wil Gafney, Brite Divinity School (TCU)
Saved By the Blood: A Womanist Reading of Zipporah (30 min)
Erin Fleming, Johns Hopkins University
Rethinking Abigail of Carmel: From Woman of Valor to Shrewd Diplomat (30 min)
Cecilia Wassen, Uppsala Universitet
Male and Female Impurities in the Late Second Temple Period (30 min)
Caryn Tamber-Rosenau, Vanderbilt University
Un-gendering Texts: A Queer Critique of Looking for “Male” and “Female” Voices (30 min)

A21-306
Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee
Theme: Engaging Trans Studies in Religion: Scholarship, Teaching, and the Intersectionalities of Trans Lived Experience
Cameron Partridge, Harvard University, Presiding
Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Hilton-201 (Level 2)
The experience of trans persons and perspectives in the academic study of religion presents an important moment in the development of an emerging field of trans studies in religion. This Special Topics Forum, sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession, articulates and analyzes the issues and debates present in this developing area. A panel of trans scholars in religion will seek to articulate, both critically and concretely, the contours of their efforts to integrate their research, teaching and lived experience. Presentations will take up the following questions: How do we define the emerging field of trans studies in religion? What are some of the critical issues in gender-queering religious studies? How does trans studies in religion, as well as trans lived experience, interface with other current issues, conflicts, and questions in the academic study of religion?

Panelists:
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Pacific School of Religion
Jacob Lau, University of California, Los Angeles
Max Strassfeld, University of Arizona
Justin Tanis, Graduate Theological Union
Erin Swenson, Atlanta, GA

A21-308
Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
Theme: *Binding Practices: Relational Connection in Visual and Performing Art*
Richard M. Carp, St. Mary's College of California, Presiding
Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Hilton-310 (Level 3)
Religion, and visual and performing art manifest in bundles of practices, artifacts, social networks, cognition and affect. They bind people, as contemporaries and within trajectories and traditions, while also connecting materials, forms, rhythms, feelings, thoughts and capacities. Binding Practices explores this bundling “in the field” and “in our work.” We explore ethical, ecological, and theological insights in the work of three ecologically engaged American sculptors; image as theology through a close look at famous modernist painting; and the stagings and effects of queering iconic Christian imagery. We also explore the sensuality of scholarship - the “bundles” we generate and perform, especially in public contexts. What responsibilities and possibilities inhere when we take a sacred object (a “bundle” in its indigenous context) and display publicly? And how does the researcher participate in this "binding" process?

Cia Sautter, College of St. Scholastica
*Smart Girls Are Beautiful: The Researcher as Performer*
Christina Carnes Ananias, Charleston Southern University
*Picasso’s Visual Irony: The Nude and African Primitivism as Theological Critique in Les Demoiselles d’Avignon*
Anne-Marie Korte, Utrecht University
*Queer Iconoclasm and Queer Iconoclash: From the Christas to Madonna*
Andrew Westover, J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA
*Communing with Objects: Scholarship, Experience, and the Museum*

A21-312
Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Guns, Climate, Contraception, and Marriage: How Religion is Shaping American Politics Heading into 2016
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C., Presiding
Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)
How is religion impacting key policy issues that are shaping both current political debates and the upcoming 2016 presidential elections? This session takes up issues such as gun control, climate change, contraception, and same-sex marriage. It also explores recent developments in these areas such as Pope Francis's influence on climate change, the Hobby Lobby decision and conceptions of "corporate conscience," and the expansion of traditional conceptions of religious liberty as a means of establishing religious exemptions to otherwise universally applicable laws.
Michael Chan, Luther Seminary
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Faith and Firearms: The Role of Religion in the Construction of Meanings around Guns
Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
Catholic Influence on Climate Policy: Pope Francis, the U.S. Bishops, and Advocacy Organizations
Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University
Problematizing the Idea of Corporate Conscience in Religious Liberty Arguments
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge
Spouses for Life: How the Fight for Gay Marriage is Changing Religion and Politics
Business Meeting:
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

A21-316
Teaching Religion Section
Theme: Teaching Sexuality and Religion: Contextual, Affective, and Transformative Aspects of Classroom Pedagogy
Darryl Stephens, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding
Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Hilton-213 (Level 2)
Sexuality is an especially challenging topic for engaged, interactive, and experiential pedagogy. As sexuality becomes increasingly a part of the explicit curriculum in religious and theological studies, classroom instructors are expected to have the knowledge and skills to handle this topic effectively—regardless of their specific research expertise. Instructors need resources for teaching sexuality across a variety of cultural contexts and religious traditions and need training to deal effectively, responsibly, and explicitly with classroom dynamics and institutional contexts. This panel explores the contextual, affective, and trans/formational aspects of teaching sexuality for the purpose of better equipping faculty in religious studies and theological education. Contextual features include religious, institutional, social, and political environments. Affective dimensions—what professors and students bring to the classroom—include social constructions of sex and gender, personal experiences and attitudes, and embodiedness. Trans/formational
aspects of pedagogy include classroom strategies, power dynamics, safety and confidentiality.
Amanullah De Sondy, University College Cork
*Teaching Traditions in a Different World: Masculinity and Femininity in Islam*
Kate Ott, Drew University
*Front and Center in the Classroom: Inviting Sexual Histories and Bodies to Be Seen*
Edward V. Vacek, Loyola University New Orleans
*From Catholic Seminarians to Undergraduate Nones*
Stephanie M. Crumpton, Lancaster Theological Seminary
*Trigger Warnings, Covenants of Presence and More: Cultivating Safe Space for Theological Discussions About Sexual Trauma*
Responding:
Patricia Beattie Jung, Saint Paul School of Theology

A21-318
African Religions Group and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group
Theme: *Men in Focus: Negotiating Masculinity and Religion in Africa*
Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding
**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**
*Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)*
The study of gender and religion in Africa has so far focused mostly on women. Yet in recent years, men and masculinities have emerged as a new field in African Studies, raising a number of issues. On the one hand, scholars have problematized and interrogated dominant forms of African masculinity for their role in issues such as HIV and AIDS, violence, and the oppression of women. On the other hand, this focus has exposed ways that men, too, are affected by patriarchal norms and struggle with the expectations of modernity. Our papers, drawing from cases in Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, and Zambia, address constructions and transformations of masculinity in African cultural, social, and political contexts, examining the complex ways in which religious discourses, practices, and politics intersect with the diverse modalities of masculinity in contemporary Africa. We cover religious contexts as diverse as Calvinism, Satanism, Catholicism, and Yoruba ritual.
Johanneke Kroesbergen-Kamps, Justo Mwale University
*A Business Trip to the Underworld: Engaging Masculinities in Testimonies of Zambian Ex-Satanists*
Stephen Lloyd, Boston University
*John Calvin, Oscar Pistorius, and the Contest for Afrikaner Masculinity*
Ayodeji Ogunnaikhe, Harvard University
*Managing Multiple Masculinities: Traditional Perspectives on Masculinity Drawn from Yoruba Mythology*
John Blevins, Emory University
Alexander Plum, Emory University
*I'll Be Prepared to Be a Man": The Effects of a Faith-Based Program on Perceptions of Masculinity among Adolescent Kamba Males in Kenya*
Responding:
Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds
Ecclesiial Practices Group and the Society for the Study of Anglicanism
Theme: Conflict and Reconciliation in Ecclesiial Practice
Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding
Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Marriott-A706 (Atrium Level)
Co-sponsored Session, Ecclesiial Practices and the Society for the Study of Anglicanism:
This panel brings together scholars working with ethnographic or qualitative methods for
their theological reflections in a variety of ecclesiial traditions, including but not limited to
global Anglicanism. Each paper focuses specifically on topics of conflict and
reconciliation. The papers will cover topics related to politics, colonialism, liturgy,
sexuality, inter-religious practice, war, peace and more.
Christopher C. Brittain, University of Aberdeen
Lent and Ramadan under the Same Roof
Jesse Zink, University of Cambridge
Debating the Sacraments in a War Zone: Conflict and Reconciliation among Anglicans
during Sudan's Civil War
Joyce Ann Mercer, Virginia Theological Seminary
Conflicting Identities: An Ethnographic Account of Conflict and Schism in an Episcopal
Parish
Kyle Lambelet, University of Notre Dame
Crossing the Line: Liturgical Protest and the Tasks of Deliberation
Business Meeting:
Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion
Group and Queer Studies in Religion Group and Theology and Continental Philosophy
Group
Theme: Author Meets Critics: The Relevance of Lynne Huffer's Mad for
Foucault (Columbia University Press, 2009) and Are the Lips a Grave? (Columbia
University Press, 2013) for Theology and the Study of Religion
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming, Presiding
Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Hyatt-International South (International Tower Level LL1)
Lynne Huffer's recent work on Foucault, Irigaray, feminist queer theory, eros and ethics
has garnered significant attention among those studying gender, sexuality and bodies.
This panel will explore how Huffer's significant contribution can inform--and transform--
theological reflection and the academic study of religion.
Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary
The Walking Cure
Jeremy R. Carrette, University of Kent
"Dazzlement": Foucault, Experience and Huffer's Erotic Ethics
Wesley Barker, Mercer University
Tracing Lips: Reading Eros Beyond Ethics in the Work of Lynne Huffer
A Queer Vulnerability: Body Ethics and Foucauldian Relationality
Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University
The Bar/Bedroom as Liturgy's Rectum/Lips: In Search of Christianity's Catachrestic Heterotopias
Responding:
Lynne Huffer, Emory University

A21-334
Roman Catholic Studies Group
Theme: Critique of Family Discourses in the Catholic Church
Karen Enriquez, Xavier University, Presiding
Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Marriott-A704 (Atrium Level)
"The Family" has long been a subject of debate in the Roman Catholic Church. However, all too often this debate has been defined by doctrinal and clerical perspectives. This panel seeks to challenge traditional interpretations of the Catholic family by scrutinizing Catholic positions on adoption, gender ideology, domestic violence, and codependence.
John Slattery, University of Notre Dame
The Dogmatic Depravity of Adoption: Changing the Language of "Open to Life"
Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine University
“But I Thought Love Was Supposed to Endure All Things”: Domestic Violence, Discernment, and the Indissolubility of Marriage
Julia Enxing, University of Muenster
The Trope of “Gender-Ideology” in the Documents of the Synods of Bishops on the Family Seen through Pope Francis’ Call for Misericordia
Mauricio Najarro, Graduate Theological Union
Codependence and Familiar Idolatry: Liberation, Critique, and the Demands of Compassion in Catholic Discourse
Responding:
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
Business Meeting:
Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University
Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

A21-337
Transhumanism and Religion Group
Theme: Transhumanism and the Enhancement of Religion
Tracy J. Trothen, Queen's University, Presiding
Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM
Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)
Human enhancement technologies are growing in power and precision. The convergence of these technologies may make it possible to take control of human evolution, provide for the enhancement of human mental and physical abilities deemed desirable and the amelioration of aspects of the human condition regarded as undesirable.
“Transhumanism” refers to an intellectual and cultural movement that advocates the use
of these technologies to free humans from the limits of biology. One area of human enhancement sometimes overlooked by some Transhumanists is human religious or spiritual enhancement. What technologies exist or on the horizon that allow human to enhance the human capacity for religion? What might they mean for Transhumanists, for the religious public, or for scholars of religion? In this session technologies ranging from computer simulation to enhancement of the visual field will be related to the Transhumanist movement and associated religious questions.

Alan Murphy, Vanderbilt University

“Have You Believed Because You Have Seen?": Medical and Technological Alterations to the Visual Field as Possible Vehicles for Transhuman Enhancement of Religious Experience

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

Hacking the Religious Mind through Computer Simulation

Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University

Transhumanism, Postmillennialism, and Queer Visions of Eschatology

Megan Leverage, Florida State University

Second Creation and Procreation: Gender, Sexuality, and the Family in Transhumanist New Religious Movements

Responding:

Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

A21-339

Global Perspectives on Religion and HIV/AIDS Seminar

Theme: Global Perspectives on Religion and HIV/AIDS Seminar

Lynne Gerber, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International C (International Level)

This Seminar brings together an interdisciplinary group of scholars to develop an analysis of the various roles religion has played historically and continues to occupy in shaping the global AIDS pandemic. We are particularly interested in examining how religion and HIV cuts across, generates, and challenges social, economic, geographic, and cultural differences. In addition to building theoretical and conceptual tools for understanding religion and AIDS, we aim to create an anthology appropriate for a wide academic audience interested in the religious and moral dimensions of the AIDS epidemic, including their effects on the lived experience of disease and the formation of religious and public health efforts to fight HIV/AIDS and prevent infection. Much of the work of our multiyear Seminar focuses on creating an internally cohesive project that incorporates our diverse methodological and regional perspectives, but shares a set of common themes and questions concerning the convergence of religion and HIV/AIDS over the past three decades. We seek to advance existing research and to foster new studies of this important, emerging field.

Beverley Haddad, University of KwaZulu-Natal

African Students Researching Religion and HIV: Addressing Issues of Stigma and Sexuality?
Christopher A. House, Ithaca College
*Rhetorics of the Black Church: Sex, Religion, and HIV/AIDS Across the African Diaspora*
Unregistered Participant
*Prayer Alone Is Not Enough*
Business Meeting:
Anthony Petro, Boston University

**A21-341**
Wildcard Session
**Theme:** From Tolerance to Recognition: Recognition and the Acceptance of Otherness
Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki, Presiding
**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**
*Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)*

We live today in a globalized and multicultural world where the flourishing of societies requires that we have efficient ways of dealing with an encountered variety of religious identities, doctrines and values. Contemporary recognition theory based on Charles Taylor’s and Axel Honneth’s work offers us a well-articulated set of conceptual tools that can be utilized in interpreting and analyzing the formation of religious identities and conflicts arising from their differences. However, we also claim that we need to consider the role of toleration, and to rethink its relationship to recognition. Each of the individual presentations included in our session aims to highlight the pragmatic utility of analyses of tolerance and recognition from carefully chosen viewpoints related to specific contemporary cases and historical texts. This multitude of perspectives effectively illustrates the interactive contributions of contemporary concepts and historical texts for understanding the central themes of religious identity and conflict.

Unregistered Participant
Olli-Pekka Vainio, University of Helsinki
*Tolerance or Recognition? What Can We Expect?*
Panu-Matti Pöykkö, University of Helsinki
*Levinas on Recognition and Metaphoricity*
Minna Hietamäki, University of Helsinki
*Recognition: One-Minded Agreement or Positive Toleration of Differences?*
Elina Hellqvist, University of Helsinki
*Recognition, Toleration and Identity: LGBTQ in the Lutheran Church*
Ritva Palmén, University of Helsinki
Heikki J. Koskinen, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki
*Mediated Recognition and Agreement in Conflict: Peter Alfonsi’s Dialogi contra Iudaeos*
Anna-Liisa Tolonon, University of Helsinki
*A Meaning and Many Visions: John Chrysostom in Conflict and Dialogue*
Joono Salminen, University of Helsinki
*Divine Mediation and Mediated Recognition: A Case Study of Marcellus of Ancyra*
Timothy Riggs, University of Helsinki
*In Search of the Good: Gnosis as Recognition in Proclus and Maximus the Confessor*
Responding:
Jan-Olav Henriksen, MF Norwegian School of Theology
Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University

**A21-408**
Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee
Theme: *LGBTIQ Scholars / Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception*
**Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM**
*Marriott-Marquis C (Marquis Level)*
LGBTIQ scholars, scholars of LGBTIQ studies, and friends are invited to a reception. Come network, see old friends, and make new ones! Sponsored by the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee.

**SUNDAY**

**A22-101**
Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
Theme: *Critical Analysis of Gender and Transgender in Indigenous Cultures*
Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University, University of Chester, Presiding
**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**
*Marriott-International 7 (International Level)*
The notion of 'traditional' gender roles and identities in indigenous cultures is challenged by prophets in Senegambia, spirit mediums in Gujarat and a Native Hawaiian transgender film.
Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach
Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College
*From a Male to a Female Prophetic Tradition among the Diola of Senegambia*
Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College
*The Gendering of Being Possessed in Eastern Gujarat*
**Business Meeting:**
Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College

**A22-102**
Queer Studies in Religion Group and Religion and Disability Studies Group
Theme: *Queer Disability Theory and Theology*
Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University, Presiding
**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**
*Marriott-A707 (Atrium Level)*
This panel will explore the intersection of queer theory and disability studies and their relevance for theological reflection and the academic study of religion.
Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA
Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College
*Crippping Religion*
Max Thornton, Drew University
A22-106
Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Theme: Religious Liberty, the Supreme Court, RFRA, and RLUIPA
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)
Using the Hobby Lobby and Holt v. Hobbs Supreme Court decisions as a starting point, the panel will discuss the challenges of valuing religion in law, addressing such questions as: Do court decisions in cases such as Hobby Lobby and Holt v. Hobbs serve or undermine religious pluralism? When are religious exemptions to laws that apply generally to everyone warranted? How ought religious liberty be weighed against other rights (e.g., equal protection of the laws—LGBT rights)? How do the Supreme Court Justices' opinions reflect the broader societal arguments about what counts as “religious exercise” and whether or how religion is valued in public spaces?
Panelists:
Kent Greenawalt, Columbia University
Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University
Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California
Mark Silk, Trinity College

A22-120
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Theme: Asian American Christian Ethics
Rachel A. R. Bundang, Stuart Hall and Convent of the Sacred Heart, Presiding
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)
Asian American Christian Ethics is a relatively new subfield of study that lies at the juncture of Christian Ethics and Asian American Studies. Twelve Christian ethicists of Asian descent in the U.S. have now produced the subfield’s first major publication, Asian American Christian Ethics: Voices, Methods, Issues (Waco, TX: Baylor University Press, 2015).
Our panel celebrates this groundbreaking achievement by inviting four pioneering Asian American theologians and one leading black feminist Christian ethicist to share their responses to Asian American Christian Ethics from their areas of expertise and interest. The book’s coeditors will begin by briefly explaining the subfield’s origins and the book’s organization and contents. All/most of the other contributors will also be present in the audience to field questions as they arise.
Panelists:
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
Rita Brock, Brite Divinity School
Traci C. West, Drew University
Andrew Park, United Theological Seminary
Patrick S. Cheng, Chicago Theological Seminary
Responding:
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology
Ilsup Ahn, North Park University
Business Meeting:
Devin Singh, Dartmouth College
Rachel A. R. Bundang, Stuart Hall and Convent of the Sacred Heart

S22-130
LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics
11/22/2015
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Room: 303 (Level 3) - Hilton
Theme: Book Panel on Intersex, Theology, and the Bible: Troubling Bodies in Church, Text, and Society
This session will use the publication of Susannah Cornwall's Intersex, Theology, and the Bible: Troubling Bodies in Church, Text, and Society (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015) as an occasion to assess and suggest different critical, constructive, and prospective approaches to examining the relations between intersex bodies, the Bible, and biblical interpretations.
Joseph Marchal, Ball State University, Presiding
Sean Burke, Luther College, Panelist (20 min)
Megan DeFranza, Boston University School of Theology, Panelist (20 min)
Teresa Hornsby, Drury University, Panelist (20 min)
Candida Moss, University of Notre Dame, Panelist (20 min)
Max Strassfeld, University of Arizona, Panelist (20 min)
Susannah Cornwall, University of Exeter, Respondent (25 min)
Discussion (25 min)

A22-136
Religion and Sexuality Group
Theme: Bodies that Matter: Exploring Dynamic Disabilities, Holy Children, Black Nuns, and the Virgin Mary
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)
The panel explores questions of sexuality and gender by foregrounding various religious bodies and theologies of the body. The papers draw on multidisciplinary empirical and theoretical approaches and offer critical perspectives on patriarchal, hegemonic, and heteronormative relations of power.
Shannen Williams, University of Tennessee
Leonard Curry, Vanderbilt University
A22-142
Yoga in Theory and Practice Group
Theme: Yoga and Nationalism: Identity and Destiny
Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University, Presiding

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Hilton-213 (Level 2)

This panel provides insight into how yoga has been situated within the national and transnational discourses of India and America. It focuses on how notions of tradition, authenticity, politics, and cultural consumption dominate the narrative of both what yoga is as well as who owns it. The newly appointed minister of yoga in India, Shipad Yesso Naik, and the burgeoning yoga scene in the US (it has grown 29% in the last six years) point to the importance of understanding how national and transnational dialogs dictate particular and complicated transactions of yoga’s religious and cultural identity. Furthermore the dialogue of yoga accentuates inclusion of some groups and exclusion of others. This panel is comparative, multidimensional, ethnographic, and asks the meta question of who is in and who is out?

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Where Yoga, Homophobia, and Nationalism Intersect: Baba Ramdev and the Sexual Politics of Yoga
Sravana Borkataky Varma, Rice University

Stirring the Teapot: Saffron vs. Red
Christa Schwind, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver

Imagining an American Yoga: Sridaiva #Buckthetuck
Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside

Postethnic Authenticities: Postural Yoga and American Multiculturalism
Responding:
Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University

Business Meeting:
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

S22-203
African-American Biblical Hermeneutics
11/22/2015
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM
Room: M303-M304 (Marquis Level) - Marriott
Shively Smith, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding
Olugbenga Olagunju, Nigerian Baptist Theological Seminary

*Jesus’ Healing in Mark 8:22-26 in African Context* (35 min)

Stacy Davis, Saint Mary’s College (Notre Dame)

*Beyond Male and Female: Same-Sex Imagery in Malachi 2* (35 min)

Love L. Sechrest, Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena)

*Knowing and Being Known: Hierarchy, Epistemic Injustice, and Paul’s First Letter to Corinth* (35 min)

Break (10 min)

Business Meeting (30 min)

A22-210

Women and Religion Section and Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group and Religion in Southeast Asia Group

Theme: *Contesting Authority, Reclaiming Traditions: Religion and Gender in Southeast Asia*

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

*Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)*

This session explores how women and transgendered persons in contemporary Southeast Asia are reframing and contesting authority, reclaiming traditions and creating spaces in a male-dominated religious landscape. Whether it is through the creation of physical space, or discourses in print, electronic and digital media, historically marginalized groups are engaging issues of empowerment and identity while at the same time playing key roles in the diffusion of religious knowledge. We find issues of human rights and religious repression addressed in the first transgender mosque in Indonesia, while women preachers in Malaysia exercise religious authority through mass and social media. Similarly, as Buddhist bloggers contest traditional forms of religious authority, Cambodian women demonstrate the paradoxical relationship between empowerment and respect for hierarchy and rules of comportment. Through ethnographic studies, interviews, analysis of texts and blogs, the papers show a vibrant Southeast Asian religious landscape where new spaces and roles are actively being transformed.

David Brian Esch, Florida International University

*The World's First Transgender Mosque: Javanese, Gendered, and Religious Embodiments*

Norbani Ismail, Herndon, VA

*Muslim Religious Authority and the Mass Media in Malaysia: Reaffirming Orthodoxy through Female Preachers (Pendakwah)*

Tyler A. Lehrer, University of Colorado

*Reframing Authority: Buddhist Blogging and the Theravāda Bhikkhunī Ordination Dispute*

Lara K. Schubert, Claremont Graduate University

*Restraint Over Freedom: Empowerment of Cambodian Buddhist Donji (Nuns) and Female Christian Pastors*

A22-212
African Religions Group and Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
Theme: Violence against Women in Africa: Politics, War, and Religion
Dianna Bell, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM
Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)
Violence against women in Africa is again a topic of international interest. The kidnapping and marrying of girls in Nigeria by Boko Haram in the name of Islam sparked renewed concern for a subject too often overlooked. This panel explores not only such violence but also women’s empowering responses to it. In Côte d’Ivoire, women appealed to genital power to protest sexual violence in wartime. In Liberia, women similarly turned to ritual as a political resource. Meanwhile, other situations like the "corrective" rape of South African lesbian women and the response of South African churches to sexual violence have highlighted the failures and possibilities of church and state in stemming such abuse. Women across the continent have found diverse ways to respond to the violence perpetrated against them. This panel seeks to bring these ways to light, giving voice to alternative visions of gendered violence and to its potential solutions.
Laura Grillo, Pacifica Graduate Institute
An Intimate Rebuke: Female Genital Power in Civil War
Won Chul Shin, Emory University
The Liberian Mothers’ Journey to Peace: Gendered Violence during the Liberian Civil Wars and the Liberian Women's Mass Action for Peace as Ritual in Protest
Michelle Wolff, Duke University
The “Corrective” Rape of Black Lesbians in South Africa: Locating the Failure of Progressive Politics within Secular Democracy
David Tombs, University of Otago
Breaking the Silence: The Role of the Churches in Responding to Sexual Violence in South Africa
Responding:
Sarojini Nadar, University of KwaZulu-Natal

A22-230
Religion and Sexuality Group
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Erin Runions's The Babylon Complex: Theopolitical Fantasies of War, Sex, and Sovereignty (Fordham University Press, 2014)
Edward Silver, Wellesley College, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM
Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)
An author-meets-critic panel on Erin Runions' book The Babylon Complex: Theopolitical Fantasies of War, Sex, and Sovereignty. This roundtable brings together scholars of religion and sexuality, queer theory, political theology, American literature and culture, biblical literature, and religion and politics in order to engage the central themes explored in the book, with an eye towards the question of queer theorizing. The panelists will use this book as an occasion for asking larger methodological questions—namely, how do methodologies available in queer theory and cultural studies in sexuality and gender help
scholars of religion analyze (and potentially transform) the diffuse and cumulative effects of biblical narratives and figures on contemporary political rhetoric and imagination.

Panelists:
Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
John Howell, University of Chicago
Larisa Reznik, Bowdoin College
Cynthia Ruth Chapman, Oberlin College
Responding:
Erin Runions, Pomona College

A22-260
Study of Judaism Section
Theme: Expecting and the Unexpected: Marriage and Reproduction
Aaron W. Hughes, University of Rochester, Presiding
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
Hilton-Crystal AF (Level 1)
These three papers analyze marriage and reproduction from innovative angles. The first engages the concept of horror and the uncanny to show how the Jewish writers of the Di Yunge circle used romance between Jews and non-Jews as a metaphor for the breaking down of boundaries in the modern world. The second argues that Chaim Potok's The Chosen codes queer presence in a traditionally observant Jewish world by portraying the first three meetings of the protagonists as the three stages of a Jewish wedding: erusin, nisuin, and yichud. It offers a reading in which the first three meetings of Danny and Reuven in the hospital follow this pattern exactly. The third explores the usage of contemporary Hareidi pregnancy advice books, and claims that, although women proudly display them, they do not utilize the books for guidance because doing so would challenge their assertion that their embodiment of pregnancy gives them the knowledge and authority to make reproductive decisions.
Jessica Kirzane, Columbia University
Intermarriage and the Uncanny in the Literary Imagination of “Di Yunge”
Mary Grace Dupree, Emory University
According to the Law of Moses and Israel: The Wedding of Reuven Malter and Danny Saunders in Chaim Potok's The Chosen
Michal Raucher, University of Cincinnati
What to Expect When You are Haredi and Expecting: An Analysis of Pregnancy Advice Books for Haredi Women
Responding:
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

A22-275
Queer Studies in Religion Group
Theme: Reimagining Religion as Queer Resistance
Linn Tonstad, Yale University, Presiding
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
Marriott-International 7 (International Level)
This panel examines experiments by LGBTQ persons to reimagine religious practices, spaces and discourses.
Sonia Crasnow, University of California, Riverside
*Talking About Transition: Addressing Transgender Inclusion in Judaism*
Drake Konow, Meriden, CT
*The Cathedral Project: Protest, Liturgy, and AIDS Activism at St. Patrick’s Cathedral*
Mara Block, Harvard University
*“Baudelaire’s Dream”: Queer Writing and Parodies of Clinical Discourse*
Responding:
Heather White, New College of Florida
Business Meeting:
Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

A22-315
Gay Men and Religion Group and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group and Religion, Sport, and Play Group
Theme: *Male Aesthetics and Muscle Gods*
Brett Krutzsch, College of Wooster, Presiding

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**
*Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)*
This panel explores the gym-built body as the masculine ideal for gay/hetero/bi men (for example, Internet subcultures that praise bodybuilders as “muscle gods”). What might this form of virtual/actual veneration say about gay/hetero/bi men, masculine ideals and religions? How might we theorize approaches to the muscular male body with religious and theological discourse?
Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University
*Crossfit and Muscular Christianity Resurrected*
Jason Smith, Vanderbilt University
*Foucault for Heisman: Normalizing Power and the "Gym-Built" Amateur Athlete*
Scott Strednak Singer, Temple University
*From Muscular Christianity to Hard-Body Christianity: The Power Team and the Meaning of Muscle in Sports Evangelism*
Jared Vazquez, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver
*When This Boy is Not a Bottom: Effeminate Men and the Failure of Masculine Performances*

**MONDAY**

A23-101
Study of Judaism Section
Theme: *Regulating Sexuality in Postwar American Jewish Communities: Navigating Queer Bodies, Heteronormativity, and Hegemonic Christianity*
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**
Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)
This panel explores the interrelations of Jews, sexuality, and American Jewish history. Through four papers that address such topics as Orthodox Jewish responses to the Kinsey Report, the ways that Harvey Milk’s gay activism was influenced by Jewish history and culture, liberal Jewish communal responses to AIDS, and ethnographic research on queer Jews within contemporary denominational Judaism, the panel both examines the regulation of sexuality within Jewish communities and the ways in which American Jewish attitudes about sexuality have been influenced by the dominant Christian culture. The papers in the panel employ historical, ethnographic, and literary methodologies in order to analyze the multiple ways that American Jews have responded to changing ideas about sexuality.
Rachel Gordan, Brandeis University

Alfred Kinsey and the Making of a Post-WWII Orthodox Jewish Sexuality
Brett Krutzsch, College of Wooster

Jewish in Life, Christianized in Death: The Jewishness of Harvey Milk’s Gay Activism
Gregg Drinkwater, University of Colorado

AIDS Was Our Earthquake: American Judaism in the Age of AIDS
Jonathan Jackson, Maxwell School of Syracuse University

Useful and Inhuman: Inversions of Queer and Corrections of the Jewish Body

A23-104
Gay Men and Religion Group
Theme: Queer Utopias and Dystopias
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University, Presiding

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)
This session will examine visions of idealized and distorted LGBTIQ sexualities, communities, and cultures in digital gaming, science/speculative fiction, unconventional conventions such as ComiCon, and the politics of a city like Chicago. In the virtual worlds of gaming and science fiction LGBTIQ sexualities and spiritualities are mirrored, commented on, or advocated for, as authors, designers and gamers push beyond heteronormative and intraspecies relationships--so, too, in the decidedly queer space of ComiCon. Meanwhile, both animals and certain humans are relegated into the category of trash to keep streets safe and clean and create images of utopia. These virtual worlds and constructions of humans as trash create and maintain images of utopia and dystopia.
Allison Covey, University of Toronto

Comic-Con International as Performance of Queer Utopia
Christopher Ashley, Union Theological Seminary

A Kind Angel's Thesis: Religion, Technology, and Queer Humanism in Neon Genesis Evangelion
Andrea Tucker, Vanderbilt University

Desiring Earthseed: Teaching Octavia Butler’s Parable of the Sower behind the Gate
Anthony Hoshaw, Chicago Theological Seminary

Trash Animals, Queers, and the City
Responding:
Marco Derks, Utrecht University
Business Meeting:
W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary

S23-117
Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible
11/23/2015
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Room: International 9 (International Level) - Marriott

Chris L. de Wet, University of South Africa
The Preacher’s Diet: Regimen, Sexuality, and Masculinity in the Homilies of John Chrysostom (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Katy E. Valentine, First Christian Church (Chico, CA)
Disrupting the Binary: Creating a GNC and Transgender Hermeneutic (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Steed Vernyl Davidson, McCormick Theological Seminary
Women’s Bodies and the Interrogation of National Liberation: Reading Judges with Beloved in light of a Black Nationalist Liberation Discourse (25 min)
Discussion (5 min)

Beatrice Lawrence, Seattle University
Rape Culture: Witnessing and Teaching (25 min)
Discussion (20 min)
Business Meeting (15 min)

A23-125
Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group
Theme: Performative and Discursive Masculinities: Intersecting Race, Religion, Ethnicity, and Sexuality
Amanullah De Sondy, University College Cork, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

As any gender category, masculinities are performatively and discursively constructed. Therefore they are necessarily located at the intersections of other critical social, cultural and political categories, such as ethnicity, race, class, sexuality and religion. The state-of-the-art research in the critical study of men, masculinities and religion presented in this panel exemplifies an emerging intersectional approach. Exploring a variety of religious and cultural (con)texts, the papers examine the boundaries of what is socially, culturally and religiously recognized as ‘masculine’ (and what is not).

David Newman, Syracuse University
Flaying the Second Skin: Mormon Men, Sexuality, and the Holy Garments
Myounghun Yun, Vanderbilt University
Darrius Hills, Rice University
Reciprocal Masculinities in Alice Walker’s The Color Purple
Alyssa Maldonado, Princeton University
“*They Give the Feast Their Hearts, These Faithful and Honest Men:” Manhood and Masculinity at the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*
Business Meeting:
Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

A23-138
Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Group
Theme: *Sin, Suffering, and Spatiality: Exploring Culture, Caste, and Critique*
Eboni Marshall Turman, Duke University, Presiding
**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**
Hilton-201 (Level 2)
This session will engage theological and ethical analyses as well as cultural critique and construction to explore the flesh and blood realities of sin and suffering in the lives of women of color. From kidnapped Nigerian girls to queer women in South Asian diasporan communities, to liberative sexual ethics on Christopher Street, this session will give special consideration to the spatial and environmental dimensions of women of color suffering. Emphasis will be placed on the distinctions and continuities of women of color suffering throughout the world.
Oluwatomisin Oredein, Duke University
_The Propensity of Stains: Suffering as Dirty_
Sailaja Krishnamurti, York University
_Hindu Religiosity at the Margins of Diaspora: Queer and Feminist Activism, South Asian Diaspora Communities, and the Critique of Caste_
Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology
_Is Purple the New Orange? A Womanist Ethic of Survival in an Age of Mass Incarceration_
Elyse Ambrose Minson, Drew University
_Liberative Ethics at "The Pier": Environmental Transphobia and the Christopher Street Pier, New York City_
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College
Joseph Cheah, University of Saint Joseph
_Theological Reflections on “Gangnam Style”: A Racial, Sexual, and Cultural Critique_
Business Meeting:
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College

A23-203
Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group
Theme: *Latina/o Religious Iconoclasms*
Chris Tirres, DePaul University, Presiding
**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**
Hilton-307 (Level 3)
Adrian Emmanuel Hernandez-Acosta, Harvard University
_On Queer Religion, Nationalism, and Sex: A Response by Caribbean (Theological) Bottoms_
Alejandro Escalante, Union Theological Seminary
God in Drag: An Indecent Approach to the Sacrament of Protest  
Patrick Polk, University of California, Los Angeles

Deconstruction and Reconstruction: Making Mexican Folk Saints for the Twenty-first Century  
Daisy Vargas, University of California, Riverside

Patrolling Borderland Religion: the Surveillance and Criminalization of Mexican Devotion  
Business Meeting:  
Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside

A23-207  
Social Theory and Religion Cluster  
Theme: *Sex, Ascesis, and Historiography*  
Samuel B. Castleberry, Syracuse University, Presiding  
Sara Swenson, Syracuse University, Presiding  
**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**  
**Hilton-401-402 (Level 4)**  
Building on recent conversations about feminisms, sexuality, and the study of religion (e.g., at last year's AAR STAR session; and at a recent conference at Syracuse), this panel invites scholars to think together and anew about sex, ascesis, history, and history-writing. Lynne Huffer will present some of her recent work, each panelist will respond, and a larger discussion will follow.  
Panelists:  
Lynne Huffer, Emory University  
Constance Furey, Indiana University  
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University  
LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College  
Business Meeting:  
Randall Styers, University of North Carolina  
David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Warren S. Goldstein, Harvard University

A23-225  
Gay Men and Religion Group and Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Group  
Theme: *Pray the Gay Away (New York University Press, 2012): An Author-Meets-Critics Session*  
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding  
**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**  
**Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)**  
"Pray the Gay Away": an author-meets-critics session on Bernadette Barton's ethnography of lesbians, gay men and religion in the southern US  
John Erickson, Claremont Graduate University  
The Power of Interview: *Deconstructing the Geographical, Temporal, and Current Experiences of Gay Men and Lesbians in the Bible Belt*  
Aaron Klink, Duke University  
Praying after the Gay Wouldn't Go: Ethnography, Theology, and Spiritual Practice
Daniel Tidwell, Seattle University  
*We Pray What Our Bodies Know: A Formational Response to Bernadette Barton's Pray the Gay Away*  
David Bos, University of Amsterdam, VU University  
*Perseverance of the Saints: The Short but Meaningful Life of "the Ex-Gay" in the Dutch Bible Belt*  
Responding:  
Bernadette Barton, Morehead State University

S23-234  
Paul and Politics  
11/23/2015  
1:00 PM to 3:30 PM  
Room: Marquis A-B (Marquis Level) - Marriott  
Theme: *Queer Approaches to Pauline Epistles and Interpretations*  
Jeremia Punt, Universiteit van Stellenbosch - University of Stellenbosch, Presiding  
Ben Dunning, Fordham University  
*Romans I, Queer Theory, and the History of Sexuality* (20 min)  
Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College  
*Queers, Jews, and Paul: Struggling with a Pauline "Universal Subjectivity"* (20 min)  
Jay Twomey, University of Cincinnati  
*Stranger in a Strange Pauline World* (20 min)  
Tyler M. Schwaller, Harvard University  
"A Slave to All": *First Corinthians 9 and Paul's Performance in Slave Drag* (20 min)  
Timothy Luckritz Marquis, Moravian Theological Seminary  
*Dionysus, Disidentifications, and Wandering Pauline Epiphanies* (20 min)  
Lynn Huber, Elon University, Respondent (15 min)  
Will Stockton, Clemson University, Respondent (15 min)  
Discussion (20 min)

A23-307  
Afro-American Religious History Group and Queer Studies in Religion Group and Religion and Sexuality Group and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group  
Theme: *Protest, Performance, and Prophecy: Resisting Violence against Black Queer Bodies*  
Whitney Bond, Emory University, Presiding  
Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM  
*Marriott-International 6 (International Level)*  
This panel will explore historical and contemporary examples of practices used by marginalized persons to resist, restrain and transform violence directed against them.  
Adriàan van Klinken, University of Leeds  
*Queer Prophecy and Afro-Cosmopolitan Imagination: Kenyan Writer Binyavanga Wainaina’s Coming Out and Religious Critique*  
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University  
Benae Beamon, Boston University  
"Dying" to Live: *Protest and the Radical Performativity of Black Queer Bodies*
Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University
*Enraged Against Us: African-American Women Students Practicing Non-Violence at Prudence Crandall’s Academy, 1833-34*

Indhira Udofia, Duke University
*Whoring the Madonna, Virginizing the Jezebel: Black Women’s Gender Performance*

**TUESDAY**

S24-130
LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics
11/24/2015
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Room: University (Atlanta Conference Level) - Hyatt
Theme: *Queering Christ in Controversial Art: The stagings, effects and subversive potential of the Other Jesus*
This session investigates the staging, effects and subversive potential of recent cases of controversial art in which iconic Christian imagery is deliberately queered: e.g., the so-called Christas or female crucifixions, and the winning act "Rise Like a Phoenix" at the 2014 Eurovision Song Contest interpreted as a transgender Jesus imitation.

David Stewart, California State University - Long Beach, Welcome (3 min)
Anne-Marie Korte, Universiteit Utrecht
*Queer Iconoclasm and Queer Iconoclash: From the Christas to Madonna* (25 min)
Marieke van den Berg, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
*Setting the Table for a Queer Jesus: Ecce Homo in Sweden and Serbia* (25 min)
Srdjan Sremac, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
*Conchita Wurst: A “Jesus-like Figure” Between Blasphemy and Religious Innovation* (25 min)
Susannah Cornwall, University of Exeter, Respondent (25 min)
Discussion (22 min)

S24-139
Reading, Theory, and the Bible
11/24/2015
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM
Room: Techwood (Atlanta Conference Level) - Hyatt
Theme: *Posthumanism: Animals and Angels*
Rhiannon Graybill, Rhodes College, Presiding (3 min)
Dong Hyeon Jeong, Drew University
*All (Human) Together in One Place? Asian American Biblical Hermeneutics and the Posthumanist Challenge* (30 min)
Stephen D. Moore, The Theological School, Drew University
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