

AAR Online Program Book

November 19-22, 2005
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA



A18-1

**Chairs Workshop - Enlarging the Pie: Strategies for Managing and Growing
Departmental Resources**
Friday - 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee

Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University and Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Thomas P. Kasulis, Ohio State University, Columbus

Dianne Stewart, Emory University

Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University

Thomas B. Coburn, Naropa University

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description. Separate registration is required.



A18-2

AAR Board of Directors Meeting
Friday - 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding



JAAR International Project Subcommittee
Friday - 9:00 am-3:00 pm



Friday - 9:00 am-10:45 am



Religion and Media Workshop - "Spinning" God: Teaching, Researching, and Reporting on Politics and Religion
Friday - 10:00 am-6:00 pm

S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Panelists:

Diane Winston, University of Southern California

Amy Sullivan, Washington Monthly

Jeffrey Sharlet, New York University

David Domke, University of Washington

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description. Separate registration is required. **This workshop is full. Please contact Brent Plate at b.plate@tcu.edu to be placed on the waiting list.**



Women's Caucus Workshop - Using Feminist Pedagogies in the Classroom
Friday - 11:30 am-3:30 pm

Harriet Luckman, College of Mount St. Joseph and Laurie Wright Garry, California Lutheran University, Presiding

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Teaching Women in the Hindu Tradition

Melissa Stewart, Adrian College
The Trials and Tribulations of Teaching the Enraptured and the Napping

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
Teaching Buddhism from a Feminist Perspective

Julie J. Kilmer, Olivet College
A Feminist Response to Student Resistance: Gender, Race, and Sexuality in the Classroom

Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, University of Florida
Teaching Women and Islam

Paula Trimble-Familetti, Chapman University
Creative Feminist Pedagogical Methodologies

Business Meeting:

Laurie Wright Garry, California Lutheran University, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



Theological Programs Initiative Consultation
Friday - 12:30 pm-4:00 pm

Carey J. Gifford, American Academy of Religion, Presiding



Friday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

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 **A18-100**

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
Friday - 6:00 pm-9:00 pm

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Please meet in the lobby of the Marriott Philadelphia Hotel at 5:45 pm to depart to the restaurant.

 **A18-101**

Arts Series/Films: *Peaceable Kingdom*
Friday - 7:00 pm-7:30 pm

Sponsored by the Animals and Religion Consultation

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A18-102**

EIS Center Orientation
Friday - 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A18-103**

Arts Series/Films: *Mana: Beyond Belief*
Friday - 7:30 pm-9:00 pm

Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A18-104**

**Religion in the Schools Task Force Reception for Scholars - Rights,
Responsibilities and Respect: A First Amendment Model for Teaching about
Religion**
Friday - 8:00 pm-9:30 pm

Marcia Beauchamp, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding

 **A19-1**

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Saturday - 7:30 am-8:45 am

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding



Regional Officers Breakfast Meeting
Saturday - 7:30 am-9:00 am

Stacy L. Patty, Lubbock Christian University, Presiding



Status of Women in the Profession Committee: Conversation about Gender Issues with Program Unit Chairs
Saturday - 7:30 am-9:00 am

Rebecca T. Alpert, Temple University, Presiding



Student Liaison Group Annual Business Meeting
Saturday - 7:45 am-9:00 am

Kimberly Bresler, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding



Academic Relations Committee
Saturday - 8:00 am-9:30 am

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding



Publications Committee Meeting
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding



Barnes Museum Bus Tour
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Ruth Zoe Ost, Temple University, Presiding

Please meet at the signposted area outside the Marriott Philadelphia Hotel at 8:45 am. Tours are scheduled by the museum, please do not be late! Bus tour is by reservation only; please have your ticket ready. Tour tickets will be mailed with the name badge materials in September.

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Special Topics Forum
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by AAR and Jossey-Bass Publishing

Julianna Gustafson, Jossey-Bass Publishers, Presiding

Theme: *Popularizing Our Scholarship: Its Pleasures and Pitfalls*

Panelists:

Vanessa Ochs, University of Virginia

Robert Thurman, Columbia University

Lauren F. Winner, Duke

Donna Freitas, Saint Michael's College

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



Special Topics Forum
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by AAR and Christians Associated for Relationships with Eastern Europe

Paul Mojzes, Rosemont College, Presiding

Theme: *Quo Vadis Eastern Europe?*

Ines A. Murzaku, Seton Hall University
The Basilian Monks of Grottaferrata and the Pursuit of Christian Unity

Walter Sawatsky, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Teaching about the Other: Inter-Church Dialogue for Russian/Ukrainian Christianity

N. Gerald Shenk, Eastern Mennonite Seminary
Cordoba and Sarajevo: Contrasts in Religious Separation and Tolerance

James R. Payton, Redeemer University College
Turkish Millet, Religious Nationalism, and Civil Society

Leslie A. Muray, Curry College
The Legacy of Vilmos Apor and Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section and Hinduism Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

John Cort, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Hinduism in a Survey Course*

Panelists:

Joseph Schaller, Nazareth College

Carl Olson, Allegheny College

Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University



Christian Systematic Theology Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Music and the Holy Spirit*

Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh
Messiaen, Meaning, and the Transmission of Tradition

J. David Franks, Boston College
Music as the Apocalyptic Transfiguration of History, with Special Reference to Adorno and the Fate of Spirit in the Viennese Tradition

Loye Ashton, Millsaps College
Rhythmicity and the Eternal Creative Act of the Holy Spirit

Responding:

Don E. Saliers, Emory University



Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Diane Jonte-Pace, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Freud and Jung: New Psychological Approaches to Comparative Religious Studies*

Panelists:

Shubha Pathak, University of Chicago

Jonathan Schofer, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

Stephen Kaplan, Manhattan College

Responding:

Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union



A19-13

History of Christianity Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Teresa M. Shaw, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Reviewing History, Theory, Text: Historians and the Linguistic Turn*, by Elizabeth A. Clark (Harvard University Press)

Panelists:

David Brakke, Indiana University

Patricia Cox Miller, Syracuse University

Gabrielle Spiegel, Johns Hopkins University

Responding:

Elizabeth A. Clark, Duke University



A19-14

Philosophy of Religion Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas, Presiding

Theme: *Technology, Religion, and the Human in Question*

Leslie Meltzer, University of Virginia

All "Dollied" Up: Why Bans on Human Cloning Are Dressed in the Garb of Human Dignity

Mohammad Motahari Farimani, Regis College, University of Toronto

Islamic Philosophy and the Challenge of Cloning

Anais Spitzer, Pacifica Graduate Institute

Exceeding the Eye: The Nodular Subject and the Dislocation of the Philosophy of Religion

Michael DeLashmutt, University of Aberdeen

A Better Life through Information Technology? The Posthuman Person in Contemporary Speculative Science

Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles/University of Chicago, Presiding



A19-15

Study of Islam Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Gisela Webb, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Theme: *Women, Agency, and Islam*

Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University
Reproductive Discourse in Early Islamic Literature

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sexual Prescriptions and the Legacy of Mariyah the Copt

Debra Mubashshir Majeed, Beloit College
Polygyny in the Identity of African American Muslims

Roxanne D. Marcotte, University of Queensland
An Islamist Gender Discourse

Sadiyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
In Search of Al-Insan: Sufism, Ethics, and Gender

Responding:

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College



A19-16

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Darby Kathleen Ray, Millsaps College, Presiding

Theme: *Violence and God-Images, "After Girard"*

Hugh Reynolds Nicholson, Coe College
Liberating Religion from Social Conflict: A Critical Examination of Three Evasive Strategies

Charlene Burns, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Honesty about God: God's Violence/ Violence in God's Name in Wink, Jung, and Luther

Thomas E. Reynolds, St. Norbert College
The Non-Necessity of God's Violence, or the Possibility of an Iconic Monotheism

Matthias Beier, Drew University
Violence, Fear, and God: Eugen Drewermann's Interdisciplinary Analysis of Christian Violence



A19-17

Anthropology of Religion Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding

Theme: *Transplanting Religion: Rethinking Authenticity*

Stuart Charme, Rutgers University

Transplanted Authenticity: The Jewishness of Eastern Europe and the Revival of Klezmer

Mariana Mastagar, Trinity College, University of Toronto

Macedonian-Bulgarian Diaspora in Toronto and the Orthodox Christian Church

Hanna Kim, New York, NY

Becoming a New Religion the Old-Fashioned Way: Perspectives from a Transnational Hindu Movement

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

Place, Space, and the "Healing Dao": Practicing Popular Daoism in the U.S., Thailand, and China

Responding:

Charles Lindholm, Boston University



A19-18

Bioethics and Religion Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Ethics, and Access to Health Care*

Nancy Berlinger, The Hastings Center

Conscientious Objection and Access to Reproductive Health Care Services: Gender, Justice, and Shame

Charlene A. Galarneau, Wellesley College
Christian Medical Sharing Plans: An Ethical Review

Marie J. Giblin, Xavier University
A Theological Ethics of Solidarity: Toward Global Health Care Access

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University
Access to Drugs in a New Global Environment: A New Challenge for the African Church

Business Meeting:

Paul R. Johnson, D'Youville College, Presiding
Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding



Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Demetrios Katos, Hellenic College, Presiding

Theme: *Patristic and Byzantine Hymnography*

Bogdan G. Bucur, Marquette University
The Feet That Eve Heard in Paradise and Was Afraid: The Christology of Byzantine Festival Hymns

Verna E. F. Harrison, Saint Paul School of Theology
The Vindication of Eve: Romanus' Second Kontakion on Christ's Nativity

Elijah Mueller, Marquette University
Cleansed by the Fire of a Mystic Vision

Constantine J. Terss, Heathrow, FL
Tradition and Change - Liturgical Chant and Music in the Greek Orthodox Christian Experience in America: Early European Origins



Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sarah L. Schwarz, Haverford College, Presiding

Theme: *Rituals of Reading*

Sarah Iles Johnston, Ohio State University, Columbus

Making One's Mark: Writing, Reading, and the Authorization of Marginal Religious Practices in Ancient Greece

Michael D. Swartz, Ohio State University, Columbus

Ritualizing the Book in Ancient Judaism

Catherine Burris, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Readers in Syriac Texts: Who, What, When, and Where

Kim Haines-Eitzen, Cornell University

Miniature Books and Rituals of Private Reading in Late Antiquity



A19-21

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group and Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Creston Davis, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Gender, Politics, and the Return to Religion*

Panelists:

Slavoj Žižek, University of Ljubljana

Amy M. Hollywood, University of Chicago

Graham Ward, University of Manchester

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University



A19-22

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Lindsey Jones, Ohio State University, Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *The Works and Scholarship of David Carrasco*

Panelists:

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University

Luis Leon, University of California, Berkeley

Charles Long, Chapel Hill, NC

Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis

Lara Medina, Claremont Graduate University

Jacob K. Olupona, University of California, Davis

Responding:

David Carrasco, Harvard University



A19-23

Religion and Science Group

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Future of Emergence: Should Theology Mind Emergence?*

Steven D. Crain, University of St. Francis

God Embodied in, God Bodying Forth the World: Emergence and Christian Theology

James Haag, Graduate Theological Union
Finding Middle Ground: Clayton on Mind and Emergence

Antje Jackelen, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Emergence Everywhere?!

J. Wentzel Van Huyssteen, Princeton Theological Seminary
Emergence and Human Distinctiveness: Limiting or Delimiting Evolutionary Explanation?

Responding:

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology



Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *Loves Herself. Regardless: Womanist Discourse on the Black Woman's Body*

Kimberleigh Jordan, New York University
Black Bodies Moving in Sacred Space: African American Liturgical Dance

Gayle R. Baldwin, University of North Dakota
Black Woman's Drag

Melva L. Sampson, Spelman College
Give Me Body! Black Female Body as Icon in Hip-Hop and Religious Culture

Pamela Y. Cook, University of Chicago
Are There Any Hip-Hop Womanists in the House? Womanist Theology, Political Activism, and the Hip-Hop Generation

S'thembile West, Western Illinois University
Icons of Injustice: Gendered and Hyper-Sexualized Black Women's Bodies in U.S. Culture

Sallie Cuffee, Medgar Evers College
Alice Walker, The Color Purple, and a Womanist Gospel of Resistance



A19-25

Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Marcia Bunge, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *Children and Poverty: Spiritual Resilience and Community Resources*

Panelists:

Peter Benson, The Search Institute

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University



A19-26

Religion and Sexuality Consultation
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Catherine Roach, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding

Theme: *Regulating Desire: Christian and Buddhist Sexuality Debates in America and Beyond*

Wil Brant, Chicago Theological Seminary

Being Christian and Having Sex, Too: The Historical Context and Contemporary Application of the Regulation of Sexual Desire as Part of the Practice of Christian Faith

Paul C. Kemeny, Grove City College

Anthony Comstock, Free-Lovers, and the Censorship of Walt Whitman's Leaves of Grass: Defining the Terms of Protestant Toleration in Late Nineteenth-Century New England

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont

Finding Safe Harbor: Buddhist Sexual Ethics in America

Lynne Gerber, Graduate Theological Union

The Opposite of Gay: Ex-Gay Ministries, Identity, and Desire

Business Meeting:

R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University, Presiding

 **A19-30**

Religion and Ecology Tour: Eco-Justice and Chester, Pennsylvania
Saturday - 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group

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Mark I. Wallace, Swarthmore College, Presiding

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 **A19-29**

Mother Bethel Church Bus Tour
Saturday - 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Sponsored by the African Religions Group and the Afro-American Religious History Group

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Moses N. Moore, Arizona State University, Presiding

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 **A19-27**

Plenary Address
Saturday - 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *A Life Biography of Wolfhart Pannenberg*

Panelists:

Wolfhart Pannenberg, Gräfelfing, Germany

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A19-28

Special Topics Forum

Saturday - 11:45 am-1:00 pm

Sponsored by AAR and American Theological Library Association

Kimberly Bresler, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *AAR Student Luncheon and Panel Discussion: Career Alternatives for Doctoral Students in Religion and Theology*

Panelists:

Dennis A. Norlin, American Theological Library Association

Thomas Breidenthal, Princeton University

Mary Sweetland Laver, Bala Cynwyd, PA

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A19-50

Arts Series/Films: *Alambrista*

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A19-51

Special Topics Forum
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by *JAAR*

Glenn E. Yocum, Whittier College, Presiding

Theme: *Imagining Religion in the Postcolony: Beyond Orientalism and Occidentalism*

Panelists:

Achille Membe, University of Witwatersrand

Raja Bahlul, United Arab Emirates

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia

Veena Das, Johns Hopkins University

Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A19-52

Special Topics Forum
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *The Supreme Court and Religion*

Panelists:

Kent R. Greenawalt, Columbia University

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California

Oliver Thomas, Niswonger Foundation

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A19-53

Special Topics Forum

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Theme: *AAR Excellence in Teaching Forum: A Conversation about Teaching with the 2005 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner*

Panelists:

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

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A19-54

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Angels in America: Theatre, Film, Literature*

Kent Brintnall, Emory University

Shifting Contexts for Grief and Rage: Watching Angels in America, Then and Now

Craig S. Strobel, ConSpiritu: A Center for Cultural Creativity
co-presenter with Victoria Rue

Victoria Rue, San Jose State University
Angels in America: Performing Gender Construction

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Columbia University
Of Ghosts and Angels: Derrida and Kushner on the Impossibility of Forgiveness

Dugan McGinley, Temple University
Angels, Witches, and Goats, Oh My! Otherworldly Creatures on Broadway

 **A19-55**

Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhism in the Southern Capital: Heian and Kamakura Developments of Nara Buddhism*

Sarah Horton, Macalester College
The Miraculous Jizos of Nara

David Quinter, Stanford University
Creating Bodhisattvas: Eison, Manjusri, and Kamakura-Period Buddhism Revisited

Kenryo Minowa, Aichi-gakuin University
Zen and the Precepts in Medieval Nara Buddhism: As Seen in Ensho Shonin Gyojo

Susumu Uejima, Kyoto Prefectural University
Towards a New Understanding of the Formation of Medieval Japanese Buddhism

Responding:

Robert Rhodes, Otani University

 **A19-56**

Ethics Section
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Lucinda J. Peach, American University, Presiding

Theme: *Spheres of (In)Justice: Terrorism, Turmoil, and the Resort to Torture*

Elizabeth Barre, Florida State University

When Disaster Looms: Terrorism and Supreme Emergency in the Arguments of Michael Walzer and Osama bin Ladin

Nancy Berlinger, The Hastings Center

When the Subject Is Torture(d): Torture, Terror, Religion, and Research Ethics

Bradley L. Herling, Boston University

Walzer and Ignatieff on the Evils of the War on Terror

Douglas McCready, Kutztown, PA

When Is Torture Right?



A19-57

History of Christianity Section

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Silk Hoods, Deaconess Bonnets, and Nuns' Habits: Debating Women's Dress in American Christianity*

Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University

"Between Two Extreams": Female Self-Fashioning in Early New England

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University

Deaconess Garb: A Bad Habit or Good Fashion Sense?

Stephanie Stillman, University of California, Santa Barbara

Hard Habit to Break: The Work of Mapping Postconciliar Catholicism on Nuns' Bodies

Responding:

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

Business Meeting:

Anne Clark, University of Vermont, Presiding
Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University, Presiding



A19-58

North American Religions Section
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Catherine L. Albanese, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Metaphysical/Occult Traditions and the Imagination of America: Critical and Historical Perspectives*

D. Michael Quinn, Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Marginalizing the Mainstream of Religion, the Occult, and the Otherworldly

John H. Lardas, Haverford College
The Metaphysics of Empire and the Government of Souls

Robert S. Cox, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Race, Nation, and the Topography of Spiritualist Emotion

Darryl Victor Caterine, Grinnell College
The Dark Sublime: Occult Heresies and the American Nation

Responding:

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara



A19-59

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelical Religion and Social Change*

Nora Lozano, Baptist University of the Americas
Honesty, Conflict, and a New Vision of the Reign of God as a Basis for Social Change among Latino/a Evangelicos/as

Kathleen Garces-Foley, California State University, Northridge
Asian-American Evangelicals and the Value of Diversity

Ki Joo Choi, Boston College
Cultivating the Affections, Lakewood Church Style: Insights for Contemporary Religious and Moral Reflection

Chris Boesel, Drew University
"Thus Sayeth the Lord...": Prophetic Voice, Evangelical Theology, and Social Change

Christian T. Collins Winn, Bethel University
co-present with Boesel



**Women and Religion Section and Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Children, Women, War, and Politics*

Kristin Herzog, Independent Scholars' Association
Child Soldiers, Militarism, and Theology: An Ethical Challenge

Honora Chapman, Stanford University
"Slaughter of the Innocents": Children in Ancient and Modern War

Raymond J. Webb, University of St. Mary of the Lake
Living and Partly Living: Childhood under Occupation

Responding:

Katharina von Kellenbach, St. Mary's College of Maryland



Black Theology Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *The Nature of Black Religious Experience*

Torin Alexander, Rice University

The Nature of African American Religious Experience: A Postmodern/Post-structuralist Analysis

CL Nash, University of Edinburgh

Theoretically Essential: Postmodernism and Approaches to Liberation

Jonathon Samuel Kahn, Vassar College

Toward a Tradition of African-American Pragmatic Religious Naturalism

Responding:

M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College



A19-62

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Charles Marsh, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *War as Responsible Action? The Uses and Abuses of Bonhoeffer's Ethics*

Susan Ford Wiltshire, Vanderbilt University

"Telling the Truth": Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Context

Robert O. Smith, Baylor University

Bonhoeffer, Bloggers, and Bush: Uses of a "Protestant Saint" in the Fog of War

Robert Vosloo, University of Stellenbosch

"Neither Defiant nor Despairing, but Humble and Confident": In Conversation with Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Beyers Naudé on Discernment



A19-63

Confucian Traditions Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *A Gentleman and His Money: Confucian Attitudes Toward the Creation and Transmission of Wealth*

Michael Puett, Harvard University
Ritual and Non-Ritual Exchange in Early China

Keith Knapp, The Citadel
The Subtle Art of Avoiding Profit: The Mercantile Adventures of a Fifth-Century Confucian Exemplar

Peter Ditmanson, Colby College
Female Virtue, Neo-Confucian Views of Commerce in Thirteenth- and Fourteenth-Century China

Christian Jochim, San Jose State University
“Confucian” Views on Wealth Creation from a Modern Interpretive Community: Social Scientists

Responding:

Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis



A19-64

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group and Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Taking Risks: The Rhetorical Challenges in Deconstructing the Radical Religious Right*

Panelists:

Mark D. Jordan, Emory University

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University

Ronald E. Long, Hunter College

Robert E. Goss, Metropolitan Community Church

Peggy Schmeiser, University of Ottawa



A19-65

Islamic Mysticism Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Reading Texts, Reading Lives: Historical and Theoretical Revaluations of Sufi Sources*

Shahzad Bashir, Carleton College

Corpses in the Hands of Morticians: Pursuing the Social Logic of Disciple-Master Relationships in Hagiographical Narratives

Devin DeWeese, Indiana University, Bloomington

Reading the Labels: Corporate Names of Sufi Communities in Timurid-Era Sources

Amina Steinfels, Mount Holyoke College

From Intertextuality to Interdiscursivity: Sufi Texts and Fiqh Texts in Medieval South Asia

Elias Jamal, Amherst College

Wise Servants and Virtuous Kings: Sufi Writings as a Source of Islamic Ethics

Responding:

Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, St. Louis



A19-66

Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

David J. Gouwens, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and Contemporary Virtue Ethics*

Robert Roberts, Baylor University
Kierkegaard and Virtue Ethics

Jason A. Mahn, Duke University
Kierkegaard after Hauerwas: Christian Courage and Fortunate Fallibility in Contemporary Virtue Ethics

W. Glenn Kirkconnell, Santa Fe Community College
Kierkegaard and the Virtues of Weakness

Responding:

Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University, Presiding



A19-67

Korean Religions Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Eun Hee Shin, Simpson College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Politics in Korean History*

Patrick Uhlmann, University of California, Los Angeles
Buddhist Monks and Political Power in Late Koryô-Early Chosôn: The Trajectory and Strategy of Muhak Chach'o

Weon Chu, Brookline, MA
The Korean Use of Religious "Orthodoxy" as a Political Weapon: The Parallel between the Seventeenth-Century Confucian Ritual Controversy and the Twentieth-Century Christian Fundamentalist-Modernist Controversy

Wi Jo Kang, Wartburg Theological Seminary
Shinto Religion, Politics, and Christian Response in Korea

Yun Cho, Claremont Graduate University
Deconstructing Religions: Religions in the Age of Nukes and Anti-Americanism

Responding:

John I. Goulde, Sweet Briar College
Youngmin Kim, Bryn Mawr College



A19-68

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group and Mysticism Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Harvey Hill, Berry College and Elizabeth Dreyer, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *Late Nineteenth/Early Twentieth-Century Approaches to Mysticism, East and West*

Douglas S. Duckworth, Florida State University
Buddha-Nature as the Unity of the Two Truths in Mi-pham's ('Ju Mi Pham Rgya Mtsho, 1842-1912) Interpretation

Michael J. Kerlin, LaSalle University
Maurice Blondel: Philosophy, Prayer, and the Mystical

Charles J. T. Talar, University of Saint Thomas
The Modernist and the Mystic: Albert Houtin's Une Grande Mystique

John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University
Particular and Universal: Problems Posed by Shaku Sōen's "Zen"

James H. Thrall, Duke University
May Sinclair: Mystic Modern



A19-69

Special Topics Forum
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by the Native Traditions in the Americas Group

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) and U.S. Culture*

Schuyler Shawn, Syracuse University
Misplaced Origins and Debts Ignored: Democracy Isn't Free

Chris Jocks, Arizona State University
*What the American Founders Did **Not** Learn from the Haudenosaunee*

Nancy Napierala, State University of New York, Buffalo
Clan Mothers: The Role of Haudenosaunee Clan Mothers in Survival of the Iroquois Confederacy

Sally Roesch Wagner, Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation
The Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Influence on Early American Feminists

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A19-70

**New Religious Movements Group and Contemporary Pagan Studies
Consultation**
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Michael York, London, United Kingdom, Presiding

Theme: *Neo-Pagan Religions in Central and Eastern Europe: Identity, Community, and Challenge*

Panelists:

Adrian Ivakhiv, University of Vermont

Victor Shnirelman, Russian Academy of Sciences

Egidija Ramanauskaite Kiskina, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Gintautas Mazeikis, Siauliai University, Lithuania

Responding:

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico

 **A19-71**

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Theme: *Perspectives from the Post-Analytic Philosophy of Language in the Study of Religion*

Panelists:

Gabriel Levy, University of California, Santa Barbara

Kevin Schilbrack, Wesleyan College

G. Scott Davis, University of Richmond

Responding:

Jeppe Sinding Jensen, University of Aarhus

Terry Godlove, Hofstra University

Hans H. Penner, Hanover, NH

 **A19-72**

Reformed Theology and History Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding

Theme: *Reformed Perspectives on Genetic Engineering*

Elizabeth Agnew, University of Notre Dame
Conversion, Grace, and Illumination: The Contribution of Jonathan Edwards' Virtue to Debates about Personhood in Bioethics

Christian D. Kettler, Friends University
Image and Substitute: The Vicarious Humanity of Christ in a World of Genetic Engineering

Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University
Genetic Determinism and the "Freedom of the Gaps": A Compatibilist Response

Joni Powers, University of Texas, Dallas
co-presenter with Robert A. Pyne

Robert A. Pyne, Dallas Theological Seminary
Still Being Human: The Image of God and Embodiment after the Genome



A19-73

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Shelley Wiley, Morningside College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Activism in Latin America and the Caribbean: In Honor of Oscar Romero*

John A. Donaghy, St. Thomas Aquinas Church
Romero's Legacy in Context

David Tombs, Trinity College, Dublin
Oscar Romero's Commitment to Liberation and Reconciliation

Michael Jagessar, Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education
Resistance and Liberation Struggles among Caribbean Coolies: The Religious Imagination of Bechu - "Bound Coolie" Radical

Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College
Still Struggling toward a New Earth: The Integration of Faith and Practice within Centro de Estudos e Ação Social

Responding:

Iain S. Maclean, James Madison University



A19-74

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville, Presiding

Theme: *Interrogating Ontotheology: Tillich, Heidegger, Marion, and Caputo*

Russell Manning, University of Cambridge

Beyond Being: Tillich, Marion, and Caputo on Why God Does Not Exist

Martin Gallagher, University of Kansas

Tillich and Heidegger on Being

Mario Costa, Drew University

God-Less Thinking: The Question of Onto-Theology in Heidegger and Tillich

Responding:

Anthony J. Godzieba, Villanova University



A19-75

Augustine and Augustinianisms Consultation

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Robert P. Kennedy, St. Francis Xavier University and Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, Presiding

Theme: *Augustine and Community*

Andrea J. Dickens, United Theological Seminary

Augustine's Image of the Ascension: Medieval Monastic Receptions

Matt Jenson, University of St. Andrews

Sin and the City: Augustine, Sin, and Life Together

Paul R. Kolbet, Boston College

Christian Identity and Imperial Participation: Tensions in Augustine's Ideal of Community Life

Eric Plumer, University of Scranton

The Wise Master Builder: Paul as a Model for Building Community in Augustine's Commentary on Galatians

Responding:

Phillip Cary, Eastern University

Business Meeting:

Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, Presiding



A19-76

Foucault Consultation

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jeremy R. Carrette, University of Kent, Presiding

Theme: *Bodies and Spaces: Foucault and Philosophy of Religion*

John McSweeney, University of Limerick

Heterotopic Theology: Toward a Liminal Foucauldian Space of Thought

Jenna Tiitsman, Union Theological Seminary

Scratching the Surface: Making Meaning on the Screen of The Pillow Book and the Skin of the Incorporeal God

Matthew S. Waggoner, University of California, Santa Cruz

The Preponderance of Objectivity: Foucault, Adorno, and the Politicization of Melancholia

Responding:

Sharon D. Welch, University of Missouri, Columbia

Business Meeting:

Thomas M. Beaudoin, Santa Clara University, Presiding



A19-77

Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Bradford Verter, Bennington College, Presiding

Theme: *Mediating Transcendence in the New Millennium*

Alexandra Boutros, McGill University

Altered States: Travel, Transcendence, and Technology in Contemporary Vodou Practice

Jill Gorman, Rollins College

September 12, Madrid, and Kabul Kaboom! Shockwave Gaming and the Construction of Muslim Identity

Annie Blakeney-Glazer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Tactical Heterotopias and the Space of Religious Performance

Alison R. Marshall, Brandon University

Digital Ecstasy: Simulating Religious Experiences in Cyberspace

Business Meeting:

Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa, Presiding



A19-129

JAAR International Reception
Saturday - 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University and Sheila Greeve Davaney, Iliff School of Theology,
Presiding



A19-100

Arts Series/Films: Sharon O'Brien - Readings from *The Family Silver*
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Mara Donaldson, Dickinson College, Presiding

Panelists:

Sharon O'Brien,

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Special Topics Forum
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Regions Committee

Jane Marie Law, Cornell University, Presiding

Theme: *Responding to Political Targeting of Religion Scholars in U.S. Institutions of Higher Education*

Panelists:

Carol S. Anderson, Kalamazoo College

Linda A. Moody, Mount St. Mary's College

Mary McGee, Columbia University

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Special Topics Forum
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

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

Nami Kim, Spelman College, Presiding

Theme: *Storming the Ivory Tower: Conflict, Complicity, and Social Change*

Panelists:

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

Joan M. Martin, Episcopal Divinity School

John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University

Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Debra Mubashshir Majeed, Beloit College

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A19-103

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University, Presiding

Theme: *Ethics, Art, and Drama: Teaching Purpose and Performance*

Helen Benet-Goodman, Charlottesville, VA

Hitmen and Whistleblowers: Using Films to Teach Ethics

Victoria Rue, San Jose State University

Acting Religious: Theatre as Pedagogy in Religious Studies and Theology

Nelia Beth Scovill, Marian College of Fond du Lac

co-presenter with Joel Heim

Joel Heim, National-Louis University

A Spectrum Approach to Christian Ethics: Respecting Difference without Resorting to Relativism

Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University

co-presenter with Kathryn A. Breazeale

Kathryn A. Breazeale, Pacific Lutheran University

Negotiating Transformative Education through Feminist Pedagogy: Challenging Perspectives from Ethics and Art

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College
Promoting Freedom, Responsibility, and Learning in a General Education Religious Studies Course: The Learning Covenant a Decade Later

 **A19-104**

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

David Jasper, University of Glasgow, Presiding

Theme: *Russian Orthodoxy in Literature and Modern Life*

Panelists:

Elena Volkova, Moscow State University

Oleg Komkov, Moscow State University

Irina Karatsuba, Moscow State University

 **A19-105**

Buddhism Section
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Karen Derris, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: *Building Buddhism in the Neighborhood: Individual Papers on Place and Social Space*

Jacob Dalton, McMaster University

Spirits under the Ground: The Tibetan Assimilation of Buddhism and the Notion of the "Dark Period"

Jonathan Stockdale, University of Puget Sound

Sutoku and Saigyō: Centripetal and Centrifugal Religious Orientations to Heiankyō

Gareth Fisher, University of Virginia

The Spiritual Land Rush: Morality, Power, and Place in New Chinese Buddhist Temple Construction

Jeffrey Samuels, Western Kentucky University

Saving the Buddhist Religion: Caste Discrimination and the Establishment of New Temples in Twentieth- and Twenty-First-Century Sri Lanka

Business Meeting:

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, Presiding

Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Presiding



A19-106

Christian Systematic Theology Section

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Revealed Beauty: The Revelation of God's Beauty in Particular Cultural Forms*

Christian D. Kettler, Friends University

The Vicarious Beauty of Christ: The Aesthetics of the Atonement

Karen Kilby, University of Nottingham

Mathematics, Beauty, and Theology

Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary

Theological Aesthetics and Sacramental Imagination: Recalling the Arts

Amy Pauw, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

"A Broken Beauty": Cultural Trajectories in Barth's Theology of Divine Beauty



A19-107

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University, Presiding

Theme: *Secrecy, Politics, and Privacy: Rethinking Religious Secrecy, Pre- and Post-September 11*

Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Public Secret Religion and the Apotheosis of Duvalier, Loa 22-Os

Ruqayya Yasmine Khan, Trinity University
Secrecy and Selfhood in Early Arabo-Islamic Canons

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University, Columbus
Religion and Secrecy in the Bush Administration: Gentleman, Prince, and Prodigal Son

Michael Barkun, Syracuse University
Religious Privacy after September 11

Responding:

Steve Wasserstrom, Reed College



A19-108

Ritual Studies Group and Ethics Section

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Donna Lynne Seamone, McMaster University, Presiding

Theme: *Intersections of Ritual and Ethics: Rites Shaping Ethics, Ethics Shaping Rites*

Ann Mongoven, Indiana University, Bloomington
Organ Donation as, or Versus, Death Ritual: A Comparative Analysis, U.S.-Japan

Ted A. Smith, Vanderbilt University
Sinners Bound to Change Their Own Hearts: The Anxious Bench as a Ritual for Freedom

Charles Taliaferro, Saint Olaf College
co-present with Reasoner

Paul Reasoner, Bethel University
A Double-Movement Model of Forgiveness in Buddhist and Christian Rituals

John-Charles Duffy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Concealing the Body, Concealing the Sacred: The Decline of Ritual Nudity in Mormon Temples

Responding:

William R. LaFleur, University of Pennsylvania

 **A19-109**

Philosophy of Religion Section
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Madhuri Yadlapati, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and German Idealism: Confronting Naturalism and Critical Reason*

Andrew Chignell, Cornell University
Kant on Beauty as a Religious Symbol

Andrew C. Dole, Amherst College
Schleiermacher's Theological Anti-Realism

Thomas A. Lewis, Harvard University
Critical Reason, Idealism, and Religion in Hegel

Responding:

Terry Pinkard, Northwestern University

 **A19-110**

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Discourse and Participation in the Public Sphere: Social Scientific Analyses*

Larry Golemon, Dominican University of California
Sacred Visions and the Social Good: Religious Practice and Discourse toward a Just, Sustainable, Pluralistic Democracy

Robert P. Jones, People for the American Way Foundation
Remembering Equality: Moral Values, Taxes, and the Contemporary American Religious Left

John Senior, Emory University
Beyond Belief Alone: The Discursive Shape of the Religion and Society Debate

David Horace Perkins, Vanderbilt University
The Last Cathedral: Simmel, Sacred Music, and the Market



Religion in South Asia Section
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Religion and Aesthetics in South Asia*

Emily Hudson, Emory University
The Aesthetics of the Abandoned Wife: Ethics and the Poetics of Suffering in the Dicing Scene of the Mahabharata

Ajay Rao, University of Chicago
Rama as King, Rama as God: Valmiki's Epic in Courtly and Temple Spheres

Katherine C. Zubko, Emory University
 Casting Bhakti Rasa in an Ethical Role: Performed Aesthetics and the Disruption of Religious Categories in Bharata Natyam

Guy Leavitt, University of Chicago
Cosmic Drama and Dramatic Cosmos: Tracing the Rapprochement between Saivism and Aesthetics in Medieval Kashmir

Tony K. Stewart, North Carolina State University
Emotion Thrice-Abstracted: The "Vaisnava" Poetry of Rabindranath

Responding:

Anne Monius, Harvard University



A19-112

Study of Islam Section
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

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

Theme: *Contemporary Muslim Intellectuals and Islamic Thought*

Clinton Bennett, Birmingham, U.K.
The Humanization of Islam or the Islamization of Knowledge?

David L. Johnston, Yale University
Jamal al-Banna, Mohammad Hashim Kamali, and Khaled Abou El Fadl: An Evolving Theology of Justice and Democracy

R. Michael Feener, University of California, Riverside
"The Way and the Community": Modern Re-conceptualizations of Social Order in Indonesian Islam

Roxanne D. Marcotte, University of Queensland
An Iranian Perspective on Islamic Hermeneutics

Mark Lazenby, West Hartford, CT
The Notion of a Common Language and Quietism in Iraq's Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani

Michael Brett Wilson, Duke University
The Problem of Orthodoxy in Islamic Studies



A19-113

Women and Religion Section
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Toroitch D. Cheronon, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Innovative Methodologies in the Study of Goddess*

Helen Hye-Sook Hwang, Loyola Marymount University
A Method of Studying Mago, the Great Goddess, from East Asia: The Mytho-Historic Theology of Magoism

Dawn Work-MaKinne, Union Institute and University
Creative and Arts-Based Methodologies in the Study of the Goddesses

Patricia Monaghan, DePaul University
Partial Truths: Narrated Scholarship and the Personal Voice

Lauve H. Steenhuisen, Georgetown University
Feminist Theology and Backlash Fundamentalism: Re-Imagining Reconsidered

Responding:

Min-Ah Cho, Emory University

 **A19-114**

African Religions Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: *African Religions and the Neo-Diaspora*

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University
Multi-Dimensional Conceptualization of the African Diaspora

Yushau Sodiq, Texas Christian University
West African Sufis in the Americas

Afe Adogame, University of Bayreuth
Up, Up Jesus! Down, Down Satan! African Religiosity in the Former Soviet Bloc: The Embassy of the Blessed Kingdom of God for All Nations

Responding:

Jacob K. Olupona, University of California, Davis

Business Meeting:

Samuel K. Elolia, Emmanuel School of Religion, Presiding



A19-115

Chinese Religions Group and Daoist Studies Consultation
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Theme: *Ritual, Temple, and Power in Later Daoism*

Stephen Eskildsen, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Do Immortals Kill? The Controversy Surrounding Lü Dongbin

Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University -- Camden
The Divine Empyrean Palace Temple Network and the Court of Song Huizong

David Mozina, Harvard University
How to Become a God: Ritual Transformation into Deities by Contemporary Daoist Priests

Responding:

Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Indiana University, Bloomington
Robert Hymes, Columbia University



A19-116

Christian Spirituality Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Janet Ruffing, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *Varied Voices: Theory and Practice of Christian Spiritual Guidance*

Anita Houck, Saint Mary's College
Reading Voices: A Bakhtinian Model for Literature, Spirituality, and Vocation

Elizabeth Drescher, Graduate Theological Union
“Good Frendys of þe Spirituale”: “Holi Dalywance” as a Model of Spiritual Guidance in The Book of Margery Kempe

W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago
The Counsel of Patience: Prisoners as Spiritual Directors in Early Modern England

Carole Dale Spencer, George Fox University
Anthony Benezet: A Philadelphia Quaker's Testament to the Love of God

Stanford J. Searl, The Union Institute
Quaker Clearness Committees: An Interdisciplinary and Spiritual Process

 **A19-117**

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Allison P. Coudert, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Science, and Political Discourse: Transfers and Interactions*

Caleb Elfenbein, University of California, Santa Barbara
Discourses on Religion, Islam, and the Remaking of Iraq

Jenna Tiitsman, Union Theological Seminary
Looking for What You Cannot See: Fascination with Forensic Drama and the Blind Faith of Bush

Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Amsterdam
On the Interface of Cultures: Astrology, Chymistry, and Kabbalah between Science and Religion

Titus Hjelm, University of Helsinki
Meaning and Implications of Medicalization for the Study of Religion

Business Meeting:

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College & Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Presiding

 **A19-118**

Evangelical Theology Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

John R. Franke, Biblical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Remembering the Life and Works of Stan Grenz*

Panelists:

Roger E. Olson, Baylor University

Francis Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Anthea Butler, University of Rochester, Presiding



A19-119

Religion and Disability Studies Group

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

John Swinton, University of Aberdeen, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Reflections on Stanley Hauerwas's Essays on Disability: Disabling Society, Enabling Theology*

Panelists:

Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology

Bill Gaventa, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Susanne Rappmann, Karlstad University

Nancy L. Eiesland, Emory University

Samuel Wells, Duke University

Kerry Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University

Responding:

Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University



A19-120

Religion and Ecology Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Beth Blissman, Oberlin College, Presiding

Theme: *Evolution, Ecology, and Other Religious Animals*

Panelists:

Heather Eaton, St. Paul University

Daniel T. Spencer, University of Montana, Missoula

Lisa Sideris, Indiana University

Paul Waldau, Tufts University

Responding:

John B. Cobb, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Beth Blissman, Oberlin College, Presiding



A19-121

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Politics of Parody*

Samantha Baskind, Cleveland State University

The Fockerized Jew? Questioning Jewishness as Cool in American Popular Entertainment

Christina Cabeen, University of California, Santa Barbara
Pleasure Temples and Gambling Nuns: The Rhetoric of Las Vegas Religion in the Fifties and Sixties

Mark W. Graham, College of Wooster
Comic Form, Forms of Comedy, and the Limits of Religious Criticism in American Popular Culture

Brannon Hancock, University of Glasgow
Parody and Prophecy: A Serious Look at South Park

 **A19-122**

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Susan Windley-Daoust, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Presiding

Theme: *Lessons Learned from the U.S./Iraq Conflicts, 1989 to the Present*

Panelists:

John Kelsay, Florida State University

Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara

G. Simon Harak, War Resisters League

Margaret R. Pfeil, University of Notre Dame

Daniel McKanan, Saint John's University

 **A19-123**

Roman Catholic Studies Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding

Theme: *Catholics in the Movies*

Judith Weisenfeld, Vassar College
Progressive Era Religion, Politics, and the Social Problem Film

Anthony B. Smith, University of Daytona
Bing Crosby, Hollywood, and the Catholic Public Sphere

Peter Gardella, Manhattanville College
The Catholic Horror Film

Timothy Meagher, Catholic University of America
Cops and Priests: The Decline of the Irish-American Catholic

 **A19-124**

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Darlene Fozard Weaver, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: *Public Theology and Democracy*

Marc Krell, University of Arizona
Constructing a Public Theology: Tillich and Buber's Movement beyond Protestant and Jewish Boundaries in Weimar Germany

Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount
Confronting the Powers: Tillich, Stout, and West on Democratic Principles and Procedures

Loye Ashton, Millsaps College
Christofascism in America: A Tillichian Analysis of Christian Reconstructionism

Guy Hammond, Virginia Tech Emeritus
Does the Road of Providence Lead to Freedom? George W. Bush, Paul Tillich, and the Theology of History

 **A19-125**

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Tisa Wenger, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Courtrooms, Schoolrooms, and the Making of Religion*

Kathleen Holscher, Princeton University

Making Religion in the Courtroom: The Practical Implications of the Anthropologist Expert Witness

Kathleen M. Sands, University of Massachusetts, Boston

The Collapse of Religion as a Constitutional Construct: Can the Study of Religion Help?

Brian P. Bennett, Niagara University

The Discourse of "Orthodox Culture" in Postcommunist Russia

Responding:

Eric Mazur, Bucknell University

Business Meeting:

Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding

Tisa Wenger, Arizona State University, Presiding



A19-126

Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

New Program Unit

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Queering the Study of Religion*

Tricia Sheffield, Columbia University

Jesus as Intersexed: A Transgender Counternarrative of Embodiment

Kathryn Lofton, Reed College

Queering Fundamentalism: The Case Against John Balcom Shaw (1860-1935)

Heather White, Princeton University

Queer Encounters: Churchmen, Homophiles, and the Council on Religion and the Homosexual

Leslie Smith, University of California, Santa Barbara

Constructing Chaos: The Religious Right, Same-Sex Marriage, and the Scholars Who Study Them Both

Responding:

Robin Hawley Gorsline, Brooklyn, NY

Business Meeting:

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding



A19-127

Friends of the Academy Donors' Reception

Saturday - 5:30 pm-6:45 pm

Individuals whose generosity allows us to continue many of our special programs are invited to a reception hosted by the AAR Board of Directors.



A19-128

AAR Racial and Ethnic Minority Members' Reception

Saturday - 6:15 pm-7:00 pm

The Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee invites interested persons to a reception celebrating the contributions of racial and ethnic minority scholars in the Academy.



A19-130

Plenary Address

Saturday - 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *AAR Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony: Hans Hillerbrand, On Book Burnings and Book Burners: Reflections on the Power (and Powerlessness) of Words and Ideas*

(and Powerlessness) of Words and Ideas

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A19-131

Arts Series/Films: Dennis and Dan Bielfeldt - Jazz on Sax and Piano
Saturday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A19-132

Arts Series/Films: *Dogma*
Saturday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Rachel Wagner, Oregon State University, Presiding

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A19-133

Arts Series/Films: *Freaks*
Saturday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Rubina Ramji, University of Ottawa, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A19-134**

AAR Members' Dance Reception and Dance Party
Saturday - 8:30 pm-12:00 am

AAR members are invited to join one another at the AAR Members' Dance Party for music and dancing. Don't forget the free drink ticket mailed with your name badge!

 **A19-135**

Reception Honoring Contributors to *A Guide for Women in Religion and the Guide to the Perplexing: A Survival Manual for Women in Religious Studies*
Saturday - 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women's Caucus invites you to a reception honoring those women who contributed to the original *Guide to the Perplexing: A Survival Manual for Women in Religious Studies* and those who produced its sequel *A Guide for Women in Religion: Making Your Way from A to Z*.

 **A19-136**

Student Members' Reception
Saturday - 10:00 pm-12:00 am

AAR and SBL student members are invited to drop by for conversation with fellow students. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and light snacks will be provided.



AAR New Members' Continental Breakfast
Sunday - 7:30 am-8:45 am

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

New (first-time) AAR members in 2005 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.



JAAR Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday - 7:30 am-8:45 am

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding



Native Traditions in the Americas Group and Religion and Ecology Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: *Ecology, Activism, and Native American Lands/Waters*

John Baumann, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Collaborative Environmentalism: Environmental Resistance among Natives and Non-Natives

Joel Geffen, University of Montana
Indians, Salmon, and the Complexities of Conflict: Ethical Foundations of Water Disputes and the Exercise of Political Power in the Klamath Basin

Dianne Quigley, Syracuse University
The Need for Communal Research Ethics: Haudanosaunee Democratic Models

Les Benedict, Akwesasne Task Force on the Environment
Ecology and Native Lands

Business Meeting:

Michael McNally, Carleton College, Presiding
Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, Presiding



A20-4

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Robert E. Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Religion in Europe East and West*

Panelists:

Anne Sofie Roald, Malmo University

Timothy Byrnes, Colgate University

Maria Marczevska-Rytko, Maria Curie-Sklodowska University

Grace Davie, University of Exeter

Alexander Verkhovsky, SOVA Center for Information and Analysis

Aila Lauha, University of Helsinki

Responding:

Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A20-5

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Science Curriculum: Implications and Strategies*

Panelists:

Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Bucknell University

John A. Grim, Forum on Religion and Ecology

Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

Warren A. Nord, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A20-6

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *What You Don't Know Won't Kill You: Learning Teaching on the Job*

Katherine Janiec Jones, Transylvania University

"Make the Part Your Own": What Soap Opera Digest Should Have Taught Me about Teaching

Emily Askew, Carroll College

Negotiating the Chasm between Graduate School and the First Year of Teaching: How I Stopped Crying and Started Drinking

Anette Ejsing, Augustana College

What I Wished They'd Told Me about Teaching and How I Learned Better

Gitte Butin, Gettysburg College
Teaching Itself

Andrea Hollingsworth, Bethel Seminary
The Existential Anxiety of Learning: Stages and Elements in a Seminarian's Journey of Transformational Education

 **A20-7**

Buddhism Section
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *The Buddhist Preacher in History and Literature*

Mahinda Deegalle, Bath Spa University
From Dhammabhanaka to Buddhist Preaching: Theravada Vernacular Transmission

David Drewes, Indiana University, Bloomington
Dharmabhanakas in Early Indian Mahayana

Natalie Gummer, Beloit College
Listening to the Dharmabhanaka

Richard Nance, Ann Arbor, MI
The Dharmabhanaka Inside and Outside the Sutras

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison

 **A20-8**

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: *Comparativists and the Study of Religion(s)*

Panelists:

Victoria Kennick Urubshurow, University of Maryland

Elizabeth McKeown, Georgetown University

Neelima Shukla-Bhatt, Wellesley College

Giovanni Casadio, University of Salerno

Mihaela Timus, Bucharest, Romania

Responding:

Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC

Lawrence E. Sullivan, University of Notre Dame



A20-9

**History of Christianity Section and Roman Catholic Studies Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding

Theme: *Catholic Selves and Others in the New World*

Emma J. Anderson, Harvard University

Aboriginal "Apostasy" in Colonial North America: Problems and Prospects

Brandon Bayne, Harvard University

Accounting for Acoma: Holy Mission, Holy War, and Holy Memory in Oñate's Conquest of New Mexico

Mark S. Clatterbuck, Catholic University of America

Searching for Souls in a Twice-Foreign Land: Tribalism, Nativism, and the Evolution of Catholic Indian Missions (1902-1962)

Jeffrey Marlett, College of Saint Rose

Rebel Yell: Father Arthur Terminiello and American Catholicism's Conspiratorial Margins

Responding:

Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University



A20-10

North American Religions Section

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Grant Wacker, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Wrestling with the Modern: Reformers, Fundamentalists, and Showmen*

Jeff Wilson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

There's a Sucker Saved Every Minute: P. T. Barnum's Theology of Humbug

Benjamin Zeller, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Oiling the Wheels of Progress: Henry Steel Olcott and the Construction of Scientific Buddhism

Emily R. Mace, Princeton University

"Holding Fast to the Vision of Human Solidarity": Jane Addams on Religion and Social Reform

Brantley Gasaway, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

As a Matter of Fact: J. Gresham Machen's Defense of the Metaphysical and the Moral

Responding:

Leigh E. Schmidt, Princeton University



A20-11

Religion in South Asia Section

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Post-Hindutva?*

Purushottama Bilimoria, University of New York, Stony Brook

The Pseudo-Secularization of Hindutva and Its Campaign for Uniform Civil Codes

Kalyani Devaki Menon, DePaul University
Hindutva at the Margins of the State: Hindu Nationalism and Social Work

Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University
Sanskrit in India: Beyond the Monochrome

Shana Lisa Sippy, Columbia University
Presence, Absence, and Resemblance: Finding and Interpreting Hindutva in Northern California

Responding:

J. E. Llewellyn, Southwest Missouri State University

Business Meeting:

Tazim Kassam, Syracuse University, Presiding



Study of Islam Section
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Topics of the Study of Qur'an and Sunna*

Khalid Blankinship, Temple University
Ikhrâj in the Qur'an: The Expulsion of the Muslims from Makkah at the Hijrah

Alfons Teipen, Furman University
Taxonomies in Narrations about the Battle of Uhud and Their Role in Sira-Maghazi Literature

Andrew J. Lane, University of Toronto
Some Manuscript Evidence Concerning Al-Zamakhsharî's "Umm al-Kashshâf" and "Khalaqa l-Qur'an"

Aisha Geissinger, University of Toronto
Gendering the Communal Body: Fasting in the Qur'an and the Hadith

Phillip Hoefs, Temple University
Women in the Sunnah of Muhammad: 'Amal ahl al-Madinah and Its Potential Impact on Women in Islam

Business Meeting:

Omid Safi, Colgate University, Presiding

Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University, Presiding



A20-13

Study of Judaism Section

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Shaul Magid, Indiana University-Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: *Gender, Feminism, and Orthodox Judaism*

Gail Labovitz, University of Judaism

Assent to Ascent: Rabbinic Negotiations of Exile, Marriage, and Gender Relations

Rochelle L. Millen, Wittenberg University

Theological Approaches in Orthodox Feminism

Jerome Gellman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Cumulative Revelation and Orthodox Feminist Theology

Nora L. Rubel, Connecticut College

'Muggers in Black Coats': Gender and Ultra-Orthodox Jews in the Jewish American Imagination



A20-14

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Robert A. Segal, University of Lancaster, Presiding

Theme: *A Critical Evaluation of Tomoko Masuzawa's The Invention of World Religions*
(University of Chicago Press)

Panelists:

Robert A. Orsi, Harvard University

Catherine Bell, Santa Clara University

Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside

Martin Riesebrodt, University of Chicago

Responding:

Tomoko Masuzawa, University of Michigan



A20-15

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Women and Religion Section

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Writing Women's Theology in Asian North America*

Panelists:

Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good

Laura E. Donaldson, Cornell University

Karen Baker-Fletcher, Southern Methodist University

Serene Jones, Yale University

Responding:

Grace Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary

Pui Lan Kwok, Episcopal Divinity School

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary



A20-16

African Religions Group and Afro-American Religious History Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Valerie C. Cooper, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *The African Methodist Episcopal Church and Africa*

J. Gordon Melton, Institute for the Study of American Religion
The Other African Methodists in Philadelphia: Zoar United Methodist Church

Sylvester Johnson, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Africa and the Idea of the Heathen in A. M. E. Missions

Ralph Watkins, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Lost of the African Centeredness of the A. M. E Church: Leaders, Leadership, Transition, and Lost: The Next Generation of A. M. E. C. Leaders 1839 – 1860

Moses N. Moore, Arizona State University
A Trans-Atlantic Relationship: Orishatukeh Faduma and the AME Church

Responding:

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University



A20-17

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield, Presiding

Theme: *Self, Subjectivity, and Agency: Theories of Religious Being*

Amy Black Voorhees, University of California, Santa Barbara
Feminist Theory, Religion, and American History

William Robert, Louisiana State University
Exscripted Love: From a Feminine Body

Elizabeth Bucar, University of Chicago
"Talking Back in Iran": Religious Discourse, Women's Agency, and a Rhetorical Turn

Nancy L. Eiesland, Emory University

"I'll Help You Mommy": Autonomy and the "Ethics of Care" from the Perspective of Mothers with Disabilities

Business Meeting:

Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield, Presiding



A20-18

Japanese Religions Group

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Paul L. Swanson, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Presiding

Theme: *Projections and Representations of Religion in Japanese Media*

Jolyon Baraka Thomas, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Asobi Shûkyô' and Miyazaki Hayao's Anime

Ben Dorman, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture

Stars and Strategies: Hosoki Kazuko and the Transformation of Fortune-Telling

Christal Whelan, Boston University

Shifting Paradigms and Mediating Media: Redefining a New Religion as "Rational" in Contemporary Society

Ian Reader, Lancaster University

Positively Promoting Pilgrimages: Media Representations of Pilgrimage in Japan

Responding:

George Tanabe, University of Hawaii, Hilo



A20-19

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Transnational Paradigms in the Study of Religion (Invited Authors Panel)*

Panelists:

Luis Leon, University of California, Berkeley

Hector Avalos, Iowa State University

Manuel Vasquez, University of Florida

Marie Friedmann Marquardt, Emory University

Responding:

Lois Lorentzen, University of San Francisco



A20-20

Men's Studies in Religion Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College, Presiding

Theme: *Masculinities in Varying Religious Communities*

John Wall, Rutgers University

Fatherhood and the Creation of Society: A Christian Ethical Response to W. Bradford Wilcox's Soft Patriarchs, New Men

Amy Hoyt, Claremont Graduate University

Muscular Mormonism: Gender Ideologies in an Era of Transition, 1890-1920

Sara Patterson, Loyola Marymount University

Muscular Mormonism: Gender Ideologies in an Era of Transition, 1890-1920

Navdeep Mandier, Coventry, United Kingdom

(En)Gendered Sikhism: The Iconolatry of Manliness in the Making of Sikh Identity

Curtis Coats, University of Colorado

"God, Man, Then ... Wait, How'd That Go?" Examining Emerging Gender Identities in Twenty-Something Evangelical Christians

Business Meeting:

David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College, Presiding
Mark Justad, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture, Presiding

 **A20-21**

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Gregory Shaw, Stonehill College, Presiding

Theme: *Neoplatonism, Dead or Alive: Is Neoplatonism a Living Tradition? Part I*

Judy Saltzman, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Ancient Wisdom Revived: Neo-Platonism and the Theosophical Movement

Matthew Rogers, Northwestern University
Aleister Crowley's Theory of the Furores

Robert Puckett, Georgia Perimeter College
Contested Pagan Theologies: Then and Now

Dan Merkur, Toronto, ON, CANADA
Psychoanalysis as a Practice of Neoplatonic Mysticism

Jennifer Rapp, Stanford University
Roethke's "Epidermal Dress": The Body's Excessive Vitality and Becoming Divine

 **A20-23**

Religion and Disability Studies Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Nadia Bolz-Weber, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *A Third Way: Religion as an Alternative to the Medical Model and the Social Model of Disability*

Lynne Bejoian, Teachers College Columbia University
Nondualistic Paradigms in Disability Studies and Buddhism: Creating Bridges for Theoretical Practice

Tarek Hatab, Madnet Corporation
co-presenter with Bazna

Maysaa Bazna, College of Staten Island
Disability in the Qur'an: The Islamic Alternative to Defining, Viewing, and Relating to Disability

Amos Yong, Regent University
Disability, the Human Condition, and the Spirit of the Eschatological Long Run: Toward a P(new)matological Theology of Disability

Lorna Hallahan, Flinders University
Let Us Seek Not to Solidify: Analyzing Disability beyond the Organic or the Social

Responding:

John Swinton, University of Aberdeen

Business Meeting:

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding



A20-24

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Gordon Lynch, University of Birmingham, Presiding

Theme: *Exploring the Research Agenda for the Study of Religion and Popular Culture*

Panelists:

Tom Beaudoin, Santa Clara University

Lynn Schofield Clark, University of Colorado, Boulder

Jeffrey Mahan, Iliff School of Theology

David Morgan, Valparaiso University

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University



Religious Freedom, Public Life, and the State Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Politics, and the Moral Values Debate*

Linda Ellison, Harvard University
Abortion and the Politics of God: Why the Left Has Been Left Behind

Eli Sasaran, Graduate Theological Union
Moral Effectiveness of Voices on the Religious Left: Seeking Integration via the Paradigm of Nonviolence

Darryl Victor Caterine, Grinnell College
"Moral Values" and the Presidential Election: A Historical Overview of Protestantism and Politics Since the 1960s

Joseph S. Pettit, Morgan State University
The Dignity of Politics: Philosophy, Religion, and the "Consent of the Governed"

Business Meeting:

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, Presiding



Schleiermacher Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Part II of Schleiermacher's Glaubenslehre (The Christian Faith): On Sin, Redemption, and Christ (Second of a Four-Year New Investigation of Schleiermacher's Magnum Opus)*

Jacqueline Marina, Purdue University

Christ the Bearer of the Divine Love: Christ's Person and Work in the Theology of Friedrich Schleiermacher

Walter E. Wyman, Whitman College

Schleiermacher on Sin and Redemption: Continuity and Change

Dawn A. De Vries, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

Faith as Communion with Christ in Schleiermacher's Dogmatics

Nathan D. Hieb, Princeton Theological Seminary

Schleiermacher's View of Resurrection in Relation to Redemption, the Naturzusammenhang, and Eschatology

Business Meeting:

Julia A. Lamm, Georgetown University, Presiding

Brent Sockness, Stanford University, Presiding

Papers for this session will be posted in mid-October at the Schleiermacher Group's "Yahoo! Group" website. AAR members wishing to join the Schleiermacher Group and access this website should contact Brent Sockness at sockness@stanford.edu.



A20-27

Daoist Studies Consultation

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: *Daoist Studies: Problems and Prospects*

Thomas Michael, George Washington University

"The Bright Dao Appears Dark": Is Early Daoism Possible?

Jason Steuber, University of Missouri-Kansas City & Nelson-Atkins Museum

Pedagogical Prospects: Daoist Studies and Material Culture

James Miller, Queen's University

Ecology and the State: The Politics and Prospects of Daoist Studies

Dominic LaRoche, Université Laval

Reception Theory, Martial Arts, and Daoism in the West: An Interpretative Model in Cultural and Religious Transfers Studies

Responding:

Livia Kohn, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Louis Komjathy, Shandong University, Presiding



A20-28

Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Christopher M. Moreman, St. Francis Xavier University, Presiding

Theme: *Continuities and Discontinuities: Contemporary Cross-Cultural Approaches to the Study of Death*

Michael F. Strmiska, Central Connecticut State University
Pagans, Death, and Dying

Eve L. Mullen, Mississippi State University
The Changing Role of the Vajrayāna in the Good Death: Tibetan Buddhist Liberation in Modernity

Gisela Webb, Seton Hall University
Death and Dying in Traditional Islamic Spirituality: A Sufi Saint in America

Denis Thalson, Graduate Theological Union
Impromptu Memorial Shrines: Mediators of Ongoing Connection with the Dead in Contemporary U.S. Popular Religiosity

E. Randolph Richards, Ouachita Baptist University
Death Rituals in Tsunami-Devastated North Sumatra and in Remote Irian Jaya

Business Meeting:

Kathleen Garces-Foley, California State University, Northridge, Presiding



A20-29

Open and Relational Theologies Consultation

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

Theme: *Theologies of Mission in a Pluralistic Age*

Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas

Reversing Mission: Relational Resources for Bearing Witness to the Other

Steven Sherman, Winebrenner Theological Seminary

A Paragon for Relational Theological Apologetics in a Pluralist Society: Newbigin's Approach as a Way Forward for Evangelical Theological Epistemology

Michelle Voss Roberts, Emory University

Rethinking Dualisms: An Interreligious Approach

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College

Process Theology and Religious Pluralism: Evangelism as Deep Listening

Responding:

John Sanders, Huntington College

Nancy Howell, Saint Paul School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Lynne Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College, Presiding

Thomas Jay Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding



A20-30

Signifying (on) Scriptures Consultation and SBL's Signifying (on) Scriptures Group

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Vincent L. Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Theorizing Signifying Traditions and Practices*

Panelists:

Mustapha Marrouchi, Louisiana State University

Jose Rabasa, University of California, Berkeley

Oyeronke Olajubu, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

Jo Diamond, University of Canterbury, Christchurch

Yan ShouCheng, Nanyang Technological University

Please join us for a "Conversation Topics and Collaborative Research Projects Organizational and Agenda Setting Meeting" Sunday, 1:00 pm.



A20-34

Special Topics Forum

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Theme: *Doctoral Student Workshop for Teaching: Systematic Theology to Latinos and Latinas*

Doctoral Student Workshop for Teaching: Systematic Theology to Latinos and Latinas is in MP-401, Sunday 9-11:30 am. Registration is required; contact rosarir@slu.edu.



A20-32

Mentoring Session with the Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women's Caucus

Sunday - 11:30 am-1:00 pm

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women's Caucus invite women who are graduate students and new scholars to a brown bag lunch with over 30 feminist mid-career

and senior AAR and SBL scholars, including Rita Gross, Margarte Miles, Vasudha Narayanan, Judith Plaskow, Emilie Townes, and Karen Trimble Alliaume.

 **A20-33**

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 11:45 am-1:00 pm

Thomas Pearson, Wabash Center and Lucinda Huffaker, Wabash Center, Presiding

Theme: *Wabash Student-Teacher Luncheon*

The Wabash Center and AAR Graduate Student Task Force cordially invite AAR and SBL doctoral Student Members to this lunch gathering with experienced faculty mentors to share conversation about teaching.

Separate registration is required. See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A20-50**

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Michael B. Lukens, St. Norbert College, Presiding

Theme: *The Interpreted Bonhoeffer*

Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
The Quest for the Historical Bonhoeffer

John de Gruchy, University of Cape Town
Eberhard Bethge: Interpreter Extraordinaire of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College
Bonhoeffer and the Jews: Bethge and Beyond

Business Meeting:

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Presiding

 **A20-51**

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Task Force and the Women's Caucus

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

Theme: *Women in Religion - Thriving, Not Just Surviving: A Conversation with Mary E. Hunt, Editor of A Guide for Women in Religion*

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A20-52**

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: *The Marty Forum*

Panelists:

John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

Responding:

Caryle Murphy, Washington Post

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A20-53**

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *What the Study of Mormonism Brings to Religious Studies: A Special AAR Session Organized on the Occasion of the Bicentennial of Joseph Smith's Birth*

Jan Shipps, Indiana University-Purdue University
Getting Here from There: Mormonism at the Beginning of the Twenty-First Century

Gustav Niebuhr, Syracuse University
Mormonism and Media Studies

Catherine Bell, Santa Clara University
Mormonism and Ritual Studies

Walter Brueggemann, Columbia Theological Seminary
Mormonism and Biblical Studies and Theology

Catherine Brekus, University of Chicago
Mormonism and the Study of Women and Religion

Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Mormonism and Comparative and Transnational Studies

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A20-54

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Theme: *Posters Session*

Bradley L. Herling, Boston University
Why Study Religion: A Look at the New Web Site by the Academic Relations Committee

Prior Holland, Azusa Pacific University
Madame President? An Analysis of Christianity's View of Women in Leadership and the Dilemma of Women Caught between Radical Feminism and Traditional Exclusion

Matthew Hunter, Temple University
From Sanctuary to Sidewalk: Black Religious Iconography in Philadelphia

Sang Bok Lee, Kangnam University
Social Scientific Approach to Studying Christian Conversion Narratives

David O'Malley, Cleveland State University
Grassroots Interreligious Organizations: An Emerging Religious, Social, and Political Phenomenon in the United States

Paul Oslington, University of New South Wales, Australia
Economics and Religion Research Group

Adam Porter, Illinois College
Role-Playing the Trials of Jesus and Paul: An Introduction to the New Testament

Kim Seitz, Azusa Pacific University
Path-Goal Theory Made Flesh: Mordecai, Esther, and the Road to Purim

Martha Smalley, Yale University
Digital Resources for Classroom Use: the ATLA/ATS Cooperative Digital Resources Initiative

James Van Slyke, Fuller Theological Seminary
Cognitive Science and the Emergence of Symbolic Thought: Semiotic Theory and the Development of Religious Cognition

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



Ethics Section
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

David Craig, Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Presiding

Theme: *Political God-Talk: What Does the Religious Left Need to Learn?*

Ellen Ott Marshall, Claremont School of Theology
The Peculiar Shape of Liberal Christian Political Activism

Sarah Azaransky, University of Virginia
An Eschatological Politics for the Religious Left

Doug Gay, University of Edinburgh
"We Don't Do God!" The Moral Message of Prime Minister Tony Blair and the British Tradition of Christian Socialism

Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
The Impact of the Religious Left in the Living Wage Movement

Business Meeting:

Darryl Michael Trimiew, Medgar Evers College, Presiding

 **A20-56**

North American Religions Section
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Daniel Sack, Associated Colleges of the Midwest, Presiding

Theme: *Faith and the City: Religion in Twentieth-Century Philadelphia*

Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Reconstructing and Renewing Judaism in Philadelphia: The Unexpected Alliance between the Reconstructionist and Renewal Movements in the 1970s-1990s

Albert G. Miller, Oberlin College
Fundamentally Black: The Rise of Philadelphia's African American Evangelical Community

David Perkins, Vanderbilt University
Kingdoms in the Air: "Morning Cheer" and Early Media Evangelism in Philadelphia

Danielle Sigler, Austin College
Faith in Flux: "Black Gods" in Philadelphia 1930-1945

Responding:

David Harrington Watt, Temple University

 **A20-57**

Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation and Philosophy of Religion Section
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Creston Davis, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Violence, and the Special Effect: Irruptions of Exceptionality*

Panelists:

Ward Blanton, Luther College

John Milbank, University of Virginia

Hent de Vries, Johns Hopkins University

Slavoj Zizek, University of Ljubljana

Responding:

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles/University of Chicago



A20-58

Study of Judaism Section
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000 / UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Eastern European Jewry: Culture, Thought, and Impact*

Ramona Kirsch, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Bodies in Perilous Balance: A Rabbi's Response to "Othering"

Pinchas Giller, University of Judaism
Eastern European Scholastic Kabbalah in Early Modernity

Steven Lapidus, Concordia University
Europe in America? The Historiography of the Landsmanshaft Synagogue

Harry Brod, University of Northern Iowa
The People of the Comic Book: Jewish Men and the Creation of Comic Book Superheroes



A20-59

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Paul F. Lakeland, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Empire: Sustaining Alternatives to Violence*

Panelists:

Catherine E. Keller, Drew University

Kenneth Kraft, Lehigh University

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia

Sharon D. Welch, University of Missouri, Columbia

Business Meeting:

Paul F. Lakeland, Fairfield University, Presiding



A20-60

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Evangelical
Theology Group**
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Paul C. H. Lim, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Constructing Asian-American Evangelical Theologies*

Panelists:

Young Lee Hertig, Azusa Pacific University

Elizabeth Y. Sung, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Cat Ngoc Jonathan Tran, Duke University

Amos Yong, Regent University

Responding:

Richard J. Mouw, Fuller Theological Seminary

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University



A20-61

Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group and Black Theology Group
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Despair, Evil, and Human Suffering: A Conversation between Kierkegaard and Black Theology*

Stephen Butler Murray, Skidmore College

Grappling with Melancholia and Despair, Black Invisibility and the Tragicomic: The Conversation between Cornel West and Søren Kierkegaard and Its Import for Black and Womanist Theological Anthropologies

James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

Illin' the Evil, Outing the Absurd: Kierkegaardian Irony Meets Machiavellian Grotesquery in the Postindustrial City

Brian C. Barlow, Brenau University

The Question of Evil: Romney M. Moseley's Kierkegaardian-Caribbean Theology of Suffering

Responding:

Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia



A20-62

Chinese Religions Group
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Randall Nadeau, Trinity University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Chinese Religions in the Undergraduate Classroom: A User's Guide*

Panelists:

Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University

Keith Knapp, The Citadel



A20-63

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

John Behr, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Twentieth-Century Eastern European Theologians*

Radu Bordeianu, Marquette University

Trinity and the Church in the Theology of Dumitru Staniloae

Jeff McCurry, Duke University

(Un)Knowing the Divine Mystery: Theological Epistemology in Dumitru Staniloae and Thomas Aquinas

Maria McDowell, Boston College

Tradition, Changes, and the Life of the Faithful in Fr. Dumitru Staniloae

Lucian Turcescu, Concordia University

Dumitru Staniloae on Law and Human Nature

Business Meeting:

Paul Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

James C. Skedros, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Presiding



A20-64

**Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group and Religious Freedom, Public Life,
and the State Group**
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Esther D. Reed, University of St. Andrews, Presiding

Theme: *Liberty, Values, and the Politics of Gender*

Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College

Democratic Tradition and Fundamental Liberties: From Bowers v. Hardwick to Lawrence v. Texas

Craig Martin, Syracuse University

Policing Values and the Private Judgment of the Magistrate

Robert Ross, University of Massachusetts -- Boston

Marriage, State, and Equality

Responding:

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California



A20-65

Mysticism Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Mystical Relationships: Marriage and Community*

Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University

For the Beloved: Mystical Marriage in Meister Eckhart and the "Sister Catherine" Treatise

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University

Indo-Tibetan Tantrism as "Spirit Marriage"

Thomas Cattoi, Boston College

"Devekut" and Bodily Service: The Role of the Tsaddik and the Redemption of the "Evil Urges" of the Flock in Eastern European Hasidic Communities

Robert K. C. Forman, The Forge Institute

Sharing Mystical Experiences in Community: Implications of Some Unusual Evidence

Business Meeting:

June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Neil Douglas-Klotz, Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Learning, Presiding



A20-66

Person, Culture, and Religion Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Pamela Cooper-White, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *The Psychodynamics of Religious Violence*

Terry Cooper, St. Louis Community College District

Religious Aggression from a Cognitive-Behavioral and Psychoanalytic Perspective: A Comparison of Aaron Beck and Erich Fromm

Thomas B. Ellis, Appalachian State University

Religion and Terrorism: Reflections on the Controversial Conjunction

Marsha Hewitt, Trinity College

Enemies of God: An Exploration into the Psychodynamics of Religion and Violence

James W. Jones, Rutgers University

The Psychodynamic Roots of Religious Terrorism



A20-67

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group and Religion and Science Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Peter Ochs, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Peirce, Hegel, and Stuart Kauffman's Complexity Theory*

Mark Graves, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Pragmatist Approach to Emergence in Cognitive Science

Panelists:

William Kiblinger, Winthrop University

John Bugbee, University of Virginia

Rocco Gangle, Oberlin College

Responding:

Joyce Cuff, Thiel College



A20-68

Religion and Popular Culture Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Frontiers of Technology and Transmogrify*

Jeremy Biles, University of Chicago

The Swan Complex: Ritual Regression, Technology, and Transfiguration in TV's "The Swan"

Aaron Gross, University of California, Santa Barbara

Technology and Animal Ethics in the Contemporary Kosher Industry

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College

Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, and the Persistence of the Sacred

Rebecca M. Raphael, Texas State University

The Doomsday Body, or Dr. Strangelove as Cyborg Crip

Business Meeting:

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

Gary M. Laderman, Emory University, Presiding



A20-69

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Sexuality, Religion, and Health*

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
(Re)Production Zones: Religion, Development, and Sexuality in Rural Ecuadorian Households

Margarita M.W. Suarez, Meredith College
Cuban Feminist Theology: A Revolutionary Ethic of Health and Wholeness for Cuban Society

Claudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Oppressed Bodies Don't Have Sex: The Blind Spots of Bodily and Sexual Discourses in the Construction of Subjectivity in Latin-American Liberation Theology

Responding:

Jorge A. Aquino, Graduate Theological Union

Business Meeting:

Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding



A20-70

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Gaye Williams Ortiz, Augusta State University, Presiding

Theme: *Cinema-Going as Religious Practice? A Discussion of Issues Raised by Clive Marsh's Cinema and Sentiment: Film's Challenge to Theology (Paternoster Press)*

Panelists:

Robert K. Johnston, Fuller Theological Seminary

Gordon Lynch, University of Birmingham

Brent Plate, Texas Christian University

Sara A. Vaux, Northwestern University

Responding:

Clive Marsh, Methodist Church in Great Britain

 **A20-72**

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Person, Place, and Authority in Tibet*

Benjamin Bogin, University of California, Berkeley
The Glorious Copper-Colored Mountain: Visions of a Tantric Pure Land

Derek Maher, East Carolina University
The Second Pañchen Lama (1663-1737) and the Leadership of Tibet

Paul Nietupski, John Carroll University
The Fifth Jamyang Shepa and the Labrang Nagpas: Religious Pluralism at Labrang

Jann Ronis, University of Virginia
The Publication of the Kanjur and Tenjur (1729-1744) in the Formulation of the Buddhist Kingdom of Dergé in Eastern Tibet

Andrew H. Quintman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Milarepa's Life on the Rocks: Transformations of Literature and Landscape in the Borderlands of Southern Tibet

Business Meeting:

José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

 **A20-73**

Western Esotericism Group
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

New Program Unit

Wouter Hanegraaff, University of Amsterdam, Presiding

Theme: *Western Esotericism*

Katelyn Mesler, Northwestern University
The Christianization of Angel Magic in the Late Middle Ages

Olav Hammer, University of Southern Denmark
Innovation and Canonization in Esoteric Discourse: The Case of Martinus Thomsen

Jane Williams-Hogan, Bryn Athyn College of the New Church
Emanuel Swedenborg's Aesthetic Philosophy and Its Impact on Nineteenth-Century American Art

Konstantin Burmistrov, Russian Academy of Sciences
Kabbalistic Sources of the Russian Religious Philosophy and Mysticism: Some Preliminary Observations

Alfred Vitale, University of Rochester
Esoteric Studies and Modern Western Occultism: A Useful Methodology to Reconsider Their Relationship and Redefine Identities



A20-74

Zen Buddhism Seminar
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding

Theme: *Zen Thought*

Mario Poceski, University of Florida
Mind, Buddha, and the Way: Doctrinal Permutations in Mid-Tang Chan

Ding-hwa Evelyn Hsieh, Truman State University
Doubt as a Unique Chan Approach to Cultivation and Enlightenment

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona

Problems with Enlightenment: The Performance of Encounter Dialogue in Seventeenth-Century Chinese Chan Buddhism

Albert F. Welter, University of Winnipeg

Zen and Japanese Culture: Cultural Perspectives on Suzuki Daisetsu's Interpretation of Zen

Business Meeting:

Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Presiding

Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding



A20-75

Animals and Religion Consultation

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, Presiding

Theme: *Compassion and Sacrifice, Friends and Enemies: Animals in Religious Traditions*

Susan Power Bratton, Baylor University

Christ as Orpheus: Attitudes towards Animal Sacrifice and Violence towards Animals in Early Christian Art

Jennifer Eichman, Seton Hall University

Generating Compassion through the Release of Animals

Antonia Gorman, Drew University

Surrogate Suffering: Sin, Salvation, and Sacrifice within the Vivisection Movement

Business Meeting:

Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University, Presiding



A20-76

Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Barbara Pitkin, Stanford University, Presiding

Theme: *Orphans and Adoption as Matters of Sex, Race, and Poverty: Interfaith Perspectives*

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

The Want Ads: Second-Hand Children, the Ethics of Adoption, and the Age of Desire

Jeffrey Hensley, Virginia Theological Seminary

The Hospitality of Adoption

Timothy P. Jackson, Emory University

Suffering the Suffering Children: Christianity and the Rights and Wrongs of Adoption

Elaine K. Swartzentruber, Wake Forest University

Tangling the "Red Thread": Interrogating Racial Difference in International and Cross-Cultural Adoption

Responding:

Amy Laura Hall, Duke University

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University

Business Meeting:

Karen-Marie Yust, Christian Theological Seminary, Presiding



A20-77

Liberal Theologies Consultation

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

New Program Unit

Christine Helmer, Harvard Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Liberal Theologies: Parameters and Prospectives*

Chris Hinkle, Harvard University

The Sociology of Liberal Protestantism

Sheila Greeve Davaney, Iliff School of Theology

Liberal Theologies: An Alternative Family History

Daniel McKanan, Saint John's University

Can There Be a Radical Liberalism? Nineteenth-Century Resources for Contemporary Theological Liberalism

Ellen M. Umansky, Fairfield University

Concerns and Parameters of Liberal Jewish Theology

William E. Farley, Vanderbilt University

Liberal Theology: Roots, Consensus, Enigmas

Responding:

Gary J. Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Christine Helmer, Harvard Divinity School, Presiding



A20-78

Special Topics Forum

Sunday - 1:00 pm-3:00 pm

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Barbara DeConcini, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Annual Meeting Initiatives and How to Propose a New Program Unit*

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



A20-100

Special Topics Forum

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee

Rebecca T. Alpert, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Got Life? Finding Balance and Making Boundaries in the Academy*

Panelists:

Claudia Highbaugh, Harvard University

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

Dugan McGinley, Temple University

Kathryn Ott, Union Theological Seminary

Miriam Peskowitz, Atlanta, GA

Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A20-101

Special Topics Forum

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Ethics: The Challenges of Moral Discourse in the Classroom*

Panelists:

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College

Leela Prasad, Duke University

Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University

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A20-102

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Sponsored by the Religion and Science Group

Ernest L. Simmons, Concordia College, Moorhead, Presiding

Theme: *The Gifford Lectures: Retrospect and Prospect*

Panelists:

Ian G. Barbour, Carleton College (Emeritus)

Holmes Rolston, Colorado State University

Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University

Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago

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A20-103

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Sponsored by the AAR, SBL, and *Publisher's Weekly*

Jana Riess, Publishers Weekly, Presiding

Theme: *Before You Sign That Book Contract: Negotiating with a Publishing House*

Panelists:

Anita Fore, Authors Guild

Gail Ross, Gail Ross Literary Agency LLC

Randall Balmer, Barnard College

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A20-104

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Mourning and Responses to Suffering*

John Harvey, University of Wales, Aberystwyth

Facing Death: Confronting and Portraying the Dead in Spirit Photography, 1861-1940

Melissa Johnston-Barrett, Emory University

Awakening and Encouraging Desire to Hear Stories of Suffering: An Exploration of Friedrich Schleiermacher's Die Weihnachtsfeier: Ein Gespräch

Jodi R. Eichler, Columbia University

Maccabees and Memory: The Conflation of Hanukkah and the Holocaust in Jewish Children's Literature

W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago

Narratives of Trauma and Truth: Letters from Prison in Early Modern England

Business Meeting:

S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia, Presiding



A20-105

Christian Systematic Theology Section and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Caryn D. Riswold, Illinois College, Presiding

Theme: *Beauty in Thought, Prayer, and Action: Theological Reflections on Mysticism and Social Activism*

Ridgeway Addison, Catholic University of America, Georgetown University
Channeling Reconciliation: Howard Thurman and the "Poetics of Peace"

Eleanor Forfang-Brockman, Texas Christian University
Where on Earth Is God? Palamite Mystical Theology as a Basis for Environmental Activism

Gregory Love, San Francisco Theological Seminary
God's Beauty, Social Activism, and the Cross of Christ

Sarah Morice-Brubaker, University of Notre Dame
Some Questions for Male Christian Pacifists



A20-106

North American Religions Section
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

John Corrigan, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Robert A. Orsi's Between Heaven and Earth: The Religious Worlds People Make and the Scholars Who Study Them*

Panelists:

Robert A. Orsi, Harvard University

Paula Kane, University of Pittsburgh

Thomas J. Ferraro, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Diane Winston, University of Southern California, Presiding



A20-107

Japanese Religions Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Paul Copp, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Zen and the Art of the Bell Curve: Educating Buddhists in Japan and the U.S.*

Stephen G. Covell, Western Michigan University
Buddhist Secondary Education: Buddhist Values and Religious Education

Ryan Ward, University of Tokyo
From Monastic Education to the “Modern” University: The Case of the Jodo Shin School

Mark Rowe, Princeton University
Surveying Emptiness: The Role of Research Centers in Post-War Japanese Buddhism

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Duke University
Clergy Training in American Zen

Responding:

Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University
Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Paula K. R. Arai, Carleton College, Presiding
James L. Ford, Wake Forest University, Presiding



A20-108

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Contemporary Psychological Approaches to the Comparative Study of Religion*

Robert C. Fuller, Bradley University
Spirituality of the Flesh: The Role of Discrete Emotions in Religious Life

David Gortner, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Graduate Theological Union
Young Adult Worldviews and Life-Purpose: Shaped by Social Capital, Education, and Self-Efficacy, but Not Religion

Ulrike Popp-Baier, University of Amsterdam, Utrecht University
Experience and Religion: A Psychological Perspective

Jason Slone, University of Findlay
Cognitive Contributions to the Social Construction of Religion Hypothesis: Or, Experimental Studies Which Show That Postmodernists Are (Half) Right.



A20-109

Religion in South Asia Section and Islamic Mysticism Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Qamar-ul Huda, Arnold, MD, Presiding

Theme: *Sufi Music: Poetics and Performance in South Asian Qawwali*

Scott A. Kugle, Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World
From Baghdad to Brindaban: Erotic and Spiritual Love in Qawwali Performance

Homayra Ziad, Yale University
"I Emerge from Myself Like a Melody": Khvājāh Mir Dard and the Art of Sama' in Eighteenth-Century Delhi

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University
A "Proving Ground" for Spiritual Mastery: The Chishti Sabiri Musical Assembly

James R. Newell, Vanderbilt University
Unseen Power: Aesthetic Dimensions of Symbolic Healing in Qawwali

Responding:

Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill



A20-110

Study of Judaism Section
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University, Presiding

Theme: *Place as Elsewhere: Home and Homelessness in Jewish Text and Commentary*

Panelists:

Adam Zachary Newton, University of Texas, Austin

Sidra DeKoven Ezrahi, Hebrew University

Jacob Meskin, Hebrew College

Responding:

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

Business Meeting:

Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding



A20-111

Chinese Religions Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding

Theme: *Rhetorical Strategies in Ritual, Narrative, and Performance*

Hank Glassman, Haverford College

No Basis in Text: The Persistence of Unauthorized Iconographies and the Tantric Turn in the Practice of East Asian Buddhism

Hun Y. Lye, Warren Wilson College

Hidden and in Plain Sight: Ritual Techniques and Textual Redaction in the Yuqie Yankou Rite

Julius Tsai, Texas Christian University

Mountain Journey as Narrative Device in the Ziyang Zhenren Neizhuan

Gil Raz, Dartmouth College
Symbolic Modules: Tracing Patterns in Daoist Ritual

Business Meeting:

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding
Chun-Fang Yu, Columbia University, Presiding

 **A20-112**

Christian Spirituality Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: *The Spiritual Ecology of Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) at the Half-Centenary of His Death*

Panelists:

John A. Grim, Forum on Religion and Ecology

Ursula King, University of Bristol

John F. Haught, Georgetown University

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Bucknell University

Responding:

John B. Cobb, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Arthur G. Holder, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

 **A20-113**

Europe and the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

David Frankfurter, University of New Hampshire, Presiding

Theme: *The Uses of Comparison*

Fritz Graf, Ohio State University
From Paul to Orpheus

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College
Rehabilitating Tatian: The Pit-Falls of Over-Reading

George P. Heyman, St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry
The Power of Sacrifice: Roman and Christian Discourses in Conflict

Business Meeting:

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Presiding



A20-114

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College, Presiding

Theme: *Imagining Feminist Political Spaces in Religious Perspectives*

Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University Divinity School
Politics and the Social Self in Feminist Christian Ethics

Sharon A. Bong, Monash University
Partial Visions: An Asian-Malaysian Feminist Standpoint Epistemology

Christina Hutchins, Graduate Theological Union
Care for the Many-Lived, Unending Forms: Departing from a Rhetoric of War through Adrienne Rich's "Transcendental Etude"

Kathleen Tierney, Stanford University
From Fantasy to Freedom: Iris Murdoch's Vision of Redemption

Responding:

Sharon D. Welch, University of Missouri, Columbia



A20-115

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

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

Theme: *Indigenous Religious Traditions in Theory and Practice*

Mary Ann Clark, Rice University

Santería Sacrificial Rituals: A Reconsideration of Religious Violence

Graham Harvey, Open University

The New Animism and the Study of Indigenous Religions

Michael McNally, Carleton College

Towards an Appreciation of the Religious Authority of Eldership: A Native American Example

Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Farmington

Mi'kmaq Myth and Aboriginal Claims

E. Randolph Richards, Ouachita Baptist University

A Comparison of Acehnese (Islamic) and Dani (Christian) Death Rituals in Search of an

Underlying Indigenous Indonesian View of the Soul

Business Meeting:

Ines Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding



A20-116

Korean Religions Group

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Anselm K. Min, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Responses to Secular Politics/Society in Korea*

Shin Kwon Kim, Drew University
When Cultures Clash with Each Other

Julius Nam, Pacific Union College
*Pacificists or Legalists? Korean Seventh-Day Adventists and Their Conscientious
Objection/Cooperation (1950-1970)*

Helen Hye-Sook Hwang, Loyola Marymount University
Mythic Tales of Mago, the Great Goddess, from Korea

Timothy S. Lee, Texas Christian University
Three Stances toward Christianity in North Korea: Exploitation, Revanche, and Engagement

Responding:

Hee An Choi, Boston University
Hwa Yol Jung, Moravian College

Business Meeting:

John I. Goulde, Sweet Briar College, Presiding



A20-117

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Orlando O. Espin, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: *Faith beyond Mango Street: The Construction of the Latino in Literature - Explorations
in Religion, Gender, and Identity*

Panelists:

Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University

Hjamil A. Martinez Vazquez, Texas Christian University

Carmen Marie Nanko, Catholic Theological Union

Responding:

Neomi De Anda, Loyola University Chicago

Business Meeting:

Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding
Carmen Marie Nanko, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

 **A20-118**

Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Going Public: The Legal Construction of "Religion"*

Cassie Adcock, University of Chicago
Identifying Religion Proper: The Arya Samaj and the Politics of Religious Freedom

Gregory Mack, McGill University
An Examination of the Constitutive Role of Islamic Legal Institutions in Early Modernity

Christian Lange, Harvard University
"Making Someone Public" as Punishment in Islam: The Eschatology of Tashhîr

Responding:

Greg Johnson, Univ of Colorado at Boulder

 **A20-119**

New Religious Movements Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Holly Folk, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: *Theoretical Issues in the Study of NRMs and NRMs and Their Sacred Texts*

John K. Simmons, Western Illinois University
Developing a Memetic Continuum to Track the Potential for Violence in New Religious Movements

Jonathan Moore, Grinnell College
Pagans on the Prairie: Correllian Wiccans and Community Identity in Central Illinois

Heinz Streib, University of Bielefeld
A Variety of Deconversion Trajectories: Cross-Cultural Research Results

Lola L. Williamson, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Interpretations of the Bhagavad Gita in Hindu-Inspired New Religious Movements

Laurel Zwissler, University of Toronto
Reading between the Magic: Exploring Isobel Bird's Young Adult Fiction Series, The Circle of Three

Christine Kraemer, Boston University
Gender Essentialism in Matriarchalist Utopian Fantasies: Are Popular Novels Vehicles of Sacred Stories, or Only Sacred Propaganda?

Business Meeting:

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding



A20-120

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Walter E. Wyman, Whitman College, Presiding

Theme: *Ernst Troeltsch as Historian of Protestantism*

Friedrich Wilhelm Graf, University of Munich
Ernst Troeltsch as Cultural Historian of Christianity

Arie Molendijk, University of Groningen
Ernst Troeltsch's Lasting Contribution to the Historiography of Protestantism

Aimee Burant, University of Chicago
"A Metaphysical Attitude towards Life": Ernst Troeltsch on Protestantism and German National Identity

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College
Reassessing Troeltsch's Conception of Protestantism and Its Relationship to Modernity

Responding:

Dr. Stefan Pautler, München, GERMANY

 **A20-121**

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Paul Williams, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

Theme: *"All Will Be Revealed": Apocalypse, Identity, and Myth in Film*

Roy M. Anker, Calvin College
Mapping Light: Toward a Taxonomy of Narrative Modes in Contemporary Religious Film

Kent Brintnall, Emory University
The Moral Demand of the "Loving Cup": The Presence of the Abject Body in Tod Browning's Freaks and the Christian Eucharist

Stefanie Knauss, Karl-Franzens-University
"A Jew in a Porsche": Jewish (Religious) Identities in Contemporary Europe

Amy Johnson Frykholm, Leadville, CO
Angel of the Apocalypse Meets Slacker Theology: Kevin Smith's Dogma (1999)

Patton Dodd, Boston University
No One Will Be Left Behind: The Marketing of the Apocalypse

Business Meeting:

Tony S. L. Michael, University of Toronto, Presiding

 **A20-122**

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Jay Geller, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *The Ethics of Forgetting*

Tania Oldenhage, Academy of Boldern
Serenity at the Heart of Europe: Switzerland and the Fading of Wartime Memory

Eric Boynton, Allegheny College
Forgetting and Forgiving the Trauma of Evil

Laura Gilbertson, Bethel University
Remembering for Redemption or Forgetting for Reconciliation? Keshgegian and Volf on the Memory of Violence

Kenneth A. Reynhout, Bethel University
co-presenter with Laura Gilbertson

Björn Krondorfer, St. Mary's College of Maryland
Is Forgetting Permissible? The Necessary Role of Oblivion in Holocaust Remembrances

Business Meeting:

Oren Stier, Florida International University, Presiding
Katharina von Kellenbach, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Presiding



A20-123

Ritual Studies Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Nikki Bado-Fralick, Iowa State University, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual Dwelling, Crossing, and Acting: Theory as Transtemporal, Transperformative, and Transmethodological*

Ronald L. Grimes, Wilfrid Laurier University
What Kind of an Act Is Theorizing about Ritual?

Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University
Pacific Northwest Coast Art and Transmethodology: The Formline of Ritual Studies Theoretical Hybridity

E. Thomas Lawson, Western Michigan University
Ritual Form Hypothesis: Transitive Connections between Ritual Competence and Ritual Performance

Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Ritual as Crossing and Dwelling: Theorizing the Religious Practices of Transnational Migrants

Business Meeting:

Donna Lynne Seamone, McMaster University, Presiding



Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Robison B. James, University of Richmond, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond,
Presiding

Theme: *God, Being, and God beyond Being*

John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University
Why Tillich Is Not (Just) an Ontotheologian: Tillich's Indebtedness to Apophatic Theology

Lois Malcolm, Luther Seminary
Mystical and Prophetic: Tillich's Theology of the God beyond God Reconsidered

John C. M. Starkey, Oklahoma City University
God, Being, Tillich, and Neville

Responding:

John D. Caputo, Syracuse University

Business Meeting:

Robison B. James, University of Richmond, Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond,
Presiding

Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville, Presiding



A20-125

Wesleyan Studies Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Theme: *Pan-Methodism: History, Polity, and Theology*

F. Douglas Powe, Saint Paul School of Theology
Cone and Wesley on the Use of Experience as a Theological Source

Morris L. Davis, Drew University
Pan-Methodist Union and the Demands of "American Christian Civilization": An Early Twentieth-Century Attempt

Reginald Broadnax, Hood Theological Seminary
The History of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church and its Contribution to Both Methodist Episcopacy and Methodist Polity

Responding:

Ted A. Campbell, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

K. Steve McCormick, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding



A20-126

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Womanist Pedagogy and Black Women's Bodies: A Womanish Call and Man-ish Response*

Panelists:

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University

Lynne Westfield, Drew University

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University

Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University

Responding:

Arthur Sutherland, Loyola College

Athur Pressley, Drew University

Business Meeting:

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



A20-127

Tantric Studies Consultation
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Charles D. Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

Theme: *Sexuality and Gender in Tantric Traditions*

David Gray, Santa Clara University

"Tantric Sex" in an Eighth-Century Buddhist Context: The Case of the Cakrasamvara

Elaine Craddock, Southwestern University

Gender, Sexuality, and Tantra in South India

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Boulder

The "Kali Practice": A Class Act Revisitation of Women's Roles in Tantra

Sarah Jacoby, University of Virginia

Passionate Revelation: Consort Relationships in the Tibetan Buddhist Treasure Tradition according to Sera Khandro's (1892-1940) Biographical Writings

Responding:

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

Business Meeting:

Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding
Sthaneshwar Timalisina, Washington University in St. Louis, Presiding

 **A20-128**

AAR Retired Members' Reception
Sunday - 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

All members of the AAR who are retired from full-time employment are cordially invited to an open house hosted by Barbara DeConcini, executive director, and Hans Hillerbrand, AAR president.

 **A20-129**

Plenary Address
Sunday - 7:15 pm-8:15 pm

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Master Narratives and the Future of Christianity*

Panelists:

David Martin, Woking, United Kingdom

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A20-130**

Plenary Address
Sunday - 8:30 pm-9:30 pm

Theme: *Templeton Plenary: Charles H. Townes -- The Parallelism and Ultimate Convergence of Science and Religion*

Panelists:

Charles H. Townes, Berkeley, CA

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A20-131**

Arts Series/Films: Voloshky Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A20-132**

Arts Series/Films: *By the Dawn's Early Light: Chris Jackson's Journey to Islam*
Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Sponsored by the Study of Islam Section

Zareena Grewal, University of Michigan, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A20-133**

Arts Series/Films: *What the Bleep Do We Know?*
Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Sponsored by Religion and Science Group

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A20-134

JAAR Editorial Board Reception

Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding



A20-135

Arts Series/Films: *Transnational Savior: A Salvadoran Jesus Reunites with His People in the United States*

Sunday - 8:30 pm-9:30 pm

Sponsored by the Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group

David Tombs, Trinity College, Dublin, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A21-1

Nominatons Committee Meeting

Monday - 7:00 am-8:30 am

Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding



A21-2

International Members' Continental Breakfast

Monday - 7:30 am-8:45 am

All AAR international attendees are invited to an information session and continental breakfast hosted by the AAR's International Connections Committee.

 **A21-34**

AAR Program Unit Chairs' Breakfast Meeting
Monday - 7:30 am-8:45 am

All program unit chairs should attend this important informational session with the AAR's Program Committee.

 **A21-3**

Special Topics Forum
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Task Force

Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Designing the Intellectual Experience*

In this interactive workshop presented by an experienced Wabash Center workshop director and consultant, participants will be led through a series of exercises to reflect together on how they currently compose intellectual experiences for their students and explore ways of doing so more effectively.

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A21-4**

Special Topics Forum
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by the Religion and Disabilities Task Force

Kerry H. Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Accessible Career Journey: Employment and Disability*

Panelists:

Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University

Bill J. Leonard, Wake Forest University

F. Rachel Magdalene, Appalachian State University

Edward McCaffrey, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Philadelphia, PA

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A21-5

Special Topics Forum

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Barbara Brown Zikmund, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Theme: *Christian Theology's Engagement with Religious Pluralism*

Panelists:

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University

J. Paul Rajashekar, Philadelphia, PA

Damayanthi M. A. Niles, Eden Theological Seminary

Ian Ritchie, Montreal, QC

Francis V. Tiso, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A21-6

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: *Walk, Talk, Teach, Learn: A Streetfair of Posters, Exhibits, and Interactive Displays That Will Excite and Educate about a Breakthrough Moment in the Classroom or a Great Course*

Mark Larrimore, New School University
Saints Alive: A Student-Made Iconostasis Teaches about Religious Time, Creativity, and Community

Marilyn Gottschall, Whittier College
Introducing Islam on Its Own Terms: Qur'anic Recitation as Pedagogy

Sidney Brown, University of the South
Cultivating Empathy and a Critical Stance through Class "Experiments": The Experiments Themselves and a Best Moment on Learning

Yolanda Yvette Smith, Yale University
Teaching through the Oral Tradition

Adam Porter, Illinois College
Role-Playing the Trials of Jesus and Paul: An Introduction to the New Testament

Greg Watkins, Stanford University
Virtual Mandala: Teaching Buddhism by Using Computer Technology to Translate the Wheel of Life into a Western Idiom

Robert C. Shippey, Shorter College
Art as a Pedagogical Basis for Teaching Religion

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University
Short-Term Study Abroad Made Easy

Rebecca K. Huskey, University of Iowa
A Grocery List and Forbidden Fruit: Teaching Interpretation Methods to Undergraduates

Merrill M. Hawkins, Carson-Newman College
What Does Saving Private Ryan Have to Do with the Old Testament? Reflections on Course Revisions after the First Year of Implementation

Dean Andrew Nicholas, Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy
Interactive Hebrew Bible Survey

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College

Experiential Learning and Social Justice Action: An Experiment in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and Assessment-Driven Course Design for the Introductory Course



A21-7

Tantric Studies Consultation and Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Paul E. Muller-Ortega, University of Rochester, Presiding

Theme: *Visual Arts and Ritual in Tantric Traditions*

Madhu Khanna, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

Visual Metaphysics and Representation in Hindu Shakta Tantra: Some Methodological Explorations

Pamela D. Winfield, Meredith College

Esoteric Images of Light and Life at Kokubunji Temple, Japan

Laura Harrington, Trinity College

Re-viewing Tibetan Tantra: The Pitfalls and Promises of Visual Culture Studies for the Exploration of Tantric Ritual

Greg Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Looking into Bhairava's Face: The Animating Effect of Horror

Responding:

Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University



A21-8

Buddhism Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Re-Wri(gh)ting: Reading Chinese Buddhist Biographies after Wright*

James A. Benn, McMaster University

Continued Biographies of Eminent Monks: Hagiographic Collection or Monastic Manifesto?

Koichi Shinohara, Yale University

Efficacy and Legitimacy: Toward a Sociological Reading of "Biographies of Eminent Monks"

Shaul Katzenstein, Hamilton, ON

Enduring Sickness: Illness before Death in Medieval Chinese Buddhist Biographies

Albert F. Welter, University of Winnipeg

Tracing the Elusive Yulu: Precedents for Chan's Records of Sayings Literature

Responding:

James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor



A21-9

Christian Systematic Theology Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Responses to David Bentley Hart's The Beauty of the Infinite: The Aesthetics of Christian Truth (Eerdmans, 2004)*

Panelists:

Gerard Loughlin, Durham University

Lois Malcolm, Luther Seminary

Francesca Murphy, University of Aberdeen

James K.A. Smith, Calvin College

Responding:

David Bentley Hart, Loyola College



A21-10

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Mark Wheeler MacWilliams, St. Lawrence University, Presiding

Theme: *Rituals Online: Examining the Impact and Implications of Internet Rituals on Religious Practice*

Panelists:

Selva J. Raj, Albion College

Christopher Helland, Dalhousie University

Heidi Campbell, Texas A&M University

Goran Larrson, Göteborg University

Responding:

Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado, Boulder

Business Meeting:

Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Selva J. Raj, Albion College, Presiding



A21-11

History of Christianity Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Erin Ronsse, University of Victoria, Presiding

Theme: *The Body as Christian Battleground*

Garry J. Crites, Duke University

The Starving Monk: Coercive Fasting and the Development of Irish Penitentials

Edwin Woodruff Tait, Duke University
Devils in the Bile: The Demonology of Martin Bucer

Eric Carlsson, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Exorcising Demons with History: J. S. Semler and the Spirit Possession of Anna Elisabeth Lohmann

Michael Ostling, University of Toronto
Of Woman Wailing for Her Demon Lover: Sex, the Satanic Pact, and Folk-Belief in the Polish Witch-Trials

Marie Pagliarini, California Polytechnic State University
"And the Word Was Made Flesh": The Female Body as Text in Nineteenth-Century American Catholic Culture

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
Radio Mind: Anglo-Protestants on the Frontiers of Healing



A21-12

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

Theme: *Negotiating Boundaries: Religion, Migration, and Cultural Interaction*

William A. Barbieri, The Catholic University of America
Migrant Boundaries: Constitutive Justice and the Ethics of Inclusion

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton
A Border-Crossing Jesus: A Sociopolitical Reading of the Salvadoran Celebration of La Bajada in Los Angeles

Prema Kurien, Syracuse University
Hindu Temples in the U.S.

Robert Carle, King's College
From Pillarization to Assimilation: The Demise of Dutch Multi-Culturalism

Business Meeting:

Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding



A21-13

Religion in South Asia Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Kumkum Chatterjee, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Prescribed and the Permissible: Articulations of Sastra in Indian Literary and Oral Narrative, Film, and the Performed Arts*

Ruth Vanita, University of Montana

Together in Life after Life: Shastraic Ideas of Marriage and Rebirth, and Same-Sex Couple Suicides in Modern India

Leela Prasad, Duke University

"For Shastra's Sake..!" Idioms of Legitimacy in the Plural Moral Worlds of Narrative

Ronald Inden, University of Chicago

Breaking the National Rules for Entertainment in Film

Joan Erdman, Columbia College, Chicago, and University of Chicago

Challenging Choreographies and Citing Shastra in Indian Dance

Responding:

Velcheru Narayana Rao, University of Wisconsin, Madison



A21-14

Study of Islam Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Florian Pohl, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Sectarian Identities and Diverting Interpretations of Islam*

Najam Haider, Princeton University

To Basmalah or Not to Basmalah: The Emergence of Sectarian Identity in Second- through Eighth-Century Kufa

Shafique Virani, Zayed University

Nomen and Numen: Reading Meaning and Identity in the Designations of a Shii Sect

David Vishanoff, University of South Carolina

Medieval Muslim Metaphors for Revelation: Interpretive Consequences Then and Now

Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

The Qur'anic Defense of Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah

Kathleen Malone O'Connor, University of South Florida

"Each One Teach One": Teaching the Lessons and Dialogic Ethnography among the Gods of the Five Percent Nation

Responding:

Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University



A21-15

Women and Religion Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Donna Berman, Charter Oak Cultural Center, Presiding

Theme: *The Coming of Lilith: An Assessment and Celebration of Judith Plaskow's Contribution to Judaism, Feminism, and Sexual Ethics*

Panelists:

Rebecca T. Alpert, Temple University

Katie G. Cannon, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

Mary C. Churchill, University of Iowa

Carol P. Christ, Ariadne Institute

Emily Neill, Harvard University

Susan E. Shapiro, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Responding:

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College



A21-16

Afro-American Religious History Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Julia M. Speller, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *W. E. B. Du Bois and the Discourse of African-American Religious History and Historiography*

Marcus Bruce, Bates College

The Translation of Finer Feelings: Henry Ossawa Tanner, W. E. B. Du Bois, and the Uses of Religious Discourse

Curtis Evans, Florida State University

The Problem of the Negro Church: W. E. B. Du Bois and His Analysis of Black Religion

Donald H. Matthews, University of Missouri, Kansas City

Du Bois and the Social Scientific Study of Black Religion

Responding:

Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson, Vanderbilt University



A21-17

Anthropology of Religion Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000 / UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Sacred Transformations: Placement, Displacement, and Replacement*

Carol Winkelmann, Xavier University

The Language of Tibetan Nuns in the Indian Himalayas

Lee Gilmore, Graduate Theological Union
No Spectators: Ideology and Performativity at the Burning Man Festival

Erika Meitner, University of Virginia
The Mezuzah: American Judaism and Constructions of Domestic Sacred Space

Mark Rowe, Princeton University
Dying for Agency: Posthumous Divorce in Contemporary Japan

Responding:

William R. LaFleur, University of Pennsylvania

Business Meeting:

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000 / UCLA Center for Jewish Studies, Presiding
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding



A21-19

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Mothers and Mothering in Hindu and Jewish Traditions*

Amy Alloco, Emory University
Carrying Fire Pots for the Goddess: Mothers and Daughters in the Performance of a Vow to Mariyamman

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco
Toward Motherhood: Fertility, Infertility, and the Ritual Struggle to Conceive

Madhuri Yadlapati, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
Mothers, Matriarchs, and Divine Revelation: Returning to Sita and Sarah

Yudit Greenberg, Rollins College
Rebecca: Mother, Prophetess, or Conspirator

Responding:

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University Chicago

Business Meeting:

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding



Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Rosemary P. Carbine, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Theme: *Doing Saving Work: Feminist Reconstructions of Sin and Redemption*

Wendy Farley, Emory University

That by Which We Fall Is That by Which We Rise: A Feminist Analysis of Desire and Redemption

Serene Jones, Yale University

Redeeming "Harem," Saving "Law"

Joy McDougall, Emory University

The Bondage of the I/Eye: A Feminist Proposal for Redeeming Christian Sin-Talk

Responding:

Rebecca S. Chopp, Colgate University



Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding

Theme: *Where Do We Go from Here? Assessing the Fundamental Commitments of Latino/a Theologies*

Jorge A. Aquino, Graduate Theological Union
"Ni Blancos, Ni Negritos?" On the Interpretation of Racial Formations as a Fundamental Challenge for Latino/a Theologies

Maria T. Davila, Boston College
"Dignidad en la Lucha": Latina/o Ethics and U.S. Civil Society

Ivan Petrella, University of Miami
On the Failure of Liberation Theologies in the Americas: The Case of Latino/a Theology

Christopher D. Tirres, Harvey Mudd College
A Pragmatic Bridge between Cultural and Political Action



Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Theme: *Testing Secularism*

Grace Kao and Jerome Copulsky, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
The Pledge of Allegiance and the Limits of Civil Religion

James McBride, Schulte, Roth, and Zabel LLP
Girard's Will, Nineteenth-Century Philadelphia, and the Origins of Secular Government: A Tale of Capital, Philanthropy, and the Supreme Court

I. Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University
Secularism or Secular Humanism as Reactive Deviance

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College & Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo
Constitutional Secularization: Religious Pluralism and the Canadian Courts

Responding:

Robert A. Yelle, University of Illinois

Business Meeting:

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding



A21-24

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Beth Eddy, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Theme: *Topics in Empiricism and Pragmatism*

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia

Who's Afraid of Reductionism? Cognitive Science, Pragmatism, and the Humanities

Matthew Day, Florida State University

Let's Be Realistic: Evolutionary Complexity, Instrumental Biology, and the Cognitive Science of Religion

Finbarr Curtis, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Danger of "Wholes without Rhythm": The Productivity of Pluralism in Dewey's Aesthetic Theory

David R. Perley, University of Toronto

Cultural Pragmatist or Defender of the Unseen: Sorting through Contrasting Appropriations of William James in the Study of Religion

Business Meeting:

Frederick J. Ruf, Georgetown University, Presiding

David Lamberth, Harvard University, Presiding



A21-25

Religion and Science Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University, Presiding

Theme: *What the Bleep Do We Know? The Future of the Religion and Science Discourse*

Panelists:

Robert J. Russell, Graduate Theological Union

Lou Ann G. Trost, Pigeon, MI

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California

Kirk Wegter-McNelly, Boston University

Barbara Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University, Presiding



Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Vesna Acimovic Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Dialogues and Debates on Tibetan Medicine, Healing, and Religion*

Panelists:

Alejandro Chaoul, Rice University

Frances Garrett, University of Toronto

Eric Jacobson, Harvard University

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College



Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Marla J. Selvidge, Central Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *Religions and Denominations Working Together for Peace*

Noreen Herzfeld, St. John's University

The Danger of Religious Nationalism and Hope for Renewal: Lessons from Srebrenica

Hee An Choi, Boston University

Koreanized Christianity toward Peace and Justice: A Case Study of Korea's Independence

Scott Holland, Bethany Theological Seminary/CrossCurrents journal

The Decade to Overcome Violence on the Nigerian Road: Stories from Abuja to Kano

Emily J. Choge, Moi University

The Role of Religions in Promoting Peace among the Refugees and Their Neighbors: A Case Study of Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya

Vern Neufeld Redekop, Saint Paul University

Reconciliation in Sudan: A Framework for Muslims, Christians, and Traditional Africans

Business Meeting:

Susan Windley-Daoust, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Presiding



A21-28

Roman Catholic Studies Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Mary Henold, Roanoke College, Presiding

Theme: *Regional Catholicisms: Pennsylvania and Beyond*

Katie Oxx, Claremont Graduate University

Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church: Problematizing the Catholic-Protestant Relationship in Early National Philadelphia

Andrew Stern, Emory University

Southern Harmony: Catholicism and Freedom in the Antebellum South

Michael Pasquier, Florida State University

"The Religion of the Sisters": Catholic Sisterhood and Southern Manhood in Confederate Hospitals

Kristin Schwain, University of Missouri-Columbia
The Founding of the State of Liberty Spiritual? Violet Oakley's Mural Series and Roman Catholic Protest

Responding:

Raymond A. Patterson, Saint Michael's College

Business Meeting:

Jeffrey Marlett, College of Saint Rose, Presiding
Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University, Presiding



A21-29

Scriptural Reasoning Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Peter Ochs, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Scripture, Democracy, and Traditions*

Randi Rashkover, York College of Pennsylvania
Reasoning through the Prophetic: A Reading of Luke 4:14-30

C. C. Pecknold, University of Cambridge
Augustine's Readable City: Beyond the Politics of Empire

Mohammad Azadpur, San Francisco State University
Islam, Liberalism, and Democracy

Responding:

Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh
Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University



A21-30

Contemporary Pagan Studies Consultation
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Theme: *Boundaries and Paths to Authenticity*

Aislinn Jones, American Academy of Religion
Gods of Blood and Gods of Land: Authenticity Claims in Celtic Paganism

Chas S. Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo
Flying Ointments and the Discourse of Secrecy in Contemporary Wicca

Helen Berger and Douglas Ezzy, West Chester University
Paths to Teenage Witchcraft: A Cross National Study

Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania
co-presenter with Berger

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Missouri, Kansas City
Dating Modern Paganism: Material Culture and Calendrical Subversion

Responding:

Michael York, London, United Kingdom

Business Meeting:

Michael York, London, United Kingdom, Presiding
Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding



A21-35

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Cosponsored with the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Holocaust in Central and Eastern Europe*

Vladimir Georgiev, Shoumen University

The Bulgarian Orthodox Church and the Holocaust: Addressing Common Misconceptions

Georgeta Pana, University of Bucharest

Antisemitism in the Orthodox Church and the Holocaust in Romania

Gershon Greenberg, American University

Faith and Death for the Wartime Leadership of the Slobodka, Lithuania, "Musar" (Moralistic) Yeshivah

Responding:

Suzanne Brown-Fleming, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum



A21-31

AAR Annual Business Meeting

Monday - 11:30 am-12:45 pm

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

AAR members are encourage to join the Board of Directors for the annual business meeting of the Academy.



A21-32

EIS Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday - 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding



A21-33

Religion and Disabilities Task Force Meeting
Monday - 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Kerry Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University, Presiding



Sacred and Religious Sites of Philadelphia Bus Tour
Monday - 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Peter W. Williams, Miami University of Ohio and E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Please meet at the signposted area outside the Marriott Philadelphia Hotel at 12:45 pm. Bus tour is by reservation only; please have your ticket ready. Tour tickets will be mailed with the name badge materials in September.

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description. Separate registration is required.



Special Topics Forum
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

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

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Racial and Ethnic Minority Mentoring: A Conversation among Graduate Students and Scholars*

Panelists:

Sharon Watson Fluker, Fund for Theological Education

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University

Malinda E. Berry, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Union Theological Seminary, New York

James Samuel Logan, Princeton Theological Seminary

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A21-52

Special Topics Forum

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by the Publications Committee

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *The Second Edition of the Encyclopedia of Religion*

Panelists:

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Frederick M. Denny, University of Colorado, Boulder

Chris Jocks, Arizona State University

Amy M. Hollywood, University of Chicago

Responding:

Lindsay Jones, Ohio State University, Columbus

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A21-53

Special Topics Forum
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by AAR and Temple University

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Picturing Faith: Photography and the Great Depression*

Panelists:

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

Responding:

Miles Orvell, Temple University

David Harrington Watt, Temple University

The lecture will be followed by a reception at the photography exhibit based on Professor McDannell's work at the Mellon Society of Fellows, 10th Floor Gladfelter Hall (12th Street and Berks Mall) on the campus of Temple University. A bus will be provided following the session for attendees interested in viewing the photos.

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A21-54

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and SBL's Reading, Theory and the Bible Group

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Karl A. Plank, Davidson College, Presiding

Theme: *Post-Scripture[s]/Post-Holocaust: Representing the Irreparable in the Art of Samuel Bak*

Gary A. Phillips, University of the South

Bak's Impossible Memorials: Giving Face to the Children

Danna Nolan Fewell, Southern Methodist University

co-presenter with Phillips

Charles Rix, Drew University
Quartet for the End of Time

Yvonne Sherwood, University of Glasgow
Iconoclash and Akedah

Responding:

Samuel Bak, Weston, MA

 **A21-55**

Buddhism Section
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Justin McDaniel, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Encounters with Modernity*

Stuart Chandler, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Traditionalist and Modernist Voices in Contemporary Chinese Buddhism

Juliane Schober, Arizona State University
The Theravada Buddhist Engagement with Modernity in Burma

Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University
Resisting the Global in Sri Lankan Buddhist Nationalism

Ellen Goldberg, Queen's University
Buddhism and Cognitive Theory: A Response to Modernity

Responding:

Stephen Covell, Western Michigan University

 **A21-56**

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Nora O. Lozano, Baptist University of the Americas, Presiding

Theme: *Mary and Divine Creativity*

Cyrus Olsen, University of Oxford

Divine and Human Creativity in the Annunciation: Beauty and Illumination

Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Graduate Theological Union

Guadalupe and the Role of Beauty in the Birth of a New People

Nathan Jennings, University of Virginia

Mary, Sophia, and the Ascetical Aesthetics of the Doctrine of God in the Thought of Pavel Florensky

Melissa Stewart, Adrian College

Reflections on Mary as More Than a Reflection of God

Business Meeting:

David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding



A21-57

Ethics Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jane Hicks, St. John Fisher College, Presiding

Theme: *"We Fight Our Own Battles": Women's Moral Agency and the Politics of Punitive Public Policies*

Mary E. Hobgood, College of the Holy Cross

Justice Theory and US Progressives: A Feminist Ethical Critique

Noelle Damico, University of the Poor

Morality That Impoverishes and the Impoverishment of Morality: Poor Women Resisting!

Cheri Honkala, Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign

co-presenter with Noelle Damico

Ethel Long Scott, Women's Economic Agenda Project

co-presenter with Noelle Damico

Jonathan Gichaara, Urban Theology Unit, Sheffield
African Traditional Ethics: Role of Women and Authority in the Family and HIV/AIDS

Linda Ellison, Harvard University
Why the Left Has Been Left Behind: Moral Marketing, Dangerous Divides, and Ethical Ineffectiveness in the American Abortion Debate

 **A21-58**

**North American Religions Section and Religion, Media, and Culture
Consultation**

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Diane Winston, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theme: *Media, Commodities, and Practices in Religious Culture*

Faydra Shapiro, Wilfrid Laurier University
Consuming Community: A Case Study in Jewish Material Culture and Practice

Carol Harris-Shapiro, Gratz College
Bloody Shankbones and Braided Bread: Food Narratives and the Fashioning of American Jewish Identities

Beth Graybill, University of Maryland
Performing Amish Tourism: Lived Religion and Commerce in the Lancaster County Marketplace

Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Thoughts on Approaches to the Study of Popular Religion, with Examples from Madonna's Anti-War Video "American Life"

Responding:

Anthea Butler, University of Rochester

 **A21-59**

**Philosophy of Religion Section
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Feminism and the Philosophy of Religion*

Kimerer L. LaMothe, Granville, NY

Becoming Body: Nietzsche's Gift to the Feminist Philosophy of Religion

Beverley Clack, Oxford Brookes University

Phantasy, Feminism, and the Philosophy of Religion

Wesley Barker, Emory University

Secundarizing the Feminine and Sexing the Divine: Consequences of Levinas's Secundarization of Sexual Difference

Wendy Wiseman, University of Washington

In the Beginning: Kristeva, Cixous, and the Abject Mother of Metaphysics



A21-60

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding

Theme: *Robert Wuthnow: The Significance and Methodology of His Work for Religion and the Social Sciences*

Panelists:

Wade Clark Roof, University of California, Santa Barbara

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University

Stephen L. Carter, Yale University

Mark Noll, Wheaton College

Responding:

Robert Wuthnow, Princeton University



A21-61

Religion in South Asia Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Joseph Walser, Tufts University, Presiding

Theme: *Money Problems: Money, Wealth, and Religion in South Asia*

Panelists:

Douglas Osto, SOAS, University of London

Leah Renold, University of Virginia

Amy C. Bard, Columbia University

Ami Shah, University of California, Santa Barbara

M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University

Selva, J. Raj, Albion College

Responding:

Richard H. Davis, Bard College



A21-62

**Study of Islam Section and Study of Judaism Section and Theology and
Continental Philosophy Group**

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jeffrey Kosky, Washington & Lee University, Presiding

Theme: *The Jew, the Arab: A History of the Enemy*

Panelists:

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

Elisabeth Weber, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:

Gil Anidjar, Columbia University

Business Meeting:

Jeffrey Bloechl, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding



A21-63

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Serene Jones, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Empire*

David R. Brockman, Southern Methodist University

Christian Exceptionalism, American Exceptionalism: Texas and the Christian Contribution to the Ideology of the American Empire

Jenny Dagers, Liverpool Hope University College

Dissolving Christian Monism: The Gift of Altering Hospitality

Anselm K. Min, Claremont Graduate University

Globalization, Imperialism, and Christian Theology

Whitney Bauman, Graduate Theological Union

Creatio ex Nihilo, Terra Nullius, and the Colonial Mind



A21-64

African Religions Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Gwinyai Muzorewa, Lincoln University, Presiding

Theme: *Issues in the Historiography of African Religions*

Robert M. Baum, Iowa State University
"Religion" in the Time of the Ancestors: Methodological Problems in the Interpretation of Precolonial African Religious History

Keisha Armorer, Temple University
Separating the Historical from the Mythic in Ese Ifa, the Sacred Poems of Ifa

Frederick P. Lampe, Syracuse University
Living on the Threshold: Liminality and the Globalization of Christianity

Ezra Chitando, Bayreuth University
"Engaged Insiders" in the Study of African Traditional Religions: Prospects and Challenges

Responding:

Sandra E. Greene, Cornell University



A21-65

Christian Spirituality Group and Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Grace Adolphsen Brame, LaSalle University, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritual Practices in Eastern Christianity*

Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College
Becoming a Useful Servant: An Early Model of Monastic Spiritual Formation

Richard Penaskovic, Auburn University
The Notion of Hesychasm in the Triads of Gregory Palamas (1296-1359)

John Eugene Clay, Arizona State University
Popular Uses of the Jesus Prayer in Imperial Russia from the Old Believers to the Name-Glorifiers

Scott Kenworthy, Miami University of Ohio
Paisii Velichkovskii and the Hesychast Revolution in Modern Russian Orthodoxy

 **A21-66**

Confucian Traditions Group and Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Natalie B. Dohrmann, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Confucianism and Law*

Quoc Viet Nguyen, University of Kassel
Confucian Values and the Dilemma of Transition to the Rule of Law in Vietnam: An Explanation from Institutional Economics Perspective

Weon Chu, Brookline, MA
A Social Ethicist Look at Confucian Social Conservatism through Max Weber's Thesis

Vivian-Lee Nyitray, University of California, Riverside
co-presenter with Dena Davis

Dena S. Davis, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Cloning and Identity in Confucian and Western Contexts

Responding:

Jane Geaney, University of Richmond

 **A21-67**

Evangelical Theology Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Melissa (Wyndy) Corbin, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelical Theology and Scripture*

Craig A. Carter, Tyndale University College and Seminary
Citizenship and Discipleship: Tensions in the New Testament and Postmodernity

Alan G. Padgett, Luther Seminary
The Canonical Sense of Scripture as a Whole: Trinitarian or Christocentric?

Telford Work, Westmont College
Evangelicals in the Factory of Scripture

 **A21-68**

Hinduism Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

John Hawley, Barnard College, Presiding

Theme: *The Bhakti Movement—Says Who?*

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Pennsylvania
Bhakti as Public Culture

Shandip Saha, University of Ottawa
Multiple Emplotments of the Pushtimarg in "Bhakti Movement" Thinking

Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University
The Absence of Siva: The North/South Issue Reconsidered

Neelima Shukla Bhatt, Wellesley College
Performance as Translation: Mira Songs in Gujarat

Business Meeting:

Balagangadhara Rao, Ghent University, Presiding

 **A21-69**

Islamic Mysticism Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Women's Contributions to Sufism: New Readings and Research*

Laury Silvers, Skidmore College

Statistical Analysis, Comparison, and Close Readings: Getting at the Data on Early Pious and Sufi Women

T. Emil Homerin, University of Rochester

"Inspired with an Awesome Book": The Mystical Life and Writings of `Â'ishah al-Bâ`ûnîyah (d. 922/1517)

Rkia Elaroui Cornell, University of Arkansas

Rabi'a the Teacher

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University

Mothers, Wives, and Daughters: Female Mysticism in a Family Context

Responding:

Joseph Lumbard, The Royal Hashemite Court of Jordan

Business Meeting:

Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding



A21-70

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Julianne Buenting, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Lesbian Lives: Remembrance and Transformation*

Gayle R. Baldwin, University of North Dakota

For the Orphans and Widows

Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Ending a Long Silence: The Memoirs of Loretta Coller

Responding:

Lori Rowlett, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Business Meeting:

Elizabeth A. Say, California State University Northridge, Presiding

Gayle R. Baldwin, University of North Dakota, Presiding



A21-71

**Men's Studies in Religion Group and Religion and Disability Studies Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College, Presiding

Theme: *Masculinities, Disabilities, and Religion*

Amy Laura Hall, Duke University

Holy Husbandmen: The American Social Hygiene Association's Program for Virility

Darla Schumm, Hollins University

From Superman to Super Jesus: Constructions of Masculinity and Disability on the Silver Screen

Mark Justad, Vanderbilt University Divinity School, Center for the Study of Religion and Culture

Masculinity, Disability, and Religious Imagination

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology

What Makes a Man? Reflections from Disability Theology

Responding:

Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont, CA



A21-72

**New Religious Movements Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Greg Johnson, Univ of Colorado at Boulder, Presiding

Theme: *Devoted to the Outdoors: Nature Recreation as Religious Practice*

Bron Taylor, University of Florida
Surfing into Spirituality

A. Whitney Sanford, Iowa State University
Pinned on Karma Rock: Popular Understanding of Whitewater Kayaking as Religious Experience through Hindu and Buddhist Terms

Samuel Snyder, University of Florida
 Casting for Connection: Religion, Ethics, and Environmental Conservation in Fly Fishing Culture

Barbara Jane Davy, Ottawa, ON
Paddling Toward the Divine: A Critical Look at Canoeing and Nature Religion in Canada

Responding:

William C. James, Queens University



Person, Culture, and Religion Group and Wesleyan Studies Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Rebekah Miles, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Transformation in Wesleyan Traditions*

Keith Haartman, University of Toronto
Watching and Praying: John Wesley's Method of Personality Transformation

Lallene Rector, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
A Psychoanalytic Investigation of the Transformative Impact of Sanctification Experience and Belief in the Conversion of Julia A. J. Foote, Nineteenth-Century Holiness Preacher

Lacey Warner, Duke University
co-presenter with Rector

Hetty Zock, University of Groningen
Paradigms in Psychological Conversion Research: The Emergence of the Biographical-Narrative Approach

Responding:

A. Gregory Schneider, Pacific Union College



A21-74

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jay Bregman, University of Maine, Orono, Presiding

Theme: *Neoplatonism, Dead or Alive: Is Neoplatonism a Living Tradition? Part II*

Edward P. Butler, New York, NY

Neoplatonism and Polytheism

John Bussanich, University of New Mexico

Living Neoplatonism

Vladimir Kharlamov, Drew University

Pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite: Living Neoplatonic Tradition in Practice and in the Theology of Eastern Orthodoxy

Edward Moore, St. Elias Orthodox Theological Seminary

The Legacy of Neoplatonic Theology in Orthodox Christianity

Business Meeting:

Willemien Otten, Utrecht University, Presiding



A21-75

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Suzanne J. Crawford, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Emotions, Suffering, and Efficacy*

Andrew Crislip, University of Hawaii, Hilo
Healing Emotions and Curing the Soul in Late Antique Monastic Psychology

Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College
Healing Pain: Issues of Efficacy in Biomedicine and Religious Traditions

Jude Aguwa, Mercy College
Typology and Functions of Agwu Sculptures in Dibia Therapeutic Practices

Responding:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Suzanne J. Crawford, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding



Open and Relational Theologies Consultation
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Eric Mazur, Bucknell University, Presiding

Theme: *American Empire and Religion*

James K.A. Smith, Calvin College
The Gospel of Freedom or Another Gospel? Theology, Empire, and American Foreign Policy

Laurie A. Cozad, University of Mississippi
The United States's Imposition of Religious Freedom: The International Religious Freedom Act

Michael York, London, United Kingdom
An "Ex-Pat's" View on the American Empire and Its Religious Divide with Europe

C. Neal Keye, College of St. Scholastica
Unknown Knowns: What Americans Don't Know They Know about the History of American Empire and Religion in the Age of the "Photo Wars" and "Torture Memos"

Responding:

Lynne Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College



A21-100

Arts Series/Films: F. S. A. Photo Exhibit Curated by Colleen McDannell
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by AAR and Temple University

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A21-101

Special Topics Forum
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Theme: *David Tracy: Tragedy as Cultural Unconscious of Western Religion and Philosophy*

Panelists:

David W. Tracy, University of Chicago

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A21-102

Special Topics Forum
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Publications Committee

Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, Presiding

Theme: *How to Publish Your Book: Advice from Oxford University Press and the AAR Book Series Editors*

Panelists:

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco

Susan E. Henking, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

James Wetzel, Villanova University

Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology

Anne E. Monius, Harvard University

Kevin Madigan, Harvard University

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A21-103

Special Topics Forum

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Task Force

Bradley L. Herling, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Exploring the Field: Philosophy of Religion, and Religion and Literature - A Graduate Student Discussion Series*

Panelists:

Richard Amesbury, Valdosta State University

Martyn A. Oliver, Boston University

Responding:

William J. Wainwright, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Wesley A. Kort, Duke University

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A21-104

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Arthur Sutherland, Loyola College and Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Religion and Violence: Approaches and Traditions*

Panelists:

Anne Murphy, Columbia University

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College

Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge

Paul Younger, McMaster University

Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University

Responding:

Michel Desjardins, Wilfrid Laurier University

Business Meeting:

Sidney Brown, University of the South, Presiding

Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, Presiding



A21-105

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and SBL's Reading, Theory, and the Bible Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Post-Scripture[s]/Post-Holocaust: Representing the Irreparable in the Art of Samuel Bak*

Lawrence L. Langer, Boston, MA

Skeptical Visions and Scriptural Truths in Samuel Bak's Genesis Paintings

Alicia Ostriker, Rutgers University
Bak's Jacob: Painting as Midrash

Dan Mathewson, Emory University
Survival and the Impossible in the Work of Samuel Bak and the Book of Job

Responding:

Samuel Bak, Weston, MA



A21-106

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Warren G. Frisina, Hofstra University, Presiding

Theme: *(World-)Religionization: The Politics of Religion-Making*

Arvind Mandair, Hofstra University
Constructing Sikhism as a "World-Religion": Transcendence, Historicism, and the Comparative Imaginary of the West

Markus Dressler, Hofstra University
Religionizing Turkish Alevism: The Compelling Power of Institutionalized Religion

Timothy Daniels, Hofstra University
Javanism, Tourist Culture, and Religious Rationalization

Greg Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
"That's Not the Way We Operate": The Political Implications of the Globalatinized Mandala

Responding:

Angela Zito, New York University



A21-107

Ethics Section

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Taigen Daniel Leighton, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *The Contemplation of Social Activism: Prospects and Resources for Zen Social Ethics*

Thomas P. Kasulis, Ohio State University, Columbus
Zen as a Social Ethics of Responsiveness

Dale S. Wright, Occidental College
What Understanding of Self and World Is Presupposed in Zen Monastic Practice?

Jin Y. Park, American University
Zen Buddhism as a Public Discourse: How Do We Turn Wisdom into Compassion?

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College
Not Buying into Words and Letters: Zen, Ideology, and Prophetic Critique

Responding:

John C. Maraldo, University of North Florida



A21-108

History of Christianity Section

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Travis Frampton, Hardin-Simmons University, Presiding

Theme: *Apostates, Heretics, and Trouble-makers in the History of Christianity*

J. Patrick Hornbeck, University of Oxford
The Development of Heresy: Eucharistic Theologies in English Lollard Dissent

Karen Bruhn, Arizona State University
The Accidental Apostate: "Drowsie Protestants," Temporary Faith, and Deconversion among the Godly in Late Elizabethan and Early Stuart England

Philip Harrold, Winebrenner Theological Seminary
Varieties of "Turning From": Modernist Deconversion Narratives in a Midwestern Academic Community

Jonathan Moore, Grinnell College
The Devil Went Down to Hoopston: Pagans, Christians, and American Identity

Responding:

E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania

 **A21-109**

Religion in South Asia Section and Hinduism Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Michael C. Linderman, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Dharma and the Sastras: The "Religious" and the "Secular" in Hindu Scholasticism*

Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University
Punishment and Expiation

Ethan Kroll, University of Chicago
Early Modern Sastric Views on the Legal Principle of Svatva

Timothy C. Cahill, Loyola University, New Orleans
Indian Literary Critics on "Dharma"

Donald R. Davis, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Hinduism as a Legal Tradition

Responding:

Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas, Austin

 **A21-110**

Study of Islam Section
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Azam Nizamuddin, Elmhurst College, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Approaches to Salafi Islam*

Scott Lucas, University of Arizona
Al-Bukhari's Legal Theory: An Early Model of Salafi Islam

Walid Saleh, University of Toronto
Salafism and Intra-Islamic Confessional Polemics: Ibn Taymiyah's Minhaj al-Sunnah

Natana Delong-Bas, Brandeis University, Boston College
Salafis, Wahhabis and Jihadis: The Ties That Bind?

Jonathan A. C. Brown, University of Chicago
Between Salafi Iconoclasm and Institutional Security: Nasir Al-Din Al-Albani and the Criticism of the Canonical Hadith Collections

Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi, University of Illinois
From Modernizing Islam to Islamizing Modernity: Historical Transformations of the Salafiyyah Movement

Responding:

Omid Safi, Colgate University



A21-111

Study of Judaism Section and Mysticism Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Hindy Najman, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Responding To Elliot Wolfson's Language, Eros, Being (Fordham University Press)*

Panelists:

Kalman P. Bland, Duke University

Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto

Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame

Jeffrey Kripal, Rice University

Responding:

Elliot R. Wolfson, New York University



A21-112

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Eric Boynton, Allegheny College, Presiding

Theme: *Is There a New Civil Religion?*

Daniel Campana, University of La Verne

Civil Religion at the Hearth: Current Trends in American Civil Religion from the Perspective of Domestic Arrangement

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian college

The Rhetoric of "Sacrifice" in the Public Realm: Tales of Obfuscation and Glorification

Stephen M. Johnson, Montclair State University

Re-Viewing the Flag after September 11 and the 2004 Election: Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Votes for Reformed Civil Religion

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University

Making God Safe for Democracy? Visions of American Civil Religion Old and New



A21-113

Women and Religion Section

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Women's Religious Leadership and Feminist Identity*

Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University -- Camden

Daoist Priestesses in Sociopolitical Transformation and Cultural Transmission in Northern China during the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries

Kimberly Hill, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Integrating the "Race Woman": Approaches to Ministry among African Methodist Episcopal Women in the 1870s

Malgorzata Kruszewska, California Institute of Integral Studies
Krolowipolski: Black Queen-Mothers of Poland

Priscilla Eppinger, Graceland University
"Maternal Desires": Deconstruction of the Moral Value of Womanhood by Nineteenth-Century Reformers

Tracy Tiemeier, Boston College
"I Shall Pluck by the Roots These Useless Breasts": A Comparative Approach to Asian American Women's Identity Construction

Business Meeting:

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University, Presiding



Black Theology Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *Renewed Conversation: A Meeting of Black and Process Theologies*

Panelists:

Henry James Young, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

Theodore Walker, Southern Methodist University

Barbara Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary

Karen Baker-Fletcher, Southern Methodist University

Monica A. Coleman, Bennett College for Women

Responding:

Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University, Presiding

 **A21-115**

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Gregory Spinner, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Theme: *Death and Dying in Hindu and Jewish Traditions*

T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University

Funeral Hymn (Sukta) Connected with Death Given in the Rgveda: A Study

Kyoko Murata, Georgia State University

Death and Dying Rituals in Hindu Communities in Atlanta

Harlan J. Wechsler, Jewish Theological Seminary

Taharah: Maavar Yabok and Purifying the Dead

Ellen Posman, Baldwin-Wallace College

A Time to Mourn: A Comparative Analysis of Hindu and Jewish Mourning Practices

Responding:

Marcy Braverman Goldstein, University of Judaism

 **A21-116**

Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, Presiding

Theme: *Riding the Margins: The Performance of Queer Religious Identities*

John-Charles Duffy, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Why Are There So Many Gay Mormon Websites?

Vanja Hamzic, International Initiative for Visibility of Queer Muslims
Queer Muslims: Coming Out to Creator

Steven Lapidus, Concordia University
Queering the Other: The Homosexual and the Jew in Nineteenth-Century Thought

Dugan McGinley, Temple University
Being Queer and Normal at the Same Time? Gay Men in Liturgical and Performing Arts

Responding:

Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University

Business Meeting:

Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University, Presiding



A21-117

Native Traditions in the Americas Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Analytical Conventions for Native Traditions*

Marilyn Notah, University of California, Santa Barbara
A Critical Analysis of Western Healing Practices in Comparison to Indigenous Healing

Brian Clearwater, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Rhetoric of Confusion: "Shamanism," Eliade, and the New Age

Zachary Simpson, Claremont Graduate University
Native American "Religion": A Reassessment and a Constructive Proposal

Enrique Maestas, Flatonia, TX
Native American Epistemology of Religion and Vine Deloria, Jr.

Responding:

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara



A21-118

Person, Culture, and Religion Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Kathleen Bishop, Madison, NJ, Presiding

Theme: *The Psychology of Anomalous Experience and the Nonunitary Self*

G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University

Henri Bergson and William James on Paranormal Experiences and the Multi-Dimensional Self

Jaesung Ha, Vanderbilt University

Spirit Possession, Shin-Byung, and the Restoration of the Self in Korean Shamanism

Felicity Brock Kelcourse, Christian Theological Seminary

Intersubjectivity, Infantile Helplessness, and Occultism: Non-Ordinary Experience in the Dialogue between Freud and Jung

Andrea Mundis, Drew Theological School

Psychology, Neurology, and Their Attempt to Dismiss Mystical Experiences: Should They Succeed?



A21-119

Religion and Popular Culture Group and Animals and Religion Consultation

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Responses to Cultural Changes and Other Animals*

Panelists:

Michael R. Bathgate, Saint Xavier University

Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University

David Aftandilian, University of Chicago

Paul Waldau, Tufts University

 **A21-121**

Ritual Studies Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Theme: *Performance and Change in Civic and Sacred Rites*

Ute Huesken, University of Heidelberg
Conflicts on Appropriate Ritual Procedures in a South Indian Vishnu Temple

Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University
Civil Religion and Public Ritual in Lutherstadt Wittenberg

Sarah Haynes, University of Calgary
Authority and Improvisation in Tibetan Buddhist Ritual Manuals: Tools, Symbols, and Literalism in Text and Performance

Jacob Latham, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Ritual (Re)Creation of the Ancient City

Responding:

Tom F. Driver, Union Theological Seminary, New York

 **A21-122**

Scriptural Reasoning Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

W. Stacy Johnson, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Prophecy Heard and Not Heard*

Panelists:

Michael A. Signer, University of Notre Dame

Willie Young, Endicott College

Umeyye Yazicioglu, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:

Peter Ochs, University of Virginia, Presiding



A21-123

Wesleyan Studies Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

K. Steve McCormick, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Methodism in Eastern Europe: Renewing the Heritage*

Panelists:

S T Kimbrough, United Methodist Church

Heigo Ritsbek, Charismatic Episcopal Church of Estonia, Estonian Evangelical Alliance

Joyce Mauler Michael, Prague, Czech Republic

Sergei Nikolaev, Russia United Methodist Theological Seminary



A21-124

Sacred Space in Contemporary Asia Consultation

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Pamela D. Winfield, Meredith College, Presiding

Theme: *Map and Reality*

Laurel Kendall, American Museum of Natural History
Auspicious Places in a Mobile Landscape: Of Shamans, Shrines, and Dreams

Alexander Gardner, University of Michigan
Ris-Med (Non-Sectarian) Sacred Geography: Religious Authority and the Regional Unification in Nineteenth-Century Khams (Eastern Tibet)

Xiaofei Kang, St. Mary's College of Maryland
Two Temples, Three Religions, and Tourist Attractions: Contesting the Sacred Space at the Sino-Tibetan Border

Mark McGuire, Cornell University
From the Dual Mandala to World Heritage: Mount Ômine's Emergence as a Hotspot on Global Tourist-Pilgrims' Itineraries

Responding:

Eve L. Mullen, Mississippi State University

Business Meeting:

Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding
Pamela D. Winfield, Meredith College, Presiding



A21-129

Reformed Theology and History Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Martha L. Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *"Reconciled Memory": Book Review Session with Miroslav Volf*

Panelists:

Miroslav Volf, Yale University

Responding:

Sarah Coakley, Harvard University
Michael Wyschogrod, New York, NY
Nicholas Wolterstorff, Grand Rapids, MI

Business Meeting:

Robert J. Sherman, Bangor Theological Seminary, Presiding
Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding

 **A21-125**

Plenary Address
Monday - 7:15 pm-8:15 pm

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Plenary Panel: The Future of Religion in the West: Perspectives*

Panelists:

Sarah Coakley, Harvard University

Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary

Julius Schoeps, University of Potsdam

Teresa Berger, Duke University

Vincent J. Cornell, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.

 **A21-126**

Arts Series/Films: *Left Behind: The Movie*
Monday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Sponsored by Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

John Lyden, Dana College, Presiding

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A21-127

Arts Series/Films: *The Magdalene Sisters*
Monday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Sponsored by Religion and Sexuality Group

See [Program Highlights](#) for a description.



A21-128

AAR Program Unit Chairs and Steering Committee Members' Reception
Monday - 9:00 pm-10:30 pm

Program unit chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception in their honor hosted by the Program Committee.



A22-2

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Grace G. Burford, Prescott College, Presiding

Theme: *An Elephant Ain't Always an Elephant: The Importance of Cultural Context in Teaching*

Joseph E. Bush, United Theological Seminary the Twin Cities
Theological Education in South Pacific Cultures

Michael F. Strmiska, Central Connecticut State University
When Life Gives You Beets, Make Borscht: On Almost Teaching Religious Studies in Post-Soviet Eastern Europe

June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart University
"It Fulfills My Requiremen'": Strategies of Passionate Teaching to Dispassionate Students

Juliane Hammer, Elon University
Teaching "Islam in America": Essentialism, Race, and Politics

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida
Queer Pedagogy! Or, Is Authenticity Overrated?



A22-3

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Sacramental Arts*

Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary
Sacramental Sound: Theological Aesthetics in a Musical Mode

Steven Shakespeare, Liverpool Hope University
Bordering on the Unsayable: George Steiner and Søren Kierkegaard on Music, Language, and Sacrament

Paul Myhre, Wabash Center
Painting as Sacrament: An Examination of the Aesthetics and Sacramental Theology of Salvador Dalí in the 1950s

Brannon Hancock, University of Glasgow
The Eucharist and Body Modification: The Aesthetics of Brokenness



A22-4

Buddhism Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Wang Youru, Rowan University, Presiding

Theme: *New Perspectives on the Awakening of Faith*

Kosei Ishii, Komazawa Junior College

Trends in Modern Day Research on the Dasheng Qixin Lun in Japan, China, and Korea

Alan Cole, Lewis and Clark College

A Plan for the Past: The Role of Innate Perfection in the Awakening of Faith's Sinification of Buddhism

Tao Jin, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

The Formulation of Exegetical Issues in the Introductory Sections of Early Qixin Lun Commentaries

A. Charles Muller, Toyo Gakuen University

A Comparison of Huiyuan's and Weonhyo's Approaches to the Problem of the Two Hindrances in the Awakening of Mahayana Faith

Dan Lusthaus, Boston University

Why, If We Are Originally Enlightened, Is There Non-Enlightenment? The Awakening of Faith's Neglected Answers

Responding:

Robert M. Gimello, Harvard University



A22-5

Christian Systematic Theology Section

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

David Berger, Brooklyn College, Presiding

Theme: *Abraham's Promise: The Thought of Michael Wyschogrod*

R. Kendall Soulen, Wesley Theological Seminary

The Achievement of Michael Wyschogrod

Michael Walzer, Institute of Advanced Study

Covenant and Body in the Thought of Michael Wyschogrod

Walter Lowe, Emory University

Michael Wyschogrod and the Task of Systematic Theology

Responding:

Michael Wyschogrod, New York, NY



Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: *Current Research on the Afterlife*

Guy Beck, Tulane University

Soteriology, Music, and the Afterlife in Theistic Hinduism

Mark L. Blum, University at Albany

Redefining Death in Mahayana Buddhism: The Antarabhava Sutra and the Deconstruction of Karma

Yechiel Shalom Goldberg, California State University, Long Beach

Nourished by the Divine Splendor: The Individual and the Afterlife in Thirteenth-Century Kabbalah

Kiki Kennedy-Day, Rutgers University

An Eleventh-Century Islamic Perspective on the Afterlife: Ibn Sina's Thoughts on the Ma'ad (Return)

Responding:

Robert Thurman, Columbia University



History of Christianity Section

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Arun W. Jones, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *East Meets West: Intra-Christian Tensions and Relationships*

Jennifer C. Lane, Brigham Young University, Hawaii
Comos and Communion: The Orthodox and the Other in Thirteenth-Century Central Asia

Korinna Zamfir, Babes-Bolyai University
An Overview of the Tensions Related to Mixed Matrimony in Transylvania during the Eighteenth–Twentieth Centuries

István Keul, Free University of Berlin
Denomination and Ethnic Affiliation in East Central Europe: Past and Present

Brian P. Bennett, Niagara University
Western Christianity as Other: The Discourse of "Latinism" in Russian History

Amy A. Slagle, University of Pittsburgh
The Internalized Other: Narrative Constructions of Ethnicity among American-Born Converts to Eastern Orthodox Christianity

Responding:

Milica Bakic-Hayden, University of Pittsburgh



A22-8

North American Religions Section

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Sex, Fear, and Loathing*

Amy Sitar, Princeton University
The Fear of Sex: Evangelical Protestants, Adolescents, and the Pro-Family Movement in Late Twentieth-Century American Culture

Kelly Baker, Florida State University
Hate Made Flesh (and Cloth): Religious Hate Groups and the Creation of Identity through Dress

Brian Froese, Canadian Mennonite University
Body Apocalyptic: Reading Evangelical Raptures, 666, and Resurrections in the Twentieth Century

Responding:

Edward Ingebretsen, Georgetown University
Amy Johnson Fryckholm, Leadville, CO



A22-9

Philosophy of Religion Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Kevin Schilbrack, Wesleyan College, Presiding

Theme: *Liberalism, Pluralism, and Social Ontology*

Jens Zimmerman, Trinity Western University
Martin Heidegger and the Limits of Phenomenology

James Kraft, Huston Tillotson University
Philip Quinn's Contribution to the Epistemological Challenge of Religious Diversity

Robert Erlewine, Rice University
Revealed Truths and Fissured Societies: Habermas and the Problem of Monotheism

Michael Johnson, University of Chicago
Heidegger and Thanatology in Twentieth-Century Continental Thought



A22-10

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Anthropology of Religion Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Angela Zito, New York University, Presiding

Theme: *Ethnographies of Media: Performance, Audience, and Meaning*

Christopher Chesnek, University of California, Santa Barbara
Contesting Spirits: Native Traditions in the Spiritual Marketplace

Kevin O'Neill, Stanford University
Movie House: Viewing Christianity in an Emotional Borderland

Patton Dodd, Boston University
Hollywood and Evangelical Identity

Hannah Sanders, Curry College, Milton
From Victim to Witch: Discourses of Dis/Empowerment in 1990s Teenage Witchcraft

Responding:

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

 **A22-11**

Study of Islam Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Jocelyne Cesari, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Public Discourses on Islam in American Society after September 11?* -
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Panelists:

Sherman Jackson, University of Michigan

Saeed Khan, Wayne State University

Munir Jiwa, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

H. Chad Hillier, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago

Responding:

Qureshi Emran, Harvard University

 **A22-12**

Study of Judaism Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Randi Rashkover, York College of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Jewish Thought: Culture and Curriculum*

Alan Verskin, Princeton University
Teaching Philosophy to the Multitude: The Thought of Nissim B. Moshe of Marseilles

Ellen Haskell, Franklin & Marshall College
Metaphor, Transformation, and Transcendence: Toward an Understanding of Kabbalistic Imagery in the Book of Zohar

Marc Krell, University of Arizona
The Prophetic Narrative as a Basis for Religious Socialism in Weimar Germany: Jewish and Christian Attempts to Navigate between Historicism and Dialectical Theology

Kenneth Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College in Pennsylvania
The Art of Writing: The Diaries of Mordechai Kaplan



A22-13

Women and Religion Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Women and Religious Performance*

Kristi Upson-Saia, Duke University
Performance Anxiety: Religious and Gender "Performance" in the Attire of Ancient Female Christian Ascetics

Julie J. Kilmer, Olivet College
Troubling Performativity: Creating Subversive Religious Identities

Cynthia Elledge-Volker, Claremont School of Theology
More Bloodshed in the Name of God: When Contemporary Self-Injury Behavior Has Religious Significance

Kimberleigh Jordan, New York University
Black Bodies Moving in Sacred Space: African American Liturgical Dance

Kelly E. Hayes, Indiana University/Purdue University
Dark Side of the Sacred: Pomba Gira in Brazil



A22-14

Afro-American Religious History Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College, Presiding

Theme: *Unmasking the Body with Passion and without Fear: Black Religions and Black Materiality as Social Constructs of Food, Health, and Identity*

Julius Bailey, University of Redlands

"That Hardy Race of Pioneers": Constructions of Race and Masculinity in AME Church Histories, 1865-1900

Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College

The Body as Menagerie: African-American Narratives of Supernatural Affliction

Stephen Finley, Rice University

Homoeroticism, the Body, and the African-American Heterosexual Male Quest for Meaning in the Black Church

Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis

The Riddle of the Bean Pie: Religion and Food in the Nation of Islam, 1960-1975

Responding:

Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:

Debra Mubashshir Majeed, Beloit College, Presiding



A22-15

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Union Theological Seminary, New York, Presiding

Theme: *Reformulations of Religion and Spirituality in Asian America*

David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College

Buried in Time's Memory: Nostalgia, Cosmopolitanism, and the Asian American Religious Imagination

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California

The Moral Minority: Race, Religion, and Conservative Politics in Asian America

Naoki Okamura, Claremont School of Theology

Cultural Oppression and Losing One's Spiritual Voice: A Case for Elderly Japanese-American Women

Responding:

Rudiger V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Duncan Williams, University of California, Irvine, Presiding

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding



A22-16

Confucian Traditions Group

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Robert C. Neville, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Contemporary Relevance of Neo-Confucianism*

Yong Huang, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Why Be Moral? The Cheng Brothers' Neo-Confucian Conception of Morality and Happiness

John Berthrong, Boston University

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Stephen Angle, Wesleyan University

Learning to Look for Harmony

Eske Mollgaard, St. Lawrence University
Can We Pick Up on the Discourse of the Sages?

Business Meeting:

Keith Knapp, The Citadel, Presiding

 **A22-17**

Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University, Presiding

Theme: *Sacred Tops, Manly Bottoms: Readings of Ron Long's Men, Homosexuality, and the Gods*

Panelists:

Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ

Robert E. Goss, Metropolitan Community Church

Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion

Kathleen M. Sands, University of Massachusetts, Boston

Responding:

Ronald E. Long, Hunter College

 **A22-18**

Mysticism Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Neil Douglas-Klotz, Edinburgh Institute for Advanced Learning, Presiding

Theme: *The Mystical Experience: Natural or Supernatural?*

Sandra Costen Kunz, Princeton Theological Seminary
Dust and Wind: The Relationality between Natural and Supernatural in James Loder's Model of Mysticism for Social Transformation

G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University
Henri Bergson's Trans-Natural Mysticism

Mark McInroy, Harvard University
"Spiritual Senses," Natural, and Supernatural in Hans Urs von Balthasar's Theological Aesthetics

Luke Higgins, Drew University
Interstitial Spatiality, Relationality, and Spiritual Freedom: A "Natural" Whiteheadian Perspective on Mystical Experience



A22-19

Religion and Ecology Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Issues of Science, Simplicity, and Sustainable Community in the Quakers, Mennonites, and Amish*

Ellen Ross, Swarthmore College
Earth Visions: Philadelphia Quakers on Nature and Religion

Trevor Bechtel, Bluffton University
The Gospel of All Creatures Then and Now

Darla Schumm, Hollins University
co-author with Holt

Sally D. Smith Holt and Darla Schumm, William Jewell College
From Subsistence to Factory Farming: Rethinking Mennonite Conceptions of Community as an Ecological Response

Anna Peterson, University of Florida
Community, Nature, and Religion in Salvadoran and Old Order Amish Agrarian Communities

Marie Vandenberg, Indiana University East
Countercultural Simplicity: Theology and Practice among Amish and Quakers in Indiana



A22-20

Religious Freedom, Public Life, and the State Group

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Andrew William Getz, Duquesne University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Public Life: Here and There*

Jillinda Weaver, Emory University

Who Does God's Work? George W. Bush on Here and There

Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University

Pluralizing the Jeremiad: Narrative and Religious Diversity in Contemporary American Public Life

Alexei Krindatch, (Graduate Theological Union

Religion, Public Life, and the State in Putin's Russia

Kristin McLaren, University of Ottawa

Sukarno's Indonesia: A Muslim Alternative to Western-Style Democracy and the Islamic State



A22-21

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Ritual Studies Group

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Popular Religion*

Jennifer Hughes, Mt. Holyoke College

The Case of María Tiburcía, Mexican Itinerant Preacher and Curandera: The Recuperation of Theology for the Study of Latin American Religion

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton

"I Get Goosepimples!" Transnational Ritual: The Transfiguration of the The Salvadoran Divine Savior of the World

Ruth J. Chojnacki, University of Chicago
Whose Popular Religion? (Re)Construing Catholic Ritual Practice in Mexico's Maya Highlands

Jean Molesky-Poz, Santa Clara University
Discerning the Fire: "To Connect to the Mystery in Which We Trust" Maya Ritual Space, Sacred Time, and Ways of Knowing

Responding:

Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

 **A22-22**

Roman Catholic Studies Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Theme: *New Angles from Ethnography and History in the Study of U.S. Catholicism*

Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University
Reconceptualizing Catholic Studies: Perspectives from the Study of "New Nuns"

Susan Ridgely Bales, Princeton University
A Theology of Taste: First Communion as Embodied Ritual

Luis Enrique Murillo, Trinity University
Wither the Parish? Considerations of the Impact of Mexican and Mexican-American Transnationalism

Julie Byrne, Duke University
The New American Catholicism: Old Catholics and Internet Evangelism

Responding:

Scott Appleby, University of Notre Dame

 **A22-23**

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: *Empire, Globalization, and Religion: Interactions with Michael Hardt and Antonio Negri*

Arvind Mandair, Hofstra University

Empire or Globalization: Religion, Post-Colonial Sovereignty, and the Politics of Resistance

Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College

Secularization and the Multitude: An Alternative Theology of Empire

Michele Saracino, Manhattan College

Facing Narcissism and Embracing Borders in the Midst of Empire

Responding:

Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary
