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
A18-5

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

A18-8

Friday - 9:00 am-10:45 am

A18-3

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.

A18-4

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.

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A18-6

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

Carey J. Gifford, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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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
A19-2

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

Stacy L. Patty, Lubbock Christian University, Presiding

A19-3

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

A19-4

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

Kimberly Bresler, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

A19-5

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

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding

A19-6
Publications Committee Meeting  
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding

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A19-7

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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A19-8

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
A19-9

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.

A19-10

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

A19-11

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

A19-12
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

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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:
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

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

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**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*
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

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

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**A19-19**

**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 Festal 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*

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**A19-20**
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

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*

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

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**A19-24**

**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:
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

Please meet at the signposted area outside the Marriott Philadelphia Hotel at 9:15 am. Bus tour is by reservation only; please have your ticket ready. Tour tickets will be mailed with the name badge materials in September.

Mark I. Wallace, Swarthmore College, Presiding

See Program Highlights for a description. Separate registration is required.

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

Please meet at the signposted area outside the Marriott Philadelphia Hotel at 9:15 am. Bus tour is by reservation only; please have your ticket ready. Tour tickets will be mailed with the name badge materials in September.

Moses N. Moore, Arizona State University, Presiding

See Program Highlights for a description. Separate registration is required.

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.

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**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
See Program Highlights for a description.

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

See Program Highlights for a description.

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

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**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

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**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 Extremes”: 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:
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 Evangélicos/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*

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**A19-60**

**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

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**A19-61**
**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

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**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*
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  

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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:  

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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

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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

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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

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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

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**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 Sôen’s “Zen”*

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

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**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
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*

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**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

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**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
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

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

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

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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A19-101

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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A19-102

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

Kathlyn A. Breazeale, Pacific Lutheran University
Negotiating Transformative Education through Feminist Pedagogy: Challenging Perspectives from Ethics and Art
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 Saigyo: Centripetal and Centrifugal Religious Orientations to Heiankyo
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

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**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*

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**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

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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

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**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

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**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*

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**A19-111**

**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*

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A19-113

**Women and Religion Section**

**Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Toroitch D. Cherono, 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-HistoricThealogy 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

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**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

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 Spiritualte”: “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*
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

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**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*

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**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

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**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*

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**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*

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**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

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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

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**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.

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**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.

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**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

Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University

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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

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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

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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

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: Haudenosaunee 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

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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 Marczewska-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

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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

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**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*
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 Salermo

Mihaela Timus, Bucharest, Romania

Responding:

Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC

Lawrence E. Sullivan, University of Notre Dame

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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

Jeffrey Marlett, College of Saint Rose
*Rebel Yell: Father Arthur Terminiello and American Catholicism’s Conspiratorial Margins*

Responding:
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

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**A20-12**

**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-Zamakhshari’s "Umm al-Kashšāf" and "Khalaqa l-Qur’ān”*

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

Phillip Hoefs, Temple University
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

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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

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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

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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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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*

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**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

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**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
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

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.

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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 LaRochelle, 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

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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:
Open and Relational Theologies Consultation  
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

A20-29

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

The theme of the consultation is: *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

Signifying (on) Scriptures Consultation and SBL's Signifying (on)Scriptures Group  
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

A20-30
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.

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**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.

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**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.
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*

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**A20-55**

**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

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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

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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

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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

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**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  
*Ilin’ the Evil, Outing the Absurd: Kierkegaardian Irony Meets Machiavellian Grotesquetry 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

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**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

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**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

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**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  

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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*
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
Pragmaticist 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

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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

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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

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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

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**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

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**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*

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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

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**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

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**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

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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

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**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.

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**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

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**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
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*

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**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

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**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

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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.*

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**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

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**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 Buddhisms

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

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**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

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**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

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:
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

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

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

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

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**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 Chrisitianity*

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

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**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
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

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

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**A20-124**

**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
**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

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**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
Arthur Pressley, Drew University
Business Meeting:
Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Presiding

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

Lorilii Biermacki, 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 Timalsina, 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.

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A20-134

**JAAR Editorial Board Reception**
Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding

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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.

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A21-1

**Nominatons Committee Meeting**
Monday - 7:00 am-8:30 am

Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

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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.

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**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.

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**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
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 Shaktta 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

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**A21-9**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

**Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding


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 Larsson, 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*

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**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
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

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

Florian Pohl, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: Sectarian Indentities 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

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**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:
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

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

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**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
A21-20

**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

Responding:

Rebecca S. Chopp, Colgate University

A21-22

**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 Blanquitos, 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

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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

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
**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

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**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

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A21-26

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

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A21-27

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

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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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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.

EIS Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday - 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Religion and Disabilities Task Force Meeting  
Monday - 11:30 am-1:00 pm  
Kerry Wynn, Southeast Missouri State University, Presiding

A21-50  
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.

A21-51  
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.

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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

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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
*Dive 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

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**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 Domico*
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
*Secondarizing the Feminine and Sexing the Divine: Consequences of Levinas’s Secondarization of Sexual Difference*

Wendy Wiseman, University of Washington
*In the Beginning: Kristeva, Cixous, and the Abject Mother of Metaphysics*

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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

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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 Daggers, 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

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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

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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*
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*

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**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:

Balagangadhar Rao, Ghent University, Presiding

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**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 ʿĀʾishah al-Bâʿūnîyah (d. 922/1517)*

Rkia Elaroui Cornell, University of Arkansas
*Rabiʿa 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

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**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:
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

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**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*

Laceye Warner, Duke University  
*co-presenter with Rector*

Hetty Zock, University of Groningen  
*Paradigms in Psychological Conversion Research: The Emergence of the Biographical-Narrative Approach*
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

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

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**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

See Program Highlights for a description.

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

See Program Highlights for a description.

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
See Program Highlights for a description.

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
See Program Highlights for a description.

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

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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

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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

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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

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**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 inLate 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 Hoopeston: Pagans, Christians, and American Identity*

Responding:

E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania

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**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

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**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

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**AAR 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:
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

Michelene 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

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**A21-114**

**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

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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

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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

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**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:
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
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

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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

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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

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**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

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?*

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**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 Dali in the 1950s*

Brannon Hancock, University of Glasgow
*The Eucharist and Body Modification: The Aesthetics of Brokenness*

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**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

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**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:
A22-6

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

A22-7

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

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**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:
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

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**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

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**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
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

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

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**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*
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

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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 Vandenbark, 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 Tiburcia, 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

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**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

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**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 Globalatinization: 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