

AAR Online Program Book

November 18-21, 2006
Washington, DC, USA



A17-1

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

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding



A17-2

Chairs Workshop – Personnel Issues: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly
Friday - 9:00 am-4:30 pm

Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee

Betty A. DeBerg, University of Northern Iowa and Chester Gillis, Georgetown University,
Presiding

Panelists:

Daniel O. Aleshire, Association of Theological Schools

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College

Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University

L. DeAne Lagerquist, Saint Olaf College

Chun-Fang Yu, Columbia University

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www.aarweb.org/departments/workshops/2006Washington/default.asp.

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A17-5

North American Association for the Study of Religion: Executive Council Meeting

Friday - 9:00 am-11:30 am



A17-6

North American Paul Tillich Society

Friday - 9:00 am-11:15 am

Terrence O’Keefe, University of Ulster, Presiding

Theme: Philosophical and Theoretical Assessments of Tillich

B. Keith Putt, Samford University

Affirming Acceptance/Accepting Affirmation: Tillich’s “Stroke of Grace” and Derrida’s “Yes”

Daniel J. Peterson, Pacific Lutheran University

Where to Find the Hidden God: The Turn from Self to Other in Tillich’s Theology

Jari Ristiniemi, University of Gävle

Ethics and Expressionism: Things, Individuals, and Common Concerns

Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Capitalism as Quasi-religion? A Durkheimian Enhancement of Tillich



A17-8

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting

Friday - 9:00 am-11:30 am



A17-3

**Religion and Media Workshop - The "Muhammad Cartoon" Controversy:
Perspectives on Media, Religion, Law, and Culture
Friday - 10:00 am-6:00 pm**

Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado, Boulder

Laury Silvers, Skidmore College

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo

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A17-7

**North American Paul Tillich Society
Friday - 11:30 am-1:15 pm**

Matthew Lon Weaver, Duluth, MN, Presiding

Theme: Tillich and the Dialogue of Theology and Psychology

John P. Dourley, Carleton University

Tillich's Dialogue with Psychology

Britt-Mari Sykes, University of Ottawa

Analyzing the Experiential Side of Sin: A Dialogue Between Paul Tillich and Existential Analysis

Terry Cooper, St. Louis Community College District

Tillich, Sin, and Psychotherapy: A Replay of the Pelagian Controversy



A17-4

Women's Caucus Workshop

Friday - 12:00 pm-3:00 pm

Paula Trimble-Familetti, Chapman University, Harriet Luckman, College of Mount St. Joseph, and Laurie Wright Garry, Mount Saint Mary's College, Presiding

Darnise Martin, Loyola Marymount University
Dissertation and Publishing Strategies

Elizabeth A. Say, California State University, Northridge
Strategies for Women in the Academy

Julie J. Kilmer, Olivet College
Academic Freedom and the Pursuit of Happiness: (Re)claiming the Rights of Liberal Educators

Linda A. Moody, Mount St. Mary's College
Preserving Academic Freedom in the Midst of "Calls to Accountability": Trends in Higher Education

Beverley Haddad, University of KwaZulu-Natal
The Gendered Face of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in South Africa

Rebecca T. Alpert, Temple University
Care of Self and Care of Others

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A17-50

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Friday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Theme: *Egregious Elephants? Unexplained Oversights and Omissions in the Academic Study of Religion*

Bryan Rennie, Westminster College

Iranian Eschatology and Middle Eastern Religion: Explaining the Relative Absence of the Zoroastrian Tradition from Mainstream Anglophone Biblical Religious Studies

Greg Alles, McDaniel College

Hindutva and History: On the Adverse Effects of Political Ideology on Writing the History of Hinduism

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University

“Wild Facts”: *Some Thoughts on Our Taming Neglect of F.W.H. Myers and Ian Stevenson*

Responding: Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside



A17-53

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting
Friday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm



A17-55

Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
Friday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

1:00 pm Business Meeting

2:00 pm Victor Shepherd, Tyndale Seminary, Toronto

The Torrances and the Logic of the Reformation

See www.tftorrance.org for more information.



A17-52

Person, Culture and Religion Group
Friday - 2:00 pm-6:30 pm

2:00-3:45 Book Panel: Lee H. Butler, Jr., *Liberating Our Dignity, Saving Our Souls*

Mary Clark Moschella, Wesley Theological Seminary

Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Arthur Pressley, Drew University

Lee H. Butler, Jr., Chicago Theological Seminary

3:45-4:00 Coffee Break

4:00 *Spirit and Psyche in a Washington, DC Art Collection*

5:30-6:30 Experiential Workshop: John McDargh, Boston College

Focusing (Based on the Work of Eugene Gendlin) -- A Resource for Therapy, Spiritual Direction, and Teaching



A17-51

North American Paul Tillich Society

Friday - 2:15 pm-4:00 pm

Stephen Butler Murray, Skidmore College, Presiding

Theme: On the Personal God: A Tillichian Conversation

Robison James, University of Richmond and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond

Dealing with the "Personal Encounter Deficit" in Tillich

Jean Richard, University of Laval

The Personal God as Objectivation of Religious Experience

A. Durwood Foster, Pacific School of Religion

Tillich's Two God-Models



A17-54

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

Friday - 3:00 pm-5:00 pm

Theme: *The Saint John's Bible and Calligraphy as Spiritual Practice*

The Saint John's Bible is the first major commissioned hand-written Bible in almost 500 years. All are invited to join Rev. Christopher Calderhead, scribe and author of *Illuminating the Word: The Making of the Saint John's Bible* (<http://calderhead.org>) in viewing pages from the Bible, learning to make simple calligraphic strokes, and exploring the spiritual dimensions of the art of the scribe. Materials will be provided. For additional information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.



A17-105

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Friday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Marie Eisenstein, Indiana University Northwest, Presiding

Theme: *Context: "Religion" as a Colonial and Postcolonial Category*

Tim Fitzgerald, University of Stirling

Encompassing Religion, Privatized Religions, and the Invention of Modern Politics

John Zavos, University of Manchester

Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts: Comparing the 1893 and 2004 World Parliaments of Religions

Jun Isomae, Japan Women's University

Critiquing Current Critiques of the Field of Religious Studies



A17-106

North American Association for the Study of Religion: Working Group
Friday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Theme: *Current Directions in the Economic Study of Religion*

Speaker: Laurence Iannaccone, George Mason University

Panelists:

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College

Anne Koch, University of Munich

John Rundin, University of California, Davis

Although audience members are welcome to attend, NAASR Working Groups provide opportunities for scholars interested in a common topic to pursue collaborative work.



A17-110

Société Internationale D'Études Sur Alfred Loisy
Friday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm



A17-111

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies
Friday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Theme: *Religious Self-Fashioning and the Role of Community in Contemporary Buddhist and Christian Practice*

Alice A. Keefe, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Presiding

4:00-4:25 Sandra Costen Kunz, Princeton Theological Seminary

Christian and Buddhist Confession, Affiliation, and Countercultural Action

4:30-4:55 Gene Reeves, International Buddhist Congregation

Hoza: The Dharma Teacher Chapter Embodied

5:00-5:15 Break

5:15-5:40 Duane R. Bidwell, Texas Christian University

Practicing the Religious Self: Buddhist-Christian Identity as Social Artifact

5:45-6:05 Respondent: Sallie B. King, James Madison University

6:05-6:30 Open Discussion



A17-107

North American Paul Tillich Society

Friday - 4:15 pm-6:30 pm

Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: Issues Concerning God, Christ, and the Trinity in Tillich's Theology

Owen C. Thomas, Episcopal Divinity School

Historical Criticism, Faith, and Christology: Tillich in Conversation

Stephen Butler Murray, Skidmore College

The Essential Place of the Knowledge of God and Acceptance of Revelation in Tillich's Metaphysics of Divine Action

Lars Heinemann, MLU Halle-Wittenberg

Tillich's Shift to Ultimate Meaning and the Origin of his Theory of Symbols (1919-1924): A Two-fold Argument against Exclusive Claims about the Absolute

Chung-Hyun Baik, Graduate Theological Union

Paul Tillich's Trinity: Tension between Its Symbolic and Dialectical Characteristics under the Trinitarian Structure of System



A17-113

Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet

Friday - 6:00 pm-10:00 pm

Bistro D'Oc

518 10th St. NW

6:00 Social Hour

7:00 Banquet (Contact David Kangas at dkangas@mailier.fsu.edu)

8:00 Norman Lillegard, University of Tennessee, Martin

Kierkegaard and Divine Motivation Theory

 **A17-100**

Arts Series/Films: *Dawn of the Dead*

Friday - 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Rachel Wagner, Oregon State University, Presiding

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#Films for details.

 **A17-101**

Arts Series/Films: *Les Maîtres Fous*

Friday - 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Jens Kreinath, University of Heidelberg, Presiding

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 **A17-102**

International Connections Committee Meeting

Friday - 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding

 **A17-103**

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

Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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 **A17-108**

North American Paul Tillich Society Banquet
Friday - 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Speaker: William R. Crout, Harvard University, founder and curator of the Paul Tillich Lectures at Harvard University, *Tillich's Years at Harvard*

 **A17-112**

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
Friday - 7:00 pm-10:00 pm

Theme: *Teaching Christian Spirituality: The Introductory Course*

A workshop with brief presentations on pedagogy and sample syllabi from introductions framed for doctoral, seminary, and undergraduate contexts, followed by small group discussions. All interested persons are welcome to participate.

Joseph Driskill, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Panelists:

Arthur Holder, Graduate Theological Union

Lisa Dahill, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Heather Eaton, St. Paul University, Ottawa

A light reception will follow. For additional information, contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.



A17-104

AAR Program Unit Chairs and Steering Committee Members' Reception
Friday - 8:30 pm-11:00 pm

John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Program unit chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception in their honor hosted by the Program Committee.



A17-109

Polanyi Society
Friday - 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

9:00 Walter Mead, Illinois State University

A Polanyian Resolution of the Age-old Conflict between Faith and Reason

10:00 Tony Clark, University of St Andrews

Torrance, Polanyi, and Imaginative Vision



A18-36

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Saturday - 7:00 am-8:30 am

Information Session: *The 2010 World Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)*

Donald Wiebe, Director of the International Congress Secretariat, Presiding



A18-38

North American Paul Tillich Society Board of Directors Meeting
Saturday - 7:00 am-8:30 am



Academic Relations Committee Meeting
Saturday - 7:30 am-9:00 am

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding



International Members' Breakfast
Saturday - 7:30 am-9:00 am

Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding



Regional Officers Breakfast
Saturday - 7:30 am-8:45 am

Jacqueline Pastis, La Salle University, Presiding



Theological Education Steering Committee Meeting
Saturday - 7:30 am-9:00 am

John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding



A20-118

SWP breakfast meeting with Gender Program Unit chairs (AAR and SBL)
Saturday - 7:30 am-8:45 am



A18-5

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

Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College, Presiding



A18-6

Publications Committee Meeting
Saturday - 7:45 am-11:30 am

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding



A18-7

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

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

Melissa Johnston-Barrett, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *A Behind-the-Scenes Look at the On-Campus Interview*

Panelists:

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Santa Clara University

Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University

Jennifer Harvey, Drake University

F. Douglas Powe, Saint Paul School of Theology

Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#SpecialTopicsForums for details.



A18-8

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: *"When You See the Teacher on the Road, Kill Him": Contemplative Practice as Pedagogy*

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

The Question Is the Answer: Contemplative Education at Naropa University

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawaii, Manoa

A Practical Approach to Mysticism

Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University

Contemplative Exercises in an Undergraduate Buddhism Course

Stanford J. Searl, Union Institute

Contemplative Practices in Higher Education: Silence and Social Action

Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University

Contemplation in Creativity and Inspiration



A18-9

Buddhism Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Karen Derris, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: *Omnibus Panel: Critical Perspectives on Interpreting Buddhist Texts and Traditions*

Mark Dennis, University of Wisconsin
Transdiscursivity: Japan's Shōtoku Taishi as "Author" of Buddhist Texts and Tradition

Tao Jin, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Alternate Ways of Categorizing Buddhist Doctrinal Systems: The Textual Organization of Qixinlun in Commentaries

Mark L. Blum, State University of New York, Albany
Jodoshinshu's Two-Truth Theory and the Politics of Religion in Meiji Japan

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona
Literatis' Interpretations of the Suramgama Sutra in Seventeenth-Century China

Andrew H. Quintman, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Keeping Milarepa in Mind: Tibetan Biography as Autobiographical Revelation



A18-10

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Economies of Hope: Confronting Globalization*

Timothy Harvie, University of Aberdeen
Economics of Hope: Church Life in a Global Era

Luke Bretherton, King's College, London
Consumerism, Personhood, and Christian Political Witness

Paul D. Murray, University of Durham
Redeeming Catholicity for a Globalizing Age: The Sacramentality of the Church

David Haddorff, Saint John's University
Why Barth Makes a Difference in the Globalization Debate



A18-11

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Religion in South Asia Section
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

John Hawley, Barnard College, Presiding

Theme: *Powerful Objects: Materiality and Metonymy in Four Religious Communities*

Andrea Pinkney, Columbia University

Form from Plenitude: Prasāda in Classical Sanskrit Literature

Anne Murphy, The New School

The Guru's Weapons

Carla Bellamy, Columbia University

Got Lobān? Effacement, Abundance, and the Cross-Tradition Appeal of Indian Islamic Healing Centers

Anya (Anna) Bernstein, New York University

Food for the Gods: The Matter of Sacrifice among the Shamans and Buddhists of Buryatia

Responding:

Richard H. Davis, Bard College



A18-12

Ethics Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Katherine Hancock Ragsdale, Political Research Associates, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelical Initiatives/Women's Bodies*

Lucinda J. Peach, American University

Globalizing "The Word": The Influence of Faith-based Organizations on US Anti-sex Trafficking Policy

Lynne Gerber, Graduate Theological Union

Desire and "Health": Making Bodily Change in Two Evangelical Ministries

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, University of California, Santa Barbara

Lobbying for Abstinence: Gender, Race, and the Politics Surrounding the HPV Vaccine

Responding:

Pam Chamberlain, Political Research Associates



A18-13

History of Christianity Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Euan Cameron, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Review of Lyndal Roper's Witch Craze: Terror and Fantasy in Baroque Germany (Yale University Press, 2004)*

Panelists:

H.C. Erik Midelfort, University of Virginia

Susan Karant-Nunn, University of Arizona

Walter Stephens, Johns Hopkins University

Responding:

Lyndal Roper, Oxford University

Business Meeting:

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University, Presiding

Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding



A18-14

North American Religions Section

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

John Corrigan, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Washington, DC Mall: Living Civil Religion or Museum Artifact?*

Elizabeth McKeown, Georgetown University
Religion on the Mall

Eric Mazur, Bucknell University
Washington, DC: Sacred Capital on the Banks of the Potomac

Responding:

John F. Wilson, Princeton University
Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College
Sylvester Johnson, Indiana University, Bloomington



Philosophy of Religion Section
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

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

Theme: *Paul Ricoeur and the Philosophy of Religion I*

Ronald Kuipers, Institute for Christian Studies
Between Belonging and Estrangement: Paul Ricoeur and Jürgen Habermas on the Question of Religious Identity and Tradition in a Post-Secular World

Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia
Ricoeur, Levinas, and the Problem of Suffering

Dan Stiver, Hardin-Simmons University
An Odyssey of Interpretation: Ricoeur's Latest Works

Diane M. Yeager, Georgetown University
From Verdict to Voice: Ricoeur's Reconstruction of Conscience



Women and Religion Section
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

E. Ann Matter, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Dorothee Sölle Retrospectives*

Ann Herpel, Union Theological Seminary, New York
"How Do We Live Whole Lives in the Midst of a Death Machine?": Dorothee Sölle and the Empire of Full Spectrum Dominance

Dianne L. Oliver, University of Evansville
"Bound into the Web of Life": Remembering Dorothee Sölle's Mystical-Political Vision of God through the World

Denise Starkey, Loyola University, Chicago
Confronting, Consoling, Contemplating: Dorothee Sölle's Theology of Suffering

Sumi Jeung, University of Toronto
Dorothee Sölle Retrospective: Significance of Theology of Suffering for Women's Spirituality

Krishana Suckau, Boston University
Becoming a Drop in the Sea of God's Love: The Radical Christianity of Dorothee Sölle



A18-17

Afro-American Religious History Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Debra Mubashshir Majeed, Beloit College, Presiding

Theme: *Variegated Faces: Non-traditional Histories of Black Islam*

Malachi Crawford, University of Missouri, Columbia
Fashioning a Religion: Domestic Workers and the Lost Found Nation of Islam (1933-1942)

Paul Easterling, Rice University
Moorish Magic and Noble Drew Ali's Temple of Hip Hop: Hip Hop Music and the Legacy of Black Nationalism in America

Michael Muhammad Knight, Phelps, NY
Death-Angels and Muslim Sons: The Question of White Five Percenters

Responding:

Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis



A18-18

Confucian Traditions Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Vivian-Lee Nyitray, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *The Religious Status of Confucianism*

Joseph Adler, Kenyon College

Confucianism as Religion/ Religious Tradition/ Neither: Still Hazy after All These Years

Edward Y. J. Chung, University of Prince Edward Island

Confucian Li and Family Spirituality: Reflections on the Contemporary Korean Tradition of Ancestral Rites

John Tucker, East Carolina University

The Metaphysics of Ancestor Worship in Early-Modern Japan

Yong Chen, Vanderbilt University

The Latest Development of the Controversy on Confucian Religiosity

Anna Xiao Dong Sun, Kenyon College

Is Confucianism a Religion in China? Intellectual Controversies and a Preliminary Ethnographic Study

Responding:

Thomas Selover, University of Saskatchewan



A18-19

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

Shelly Rambo, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Binaries: New Feminist Perspectives on Christian Themes*

Wesley Barker, Emory University

Sexual Ethics beyond Sexual Difference

Amy Carr, Western Illinois University

The Hairball We Cannot Swallow: Religious Readings of "Feeling Dirty" in Victimization

Flora A. Keshgegian, Brown University

Power Plays: Victimization, Innocence, and Agency in Christian Narratives of Redemption

Elizabeth Gish and Sarah Peck, Harvard University
On the Altar: The Vagina Monologues as a Site for Ritualized Liberatory Narrative

Business Meeting:

Rosemary P. Carbine, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

 **A18-20**

Japanese Religions Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

James L. Ford, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *Japanese Religiosity from Tokugawa to the Present*

James Baskind, Yale University
Mortification Practices in the Japanese Ōbaku School

Wilburn Hansen, Stanford University
A Japanese Nativist Healing Debate: Magic vs. Medicine

Gaynor Sekimori, University of Tokyo
The Revival of Nikko Shugendō

Mark Wheeler MacWilliams, St. Lawrence University
Manga as Living Visual Narratives in Kōfuku no Kagaku

Responding:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Business Meeting:

Paula K. R. Arai, Carleton College, Presiding

 **A18-21**

Korean Religions Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sungtaek Cho, Korea University, Presiding

Theme: *Aesthetics and Social Context in Korean Religions Today*

Jung Myung Won Raymond, Graduate Theological Union
Iconoclasm, Cultural Space, and Aesthetics: From Fear to Celebration, Focusing on Contemporary Cases in Korea

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Hyangsoon Yi, University of Georgia
Buddhism, Orientalism, and Zen Ethnography in Korean Cinema

Volker Kuester, Kampen Theological University
Minjung Theology Revisited: Christian Religion in the Context of Socio-cultural Changes in South Korea

Michael Ralston, Fort Meade, MD
What Do Unbelievers Believe?

Responding:

William R. LaFleur, University of Pennsylvania
Don Baker, University of British Columbia

Business Meeting:

John I. Goulde, Sweet Briar College, Presiding



A18-22

New Religious Movements Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding

Theme: *Theorizing New Religions: Looking Backward, Looking Forward*

Jeremy Rapport, Indiana University, Bloomington
Discourses of Difference: Examining the Unity School of Christianity as a New Religious Movement

David Bromley and Rachel Bobbitt, Virginia Commonwealth University
Resistance to Charismatic Authority

Marie W. Dallam, Temple University
The Problem of Ideal Typologies for the Study of Liminal Religious Groups

Lorne Dawson, University of Waterloo
New Religion Studies — Whither and Why?



A18-23

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Daniel Hardy, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Theme: *Contributions of Samuel Taylor Coleridge to Major Concerns of the Nineteenth Century*

Liberty Stewart, Emory University
Coleridge's Dynamic Construction of Consciousness as the Promotion of a Philosophical Position and a Moral Disposition

Joel Harter, University of Chicago
Defending Spirit: Symbol and History in Coleridge's Theological Hermeneutics

Jeffrey W. Barbeau, Oral Roberts University
Coleridge, Christology, and the Language of Redemption

Pamela Edwards, Syracuse University
An English Church for a British Nation: Coleridge's Ideas of Common Law, Customary Right, and Cultural Memory

The annual business meeting of the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group will be held Sunday, 7:00-8:30 am, in the Program Unit Chairs' Lounge. Bring your own breakfast.



A18-24

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

Nadia Bolz-Weber, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Deaf Culture and Religion*

Meredith Filiatreault, Gallaudet University

Sacred Signs: Religion among America's Founding Deaf Community

Kirk VanGilder, Boston University

A Journey to the Promised Land: Examining Quasi-Religious Metaphors in Deaf Cultures in Relation to Gallaudet University

Elizabeth Parish, Baylor University

Christianity and Deaf Culture: Philosophical and Social Issues — A Consideration of the Apparent Conflict between Christianity and Deaf Culture

Responding:

Rebecca Raphael, Texas State University

Business Meeting:

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding



A18-25

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

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

Theme: *Africa in Latin America and the Caribbean*

Shelley Wiley, Morningside College

Understanding Haitian Vodou through Marvelous Realism: Avoiding Postcolonial Eurocentrism

Michelle A. Gonzalez, University of Miami

Race, Religion, and Identity: The Afro-Cuban Contribution

Alice Wood, Bethune-Cookman College

Misunderstanding African Healing Practices in the Dominican Infirmary: A New Look at St. Martin de Porres

Ennis B. Edmonds, Kenyon College

Religious Transition in the Periphery: The Case of Revivalism in Fort Charles, a Rural Community in Jamaica

Responding:

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology



A18-26

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Suzanne J. Crawford, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Healing Movement: Techniques, Philosophies, and Implications for Healing and Religion*

Marcy Braverman-Goldstein, University of Judaism
Avoiding and Inviting Madness in Hindu Traditions

Candy Gunther Brown, Saint Louis University
Adjusting Body and Spirit: The Science, Art, and Philosophy of Chiropractic Manipulations

Dennis Kelley, Iowa State University
Spiritual Healing through Physical Practice, Physical Healing through Spiritual Practice: Native American Canoe Traditions and Community Health

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston
Taiji in America: From Healing Technique to Religious Practice and Back Again

John T. Adams, University of California, Santa Barbara
Falun Gong: Exercises for Perfect Health and Enlightenment

Business Meeting:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding



A18-27

Roman Catholic Studies Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Daniel Speed Thompson, Saint Mary's University, Presiding

Theme: *Catholicism and Sex*

Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University

Is Abortion the New Hubris? Recent Catholic Anthropology, Gender, and Public Policy

Gerard Jacobitz, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia

Intrinsically Homosexual: The Vatican's New Instruction on Gays in the Priesthood in the Context of a Living Tradition

Stefanie Knauss, Karl-Franzens University

Celluloid Sex: Filmic Contributions to a Theological Discourse on Sexuality

Brenna Moore, Harvard University

Grief and Sexual Symbolism in Early Twentieth Century French Catholic Thought

Business Meeting:

Jeffrey Marlett, College of Saint Rose, Presiding

Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University, Presiding



A18-28

Science, Technology, and Religion Group

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Stem Cells: The Scientific Frontier and the Ethical Debate*

Panelists:

Gaymon L. Bennett, Graduate Theological Union

Karen Lebacqz, Pacific School of Religion

Martinez Hewlett, University of Arizona

Audrey R. Chapman, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

Munawar Ahmad Anees, Periodica Islamica



A18-29

Biblical/Contextual Ethics Consultation

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Thomas W. Ogletree, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Scriptural/Ethical Reflections on the Use of Political Power*

Ted Grimsrud, Eastern Mennonite University

Revealing a New World: Power According to Biblical Apocalyptic

Betsy Perabo, Western Illinois University

The Arrest of Jesus and the Use of the Sword: Critiques of Power Used By and Against Authorities

Tam Parker, University of the South

Blast with Both Barrels: Dualism and Essentialism in the Use of Scriptural Warrants for Political Ends

Pong Im, Graduate Theological Union

Ban(herem), Genocide, and Tribalism: A Historical and Socio-Cultural Investigation of Amalek in the Old Testament

Business Meeting:

Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Thomas W. Ogletree, Yale University, Presiding



A18-30

Contemporary Islam Consultation

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Richard C. Martin, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Islamist Discourses and Issues*

Rosalind Gwynne, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Abdullah Azzam on Sura 9: From Tafsir to Takfir to Tirade

Raquel Ukeles, Fairfield University
Does Islam Value or Reject Innovation? Qaradāwī's "Modern" Interpretation of Bid'ah

Elizabeth Bucar, University of Chicago
Good Hejab, Bad Hejab: Khomeini and Women's Imperfect Obedience in Iran

Mark J. Sedgwick, American University, Cairo
Hanifi Traditionalism: An Alternative to Salafism in Chechnya

Jacqueline Brinton, University of Virginia
The Role of Islamist Rhetoric in the Perpetuation of Violence against Muslims: The Case of Hassan al-Turabi and Genocide in Sudan

Responding:

Kevin Jaques, Indiana University, Bloomington

Business Meeting:

Richard C. Martin, Emory University, Presiding



A18-31

Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Gordon Lynch, University of Birmingham, Presiding

Theme: *Wrestling with Method: Case Studies in Religion, Media, and Culture*

Benjamin Bennett-Carpenter, Catholic University of America
A New Mediation of an Old Art: Documentary Film as Memento Mori

Curtis Coats, University of Colorado, Boulder
Media and Religion in the Making of Identities of Masculinity, Fatherhood, and Vocation

Matthew Hedstrom, Valparaiso University
Poster Art and the Promotion of Religious Reading in America, 1921-1948: Constructing a Visual Piety of the Printed Word

Lynn S. Neal, Appalachian State University
"I Know There Is Wrestling in Heaven": Eddie Guerrero, Wrestling Fans, and the Transformation of Mourning

Responding:

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Business Meeting:

Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado, Boulder, Presiding
Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa, Presiding



North American Association for the Study of Religion
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Theme: *A Conversation with Daniel C. Dennett's Breaking the Spell: Religion as a Natural Phenomenon*

Benjamin Bennett-Carpenter, Catholic University, Presiding

Panelists:

Luther Martin, University of Vermont

Matthew Day, Florida State University

D. Jason Slone, Webster University

Donald Wiebe, University of Trinity College



Person, Culture and Religion Group
Saturday - 9:00 am-12:00 pm

9:00 Works in progress – New scholars welcome!

10:00 Theme: *Embodied Religious Practices in Psychological Perspective: Part I*

Kathleen Bishop, Madison, NJ

This is My Body: Interplay of Personal Symptom and Public Symbol in Eucharistic Practice

Dirk Lang, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

The Return of the Body in Eucharistic Practice: Psychoanalysis and the Disruption of Ritual

11:30 Business Meeting



A18-41

Polanyi Society

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Jere Moorman, Polanyi Society, Presiding

9:00 Blythe Clinchy, Wellesley College

Epistemological Development as the Aim of Education: A Polanyian Perspective

Respondents:

Dale Cannon, Western Oregon University

Esther Meek, Geneva College

Zhenhua Yu, East China Normal University

11:15 Business Meeting

Walter Gulick, Presiding



A18-42

International Schleiermacher Society

Saturday - 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Theme: *Schleiermacher, Religion, and Politics*

9:00 Review of Schleiermacher's Political Activities and gathering questions for Sen. Salazar

9:30 Conversation with Senator Ken Salazar (D-CO) about Religion and Politics with both prearranged questions and questions from the floor

10:00 *Schleiermacher in the Culture Wars* a paper by Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology

10:45 – 12:00 Roundtable Discussion *Religion and Politics Today: Can Schleiermacher Help Us Make Sense of What's Going on Today?*

Is Schleiermacher's legacy part of the problem as well as part of the solution to our current political malaise? Was Karl Barth, as one of Schleiermacher's most influential twentieth-century critics, right when noting that Schleiermacher put culture where it did not belong? He brought cultural concerns into the "innermost sanctuary [of] his theology." Did Schleiermacher also bring political concerns into this innermost sanctuary? "Is Schleiermacher's theologically grounded politics an appropriate or a dangerous model for 21st century democracies?" Join in the discussion. You are also invited to write a 500-word essay (maximum length) delineating your position on this topic. Bring copies for distribution.

For additional information and receipt of the papers (after October 1) contact: Cathie Kelsey, ckelsey@iliff.edu.



A18-43

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Theme: *Religious Self-Fashioning and the Role of Community in Contemporary Buddhist and Christian Practice*

Harry Wells, Humboldt State University, Presiding

9:00-9:25 Kenneth K. Tanaka, Musashino University

The Individual in Relation to the Sangha in American Buddhism: An Examination of "Individualized Religion"

9:30-9:55 Joseph A. Bracken, Xavier University

Dependent Co-Origination and Universal Intersubjectivity

10:00-10:25 Open Discussion

10:30-10:55 Jonas Barciauskas, Boston College

The Buddhist-Christian Studies Database: A Web-Searchable Resource

11:00-11:30 Business Meeting



Søren Kierkegaard Society
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Theme: *Living Christianly: Kierkegaard's Dialectic of Christian Existence*, by Sylvia Walsh (Pennsylvania State University Press, 2005).

Louise Carroll Keeley, Assumption College, Presiding

Panelists:

Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary

Andrew Burgess, University of New Mexico

David Gouwens, Texas Christian University

Respondent: Sylvia Walsh, Stetson University

For more information contact Louise Carroll Keeley at lkeeley@assumption.edu.



Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality: Presidential Address and Business Meeting
Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

9:00 Presidential Address: David B. Perrin, St. Paul University

The Uneasy Relationship Between Christian Spirituality and the Human Sciences: Psychology as a Test Case

10:30 Business Meeting: Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University, Presiding

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.



A18-47

Saturday - 9:00 am-11:30 am



A18-32

Tour of “African Voices” Exhibit at the National Museum of Natural History

Saturday - 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section, African Religions Group, and Anthropology of Religion Group

Cynthia Hoehler-Fatton, University of Virginia, Presiding

Tour is sold out. See

www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#ArtsSeriesandTours for details.



A18-33

National Museum of the American Indian Tour

Saturday - 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Sponsored by the Native Traditions in the Americas Group

Tour is sold out. See

www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#ArtsSeriesandTours for details.



A18-34

Plenary Address

Saturday - 11:45 am-1:00 pm

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Karen Armstrong -- Religion after September 11*

Panelists:

Karen Armstrong, Birmingham, UK

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#PlenaryandPresidentialAddresses for details.



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

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and American Theological Library Association

Kimberly Bresler, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *ATLA Career Alternatives Luncheon for Doctoral Students in Religion and Theology*

Panelists:

James McDonald, Bread for the World

James P. Wind, Alban Institute

Lucinda Huffaker, Wabash Center

Separate registration is required. See www.aarweb.org/students for more information.



North American Paul Tillich Society Annual Business Meeting
Saturday - 11:45 am-12:45 pm



North American Association for the Study of Religion: Business Meeting
Saturday - 11:45 am-12:45 pm



A18-50

Special Topics Forum

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Roundtable Discussion on HIV/AIDS in Africa with Dr. Pauline Muchina, UNAIDS Senior Women and AIDS Advocacy Officer*

Pauline Muchina, UNAIDS

Panelists:

James R. Cochrane, University of Cape Town

Musa Dube, University of Botswana

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

Margaret Farley, Yale University



A18-51

Special Topics Forum

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding

Theme: *Reporting on Religion from the Nation's Capital*

Panelists:

Kimberly Lawton, *Religion & Ethics, NewsWeekly*

Larry Witham, Washington, DC

Alan Cooperman, *Washington Post*

Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado, Boulder

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#SpecialTopicsForums for details.



A18-52

**Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section and Ritual Studies Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Nikki Bado-Fralick, Iowa State University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Ritual: What We Learn*

Panelists:

Catherine Bell, Santa Clara University

Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University

David Pinault, Santa Clara University

Richard Schechner, New York University

Business Meeting:

Donna Lynne Seamone, Acadia University, Presiding



A18-53

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Religion in South Asia Section
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College, Presiding

Theme: *Popular Devotional Art in Modern India*

Kathryn Hansen, University of Texas

"Mythologicals" and Devotion: Betab's Mahabharata in the Parsi Theatre

Karline McLain, Bucknell University

Radiating a Spiritual Force: Indian Comic Books as Devotional Art

Susan Prill, Hamilton College
Representing Namdev in Punjabi Poster Art

Richard H. Davis, Bard College
Temple in a Frame

Natalie Marsh, Ohio State University
Digital Deities, Online Puja, and Virtual Pilgrimage: An Ongian Reading

Responding:

Stephen Inglis, Canadian Museum of Civilization

 **A18-54**

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

Marcia Bunge, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *Children's Rights and Responsibilities: Interfaith Perspectives*

Don S. Browning, University of Chicago
Should the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Be Ratified and Why?

Mary M. Doyle Roche, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA
Children's Rights and the Common Good in Catholic Social Teaching

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Muslim Children: Problematics and Prospects in Light of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

John Wall, Rutgers University
Human Rights in Light of Children: A Christian Childist Perspective

Responding:

Robert F. Drinan, S.J., Georgetown University

 **A18-55**

Study of Islam Section
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Valerie Hoffman, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Presiding

Theme: *Patterns of Religious Authority and Reform among African Muslims*

Scott Reese, Northern Arizona University
Debating the Equality of Souls: Social Status, Religious Authority, and Sufi Hagiography in Italian Colonial Somalia

Ruediger Seesemann, Northwestern University
Between Tradition and Reform: The Hadhrami Model of Islamic Learning and Religious Authority in Contemporary Kenya

Ousman Kobo, Gettysburg College
Western Educated Muslim Elites and the Development of Ahl al-Sunna Reform Movements in Ghana and Burkina Faso, 1960-1990

Zakyyi Ibrahim, University of Winnipeg
Some Sociological Aspects of Dan Fodio's Nineteenth-Century Reforms

Shobana Shankar, Lafayette College
Popular Revival as Political Reform: The Northern Nigerian Ideal of Islam in a Corrupt Society

Responding:

Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University



A18-56

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

Susan Abraham, St. Bonaventure University, Presiding

Theme: *Empire and the Other*

Thomas Bohache, Episcopal Divinity School
Empire Meets Eros: A Queer (De)Construction

Namsoon Kang, Texas Christian University
Empire(s), Religious Fundamentalism, and Religious Construction of Gender

Jan Pranger, Concordia College, Moorhead
*Kraemer vs. Kraemer: Empire and the Construction of Religious "Others" in the Dutch
Theological Tradition*

Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College
*Foucault and Empire: A Poststructuralist Model for Doing Feminist Theology in a Postcolonial
Age*



A18-57

Women and Religion Section
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Letty M. Russell, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Hagar, Sarah, and Their Children: Jewish, Christian, and Muslim Women in Dialogue*

Panelists:

Judith R. Baskin, University of Oregon

Francine Cardman, Weston Jesuit Theological School

Amina Wadud, Virginia Commonwealth University

Emilie M. Townes, Yale University

Responding:

Phyllis Tribble, Wake Forest University



A18-58

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Asian/Asian American Women Negotiating Power and Authority*

Min-Ah Cho, Emory University

Religion beneath Mother Tongues: Religious Practice and the Act of Writing in Theresa Hak Kyung Cha's Dictee

Nikky Singh, Colby College

Feticide in the Punjab and Fetus Imagery in Sikhism

Karen Yonemoto, University of Southern California

Progressive Politics, Conservative Practices: Re-thinking Gender in Asian American Church

K. Christine Pae, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Gender as an Analytical Tool of "Sin and Redemption": Women, Religious Fundamentalism, and Homosexuality in the Asian Pacific American Community

Responding:

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University



A18-59

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

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

Theme: *Augustine and Biography/Augustine and the Holy Spirit*

Felix B. Asiedu, Middlebury College

In the Company of Augustine: The Postmodern Self and the Unauthorized Life of a Saint

Jane E. Merdinger, Greenbelt, MD

A Critique of O'Donnell's Augustine (2005) and Lancel's Saint Augustine (2002)

Dennis W. Jowers, Faith Seminary

The Unction of Christ with the Holy Spirit as a Difficulty for Augustine's Pneumatology

Aage Rydstrom-Poulsen, University of Greenland

Augustine's Pneumatological Theology of Grace

Business Meeting:

Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, Presiding



A18-60

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

Alton B. Pollard, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Looking for the Way Forward: Black Church Studies and the African Diaspora*

Panelists:

Cecil Cone, African Methodist Episcopal Church

Emmanuel Lartey, Emory University

Jawanza Clark, Emory University

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina

Marcus Harvey, Emory University

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University

Business Meeting:

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding



A18-61

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

Christiane Tietz, University of Tuebingen, Presiding

Theme: *Bonhoeffer Ethics: A New Edition*

Nancy Berlinger, The Hastings Center

Bonhoeffer's Conscience Clauses: Ethics and the Ethics of Refusal

Christine Schliesser, Fuller Theological Seminary and Tuebingen University
"Nobody Can Altogether Escape Responsibility" – Bonhoeffer's Call for a Responsible Life in His Ethics

Ralf Wuestenberg, Freie Universität, Berlin
Promoting a Genuine Dialogue between Religion and Politics: Bonhoeffer's Ethical Distinction between the "Ultimate and the Penultimate Things"

LeRoy Walters, Georgetown University
Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Critique of Nazi "Euthanasia" as Reflected in His Ethics, Two Letters, and a Sermon



A18-62

Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection: Theoretical Concerns and Practical Applications*

John J. Makransky, Boston College
Academic Buddhist Studies as a Resource for Buddhist Communities: Problematics and Possibilities

James Mark Shields, Bucknell University
Vexing Weber: Critical Buddhist Scholarship as a Vocation

Sallie B. King, James Madison University
An Engaged Buddhist Response to John Rawls' The Law of Peoples

Dennis Hirota, Ryukoku University
Toward a Pure Land Buddhist Conception of Truth: Shinran's Jinen Honi in Comparison with Heidegger's Essence of Truth

Business Meeting:

Roger Jackson, Carleton College, Presiding
John J. Makransky, Boston College, Presiding



A18-63

Comparative Religious Ethics Group

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

William A. Barbieri, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Theme: *Authority, Justice, and Compassion in Comparative Perspective*

Elizabeth Bucar, University of Chicago

Beyond Bully Pulpits: The Persuasiveness of Clerical Authority

Betsy Perabo, Western Illinois University

The Fatwa and the Epistle: Genres of Consultation and Advice-Giving in Christianity and Islam

Erin Cline, University of Oregon

Comparing Senses of Justice: Kongzi, Rawls, and the Nature of Comparative Ethics

Amod Lele, Harvard University

The Role of External Goods in Benevolence and Compassion: Applying Śāntideva's Thought to the Work of Martha Nussbaum

Responding:

Mark Allen Berkson, Hamline University

Business Meeting:

Aaron D. Stalnaker, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding



A18-64

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Donald S. Lopez, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: *Religion through the Senses*

Kerry Martin Skora, Hiram College

Embraced by Being: Abhinavagupta's Recovery of the Sense of Touch

Holly Gayley, Harvard University
Soteriology of the Senses in Tibetan Buddhism

Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Brown University
Why the Smells Matter: Ancient Christianity and the Olfactory Imagination

Responding:

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Business Meeting:

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



A18-65

Ecclesiological Investigations Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

Michael A. Fahey, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: The Nature and Mission of the Church: *Ecclesial Reality and Ecumenical Horizons for the Twenty-First Century*

Paul Collins, University of Chichester
The Nature and Mission of the Church *Communion: God, Creation, and Church*

Peter De Mey, Catholic University of Leuven
How to Express the Link between the Church and the Holy Trinity in a Common Ecumenical Discourse? An Analysis of Recent Ecumenical Documents on the Nature of the Church

Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki
Called to be the One Church? The Unity Statements of the WCC and Their Reception in the Document "The Nature and Mission of the Church"

Wolfgang Vondey, Regent University
Pentecostal Perspectives on The Nature and Mission of the Church

Korinna Zamfir, Babes-Bolyai University
Is There a Future for the Catholic-Protestant Ecclesiological Dialogue? The Non-reception and a Challenge for Ecumenical Dialogue

Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University
Are Councils and Synods Decision Making? A Roman Catholic Conundrum in Ecumenical Perspective

Panelists:

Fr K. M. George, Orthodox Seminary, India



Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jacob K. Olupona, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Theme: *Indigenous Religion and Modernity*

Michael Zogry, University of Kansas, Lawrence
"I Hope We Can Civilize Them before They Hurt Themselves": Assessing the Legacy of Vine Deloria, Jr.

Dennis Kelley, University of Missouri, Columbia
Ancient Traditions, Modern Constructions: Innovation, Continuity, and Spirituality on the Pow Wow Trail

Inez van der Spek, Dominican Centre for Theology and Society, Nijmegen
Old Photos, New Connections: Mirroring Western and African Religion

Responding:

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University



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

Marilyn Piety, Drexel University, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and the Spiritual Life*

Paul Carron, Baylor University

Is Hope Located in Future Possibility or in Dying to the Self? Towards a Kierkegaardian Conception of Spiritual Therapy

Olli-Pekka Vainio, University of Helsinki

Kierkegaard's Eucharistic Spirituality

Joseph Ballan, Syracuse University

The Beatitude of Defeat: Anfechtung, Humility, and Prayer in Four Upbuilding Discourses (1844)

Stephen N. Dunning, University of Pennsylvania

Education's Pious Fraud: Kierkegaard's Pedagogy

Responding:

Brian C. Barlow, Brenau University

Business Meeting:

Marilyn Piety, Drexel University, Presiding



A18-68

Men's Studies in Religion Group

Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College, Presiding

Theme: *Issues in Men's Studies in Religion*

Greg Ellis, Moravian Theological Seminary

Theology for Non Elite Males

Ellen M. Ross, Swarthmore College

Men As Peacemakers: Courage and the Practice of Nonviolence

Andre Musskopf, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil

Ungraceful God: Masculinity and the Images of God in Popular Culture in Brazil

Responding:

Mark Justad, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College, Presiding
Mark Justad, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

 **A18-69**

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

June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Mystical Asceticism and Extreme Experience*

Michelle Voss Roberts, Rhodes College
"The Body Gains Its Share": The Asceticism of Mechthild of Magdeburg

Lise Vail, Montclair State University
Shiva's Pain Protocol in Basava's Vacana Poetry

Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University
Astonishing Pain: Mystical Suffering in Christina Mirabilis

Megan Summers, University of Georgia
Pain and Pleasure: Body Modification and Spiritual Experience

Business Meeting:

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

 **A18-70**

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

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Methodological and Theoretical Issues*

Alva Anderson, Wofford College
Eight Is Not Enough: A Pragmatic Response to Daniel Pals' Theories

Stephen Bush, Princeton University
Religious Experience after the Phenomenology of Religion: The Semantics of Religious Experience Reports

Jason Springs, Princeton University
Re-reading Foucault on Power: Fraser, Brandom, and Rorty on the Politics of Self-creation

Responding:

Wayne Proudfoot, Columbia University

 **A18-71**

Signifying (on) Scriptures Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Setting the Agenda: Vincent L. Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University

Leif Vaage, Emmanuel College, Presiding

Theme: *Scriptures and Race, Roundtable Discussion 1*

Panelists:

Angela Bauer-Levesque, Episcopal Divinity School

Elom Dovlo, University of Ghana, Legon

Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison

Sylvester Johnson, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University

Shawn Kelley, Daemen College

Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion

Gay Byron, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

 **A18-72**

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in Theology and Continental Philosophy*

Torin Alexander, Rice University
A Certeauvian Analysis of African American Religion

Christopher C. Brittain, Atlantic School of Theology
Belief and Practice in Talal Asad's "De-privatization" of Religion

Matthew Hagele, Florida State University
Jean-Luc Nancy and the Lineage of Spinoza

Responding:

Eric Boynton, Allegheny College



A18-73

Wesleyan Studies Group
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Theme: *Challenges to the Church*

Douglas Cullum, Roberts Wesleyan College
Fanatical Women: The Struggle toward Public Ministry in the Early Free Methodist Church

Joseph T. Reiff, Emory and Henry College
A Conference in Cultural Captivity: White Mississippi Methodists and the 1963 "Born of Conviction" Statement

Darryl Stephens, Emory University
"We, the People...": The US Cultural Commitments of the United Methodist Social Principles as a Challenge to Global Connection

Business Meeting:

K. Steve McCormick, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding



A18-74

Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Seminar
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *The Buddhist Transformation of Chinese Conceptions of Freedom and Salvation*

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University
Genres of Buddhist Salvation in Classical India

Michael Puett, Harvard University
Freedom and Salvation in Early China

Robert Campany, Indiana University, Bloomington
Buddhist Impact on Chinese Conceptions of Freedom and Salvation?

Business Meeting:

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding



A18-75

Contemporary Pagan Studies Consultation
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Theme: *Pagan Communities: Innovations, Internal Negotiations, and Growth*

Jason Winslade, DePaul University
Alchemical Rhythm: Sacred Dynamic Fire and the Politics of Drumming

Murph Pizza, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
The Fourfold Goddess and the Undying God: Anatomies of Minnesotan Bootstrap Witchcraft Traditions

Laura Wildman-Hanlon, Cherry Hill Seminary
Children of Converts: Generational Retention in the Neo-Pagan New Religious Movement

James Roger Lewis, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
The Pagan Explosion

Business Meeting:

Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding
Michael York, London, United Kingdom, Presiding



A18-76

Coptic Christianity Consultation
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

Sidney Griffith, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Theme: *Coptic Monasticism through the Ages*

Tim Vivian, California State University, Bakersfield
"A Man Holy and Perfect": The Holy Man as Didaskalos (Teacher) and Mathetes (Disciple and Pupil) in the Life of Paisios/Bishoy, Attributed to John Kolobos

Chrysi Kotsifou, American University, Cairo
Encounters with Monks: Coptic Monastic Hospitality Networks

Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College
"The Soul Is Like a Ship": Sailing Imagery in Early Egyptian Monastic Literature

Janet A. Timbie, Catholic University of America
Then Am I Not Obligated: Shenoute of Atripe Writes to a Women's Monastery to Persuade and Discipline

Lois Farag, Luther Seminary
Beyond Their Gender: Coptic Female Monasticism in the Twentieth Century

Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University
Patriarchs Kyrillos VI and Shenouda III: Architects of Contemporary Coptic Monasticism

Responding:

 **A18-77**

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation and Queer Theory and
LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation**
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Ann Pellegrini, New York University, Presiding

Theme: *Body Parts: Sexed Bodies, Secular Bodies*

Panelists:

Angela Zito, New York University

Margaret R. Miles, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley

R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University

Elizabeth Janiak, New York University

Jay Geller, Vanderbilt University

Ann Burlein, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Janet Jakobsen, Barnard College

Molly McGarry, University of California, Riverside

 **A18-78**

Religion, Public Policy, and Political Change Consultation
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *The Politics of Religion and Public Policy*

Ann B. McClenahan, Harvard University
Progressive Religion in the Public Sphere: A Critical Case Study about Health Care Access in Massachusetts

Yvonne Zimmerman, University of Denver
Not Slaves to Men: The Success of Faith-based Politics in Human Trafficking Activism

Joe Pettit, Morgan State University
Interfaith Open Communities: Faith-based Affordable Housing Advocacy in Metropolitan Chicago

Business Meeting:

Joe Pettit, Morgan State University, Presiding



Rethinking the Field Consultation
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

Stephanie Yuhas, University of Denver, Presiding

Theme: *Part I: The Future of "Religion and Ecology" and "Ecotheology"; Part II: The Role of Liberal Theology in the Discipline*

Panelists:

Whitney Bauman, Graduate Theological Union

Samuel Snyder, University of Florida

Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University

Greg Zuschlag, St. Thomas University

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University

Audrey L. Harris, Iliff School of Theology

Gary J. Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Ted Vial, Iliff School of Theology

Trevor Eppheimer, Union Theological Seminary, New York

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 **A18-80**

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Saturday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Theme: *Hybridity: Critiques and Alternatives*

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University, Presiding

Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University

Hybridity, Race, Insider Discourse: The African Methodist Episcopal Church

Jens Kreinath, University of Heidelberg

Colonial Displacement, Subversive Agency, Ritual Mimesis: Hybridity and the Hauka

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College

Hybridity, Essentialism, Temporality: The Case of Umbanda

 **A18-100**

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

Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and the Religion in the Schools Task Force.

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: *Representing Religion in Public: What Can Your Department Do and Why It Should*

Panelists:

Emilie M. Townes, Yale University

Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University

Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico

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 **A18-101**

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

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and Student Liaison Group

Kimberly Bresler, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Student Liaison Group Decennial Celebration*

Panelists:

Warren G. Frisina, Hofstra University

John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University

Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University

Richard Amesbury, Valdosta State University

Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College

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 **A18-102**

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

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

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College, Presiding

Theme: *The Other Within: The Study of Religion and Diversifying Our Knowledge Production*

Panelists:

Erin Runions, Pomona College

Gaston Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University

Andrew Sung Park, United Theological Seminary, Ohio

Responding:

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary

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A18-103

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

Kimerer L. LaMothe, Granville, NY, Presiding

Theme: *The Practice of Art and the Study of Religion*

Panelists:

Deborah J. Haynes, University of Colorado, Boulder

Miranda Shaw, University of Richmond

Steven P. Hopkins, Swarthmore College

Margaret R. Miles, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley



A18-104

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

Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhism and Violence*

Stephen Jenkins, Humboldt State University

Making Merit through Warfare: The Bodhisattva-gocara-upāyaviṣaya-vikurvāṇa-nirdeśa Sūtra

Derek Maher, East Carolina University

The Rhetoric of War in Tibet: Towards a Buddhist Just War Theory

Vesna Acimovic Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara

Buddhism and Violence in Mongolia During the Theocratic Period

Daniel Kent, University of Virginia

Onward Buddhist Soldiers: Sermons to Soldiers in the Sri Lankan Army

Michael Jerryson, University of California, Santa Barbara

Buddhism and Violence in Thailand: The Objectification of the Sacred

Responding:

Bernard Faure, Stanford University



A18-105

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Comparative Religious Ethics
Group and Comparative Theology Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Selva J. Raj, Albion College, Presiding

Theme: *The State of Comparative Enterprise in the Study of Religions*

Panelists:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Aaron D. Stalnaker, Indiana University, Bloomington

Kimberley C. Patton, Harvard University

Daniel R. Gold, Cornell University

Responding:

Gary L. Ebersole, University of Missouri, Kansas City



A18-106

History of Christianity Section and Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Christopher Moreman, St. Francis Xavier University, Presiding

Theme: *The Christian Afterlife*

Lucy Bregman, Temple University

The Rose That Grew through the Crack in the Wall: Images of Death and Afterlife in Twentieth-Century Mainline Protestantism

Michael Bruening, Concordia University, Irvine

The Reformation of Hell: Pierre Viret's Polemic against Catholic Theology of the Afterlife

James G. Kroemer, Marquette University

Bernard of Clairvaux on the Christian Afterlife: A Medieval Curiosity or Cause of War?

Roddy Knowles, Boston University

Nefarious Necromancy: Christian Critiques of Nineteenth-Century American Spiritualism

Joshua Papsdorf, Fordham University

Christ's Descent to the Dead in the Early Latin Church: The Eternal Fate of Those Who Died before Christ

Samuel Brown, Harvard University

Joseph Smith's Conquest of Death: Sacerdotal Genealogy and the Chain of Being



A18-107

North American Religions Section
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

Theme: *Migration, Missionaries, and the Manifestation of Catholicism: Transnational Religions in the United States*

Michael Pasquier, Florida State University

Saving an Unsalvageable City: Catholic Missionaries in Antebellum New Orleans

Gretchen Boger, Princeton University

What Would Jesus Do in India? How American Missionaries between the World Wars Re-fashioned Jesus Abroad

Daniel Ramirez, Duke University

Más Allá de Azusa: The Early Construction of Transnational Pentecostalism

Kathryn Moles, Florida International University

Social Capital as a Reason for Transnational Growth of Pentecostalism: How Colombian Migrants in South Florida Build Social Capital in an Unlikely Context

Responding:

Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill



A18-108

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University, Presiding

Theme: *Ethnographic Approaches to the Study of Religion*

Brian Palmer, Uppsala University

To Be Spiritual Is to Stop: Inner Lives in an Economy of Uprooting

Elizabeth Catlin, Massachusetts General Hospital

co-presenter with Wendy Cadge

Wendy Cadge, Harvard University

Paging God? Constructions of Religion and Spirituality amongst Staff in Hospital Intensive Care Units

David Montgomery, Boston University

The Transmission of Religious Knowledge in Kyrgyzstan: How Learning Influences Practice, or Accounting for the Difference between Hizb ut-Tahrir and Ancestral Worshipers

Responding:

Ann B. McClenahan, Harvard University



A18-109

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *The Cross and Empire*

Peter Jones, Southern Methodist University

Christian Theology, Psychoanalysis, and Subalternity: Rethinking Kenosis, Conversion, and Agency

Rebecca Parker, Starr King School for the Ministry

co-presenter with Rita Nakashima Brock

Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good

The Nicean Christ: Imperial Hegemony and Christian Dissent

Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

Confessing in the Land of the Hunchback God: Suffering, Hope, and Forgiveness in Northern Uganda

Laura Taylor, Vanderbilt University

Going Native: An Interstitial and Intercultural Wisdom Christology

Matthew MacKellar, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

The Cross against Empire: Toward a Counterhegemonic Theology of the Cross



A18-110

African Religions Group

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Theme: *African Indigenous Religions in the Twenty-First Century*

Bolaji Bateye, Obafemi Awolowo University

"Osa Eleiye" (The Witches' Verse!): Yoruba Orature, the Babalawo, and Female Power

Danoye Oguntola Laguda, Lagos State University

African Indigenous Religions and Pentecostalism: A Study of Ijo Orunmila Adulawo in Lagos

Samuel K. Elolia, Emmanuel School of Religion
Mafuta Pole Dini Ya Africa: A Resurgence of African Religion

Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
Beyond Totem and Taboo: Indigenous African Religions and the Quest for a Global Ethic: The Gikuyu Case



A18-111

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

New Program Unit

Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding

Theme: *John D. Caputo's The Weakness of God: A Theology of the Event (Indiana University Press, 2006)*

Panelists:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Yvonne Sherwood, University of Glasgow

Roland Faber, Claremont School of Theology

Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion

Stephen D. Moore, Drew University

Responding:

John D. Caputo, Syracuse University



A18-112

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

Donna M. McKenzie, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *Bioethics, Religion, and Public Policy: Theoretical and Historical Perspectives*

LeRoy Walters, Georgetown University

Paul Braune Resists the National Socialists' "Euthanasia" Program: July 1940

Christopher Rodkey, Drew University

Is Medical Experimentation on Prisoners Ethical?

David Craig, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Catholic Health Care Mission, Community Benefit, and the Public Good

Andrew William Getz, Duquesne University

Christian Bioethics and Public Policy: A Comparison of Engelhardt, Hauerwas, and McCormick on the Issues of Euthanasia and Universal Health Care

Business Meeting:

Paul R. Johnson, D'Youville College, Presiding

Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding



A18-113

Christian Spirituality Group

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Michael Battle, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritual Formation for Social Commitment*

Joseph W. Caldwell, Fuller Seminary

"The Bells of Nagasaki Still Echo in My Ears": Exploring the Christian Social Spirituality in the Writings and Edited Works of Takashi Nagai

Janet W. Parachin, Phillips Theological Seminary

Nonviolence as a Christian Spiritual Path: Factors That Shape and Sustain Nonviolent Commitment

Rebecca Gordon, Graduate Theological Union

The Tortured Body: A Liturgy of the Eucharist

John Nelson, Bethel Seminary

Transfiguration Spirituality: Encountering God's Presence in the Margins

Business Meeting:

Wendy Wright, Creighton University, Presiding



A18-114

Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Mystical Erotica: Gay Living as Spiritual/Religious Practice*

Mário Ribas, University of Cape Town
Towards a Latin American Gay Liberation Theology

Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University
Gay/Queer Men as Virtuosi of the Holy Art of Bricolage and as Tricksters of the Sacred

John E. Allard, Providence College
Intimations of Mystical Consciousness in Alternative Poetry

Juan A. Herrero Brasas, California State University, Northridge
Walt Whitman's Mystical Camraderie

Responding:

Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University, Montreal

Business Meeting:

Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University, Montreal, Presiding
Jay E. Johnson, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding



A18-115

Hinduism Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Michael C. Linderman, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Invoking the Veda in the Worship of Siva and Visnu*

Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University
Image and Temple in the Late Vedic Ritual Codes

Ute Huesken, University of Heidelberg
The Veda in the Āgama

Ginette Ishimatsu, University of Denver
Śaiva Siddhānta and the Vedic Tradition

Responding:

Mary McGee, Columbia University

 **A18-116**

Islamic Mysticism Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Christiana Gruber, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Raising the Discourse to Another Level: Diverse Appropriations and Adaptations of Muhammad's Night Journey and Ascension*

Elizabeth R. Alexandrin, University of Manitoba
Prophetic Ascent and Initiatory Ascent in Qadi al-Nu'man's Asas al-Ta'wil

Frederick S. Colby, Miami University of Ohio
Early Imami Shi'i Narratives and the Construction of the Story of Muhammad's Ascension

Aaron W. Hughes, University of Calgary
Heavenly Journey as Contested Symbol: Echoes of the Mi'raj in Medieval Hebrew Literature

Vernon James Schubel, Kenyon College
"When Muhammad Went on the Mi'raj He Saw a Lion on the Road": The Mi'raj in the Alevi-Bektashi Tradition

 **A18-117**

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

Paula K. R. Arai, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Japanese Religion and Politics*

Jason Josephson, Stanford University and École Française d'Extrême-Orient
Taming Demons: The Anti-superstition Campaign and the Invention of Religion in Meiji Japan

Hwansoo Kim, Harvard University
Beyond Resistance or Collaboration: The Strategic Merger of the Korean Wŏnjong and Japanese Sôtōshū in Colonial Korea

William W. Hunt, Nashville, TN
Relationship of Religion to the Okinawan Anti-base Protest Movement

Yuki Shimada, Princeton Theological Seminary
"Yasukuni Problem" Re-considered: The Tasks for Religious Studies

Irit Averbuch, Tel-Aviv University
Discourses of the Re-appearing: The Re-enactment and Aftermath of the Rite of Nuno-hashī Kanjō-e at Mt. Tateyama

Responding:

Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University



A18-118

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Peggy Schmeiser, University of Ottawa, Presiding

Theme: *The Challenge of Lesbian Voice/Presence to Religious Traditions*

Grace G. Burford, Prescott College
I. B. Horner and the Writing of Women Under Primitive Buddhism (1930)

Carol S. Anderson, Kalamazoo College
Abnormal Women and the "Third Sex" in the Pali Buddhist Canon

Marie Cartier, Claremont Graduate University
Sor Juana: Academic Freedom, the Necessity for Fiction, and the Resurrection of Queer Lineage

Kerry Noonan, University of California, Los Angeles and California State University, Northridge
Sisterhood or Polarity?: Controversies over the “Guardian Priestess” Path in Dianic Witchcraft

 **A18-119**

Native Traditions in the Americas Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Michael McNally, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Law, Religion, and Native American Traditions*

Kathleen M. Sands, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Territory, Wilderness, Property, and Reservation: Land and Religion in Native American Supreme Court Cases

Emily Brault, Oregon City, Oregon
Sweatlodge Practices in Prison: Another Clash of Cultures

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Boulder
Ho`oponopono: Traditional Dispute Resolution in a Repatriation Conflict

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia
NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) and the Return of the Repressed

Responding:

Suzan Shown Harjo, Morning Star Institute

 **A18-120**

Religion and Disability Studies Group and Biblical Scholarship and Disabilities Consultation
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University, Presiding

Theme: *Writing for Publication in Religion, Bible, and Disability Studies*

Panelists:

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology

Nancy L. Eiesland, Emory University

Bill Gaventa, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Sarah J. Melcher, Furman University

Mikeal C. Parsons, Baylor University



A18-121

Religion and Popular Culture Group

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University, Springfield, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Text, and Sex: Contemporary Religious Sex Manuals*

Rebecca L. Davis, Yale University

Making Total Women: Sexual Bodies and Sexual Identity in Evangelical Marital Advice Guides, 1963-1980

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University

'Born Again Is a Sexual Term': Demons, STDs, and God's Healing Sperm

Evyatar Marienberg, Tel Aviv University

How Should a Nice Jewish Orthodox Israeli Couple Do It?

Cristina L. H. Traina, Northwestern University

Catholics Do It Infallibly

Responding:

R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University



A18-122

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding

Theme: *Horror, Heroes, and the Supernatural in Film*

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo

"Do I Look Like Someone Who Cares What God Thinks?": Rethinking the Relationship between Religion and Cinema Horror

Anthony Mills, Fuller Seminary

American Identity in Recent Marvel Comics Superhero Films

Emily Merriman, Boston University

Channeling, Trance, and Religion in What the Bleep Do We Know!?

Kim Paffenroth, Iona College

George Romero's Dawn of the Dead: Consumerism and the Specter of Undeath

Diana Walsh-Pasulka, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Heaven Can Wait: The Emergence of American Purgatory



A18-123

Signifying (on) Scriptures Group

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Tazim Kassam, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Scriptures and Race, Roundtable Discussion 2*

Panelists:

Denise K. Buell, Williams College

Cain H. Felder, Howard University

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Mutombo N'kulu N'sengha, California State University, Northridge

Michael Satlow, Brown University

Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Vincent L. Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding



A18-124

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

Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville, Presiding

Theme: *Postmodernism and Tillich*

Robison B. James, University of Richmond and Baptist Theological Seminary, Richmond
Paul Tillich: Prophet and Partial Practitioner of the Postmodern

William F. Stevens, University of Edinburgh
Gift as Icon and Gestalt in Tillich and Jean-Luc Marion

Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University
The Aporia of Law, Justice, and Gift/Grace: Dimensions of Forgiveness in Paul, Derrida, and Tillich

Sigrídur Gudmarsdóttir, Drew University
"Dark Depths of Madness!": Tillichian Anxiety Meets Kristevan Abjection



A18-125

Western Esotericism Group
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Wouter Hanegraaff, University of Amsterdam, Presiding

Theme: *Western Esotericism*

Yvonne Owens, University College, London
Northern Humanists, Heretics, and Cabbala: Responses in Northern Art, Theology, and the Witch Hunt to the Theurgical Study and Ritual Practice of Jewish Mysticism in the Sixteenth Century

Joel Kalvesmaki, Dumbarton Oaks
Types of Greek Numerology

Roelie van Kreijl, University of Amsterdam
Early Homeopathy and the Medical Establishment in Germany

Amanda Boyd, Sam Houston State University
Yoga as a Corrective to Misguided Rationalism: Science in the Esoteric Thought of Gustav Meyrink

Carol Matthews, US Naval Academy
Gnosis of the Flesh II: "Prophetic Exegesis" and Temporal Alchemy in J.J. Hurtak's Pistis Sophia



A18-126

Zen Buddhism Seminar
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding

Theme: *Zen in the Contemporary World*

Stuart Lachs, New York, New York
The Zen Master in America: Dressing the Donkey with Bells and Scarves

Jeff Wilson, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Transforming the Menacing Fetus: Abortion and Other Pregnancy Loss Rituals in American Zen Centers

Kiyozumi Ishii, Komazawa University
New Trends in Dōgen Studies in Japan

John R. McRae, Tokyo, Japan
The Current State of Chán Studies in Japan

Business Meeting:

Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Presiding
Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding



A18-127

Animals and Religion Consultation

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Heather Eaton, St. Paul University, Presiding

Theme: *Intertwining Animals: The Real, the Sacred, the Immanent, the Symbolic*

M. Christian Green, Harvard University

Golden Proverbs: Animals and Ethical Cosmology of the Akan Peoples of West Africa

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University

Lost and Found: The Ivory-billed Woodpecker, Extinction, and Immanence

Lee Bailey, Ithaca College

Sacred Whispers in the World: Animal Presence

Gary Steiner, Bucknell University

The Ideal of A Communion of Subjects: A Challenge to Classical Liberalism

Responding:

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College

Business Meeting:

Paul Waldau, Tufts University, Presiding



A18-128

Daoist Studies Consultation

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Julia Margaret Hardy, Carrboro, NC, Presiding

Theme: *The Baby or the Bath Water: Reconstructing the Contexts of the Laozi and Applying Its Ideas to the Postmodern World*

Jia Jinhua, Harvard University

Religious Origin of the Terms Dao and De and Their Signification in the Laozi

Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University
Are There Ritual Formulas in the Daodejing?

Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University
The One Gave Birth to the Two: Martin Buber's Dialogical Transformation of the Daodejing

Amy Weigand, Temple University
Confronting the Problem of Conceptual (Mis)Appropriation: The Daoism Example

Responding:

Harold D. Roth, Brown University

Business Meeting:

Louis Komjathy, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding
Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University, Presiding



Religion and Colonialism Consultation
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

New Program Unit

Mark Elmore, New York University, Presiding

Theme: *Colonialisms of Modernization*

Caleb Elfenbein, University of California, Santa Barbara
Religion and Colonialism: Religion as a Primary Category of Analysis

Vivienne S.M. Angeles, La Salle University
Martyrdom through "Parang Sabil": A Response to Colonialism in the Philippines

Robert A. Yelle, University of Illinois
"The Christian Character of the North-West Provinces": Roman Transliteration and the Linguistic Reformation of Colonial India

Cassie Adcock, University of Chicago
Civil Subjectivity and the Perfect Brahmachari: Cultivating Modernity in the Arya Samaj

Responding:

David Chidester, University of Cape Town

Business Meeting:

Caleb Elfenbein, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Mark Elmore, New York University, Presiding



A18-130

Religion in Europe Consultation

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

New Program Unit

Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding

Theme: *The Christian and Muslim Crossroads of European Identity: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives*

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

Christianity, Islam, and European Identity: From the Mozarabic Chronicle of 754 to the Jylland Posten Cartoons of 2005

Ina Merdjanova, Sofia University

Muslim Identities in Southeast Europe between Nationalism and Transnationalism

Amy Marga, Princeton Theological Seminary

Muslim Rage at "the West" as a Mirror for Protestant Self-Reflection: An Exploration of Protestantism's Identity through the "Caricature-crisis" in Germany

Martyn A. Oliver, Boston University

What to Be or Not to Be: Islam, Satire, and Identity in the European Union

Business Meeting:

Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding
Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding



A18-131

Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

New Program Unit

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Construction and Transcendence in Modern Yoga*

Panelists:

Sarah Strauss, University of Wyoming

Elizabeth DeMichelis, Cambridge University

N. E. Sjoman, Calgary, Alberta

Joseph Alter, University of Pittsburgh

Responding:

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

Business Meeting:

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University, Presiding

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding



A18-141

Association of Practical Theology
Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Theme: *Pedagogies in Practical Theology: An Examination of Ethnography*

Carol Lakey Hess, Emory University, Presiding

Effective pedagogies utilized by ethnographers and practical theologians in the teaching of ministry students and doctoral candidates.

Panel:

Nancy L. Eiesland, Emory University

Jeffery L. Tribble, Sr., Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Mary Clark Moschella, Wesley Theological Seminary

6:20 pm Business Meeting

Kathleen A. Cahalan, Saint John's University, Presiding

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A18-142

**North American Association for the Study of Religion: Presidential Plenary
Panel**

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

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A18-132

Friends of the Academy Reception

Saturday - 5:30 pm-6:45 pm

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding



A18-133

AAR Racial and Ethnic Minority Members' Reception

Saturday - 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University, Presiding



A18-143

Evangelical Philosophical Society
Saturday - 7:00 pm-11:00 pm

Theme: *Evil and the Justice of God*, by N. T. Wright

William Lane Craig, Talbot School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:

Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame

Paul Copan, Palm Beach Atlantic University

Respondent: N. T. Wright, Bishop of Durham

Audience discussion to follow.

For further information regarding this session, contact Scott Smith, scott.smith@truth.biola.edu.



A18-134

Plenary Address
Saturday - 8:00 pm-9:00 pm

Jeffrey L. Stout, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Presidential Plenary and Awards Ceremony--Diana Eck: Prospects for Pluralism: Voice and Vision in the Study of Religion*

Panelists:

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University

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A18-136

Arts Series/Films: *Crash*
Saturday - 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

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 **A18-137**

Arts Series/Films: *Guelwaar*

Saturday - 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Sponsored by the African Religions Group

Robert M. Baum, University of Missouri, Presiding

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 **A18-138**

Women's Reception

Saturday - 9:00 pm-11:30 pm

Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee and the Women's Caucus.

The Women's Caucus invites all friends to join us in honoring those women who have been presidents of the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature.

 **A18-140**

AAR and Pluralism Project Celebration in Honor of Diana Eck

Saturday - 9:00 pm-10:30 pm

Sponsored by AAR and the Pluralism Project

The AAR and the Pluralism Project are hosting this celebration of Diana Eck, 2006 AAR president. We welcome affiliates, advisors, friends, and colleagues to join us for light refreshments, networking, conversation, and informal updates on research projects. Your RSVP to staff@pluralism.org is appreciated.



A18-135

AAR Members' Reception
Saturday - 9:30 pm-12:00 am



A18-139

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



A19-1

JAAR Editorial Board Breakfast
Sunday - 7:15 am-8:45 am



A19-2

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

New (first-time) AAR members in 2006 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.



A19-3

Religion and Disabilities Task Force Meeting
Sunday - 7:30 am-8:45 am

Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University, Presiding



A19-4

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Sunday - 8:00 am-8:45 am



A19-6

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

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Shanta Premawardhana, National Council of Churches, USA, Presiding

Theme: *Christian Theology's Engagement with Religious Pluralism: Biblical Texts and Themes*

Amos Yong, Regent University

"The Light Shines in the Darkness": Johannine Dualism and the Challenge of Christian Theology of Religions Today

Gerald R. McDermott, Roanoke College

Gods, Principalities, and Powers in the Bible: Implications for Christian Theology of the Religions

Marjorie Suchocki, Claremont School of Theology

Transforming Heaven and Hell

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

John 6:68-69: How My Study of Hinduism Illumines, Contests, and Intensifies Peter's Confession

Responding:

S. Wesley Ariarajah, Drew University

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A19-7

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

Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee

Alice Wells Hunt, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Women Speaking to Religion and Leadership: Honoring the Work of Mercy Oduyoye*

Panelists:

Sarojini Nadar, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Katie G. Cannon, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

Letty M. Russell, Yale University

Musa Dube, University of Botswana

Mercy Amba Oduyoye, Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana

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A19-8

Special Topics Forum

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee

Sheila E. McGinn, John Carroll University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching the Introductory Course in Theology and Religion*

Panelists:

Barbara Walvoord, University of Notre Dame

Rosemary P. Carbine, College of the Holy Cross

David C. Ratke, Lenoir-Rhyne College

Martha J. Reineke, University of Northern Iowa

James K. Wellman, University of Washington

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A19-9

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Clark M. Brittain, Greenville Technical College, Presiding

Theme: *Blake and Religious Vision*

Thomas Altizer, Mt. Pocono, PA
The Revolutionary Vision of William Blake

Andrea J. Dickens, United Theological Seminary
A Final Vision: Blake's Dante Illustrations

Steven P. Hopkins, Swarthmore College
"I Walk Weeping in Pangs of a Mother's Torment for Her Children": Women's Laments in the Poetry and Prophecies of William Blake

Emily Merriman, Boston University
"I Mean Great Poets": William Blake and Geoffrey Hill



A19-10

Buddhism Section

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *New Perspectives on Buddhist Hagiography in East Asia*

Stuart Young, Princeton University
Indian Patriarchs in a Chinese Looking Glass: The Earliest Hagiographies of Nāgārjuna and Aśvaghoṣa

Joshua Capitanio, University of Pennsylvania
The Immortalization of Bodhidharma: The Chan Patriarch in Buddhist Sources and Beyond

Chris Callahan, Harvard University
Reading with Form and Genre, Contesting Paradigms and Memory: Kakunyo's Godenshō

Heather Blair, Harvard University
From Realm to Realm: Nichizō, the Genre-Crossing Holy Man

Responding:

Robert Company, Indiana University, Bloomington



History of Christianity Section
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Leigh E. Schmidt, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Piety, Practice, Performance: Action and Embodiment in American Christianity*

Panelists:

Tisa Wenger, Arizona State University

Kathryn Lofton, Indiana University, Bloomington

Heather D. Curtis, Harvard University

Anthea Butler, University of Rochester

Responding:

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara



Philosophy of Religion Section
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Jeffrey Kosky, Washington & Lee University, Presiding

Theme: *Philosophy and Method in the Study of Religion*

Myron A. Penner, Trinity Western University
Philosophy of Religion and the Analytic/Continental Divide

Robert A. Segal, University of Aberdeen
Paul Ricoeur's Reconciliation of Explanation with Interpretation

Ludger Viefhues, Yale University
What Lies beyond the Failure of "Religion"? Philosophy of Religion and Methodological Reflections on the History of Religious Studies

Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College
Exposures and Acknowledgements: Rethinking the Philosophy of Religion

 **A19-13**

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Lauren Leve, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding

Theme: *Narrating the Local: Methodological Reflections on Ethnographies of Religious Practice*

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
(Paper) Trails: An Expanded Theory of Archive in Ethnographic Practice

Karen G. Ruffle, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Who Could Marry at a Time Like This?: Debating the Mehndi Ki Majlis in Hyderabad, India

Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Florida, Gainesville
Santería and the "Branding" of Cuba: Effects upon Local Afro-Cuban Religious Practices

Chad Seales, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Layering the Local: Lived History and the Ritual Production of Place in a Nuevo New South Town

Responding:

Courtney Bender, Columbia University

 **A19-14**

Religion in South Asia Section
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas, Austin, Presiding

Theme: *Literary Characters across Early South Asian Narrative Traditions*

Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University
Who Was Shaunaka? A Literary Assessment

Brian Black, London University
Ambattha and Shvetaketu: Literary Connections between the Upanishads and Early Buddhist Narratives

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University
Reading the Buddha as a Compassionate Trickster in Early Buddhist Narrative Traditions

Jonathan Geen, McMaster University
Krishna and Jarasandha/Shishupala in the Hindu and Jain Traditions

Steven Lindquist, Concordia University, Montreal
Creating a Rshi: The Later Literary Life of Yajnavalkya

Responding:

Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago



A19-15

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

Khalid Yahya Blankinship, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *“Islamic Fundamentalism”: Homogeny Identified or Diversity Homogenized?*

Lynda Clarke, Concordia University, Montreal
Fundamentalism and Modern Shiism

David L. Johnston, Yale University
Hassan al-Hudaybi and the Muslim Brotherhood: Can Islamic Fundamentalism Eschew the Islamic State?

Florian Pohl, Emory University
Contesting Fundamentalism: The Case of Islamic Education

David Harrington Watt, Temple University

The Category "Islamic Fundamentalism": Good for Polemics, Bad for Scholarship?

Simon Wood, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

Rethinking the "Fundamentals" of Fundamentalism: Dualism, Literalism, Golden Age-ism

Responding:

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Omid Safi, Colgate University, Presiding



A19-16

Study of Judaism Section

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: *Medieval, Modern, and Contemporary Kabbalah*

Yechiel Shalom Goldberg, California State University, Long Beach

In These Empty Fools One May Find Bells of Gold: Wise Fools and Revelation in Spanish Kabbalah

Chava Weissler, Lehigh University

The Popularization of Kabbalah in the Early Modern Period and Today: The Case of Women

Jody Myers, California State University, Northridge

New Age and Old Judaism in Kabbalah Centre Teachings

Andrea Lobel, McGill University

Spheres of Influence: The Portrayal and Functions of Kabbalistic Cosmogony, Cosmology, and Magic in Contemporary Speculative Fiction and Sequential Art

Responding:

Pinchas Giller, University of Judaism



A19-17

African Religions Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *African Religions, Healing, and HIV/AIDS*

Tapiwa Mucherera, Asbury Theological Seminary
Conflict in Religio-Cultural Values and Practices in African and Western Communities in the Age of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic

Jame Schaefer, Marquette University
Healing and the East African Patient: Promises and Challenges of Religious Faith-Medical Treatment Collaboration

Anna Chitando, Zimbabwe Open University
Women of the Spirit: Prophetesses and Healing in Contemporary Harare

Ezra Chitando, University of Zimbabwe
An Ancient Faith Meets a Contemporary Challenge: African Indigenous Religions and HIV and AIDS

Musa Adeniyi, Obafemi Awolowo University
The Spiritual Healing Dimensions of Islam: Shehu Korkoroadua as a Case Study

Responding:

Isabel Apawo Phiri, University of KwaZulu-Natal



A19-18

Anthropology of Religion Group and Ritual Studies Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Anne Merideth, University of Rochester, Presiding

Theme: *That Can't Be Religion—They're Having Fun! Sex, Laughter, Leisure, and Games in Religious Practice*

Magnus Echter, University of Bayreuth
Liminal Transgressions at the New Year's Festival in Zanzibar

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College and Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo
Playing at Syncretism: New Rituals in a Brazilian Catholic Women's Group

Deidre H. Crumbley, North Carolina State University
Being "Saved" — Being Children: Symbolic Prescriptions and Ritual Proscriptions of Pleasure and Play in a Storefront Pentecostal Church

Nikki Bado-Fralick, Iowa State University
Ritualizing Religious Reward: The Dark Side of Play

Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College
Ritualizing Religious Reward: The Dark Side of Play

Responding:

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

Business Meeting:

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000 and University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding



A19-19

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Laura E. Donaldson, Cornell University, Presiding

Theme: *Biblical Scholarship and/as Public Criticism*

Panelists:

Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University

Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Margaret Aymer, Interdenominational Theological Center

Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion

Francisco Lozada, University of the Incarnate Word

 **A19-20**

Buddhist Philosophy Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Douglas S. Duckworth, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

Theme: *Re-Thinking Reason, Re-Viewing Buddhist Views*

Richard Nance, Ann Arbor, MI
On What Do We Rely When We Rely on Reasoning?

David Vincent Fiordalis, University of Michigan
A Rose by Any Other Name? Doxographical Classification in Indian Texts

of the "Later Period" of Indian Buddhism

Yaroslav Komarovski, University of Virginia
Slicing the Pie Alternatively: Śākya mchog ldan on Divisions of the Mahayānā Tenet Systems

Albion Butters, Columbia University
Heterodox Doxography? The Philosophical Stance of Kun Mkhyen kLong Chen Rab 'Byams Pa

Business Meeting:

John D. Dunne, Emory University, Presiding
A. Charles Muller, Toyo Gakuen University, Presiding

 **A19-21**

Chinese Religions Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Stephen F. Teiser, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Violence and the Body in Late Imperial China*

Ann Waltner, University of Minnesota
Letters from an Immortal: Religion, Gender, and Body Practices in Sixteenth-Century China

Jimmy Yu, Princeton University
Piety, Passion, and Blood Writing in the Late Ming

Mark Meulenbeld, Princeton University
Violated Bodies: How Guanyin Became a Domesticated Demon

Responding:

Barend J. ter Haar, Leiden University

Business Meeting:

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding



A19-22

Comparative Theology Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Theme: *The Body, Its Meanings, and New Light on the Problems and Possibilities of Comparative Theology*

Steven Tsoukalas, Centre College
Krsna and Christ: A Comparative Study Concerning the Body-Soul-Divine Relation in the Manusi Tanu (Human Form) of Bhagavadgita 9.11

Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
The Cosmic Christ and the Dharmakāya: Embodied Manifestations of the Cosmic Order in Maximos the Confessor and Tsong Kha Pa

Peter deVries, University of Pittsburgh
Recitation of the Qur'an and the Incarnation of Christ: Possibilities for Global Society

Michelle Voss Roberts, Rhodes College
Flowing and Crossing: The Fluid Theologies of Mechthild and Lalla

Responding:

Kristin Beise Kiblinger, Winthrop University

 **A19-23**

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

John E. Cort, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: *Engaged/ Progressive/ Liberation Hinduism and Hindus*

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco
Progressive Hindus and the California Textbook Controversy

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College
Hinduism as Spiritual Humanism: The Pluralistic Vision of the Ramakrishna Mission

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawaii, Manoa
Devotion, Sadhana, and Social Action

Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
Marxism and Feminism Meet Hindu Ritual: Liberation Theology Revisited and Revised

Responding:

Rita Sherma, Binghamton University

Business Meeting:

Sushil Mittal, James Madison University, Presiding

 **A19-24**

Law, Religion, and Culture Group and Biblical Law Section
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Cheryl B. Anderson, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Law and Cultural Narratives*

F. Rachel Magdalene, Augustana College
Alfred the Great and the Law of Exodus: The Afterlife of Biblical Law in Early Medieval England

Jione Havea, Southern Methodist University
Members Only: The Crushed, Cut, and Tolerated in Deuteronomy 23:1-8

Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University
Biblical Law, American Law: A Typology of Tactics for the "Restoration" of Conservative Christian Normativity in the United States

Paul Finkelman, Albany Law School
The Biblical Defense of Slavery

Responding:

William Morrow, Queen's Theological College
Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo



A19-25

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College, Presiding

Theme: *Survival and Liberation: Religious Lesbian Womanists/Feminists Challenge Faith Communities*

Dorinda G. Henry, National Center for Human Rights Education
I, Too, Sing Songs of Freedom

Frances E. Wood, Emory University
Living Fully into Who We Are Called to Be, or, Why Our Silence(s) Still Do Not Protect Us

Responding:

Gayle R. Baldwin, University of North Dakota

Business Meeting:

Gayle R. Baldwin, University of North Dakota, Presiding
Elizabeth A. Say, California State University, Northridge, Presiding



A19-26

New Religious Movements Group

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: *Coming of Age: Adaptation and Change in New Religions*

Eileen Vartan Barker, London School of Economics

Youth Then and Now: A Comparison between Converts to NRMs in the 1970s and Their Now-Adult Children, Socialised in the Movement

Albert K. Wuaku, Florida International University

"I Conjure You Up by The Powers Of India. Appear Before My Eyes!": Constructing Images of India and Producing Hindu Spiritual Power in Popular Ghanaian Religious Discourse

Helen Cornish, Goldsmiths College, University of London

The 1951 Fraudulent Mediums Act: Rediscovering Key Events in Pagan Historiography

Mark J. Sedgwick, American University, Cairo

Alexander Dugin's Apocalyptic Traditionalism

Business Meeting:

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding



A19-27

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Gregory Shaw, Stonehill College, Presiding

Theme: *Hierarchy in Neoplatonism*

Naomi Janowitz, University of California, Davis

The Social Context of Jewish Middle-platonic Discourse about Hierarchy

Philippa Townsend, Princeton University

Sacred Races: Iamblichus and Porphyry on Ethnic Hierarchy

Naoko Frances Hioki, Graduate Theological Union
The Interpretation of Neoplatonic Hierarchy by Renaissance and Baroque Artists

Israel M. Sandman, University of Chicago
Running and Returning: Habad Hasidism on Bodily Divestment and the Subsequent Implementation of Divinity in the Lower World

 **A19-28**

Practical Theology Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Reviewing Educating Clergy: Teaching Practices and Pastoral Imagination*, Charles R. Foster, Lisa E. Dahill, Lawrence A. Golemon, and Barbara Wang Tolentino (Jossey-Bass, 2005)

Panelists:

Rebecca S. Chopp, Colgate University

Patricia E. Benner, University of California, San Francisco

Fumitaka Matsuoka, Pacific School of Religion

Jack Wertheimer, Jewish Theological Seminary

Responding:

Charles R. Foster, Emory University

 **A19-29**

Religion and Ecology Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Carl Reinhold Bråkenhielm, Uppsala University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion from the Ground Up: Religious Reflections on Place*

Whitney Bauman, Graduate Theological Union
Eternal Foundations or Contested Grounds? The (Ab)Use of Nature and God in Political Discourse Surrounding the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Tovis Page, Harvard University
Rural Redemption: The Family Farm as Sacred Place in the American Catholic Agrarian Tradition

David L. Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Sacred Place and Spiritual Journey in Ursula Le Guin's Fiction

Barbara A.B. Patterson, Emory University
Practicing Place: Comparative Reflections on Urban Intersections of Spirituality, Identity, and Nature

Responding:

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont

Business Meeting:

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding
John A. Grim, Forum on Religion and Ecology, Presiding



A19-30

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Rubina Ramji, University of Ottawa, Presiding

Theme: *Identity, Ritual, and the Sacred in Film*

Ronald Green and Aine Donovan, Dartmouth College
Sacred DNA: Religion and Genetics in Andrew Niccol's Gattaca

Emily Askew, Carroll College
Teaching Crash

Christine Kraemer, Boston University
The Spectator, Gender Performance, and Gnosis in Hedwig and the Angry Inch

Jens Kreinath, University of Heidelberg

Visual Imageries of Ritual Possession and Colonial Mockery: Les Maîtres Fous and the Problem of Reflexive Mimesis in the Filmic Representation of the Hauka Movement

Kent Brintnall, Emory University

What Hath Vienna to Do with Jerusalem? The Value of Psychoanalytic Film Theory for Religion and Film Scholarship

Business Meeting:

John Lyden, Dana College, Presiding



A19-31

Religion, Politics, and the State Group

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Amy Sullivan, *Washington Monthly*, Presiding

Theme: *Progressive Politics and Religion: Has the Left “Gotten It”?*

Panelists:

Melody Barnes, Center for American Progress

Jennifer Butler, Faith and Public Life Resource Center

Robert P. Jones, Center for American Values in Public Life, People for the American Way Foundation

Alexia Kelley, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good

Harry Knox, Human Rights Campaign

David Saperstein, Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism

Jim Wallis, *Sojourners*

Business Meeting:

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



A19-32

Schleiermacher Group

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Francis Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Ecclesiology, Pneumatology, Trinity: The Third in a Four-Year Reinvestigation of Schleiermacher's The Christian Faith*

Laura Thelander, Princeton Theological Seminary

Reconsidering Schleiermacher's Protestant-Catholic Antithesis and Its Significance for His Ecclesiology

Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology

Schleiermacher on Holy Spirit and the (Disappointing) Church: A Contemplative Reading

Paul DeHart, Vanderbilt University

Schleiermacher's Trinity: Redemption as Divine Presence

Gregory Walter, St. Olaf College

From Divine Love to Economic Trinity in Friedrich Luecke's Interpretation of Schleiermacher's Theology

Business Meeting:

Brent Sockness, Stanford University, Presiding

In order to facilitate informed, substantive discussion, papers for this session will be posted in mid-October at the Schleiermacher Group's Yahoo! website. AAR members wishing to join the Schleiermacher Group and access this website should contact Brent Sockness at sockness@stanford.edu.



A19-33

Scriptural Reasoning Group

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

David F. Ford, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Theme: *Land, Messianism, and the Other*

Panelists:

Aryeh Cohen, University of Judaism

Marc Gopin, George Mason University

Maria Dakake, George Mason University

Responding:

Ahmed Afzaal, Connecticut College



A19-34

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: *Encountering the Divine in a Pluralistic World*

David H. Nikkel, University of North Carolina, Pembroke
Negotiating the Nature of Mystical Experience, Guided by Tillich and James

Christian Danz, University of Vienna
Breakthrough of the Unconditional: Tillich's Concept of Revelation as an Answer to the Crisis of Historicism

Bryan Wagoner, Harvard University
The "Jewish Dimension" of Tillich's Thought

C. Peter Slater, University of Toronto
Tillich and Bakhtin: Dialectical or Dialogical Comparative Theology?

Business Meeting:

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

Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville, Presiding



A19-35

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

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

Theme: *What God Does, Might, or Cannot Know about the Future*

Karen Winslow, Azusa Pacific University
The Hope of God versus the Knowledge of God

Bruce G. Epperly, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Surprising God: Prayer, Partnership, and the Divine Adventure

Gregory A. Boyd, St. Paul, Minnesota
An Adventurous Sovereignty: Risk Taking and the Infinite Intelligence of God

John E. Culp, Azusa Pacific University
"I Know Who Holds the Future" but Not the Future

Responding:

Terence Fretheim, Luther Seminary

Business Meeting:

Lynne Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College, Presiding



A19-36

Tantric Studies Consultation
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Constantina Rhodes Bailly, Eckerd College, Presiding

Theme: *New Approaches to Tantric Studies: Cognitive Science and Contemporary Metaphor Theory*

Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union
Less Than Meets the Eye: What Cognitive Science Adds to Tantric Studies

Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College
Blended Worlds and Emergent Beings: Metaphors, Cognitive Science, and the Study of Tantra

Kerry Martin Skora, Hiram College

The Way Abhinavagupta Thinks: Bodily Metaphors, the Vitality of Language, and the Poetics of Intertwining

Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University

Fluids, Metaphor, and Self-realization: Reading Tantra through the Lens of Rasa

Hugh Urban, Ohio State University, Columbus

Blood for the Goddess: Impurity, Kingship, and Power in Assamese Tantra

Responding:

Jeffrey C. Ruff, Marshall University

Business Meeting:

Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding

Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University, Presiding



A19-41

Theta Alpha Kappa Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am



A19-42

Wildcard Session

Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Reflections on Cornel West's Democracy Matters*

Panelists:

Amina Wadud, Virginia Commonwealth University

Romand Coles, Duke University

Jeffrey L. Stout, Princeton University

Responding:

Cornel West, Princeton University

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

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, The George Washington University, Presiding

Theme: *Comprehending the Qur'ān: Critical Issues Raised by the Publication of E. J. Brill's Encyclopaedia of the Qur'ān*

Panelists:

Jane Dammen McAuliffe, Georgetown University

Claude Gilliot, University of Aix-en-Provence

William A. Graham, Harvard University

Wadad Kadi, University of Chicago

Andrew Rippin, University of Victoria

Responding:

Sidney Griffith, Catholic University of America



United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Tour
Sunday - 10:30 am-1:00 pm

Sponsored by the Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group and the Center for Holocaust Studies

Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Presiding

Tour is sold out. See

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A19-39

Women's Caucus / SWP Mentoring Lunch

Sunday - 11:30 am-12:45 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.



A19-40

Special Topics Forum

Sunday - 11:45 am-1:00 pm

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning

Paul Myhre, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Wabash Student-Teacher Luncheon*

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A19-48

Society of Christian Philosophers

Sunday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Theme: *Materialism and Pelagianism*

William Lane Craig, Talbot School of Theology, Presiding

Alexander Pruss, Georgetown University

Responding: Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame



A19-49

Religion and Cities Consultation Planning Session

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Lowell W. Livezey, New York Theological Seminary and Anne Yardley, Drew University,
Presiding



A19-50

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: Andrew M. Greeley*

Panelists:

Andrew M. Greeley, University of Chicago

Robert A. Orsi, Harvard University

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A19-51

Wildcard Session

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

TBA, Evanston, IL, Presiding

Theme: *A Korean Shamanic Ritual for Healing the Comfort Women*

Panelists:

Inhui Lee, California Institute of Integral Studies

Marie Cartier, Claremont Graduate University

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 **A19-52**

Wildcard Session

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Daniel Michaels, Liguori Publications, Presiding

Theme: *Publishing with a Denominational (Church-Owned) Press: Possibilities and Realities*

Panelists:

J. Michael West, Fortress Press

Bob Byrns, Religious Book Trade Exhibit

Paul McMahon, Paulist Press

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 **A19-53**

Wildcard Session

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Judith Poxon, California State University Sacramento, Presiding

Theme: *Three Western Perspectives on the Re-valuation of Sacred Space: Wyoming, Kansas, and Colorado*

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
The Souls of Wyoming

Philip Meckley, Kansas Wesleyan University
Pure Land/Good Earth: Buddhism, the Land Institute, and Care of Spiritual Space

Celeste J. Rossmiller, Regis University, Denver

"Living Waters" and "Forest Cathedrals": Practices to Re-sacralize "Ordinary" Land

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A19-54

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Sidney Brown, University of the South, Presiding

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

Millicent Feske, Saint Joseph's University

"Quilting" as Metaphor and Practice in the Teaching of Feminist Theology

Donald J Monnin, Villa Maria College

The Religion Project: Engaging the Non-Religious Studies Major

John D. Copenhaver, Jr., Shenandoah University

Taste and See: Contemplative Practice as an Invitation to Animate the Study of Religion

E. H. Jarow, Vassar College

The Six Gatis and Their Enactment on the Lawn of Vassar College

Merrill M. Hawkins, Carson-Newman College

Making Them Read; Making Them Engage: The Use of Process Notes in Daily Assignments

Stephen Murphy, University of Virginia

Strategic Teaching, Strategic Learning: Using Religious Studies to Teach Study Skills

Yolanda Yvette Smith, Yale University

Teaching through the Oral Tradition

Paul Thomas, University of Missouri, Kansas City

Creative Cosmology: Drawing Genesis I

Rebecca Sachs Norris and Nikki Bado-Fralick, Merrimack College and Iowa State University

The Game's Afoot! An Exploration of Religious Toys in the Teaching of Religion

Alice Wood, Bethune-Cookman College
The Ethics Game Project

 **A19-55**

Ethics Section

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Darryl Michael Trimiew, Medgar Evers College, Presiding

Theme: *From Africa to New Orleans: Healing Racial and Urban Divides*

Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

"If I Could Become Death, I Would Fall on the White Man": Ugandan Hope and Hatred Towards the United States

Maureen O'Connell, Fordham University

"Rebuilding Better" the City of God: Compassion as Justice after Katrina

Robert R. N. Ross and Deanne E. B. Ross, University of Massachusetts, Boston and City of Springfield, MA

From NOLA to Springfield: Ethics, Race, and Urban Reconstruction in a Post-Katrina World

Business Meeting:

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Jane Hicks, St. John Fisher College, Presiding

 **A19-56**

History of Christianity Section

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University, Presiding

Theme: *Who Do You Say That I Am? The Construction and Use of Mormon and Anti-Mormon Identities*

David Gore, University of Minnesota, Duluth

Joseph Smith and the Rhetoric of Economics and Prophecy

Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming

Seeing Jane: Jane Elizabeth Manning James' Posthumous Career as an LDS Symbol

D. William Faupel, Wesley Theological Seminary

Elijah III: The Influence of Mormonism on John Alexander Dowie

Sara Patterson, Loyola Marymount University

"A PO Box and a Desire to Witness for Jesus": Calling and Mission in the Ex-Mormons for Jesus

Responding:

Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University



A19-57

Philosophy of Religion Section

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

LeRhonda Manigault, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Africana Phenomenology and the Study of Religion*

James Bryant, College of the Holy Cross

Signs of Recuperation, Recuperating Significations: Charles Long and Africana Phenomenology

Corey David Bazemore Walker, University of Virginia

What Is This "Black" in Black Theology? Towards a (Re)Construction of Black Theology

Paget Henry, Brown University

African Religion and Africana Phenomenology



A19-58

Study of Judaism Section

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Zachary Braiterman, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Messianism and Law in Twentieth-Century Jewish Thought*

Yehudah Mirsky, Harvard University

Must Prophetic Halakhah Be Messianic? Abraham Isaac Kook and/or Abraham Joshua Heschel

Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Bloomington

Messianism, the Universal, and the Halakhic/Post-Halakhic Divide

Aryeh Cohen, University of Judaism

The Academy, the Law, and Messianic Expectations

Responding:

Shai Held, Harvard University



A19-59

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Joseph Cheah, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Intersection of Religious and Spiritual Practices in Hawaii*

Wilburn Hansen, Stanford University

Shinto in the Hawaiian Diaspora: Economics Masquerading as Nationalism at a Pre-Pacific War Hawaiian Shrine

Regina Pfeiffer, Chaminade University of Honolulu

Colonial Conquest(s), Especially Hawaiian or Native American in Focus

Jenny Patten-Gargiulo, Graduate Theological Union

Hawaiian Kapa: Sewing Spirituality

Responding:

Duncan Williams, University of California, Irvine

Henry W. Morisada Rietz, Grinnell College

Business Meeting:

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding



A19-60

Buddhist Philosophy Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

New Program Unit

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *New Approaches to Candrakīrti*

Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago
Candrakīrti and the Metaphysics of Ordinary Language

John D. Dunne, Emory University
The Recalcitrant Candrakīrti

Karen C. Lang, University of Virginia
Candrakīrti's Prescription for Treating the Three Poisons

Kevin Vose, College of William and Mary
What's Wrong with Inference, Again

Responding:

Stephen Jenkins, Humboldt State University



A19-61

Christian Spirituality Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Douglas Burton-Christie, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: *Spirituality: Its Uses and Misuses*

Panelists:

Philip F. Sheldrake, University of Durham

Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

Leigh E. Schmidt, Princeton University

Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union



A19-62

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Tim Lubin, Washington and Lee University, Presiding

Theme: *Issues in Poetry Translation: From the Bhagavad Gita to Poetry in the Ancient Synagogue*

Laurie Patton, Emory University

Translating the Bhagavad Gita: Poetry and Process

Michael D. Swartz, Ohio State University, Columbus

Translation and the Comprehensibility of the Poetry of the Ancient Synagogue



A19-63

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Hans G. Kippenberg, Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt, Presiding

Theme: *Gift, Class, Agency: Rethinking Concepts and Cases*

Arlene Macdonald, University of Toronto

"It Felt Like a Gift": Attending to Religion in Organ Exchange

Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia

Religion as Street Fight: Religion, Performance, and the Industrial Workers of the World

John Seitz, Harvard University

Resistance and Belonging in Parish Vigils in the Boston Archdiocese



A19-64

Evangelical Theology Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelical Theology and Science*

Josh Reeves, Boston University

Evangelicals, Theological Method, and God's Two Books

Kevin Hector, Princeton Theological Seminary

Evangelical Theology and the Empirical Stance: An Engagement with Bas van Fraassen



A19-65

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Karen Trimble Alliaume, Lewis University, Presiding

Theme: *Women's Agency/Desire in Cross Cultural Perspectives*

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University

Feminist Agency and the Construction of Sexual Desire: Querying Mahmoud's Politics of Piety and Female Pentecostals in Latin America

C.L. Nash, University of Edinburgh

Drinking from Their Own Wells: An Inter-Cultural Analysis of the Treatment of Widows

Kate Wilkinson, Emory University

Silly Little Women and Sober, Silent Virgins: The Agency of Women in the Fourth-Century Trinitarian Debates



A19-66

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group and Schleiermacher Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Brent Sockness, Stanford University, Presiding

Theme: *The Uses and Abuses of Schleiermacher in the Nineteenth Century*

Dustin Feddon, Florida State University

Thinking about the Infinite: The Role of the Religious in the Early Works of Schleiermacher and Feuerbach

Matthew L. Becker, Valparaiso University

Placing Theology in the University: Schleiermacher's Brief Outline and Hofmann's Encyclopedia of Theology

Clive Marsh, University of Nottingham

A Nineteenth-Century Case of Post-Liberalism? The Reception of Schleiermacher in the Ecclesial, Social Theology of Albrecht Ritschl

In order to facilitate informed, substantive discussion, papers for this session will be posted in mid-October at the Schleiermacher Group's Yahoo website. AAR members wishing to join the Schleiermacher Group and access this website should contact Brent Sockness at sockness@stanford.edu.



A19-67

Person, Culture, and Religion Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

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

Theme: *Embodied Religious Practices in Psychological Perspective, Part II*

Dirk G. Lange, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

The Return of the Body in Eucharistic Practice: Psychoanalysis and the Disruption of Ritual

Kathleen Bishop, Long Branch, NJ

This Is My Body: The Interplay of Personal Symptom and Public Symbol in Eucharistic Practice

Enoch Olujide Gbadegesin, Obafemi Awolowo University

Food as Ritual, Mouth as a Deity: The Place of Feast in Yoruba Concept of Vitality



A19-68

Religion and Ecology Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious and Theological Reflections on Environmental Issues in Africa*

Ben-Willie Kwaku Golo, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Contemporary Global Culture, the Theologies of Prosperity, and Ecological Restoration in Africa: An Ecotheologian's Perspective

Tabona Shoko, University of Zimbabwe
Land Crisis: Indigenous Religion in Zimbabwe

Eric Trozzo, Drew University
The Khanya Programme and African Christian Theologies of Nature

Responding:

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University



A19-69

Religion, Politics, and the State Group

Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *Global Perspectives: Political Theology at the Crossroads*

James L. Rowell, Lafayette College
Political Theology at the Extremes: Gandhi and Bin Laden

Kevin York-Simmons, Vanderbilt University
Political Religion in the Era of Globalization: Toward a Postnational Christian Theology

Robert F. Shedinger, Luther College
Wall of Separation or Barrier to Justice? Valuing an Islamic Approach to "Church-State" Separation



A19-70

Roman Catholic Studies Group and Christianity and Academia Consultation
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Jeanne Marie Heffernan, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: *Issues and Controversies in Catholic Higher Education*

Alison Benders, Ursuline College

Renewing the Identity of Catholic Colleges: Implementing Lonergan's Method for Education

Daniel McKanan and Kari-Shane Davis, Saint John's University

Controversial Conversations on a Catholic Campus: A Report on Research

Raymond A. Patterson, Saint Michael's College

Searching for the Wellspring of American Catholic Intellectual Life: The Catholic University of America, University Extension, and the Catholic Summer School Movement



A19-71

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *In Search of Well-Watered Gardens: Theo-Ethical Resources in the Work of Alice Walker*

Panelists:

Angela Sims, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

Alison P. Gise Johnson, Virginia Union University

M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College

Katie G. Cannon, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

Business Meeting:

Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding



A19-72

World Christianity Group and Coptic Christianity Consultation
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

New Program Unit

Lois Farag, Luther Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *A Vision for Coptic Studies: “Coptic Christianity” from Late Antique Egypt to the “Coptic Diaspora”*

Stephen Emmel, Universität Göttingen

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Business Meeting:

Lois Farag, Luther Seminary, Presiding



A19-73

Liberal Theologies Consultation and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Consultation
Sunday - 1:00 pm-2:30 pm

New Program Unit

Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Building Coalitions Then and Now: African-American Thought and Twentieth-Century Liberal Theologies*

Panelists:

Ann Duncan, University of Virginia

James Deotis Roberts, Palmer Theological Seminary

Charles Marsh, University of Virginia



A19-74

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

Sponsored by the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*

Andrew Rippin, University of Victoria, Presiding

Theme: *Five Years of Building Bridges*

Panelists:

Mona Siddiqui, University of Glasgow

Miroslav Volf, Yale University

Hugh Philip Goddard, University of Nottingham

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A19-75

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

Sponsored by the Program Committee

Aislinn Jones, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *How to Propose a New AAR 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.



A19-76

Wildcard Session
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Jennifer Baldwin, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Abuse: Proclamation, Disclosure, and "Hearing to Speech"*

Panelists:

Marie M. Fortune, FaithTrust Institute

Rebecca Parker, Starr King School for the Ministry

James Newton Poling, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

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Wildcard Session

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Heidi Hadsell, Hartford Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Educational Strategies to Develop Clergy Leadership of Congregations for Justice Engagement in the Public Square*

Panelists:

Terry Boggs, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Craig L. Nesson, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Maxine Beach, Drew University Theological School

Ann Svennungsen, Fund for Theological Education

Richard A. Hoehn, Adelphi, MD

Rodney Petersen, Boston Theological Institute

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Wildcard Session
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Leslie D. Callahan, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Epistemic Violence in the Study of Religion*

Ludger Viefhues, Yale University
“Modern Religion” as Negotiation of Violence: Accounting for and Subverting the Epistemic Violence of the Category of Religion

Shannon Craigo-Snell, Yale University
Feminist Systematic Theology as Epistemic Violence, or, In Praise of Girlfights

Cynthia Hess, St. Mary's College of Maryland
Multiple Violences and the Possibility of a Peaceful Self

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Wildcard Session
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Lynne Bejoian, Teachers College Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: *Pedagogy and Theology: Crossing the Multifaith Divide Toward Access and Inclusion*

Panelists:

Maysaa Bazna, College of Staten Island

Josh Borkin, Teachers College, Columbia University

Frederick W. Weidmann, Auburn Theological Seminary

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**Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section and Kierkegaard,
Religion, and Culture Group**
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Mark Lloyd Taylor, Seattle University, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and Pedagogy*

Panelists:

Amy Laura Hall, Duke University

Timothy Polk, Hamline University

Helene T. Russell, Christian Theological Seminary

Jason A. Mahn, Duke University

Marty Miller Maddox, Graduate Theological Union

Responding:

Louise Carroll Keeley, Assumption College



A19-82

Buddhism Section
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Charles S. Prebish, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Theme: *Twenty-Five Years and Looking Forward: Former Co-Chairs' Roundtable*

Panelists:

Anne M. Blackburn, Cornell University

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

John R. McRae, Soka University

John S. Strong, Bates College

Leslie Kawamura, University of Calgary

Peter N. Gregory, Smith College

Collett D. Cox, University of Washington

George D. Bond, Northwestern University

Business Meeting:

Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Presiding

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, Presiding



A19-83

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Selva J. Raj, Albion College, Presiding

Theme: *Legal Categories in the Study of Religion: Comparative Issues*

Panelists:

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo

Hans G. Kippenberg, Max-Weber-Kolleg Erfurt



A19-84

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, International Collaboration, and Social Change in Africa*

Matthew Bersagel Braley, Emory University

Learning to Stand with Africa: Religious Networks, Human Rights, and HIV/AIDS

Jennifer Eaton Dyer, Vanderbilt University

The Politics of Evangelicals (2000-2005): On The Issues of Debt, AIDS, and Poverty in Africa

Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond
African Poverty and the ONE Campaign: An Analysis of Moral Imagination and Motivation

 **A19-85**

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

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: *Cartoons of Muhammad and Muslim Responses*

Panelists:

Liyakat Takim, University of Denver

Munir Jiwa, University of Toronto

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago

Laury Silvers, Skidmore College

Hatem Al-Bazian, University of California, Berkeley

Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College

Responding:

Jocelyne Cesari, Harvard University

 **A19-86**

Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Washington Sunday: God, Sex, and Politics*

Panelists:

Marcella Althaus-Reid, University of Edinburgh

Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago

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

Mark D. Jordan, Emory University

 **A19-87**

Women and Religion Section

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

Theme: *African Religion and Women's Agency*

Beverley Haddad, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Surviving the HIV/AIDS Pandemic: African Women Living and Dying, Shielding and Sheltering, Theorizing and Being Theorized

Oyeronke Olajubu, University of Ilorin, Nigeria
Women and the Politics of Leadership in Africa

Damaris M'mworia, Drew University
Evil, Suffering, and Women's Agency in Africa

Sarojini Nadar, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Searching the Dungeons Beneath Our Religious Discourses: The Case of Violence Against Women and The "Unholy Trinity"

 **A19-88**

Afro-American Religious History Group

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Deidre H. Crumbley, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Theme: *Celebrating the 100th Year of a "Black Revival": A Discussion on The Azusa Street Mission and Revival by Cecil M. Robeck*

Panelists:

Wallace Best, Harvard University

A.G. Miller, Oberlin College

Karen Kossie-Chernyshev, Texas Southern University

Responding:

C. M. Robeck, Fuller Theological Seminary



A19-89

Anthropology of Religion Group

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000 and University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Theme: *Familiar yet Strange: Jewish Ethnographers in Evangelical Communities*

Panelists:

Mara Einstein, Queens College, City University of New York

Lynne Gerber, Graduate Theological Union

Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa

Omri Elisha, New York University

Responding:

Randall Balmer, Barnard College, Columbia University



A19-90

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Peter Bouteneff, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Theology of Sergii Bulgakov*

Brandon Gallaher, University of Oxford

Graced Creatureliness: Ontological Tension in the Uncreated/Created Distinction in the Sophiologies of Bulgakov, Solov'ev, and Milbank

Jonathan Seiling, Conrad Grebel University College

From Antinomy to Sophiology: Bulgakov's Post-Kantian Idealist System



A19-91

Mysticism Group and Daoist Studies Consultation

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Mark Csikszentmihalyi, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Presiding

Theme: *Daoist Mystical Experiences: Embodied and Disembodied*

Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose

Daoist Mysticism: Embodiment, Eudaimonia, and Flow

Stephen Eskildsen, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Out-of-Body Experience in Tang Daoist Meditation: A Few Non-Neidan Examples Found in the Yunji Qian

Louis Komjathy, Pacific Lutheran University

The Daoist Mystical Body

Responding:

Jordan Paper, York University



A19-92

Native Traditions in the Americas Group

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

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

Theme: *Cultural Sovereignty in the Representation of Native Traditions*

Ines Hernandez-Avila and Juan Avila, University of California, Davis
Honoring the Patwin People: A Campus/Community Collaboration at the University of California, Davis

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University
Collaborative Issues in Onondaga Nation Territory

Gabrielle Tayac, National Museum of the American Indian
Creating Native Space at the National Museum of the American Indian: Integrating Indigenous Philosophical Stances in the Contemporary Life Gallery



A19-93

New Religious Movements Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

New Program Unit

Lloyd W. Pflueger, Truman State University, Presiding

Theme: *Embodiment, Empowerment, and Commodification in Contemporary Yoga and Tantra*

Shreena Gandhi, University of Florida
The Practice of Yoga in the US: Bridging the Mind and Body and Religion and the Market

Klas Nevrin, Stockholm University

Stockholm University
Empowerment and Embodiment in Modern Yoga: Styles and Modes of Postural Practice in Ashtanga Vinyasa Training

Michelle Demeter, University of South Florida
Yoga: Its Transmission and Commodification in the United States

Madhu Khanna, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
Whose Tantra? Reimagining Bazari Tantra as a Significant Category of Discourse in the Study of Tantrism

Responding:

Richard King, Vanderbilt University



A19-94

Reformed Theology and History Group

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Martha L. Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Book Review Session of Feminist and Womanist Essays in Reformed Dogmatics*

Panelists:

Emilie M. Townes, Yale University

Serene Jones, Yale University

Responding:

David S. Cunningham, Hope College

Business Meeting:

Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Robert J. Sherman, Bangor Theological Seminary, Presiding



A19-95

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group

Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Justice, and Genocide in Africa*

Eric Markusen, Danish Institute for International Studies

Voices of Victims of Genocide in Darfur: Heard but Not Heeded?

Fidele Lumeya, Church World Service

Restorative Justice: An African Perspective

Vern Neufeld Redekop, Saint Paul University

A Post-Genocidal Justice of Blessing as an Alternative to a Justice of Violence: The Case of Rwanda

Responding:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University



A19-96

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Religion and Healing*

Panelists:

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina

Lara Medina, Claremont Graduate University

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College

Suzanne J. Crawford, Pacific Lutheran University



A19-97

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group and Cultural History of
the Study of Religion Consultation**
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

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

Theme: *Is Paul Tillich “the Unacknowledged Theoretician of the AAR’s Entire Enterprise”
(Jonathan Z. Smith)?*

Panelists:

Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago

Tomoko Masuzawa, University of Michigan

 **A19-98**

World Christianity Group
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

New Program Unit

Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *World Christianity*

Todd M. Johnson, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
A Demographic Overview of World Christianity

Lamin Sanneh, Yale University
Unity and Diversity in the Christian Movement

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University
Doing Theology in the Context of World Christianity

Patrick Provost-Smith, Harvard University
World Christianity as an Epistemological Problem

Responding:

Daisy L. Machado, Lexington Theological Seminary

 **A19-99**

Liberal Theologies Consultation
Sunday - 3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *Are Liberal Theologies Liberation Theologies?*

Peter C. Hodgson, Vanderbilt University
Radical Liberalism: A Liberatory Mandate

Millicent Feske, Saint Joseph's University
The Material Promise of Karl Rahner's Theological Anthropology for A Feminist-Liberationist Soteriology

Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College
Time for Liberal Theology? Time Zones, Tempo, and Territorial Politics

Business Meeting:

Christine Helmer, Harvard University, Presiding

 **A19-135**

African Association for the Study of Religion
Sunday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

The AASR members look forward to welcoming Africa focus scholars. Professor Elom Dovlo, University of Ghana and President of the AASR, will speak on *Observations on the State of the Study and Practice of Religion in Africa*. General discussion will follow. AASR General Secretary Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh, will give an update on the state of the Association. Professor Musa W. Dube, University of Botswana, will present a progress report on planning for the AASR conference to be held in Gabarone, Botswana, July, 2007. AASR and AAR-African Religions Group members will host a dinner for the Africa focus scholars following the meeting.

 **A19-137**

Theta Alpha Kappa Annual Meeting and Reception
Sunday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

 **A19-100**

AAR Sterling Circle Reception
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm



A19-101

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Program Committee

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

Theme: *Jewish Religious and Communal Responses to Genocides in Africa*

Panelists:

David Saperstein, Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism

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A19-102

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sponsored by the Religion and Disabilities Task Force

Kent A. Eaton, Bethel Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Disability and the Local Faith Community: Concerns for Ministry and Theological Education*

Panelists:

Ginny Thornburgh, National Organization on Disability

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A19-103

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 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 Patricia O'Connell Killen, 2006 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner*

Panelists:

Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University

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 **A19-104**

Wildcard Session

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Paul Oslington, University of New South Wales, Australia, Presiding

Theme: *Economic Dimensions of Religion and Religious Dimensions of Economics: A Dialogue*

Panelists:

Lawrence Iannaccone, George Mason University

Max L. Stackhouse, Princeton Theological Seminary

Robert H Nelson, University of Maryland

Craig M. Gay, Regent College

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 **A19-105**

Wildcard Session

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Jorunn Jacobsen Buckley, Bowdoin College, Presiding

Theme: *The Role of Secular Viewpoints in Scriptural Studies: Past, Present, and Future*

Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University
Secular Criticism, the AAR, and the SBL

A. J. Droge, University of Toronto
What Difference Does Q Make? or Excavating Q Studies

Hector Avalos, Iowa State University
Translation as Manipulation: A Secular Perspective

James Crossley, University of Sheffield
What Is Secular Criticism?

Responding:

William E. Arnal, New York University
Hugh Pyper, University of Sheffield

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 **A19-106**

Evils in Religious Traditions Consultation Planning Session
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

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

 **A19-107**

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

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

Theme: *God's African Households*

Joshua Ralston, Emory University
The "Matter" of the Eucharist in Bénédet Bujo's African Catholic Ecclesiology: The Sacrament as a Means of Inculturation and Liberation

Michael Battle, Virginia Theological Seminary
African Apophatic Theology

Ernst M. Conradie, University of the Western Cape
The Whole Household of God (Oikos) in an African Ecclesiological Perspective

 **A19-108**

Ethics Section

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Daniel C. Maguire, Marquette University, Presiding

Theme: *Violence against Women Rooted in Religion: A Comparative Study*

Panelists:

John C. Raines, Temple University

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University

Hu Hsiao-Lan, Temple University

David Robert Loy, Bunkyo University

 **A19-109**

Religion in South Asia Section

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Presiding

Theme: *Identity, Poetry, and Desire*

Nathan McGovern, University of California, Santa Barbara
"Hinduism" in a "Non-Hindu" Context: A Study of Brahma-Worship in Thailand

SherAli Tareen, Duke University
Reifying Religion While Lost in Translation: Mirza Mazhar Jan-i Janan (d.1781) on the Hindus

Deven Patel, Seton Hall University

Monism, Mantra, and Poet-Mystics: Religious Readings of Courtly Epic Poetry in South Asia

Shana Lisa Sippy, Columbia University

Disaporic Desires: Exploring the Discourse of Desire among Hindus in the United States



A19-110

Study of Islam Section

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Ruqayya Khan, Trinity University, Presiding

Theme: *Islam and Authority in a Public Space*

David Simonowitz, Otis College of Art and Design

From 12 to 124,000 Venerable Models: Externally Dissimilar Manifestations of Shi'i Islam in Iranian Ritual Spaces

Karen G. Ruffle, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

A "Good Woman" Embodied: Constructing Fatima Kubra as an Idealized Indian Shi'a Muslim Bride/Widow

Behnam Sadeghi, Princeton University

A Stylometric Evaluation of Mehdi Bazargan's Chronology of the Qur'an

Mohammad Khalil, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Between Heaven and Hell: Al-Ghazālī, Ibn al-'Arabi, Ibn Taymiyya, and Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyya on Salvation and the Fate of "Others"

Irfana Hashmi, New York University

The Women of the Medieval Minbar



A19-111

Women and Religion Section and Bioethics and Religion Group

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Watch out Roe!: Religion and Reproductive Freedom*

Panelists:

Toby Schonfeld, University of Nebraska

Laura Purdy, Wells College

Carolyn McLeod, University of Western Ontario

Suzanne Holland, University of Puget Sound



A19-112

African Religions Group and Ritual Studies Group
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

Theme: *Making Again: Rites to Heal New Challenges in African Contexts*

Kara Ellis Skora, University of Virginia

Modern Asante Ancestorhood: Retrieving Meaning and Invoking Identity through Rituals of Remembrance

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo

Shielding Girls at Risk by Weaving Zulu and Christian Ritual Heritage

Sidsel Roalkvam, Diakonhjemmet University College, Oslo

The Making of Protective Spaces



A19-113

Black Theology Group
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Alison Gise Johnson, Virginia Union University, Presiding

Theme: *Healing the Hurt: Black Theology and Human Suffering*

Athur Pressley, Drew University

Suffering As Identity: A Call for Dialogue between Liberation Psychology and Liberation Theologies

Derek Hicks, Rice University

The Reclamation: The Nature of Black Theology's Response to Human Suffering

Nessette Falu, New York Theological Seminary

Black Theology and Its Health Care Microscoping into Human Suffering: Addressing Black Community Health Oppression in the Twenty-First Century

Kurt Buhring, Saint Mary's College

Toward a Revised Humanocentric Theism: A Consideration of William R. Jones on Divine Power and Human Freedom and Suffering

Responding:

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University



A19-114

Chinese Religions Group and Confucian Traditions Group

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Philip Kafalas, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Self-Cultivation: Reworking Old Methods, Creating New Ones*

Miaw-fen Lu, Academia Sinica, Taiwan

The Classic of Filial Piety in Early Seventeenth-Century Confucian Scholars' Self-Cultivation

Jennifer Eichman, Seton Hall University

Convincing Yangming Schoolmen to Intone the Name of Amitābhā Buddha

Charles B. Jones, Catholic University of America

Yuan Hongdao (1568-1610) and the Xifang Helun: Advancing Pure Land Thought in Late Ming China



A19-115

Comparative Religious Ethics Group

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

New Program Unit

Lucinda J. Peach, American University, Presiding

Theme: *Assessing Recent Works in Comparative Ethics*

Jonathan Schofer, Harvard University
Comparative Reflections on Material Virtue

Charles Hallisey, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Reading Michael Cook on Islamic Ethics

 **A19-116**

Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Human Rights in Africa*

Felix B. Asiedu, Middlebury College
After Forgiveness: The Morphology of Justice, the New Utilitarianism, and the Culture of Human Rights

Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University
The Burden of Religion and the Fragility of Constitutional Relief: A Critique of State Involvement in Religious Pilgrimages in Nigeria

Responding:

T. Jeremy Gunn, American Civil Liberties Union

 **A19-119**

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Protest, and Popular Culture*

Lee Gilmore, Chabot College

"Change-a-lujah!" Destabilizing Normative "Religion" with Reverend Billy and the Stop-Shopping Gospel Choir

Karline McLain, Bucknell University

Who Shot the Mahatma? Depicting Gandhian Nonviolence in Indian Comic Books

Ibrahim Abraham, Monash University

Punk Pulpit: Religion, Punk Rock, and Counter-(sub)cultures

Responding:

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College

Business Meeting:

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding



A19-120

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Marla J. Selvidge, Central Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *A Shabby Messiah: Bush and the "Divine Mission"*

Andrew Fiala, California State University, Fresno

The Crusade for Freedom: A Critique of The Bush Doctrine

Jillinda Weaver, Emory University

Civil Religion, George W. Bush's Divine Mission, and an Ethics of Mission

Helen Daley Schroepfer, West Chester University

"Pursuing the Enemies of Freedom": Religion in the Persuasive Rhetoric of the Bush Administration

Responding:

James L. Rowell, Lafayette College

J. Noel Hubler, Lebanon Valley College



A19-121

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Connie Bertka, AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics, and Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Interpreting Quantum Mechanics: Buddhist and Christian Perspectives*

Panelists:

Charles H. Townes, University of California, Berkeley

B. Alan Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara

William R. Stoeger, University of Arizona



A19-122

Scriptural Reasoning Group
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Rachel Muers, University of Exeter, Presiding

Theme: *Holiness and Practice*

Panelists:

Diana Lipton, University of Cambridge

Ben Quash, University of Cambridge

Umeyye Isra Yazicioglu, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:

Rachel Muers, University of Exeter, Presiding



A19-123

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: *Heidegger's The Phenomenology of Religious Life*

Panelists:

Daniel Dahlstrom, Boston University

Thomas Sheehan, Stanford University



A19-124

Wesleyan Studies Group
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Rebekah Miles, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *John Wesley's Moral Theology*

Panelists:

D. Stephen Long, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Randy L. Maddox, Duke University

Robin W. Lovin, Southern Methodist University

Phil Wogaman, Iliff School of Theology



A19-125

Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Consultation
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

New Program Unit

Henry James Young, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary and Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Fifty Years Later: The Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Montgomery Bus Boycott*

Panelists:

Lewis V. Baldwin, Vanderbilt University

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

Cornel West, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding



A19-133

Critical Studies of Political Theology Consultation Planning Session
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm



A19-136

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
Sunday - 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Theme: *Themes in Japanese Philosophy*

Keung Wing Lam, Kyoto University

The Absolute Nothingness and Knowledge in Later Philosophy of Nishida Kitar: Reading 'The Logic of Place and the Religious Worldview.'

John Maraldo, Northern Florida University

Kuki Shuzo's Contingent Nothingness

Judy Saltzman, California Polytechnic State University

Desire to Win: Sport, Budo, and the Art of War



A19-138

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Sunday - 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Theme: *The Nature of Knowledge: The Internalism/Externalism Debate and its Theological Implications*

William Lane Craig, Talbot School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:

James Beilby, Bethel University

R. Douglas Geivett, Biola University



A19-126

Plenary Address

Sunday - 7:15 pm-8:15 pm

Theme: *Tariq Ramadan*

Due to the US Government's denial of Tariq Ramadan's visa application, he will be appearing live via satellite. See www.aarweb.org/about/announce/2006/RamadanLawsuitIntro.asp for details.



A19-127

Arts Series/Films: KanKouran West African Dance Company

Sunday - 8:30 pm-9:30 pm

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#ArtsSeriesandTours for details.



A19-128

Arts Series/Films: Religion in Documentary Film: The Work of Helen Whitney
Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:30 pm

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#ArtsSeriesandTours for details.



A19-129

Arts Series/Films: *Gattaca*
Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:30 pm

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Tony S. L. Michael, York University, Presiding

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#Films for details.



A19-130

Arts Series/Films: Excerpts from *Toward a New Christianity: Stories of African Christians in Ghana and Zimbabwe*
Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:30 pm

Sponsored by the African Religions Group

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#Films for details.



A19-132

Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Steve Herrick, American Academy Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Capitol Hill Advocacy Orientation*



A19-131

JAAR Editorial Board Reception

Sunday - 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding



A20-1

AAR Program Unit Chairs' Breakfast

Monday - 7:30 am-8:45 am

John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding



A20-2

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

Monday - 7:30 am-9:00 am

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding



A20-39

Religion in the Schools Task Force Meeting

Monday - 7:30 am-9:00 am

Diane L. Moore, Harvard University, Presiding



A20-38

Special Topics Forum
Monday - 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Theme: *Capitol Hill Advocacy Orientation and Capitol Hill Visit*



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

Theme: *Posters Session*

B. Lilan Laishley, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Labyrinths: Images of the Cosmos

Joseph Laycock, Indianapolis, Indiana
Mothman and Durkheim: A Twentieth Century American Totem

Matthew Long and Jennifer Schwartzberg, University of Georgia
A Study of the Judeo-Arabic text of "The Tale of our Master Moses and the Gates of Heaven and Hell"

Jennifer Oldstone-Moore, Wittenberg University
Experiential Learning: Teaching Pilgrimage Through the 88 Sacred Places of Shikoku

Dustin Reynolds, Azusa Pacific University
Child Solidiers in Africa

Sarah Steele, Graduate Theological Union
Unveiled: Identity in Marjane Satrapi's Autobiographical Graphic Novels Persepolis and Persepolis 2

Denis Thalson, Graduate Theological Union
A Matter of Difference: Urban vs Roadside Memorials in the US

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#SpecialTopicsForums for details.



Wildcard Session
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

Theme: *Radical Life Extension: What Religions Have to Say*

Panelists:

Aubrey de Grey, Cambridge University

Terence L. Nichols, University of St Thomas

Derek Maher, East Carolina University

Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College

John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

Nancy J. Duff, Princeton Theological Seminary

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A20-5

Ethics Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

David P. Gushee, Union University, Presiding

Theme: *Getting Out: Ethics after a War*

Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary
Getting Out Requires Acknowledging How We Got In

Luis Reyes Ceja, Universidad del Valle de Atemajac
co-presenter with Gregory A. Banazak

Gregory A. Banazak, SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary
Ius Post Bellum in the Indies: Light on Ethical Obligations after War from Sixteenth-Century Latin America

Tori C. Lockler, University of South Florida
The Suffering of the Nazi Doctors

Rebecca Gordon, Graduate Theological Union
Can Practice Make Perfect? Torture, Virtue Ethics, and the Christian Sacramental Tradition



A20-6

History of Christianity Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Karen Bruhn, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Constructing Christian and National Identities*

Kathleen M. Self, Skidmore College

At the Althing, in the Law: Constructing Christian and Icelandic Identity in the Conversion of Iceland

Richard Winston Bishop, University of Virginia

Render the Basilica unto Caesar? Ambrose of Milan on Church and Empire

Björn Krondorfer, St. Mary's College of Maryland

The Hour of the Church: Nationalizing Christian Identity in Post-1945 Autobiographies of German Protestant Theologians

Regina Schwerd, University of California, Berkeley

Not the German Christ, but the German Christian: The Construction of a Proto-German Identity in the Ninth-Century Heliand

Aimee Burant, University of Chicago

Theology as "Spiritual Renewal of the Nation": Ernst Troeltsch on Christianity and German Identity, 1914-1918

Responding:

Darren Walhof, Grand Valley State University



A20-7

North American Religions Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Authors Meet Critics: Religion, Law and Society with Noah Feldman (Divided by God), Marci A. Hamilton (God vs. The Gavel) and Winnifred Fallers Sullivan (The Impossibility of Religious Freedom)*

Panelists:

Marci A. Hamilton, Yeshiva University

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo

Noah Feldman, New York University

Responding:

Sarah Gordon, University of Pennsylvania



A20-8

**Philosophy of Religion Section and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College, Presiding

Theme: *The Significance of Amy Hollywood's Sensible Ecstasy (University of Chicago Press)*

Panelists:

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University

Virginia Burrus, Drew University

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University

Patricia Daily, Columbia University

Responding:

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University



A20-9

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Alton B. Pollard, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *"Natural" Disasters and Social and Religious Responses*

Jennifer Veninga, Graduate Theological Union

Burying the Dead and Feeding the Living: A Social Scientific Analysis of the Lisbon Earthquake of 1755

Laurie Cozad, University of Mississippi

Disaster and Divinity in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina

Lynn Bridgers, St. Thomas University

Beyond the Medical Model: Re-examining Religious Response in the Aftermath of Trauma and Disaster

Stephen Dove, Fuller Theological Seminary

Relief and Repentance: Proselytism and Evangelical Disaster Responses

Business Meeting:

Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding



A20-10

Study of Islam Section and Contemporary Islam Consultation

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: *From Cyber to the Grave: Making and Marking Muslim Space*

Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College

Cyberspace and Muslim Political Theology

Debra Mubashshir Majeed, Beloit College

"Not Here, Sistah!": African American Women and Gender Marginalization in American Mosques

Rizwan Mawani, Institute of Ismaili Studies

Ismaili Jamatkhana: Negotiating Space, Ritual, and Identity Since Aga Khan III

Tazim Kassam, Syracuse University
Ismaili Jamatkhana: Negotiating Space, Ritual, and Identity Since Aga Khan III

Naveeda Khan, Johns Hopkins University
Inheriting Islam: The Call to Prayer and the Ordinary Voice of Tradition

Responding:

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University



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

Chava Weissler, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: *The “New Jews”: Reflections on Emerging Cultural Practices*

Barbara Kirshenbaltt-Gimblett, New York University
The “New Jews”: Reflections on Emerging Cultural Practices

Jeffrey Shandler, Rutgers University
Bar Mitzvah Disco: Remediating a Rite of Passage

Ari Kelman, University of California, Davis
Ritual as Mediation: A Case Study in Storytelling

Judah Cohen, New York University
A Musical Space of Our Own: Negotiating Genre, Authenticity, and Identity in Music of the “New” New Jews

Responding:

Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa



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

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Jim Wallis' God's Politics (Harper SanFrancisco) and Critical Responses*

Jim Wallis, *Sojourners*

Responding:

Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
Douglas K. Harink, King's University College

Business Meeting:

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, Presiding



A20-13

African Religions Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Damaris M'mworia, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Public Life in Africa: Politics, Human Rights, and Peacemaking*

Edwin Gimode, Kenyatta University
Religion in Public Affairs: The Role of the Church in the Struggle for Democracy and a New Constitutional Order in Kenya

Mary Nyangweso, Iowa State University
Religion, the African Concept of the Individual, and the Human Rights Discourse

Nisbert Taringa, University of Zimbabwe
African Traditional Religions and Human Rights: Initiating the Discourse

Isabel Apawo Phiri, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Peacemaking and Reconciliation: The Contribution of African Indigenous Religious Women in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Business Meeting:

Samuel K. Elolia, Emmanuel School of Religion, Presiding



A20-14

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Catherine Keller, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Genesis*

Mark I. Wallace, Swarthmore College

The Food Web Is Sacred: Reading Genesis and Matthew through Green Eyes

Gary A. Phillips, Wabash College

Suffering Responsibility: Creation, Art, and the Genesis of Ethics

Danna Nolan Fewell, Drew University

Suffering Responsibility: Creation, Art, and the Genesis of Ethics

Sharon V. Betcher, Vancouver School of Theology

Disabling "The Fall"

Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press

Genesis, Diaspora, Multiplicities

Business Meeting:

Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding



A20-15

Black Theology Group and Person, Culture, and Religion Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Kathleen Bishop, Madison, NJ, Presiding

Theme: *Explorations: Black Theology, Psychology, and Human Wholeness*

Monica A. Coleman, Bennett College for Women

Friendly Spirits: A Womanist Theology of Mental Health through the Lens of Spirit Possession

Lee Hayward Butler, Chicago Theological Seminary
Breaking the Chains, Cutting the Ropes, Embodying the Disintegrated: The Liberating Work of African American Pastoral Theology

Trina Armstrong, Claremont School of Theology
Rot at the Core: Black Theology and Psychotherapy—an Integrative Approach Towards Liberation from Psychological Slavery

Donald H. Matthews, University of Missouri, Kansas City
Fatalism: An Africana Diaspora Psychology of Religion

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Duke University
Deconstructing the Strong Black Woman



A20-16

Christian Spirituality Group and Wesleyan Studies Group and Wesleyan Studie
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Kenneth J. Collins, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Communal Spiritual Practices in Wesleyan Traditions*

Jonathan Cooney, Boston University
The Shout Heard 'Round the World: Similarities and Differences between American and English Camp Meetings

Rhonda Hartweg, Asbury Seminary
The Contributions of Sarah Anderson Jones (1753-1794) to Three Communal Spiritual Practices of Early American Methodism

Robin Knowles Wallace, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
“Jesus, United by Thy Grace”: A Preliminary Investigation of Wesleyan Hymn Singing as a Communal Spiritual Practice

Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Pfeiffer University
Recovering the Love-Feast: Moravian Contributions to Wesleyan Bands, Classes, and Societies



A20-17

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group and Religion and Sexuality Consultation

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College, Presiding

Theme: *A Conversation with Wendy Doniger and Daniel Boyarin: Religion and Sexuality*

Panelists:

Laura S. Desmond, University of Chicago

Ishay Rosen-Zvi, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago

Daniel Boyarin, University of California, Berkeley

Business Meeting:

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding



A20-18

Confucian Traditions Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Theme: *Values in Conflict: Confucian Attempts to Resolve Moral Dilemmas*

Thomas Radice, University of Pennsylvania

Concealing Morality: Moral Dilemmas, Filial Piety, and Gender in Early China

Kenneth Holloway, University of Pennsylvania

The Rectification of Names in the Analects and Daodejing?

Keith Knapp, The Citadel

Where Have All the Loyal Retainers Gone? The Conflict between Family and State in Medieval Confucianism

Ian Chapman, Princeton University

The Ethical Reveler: Confucian Morals in Tang Court Festivities

Christopher Lupke, Washington State University
Filial Vestiges: The Conflict between Confucian and Modern Structures of Selfhood

Responding:

Peter Ditmanson, Colby College

Business Meeting:

Michael Puett, Harvard University, Presiding

 **A20-19**

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

Timothy Patitsas, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Creation, the Fathers, and Contemporary Orthodox Theology*

Joseph M. Hallman, University of Saint Thomas
Augustine or Cyril? To Whom Shall We Go for the Oneness of Christ?

Frederick D. Aquino, Abilene Christian University
The Natural State of the Intellect in Maximus Confessor: A Virtue Epistemology of Spirituality

Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley
Salvation through Matter: Maximus the Confessor and Pavel Florensky on the Propedeutic Purpose of Creation

Valerie Karras, Southern Methodist University
Imago Dei or Microcosmic Rational Animal? The Protological Anthropology of Gregory of Nyssa

Business Meeting:

James C. Skedros, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Presiding
Paul Gavriluk, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

 **A20-20**

Ecclesiological Investigations Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Gerard Mannion, Liverpool Hope University, Presiding

Theme: *Comparative Ecclesiology: Engaging the Work of Roger Haight and Exploring the Nature, Method, and Development of Comparative Ecclesiology for the Future*

Paul D. Murray, University of Durham

Receptive Ecumenism and Transformative Ecclesial Learning: An Ethic for the Ecumenical Long Haul

Minna Hietamäki, Helsinki University

Is Comparative Ecclesiology Enough for the Oikoumene? Remarks on Roger Haight's Comparative Ecclesiology in the Light of Recent Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogues

Reid Locklin, University of Toronto

A More Comparative Ecclesiology? Bringing Comparative Theology to the Ecclesiological Table

Gerard M. Jacobitz, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia

Church and Sacramentality: The Theology of Symbol in Roger Haight's Comparative Ecclesiology

Ann M. Caron, St. Joseph College, Hartford

Toward an Inclusive Ecclesial Communion?

Responding:

Roger D. Haight, Union Theological Seminary, New York

Business Meeting:

Amy Plantinga Pauw, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding



A20-21

Evangelical Theology Group

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Drama, Doctrine, and Evangelical Theology: Exploring Kevin Vanhoozer's "Canonical-Linguistic" Approach to Doctrine and Its Implications for Evangelical Theology*

Jay Smith, Howard Payne University
"Backdoor Balthasar": The Theo-Drama as Template for the Drama of Doctrine and the Legitimization of an Evangelical Theological Aesthetic

Hans Boersma, Regent College
Dramatic Imagination: The Nouvelle Théologie of Kevin Vanhoozer

John Perry, University of Notre Dame
Is the Bible a Playscript? Assessing Vanhoozer's Metaphor for Evangelical Theology

Responding:

Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Business Meeting:

John R. Franke, Biblical Theological Seminary, Presiding



A20-22

Gay Men's Issues in Religion Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Julianne Buenting, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Hopeful Instability: Queer Love and Divine Desire in Religious Tradition*

Thomas V. Peterson, Alfred University
"Coming Out," Witnessing, and Being Seen as Spiritual Acts in the Gay Community

Alex Hivoltze, Boston University
Divine Love Letters: A Theological Instancing of Queer Love and Divine Desire

Elizabeth Stuart, University of Winchester
Exploding Mystery: Identity Destabilisation in the Sacramental Moment

John Blevins, Emory University
God's Eros

Responding:

Randall H. Miller, Graduate Theological Union



A20-23

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding

Theme: *Legacies of Colonization: Comparative Religious and Theological Perspectives on "America" from the Margins*

Panelists:

Rüdiger V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Gemma Cruz, Radboud University, Nijmegen

Michelle A. Gonzalez, University of Miami

Diana L. Hayes, Georgetown University

Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University, New York

Business Meeting:

Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding



A20-24

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

David Lamberth, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Pragmatism: Broadening the Discussion*

Matthew Bagger, Brown University

Dewey's Bulldog: Sidney Hook, Pragmatism, and Naturalism

Rose Ann Christian, Towson University
Susan Haack's "Reconsidered" Ethics of Belief

Joseph Winters, Princeton University
Rorty, Baldwin, and the Art of Story-telling

Responding:

William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Business Meeting:

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding
David C. Lamberth, Harvard University, Presiding



Reformed Theology and History Group and Religion in Europe Consultation
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Remembering European Conflicts Past: Interdisciplinary Reflections on Memory and the Challenge of Reconciliation*

Panelists:

Miroslav Volf, Yale University

William F. Kelleher, Syracuse University

Amy Linch and Jan Kubik, Rutgers University

Jeffrey Olick, University of Virginia



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

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Disability, and Concepts of the Other*

Joseph Ballan, Syracuse University
A Levinasian Perspective on Disability and Care

Molly Haslam, Vanderbilt University
Dethroning Rationality: A Theological Anthropology of/for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities

Lynne Bejoian, Columbia University
Enlightened Agency and Engagement: Three Wisdom Traditions' Call to Be Radically Open to the "Other"

Maysaa Bazna, College of Staten Island
co-presenter with Lynne Bejoian

Mary Caygill, Trinity Methodist Theological College and University of Auckland
Transgressing the Frame: A Movement towards a Transgressive Space beyond "Normality"

Tracy Demmons, University of St. Andrews
Toward a Theology of Intellectual Disability



A20-27

Roman Catholic Studies Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Gregory Nelson Hite, New College of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Social Justice: Questions New and Old*

Brett Hendrickson, Arizona State University
Organizing for Dignity: Catholic Social Policy and Challenges to the Bracero Program

Jay Carney, Catholic University of America
Reconsidering John Paul II's Ecclesia in Africa in the Shadow of the Rwandan Genocide

Brian Matz, Katholieke Universiteit Lueven
Interpreting the "Common Good" According to Greek Patristic Writings of the Second through Fifth Centuries

Nicholas Rademacher, Catholic University of America
The Intersection of Faith and Science in the Catholic Social Reform Work of Gladys Sellew and Mary Elizabeth Walsh in Washington, DC



Science, Technology, and Religion Group
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Michael L. Spezio, California Institute of Technology, Presiding

Theme: *Human Uniqueness: Dialogue on Evolution and Human Dignity*

Panelists:

Ursula Goodenough, Washington University

Nancy Howell, Saint Paul School of Theology

Wesley Wildman, Boston University School of Theology

Barbara J. King, College of William and Mary

Responding:

J. Wentzel Van Huyssteen, Princeton Theological Seminary



Christianity and Academia Consultation
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

New Program Unit

Diana Akiyama, Occidental College, Presiding

Theme: *Christian Higher Education: History, Theology, and Practice*

Stephen P. Shoemaker, Harvard University
Politics, Epistemology, and Divinity: The Ghettoization of Theology at Nineteenth-Century Harvard

Bryan V. Hillis, Luther College, University of Regina
The Creator, the Administrator, and Administrating: Can Theology Inform the Decision-making of Higher Education?

L. DeAne Lagerquist, Saint Olaf College
Is Secularization a Bad Thing? The View from St. Olaf College

Responding:

M. Douglas Meeks, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding

 **A20-31**

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

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

Theme: *Intelligent Design: Theological Considerations*

Taede A. Smedes, University of Leiden
Intelligent Design and Theology: What Place for the Creator?

Anna Case-Winters, McCormick Theological Seminary
The Theological Stakes of Intelligent Design

Brian Madison, Duke University
Implications of Intelligent Design Theory for Cosmos as Creature and God as Creator

Palmyre Oomen, Radboud University Nijmegen
The Theological Failure of "Intelligent Design" and a Whiteheadian Alternative

Responding:

James B. Miller, American Association for the Advancement of Science

 **A20-32**

**Sacred Space in Contemporary Asia Consultation and Tantric Studies
Consultation**

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Pamela D. Winfield, Meredith College, Presiding

Theme: *Inner and Outer Landscapes: Tantric Dimensions of Sacred Space in Asia*

June McDaniel, College of Charleston

Fragments of Body, Pieces of Mind: Sacred Space in the Kali Temples of West Bengal

Istvan Keul, Free University of Berlin

Urbanized Goddesses: The Yoginis in Banaras

E. H. Jarow, Vassar College

The Tantric Body of Kalidasa

J. F. Marc des Jardins, Concordia University

Tibetan Bonpo Exorcistic Ritual and the Shared Tantric Landscape of Kham

Responding:

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Boulder



A20-40

Special Topics Forum

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Theme: *Capitol Hill Advocacy Orientation and Capitol Hill Visit*



A20-118

**Meeting with leaders of national educational organizations for teachers and
teacher educators.**

Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am



A20-33

National Museum of African Art Tour
Monday - 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and African Religions Group

S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Tour is sold out. See

www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#ArtsSeriesandTours for details.



Restoration Ecology of the Anacostia River and Environmental Justice Boat Tour
Monday - 9:30 am-12:00 pm

Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#ArtsSeriesandTours for details.



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

Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding



Plenary Address
Monday - 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *An Interview with Madeleine Albright*

Panelists:

Madeleine Albright, Georgetown University

Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary

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A20-50

Sacred and Religious Sites of Washington Bus Tour
Monday - 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Sponsored by the North American Religions Section

Peter W. Williams, Miami University of Ohio, Dewey Wallace, George Washington University, and Jeanne H. Kilde, Carleton College, Presiding

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A20-51

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

Sponsored by the Publications Committee

Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, Presiding

Theme: *How to Publish Your Book: Advice from Oxford University Press and from the Editors of the AAR Book Series and JAAR*

Panelists:

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco

Susan E. Henking, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology

Kevin Madigan, Harvard University

Anne E. Monius, Harvard University

James Wetzel, Villanova University

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia

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A20-52

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

Sponsored by the Regions Committee

Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Health, and Social Justice: African Perspectives on a Global Issue*

Panelists:

James R. Cochrane, University of Cape Town

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

Tinyinko Maluleke, University of South Africa

Peter Okaalet, MAP International

Deborah McFarland, Emory University

Steve de Gruchy, University of KwaZulu Natal

Responding:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University

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A20-53

Special Topics Forum

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by the Theological Education Steering Committee

Barbara Brown Zikmund, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Theme: *Theology in the Public Sphere: The Challenges of Being a Public Intellectual*

Panelists:

Joseph Fahey, Manhattan College

Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

Ronald J. Sider, Palmer Theological Seminary

Richard Cizik, National Association of Evangelicals

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A20-54

Academic Teaching and the Study of Religion Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Grace G. Burford, Prescott College, Presiding

Theme: *Reflecting on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning: Success Stories*

Nathan Kollar, St John Fisher College

Differing and Oppositional Religious Voices in Our Classrooms

John K. Simmons, Western Illinois University

Exploring the Spirituality Gap between Faculty and Student Expectations in the Introductory Class in Religious Studies and Theology

Claire Bischoff and Mary Elizabeth Moore, Emory University

Intersections, Parallels, and Integrations: Oral History, Pedagogy, and Research

Lucretia B. Yaghjian, Episcopal Divinity School, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
Writing Theology Well: Reflections on Process, Pedagogy, and Writing as a Theological Practice

Business Meeting:

Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, Presiding
Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding



A20-55

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Ted L. Estess, University of Houston, Presiding

Theme: *Art, Apocalypse, and Katrina: Poetic Responses to Disaster*

Panelists:

Sybil Estess, University of Houston

John Gery, University of New Orleans

Martha Serpas, University of Tampa

R. Clifton Spargo, Marquette University

Responding:

John Utz, Duke University



A20-56

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Global Mission after Colonialism*

Robert Hughes, University of the South
The Missio Spiritus as an Under-explored Ground of Post-colonial Missiology and Praxis

Earl Zimmerman, Eastern Mennonite University
Church and Empire: Free-Church Ecclesiology in a Global Era

Daniel Ott, St. Andrews Presbyterian College
Inclusive Love beyond Inclusivism: Modeling the Church's Mission after the Inclusive Love of the Trinity

Margaret Eletta Guider, Weston Jesuit School of Theology
From the Ends of the Earth: "International Minister" or Missionary? A Roman Catholic Perspective on the Changing Face of Mission in the United States

Business Meeting:

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, Presiding



A20-57

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Buddhist Philosophy Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Philosophy as a Comparative Enterprise: A Solution to Philosophy's Problem of Truth*

Panelists:

Mario D'Amato, Rollins College

Jonathan Gold, University of Vermont

Katherine Janiec Jones, Transylvania University

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding
Selva J. Raj, Albion College, Presiding



A20-58

North American Religions Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *Keywords in American Religion: Secularism, Literalism, Mysticism, and Missions*

Panelists:

Adam Shapiro, University of Chicago

Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago

David R. Perley, University of Toronto

Melani McAlister, George Washington University

Responding:

Martin Marty, University of Chicago



A20-59

Philosophy of Religion Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Eric Boynton, Allegheny College, Presiding

Theme: *Biopolitics and the Philosophy of Religion*

Matthew Chrulew, Monash University
Foucault, Biopolitics, and Religion

Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas
Law beyond Law: Agamben, Deleuze, and the Unconscious Event

Gregory Kaplan, Rice University
Biopolitics, Immanence, and the Wages of Life

William Robert, Louisiana State University
Biopolitics, Ecotechnics, and the Possibility of Subjectivity



A20-60

Religion in South Asia Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Shubha Pathak, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Transgressing Traditions and Traditional Transgressions*

Panelists:

Katherine Ulrich, University of Southern California

Scott A. Kugle, Leiden University

Robert Menzies, Albion College

William Elison, University of Chicago

Responding:

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College

Business Meeting:

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University, Presiding

Tazim Kassam, Syracuse University, Presiding



A20-62

Study of Judaism Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *“God Is the Truth”: The Star of Redemption between Philosophy and Theology*

Panelists:

Paul W. Franks, University of Toronto

Benjamin Pollock, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto



A20-63

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Derek Simon, St. Thomas University, Presiding

Theme: *Memory, Suffering, and Hope*

Flora A. Keshgegian, Brown University

Black Holes and Blue Skies: Trauma and Suffering in History

Lester Edwin Ruiz, New York Theological Seminary

Empire, Enforced Migration, and Solidarity: Pursuing a Theology of Migration

Alain Epp Weaver, University of Chicago

Remembering the Nakba: Tours of Destroyed Palestinian Villages as Pilgrimages of Lament and Hope

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Empire's Other: Religious Environmentalism and Our Planet's Future

Responding:

Serene Jones, Yale University



A20-64

Women and Religion Section and Native Traditions in the Americas Group

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Presiding

Theme: *Can the Subaltern Speak? Revisited: Gender, Colonialism, and the Politics of History in Noenoe Silva's Aloha Betrayed*

Panelists:

J. Kehaulani Kauanui, Wesleyan University

Justine Smith, Harvard University

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa

Dale Turner, Dartmouth College

Vincent L. Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University

Responding:

Noenoe Silva, University of Hawaii, Honolulu

Business Meeting:

Michael McNally, Carleton College, Presiding

Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, Presiding



A20-65

**Anthropology of Religion Group and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

Edward Tabor Linenthal, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: *The Ethics and Politics of Museum Display*

Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia
The Victim's Body and the Ethics of Viewing

Jane Marie Law, Cornell University
Sugihara Chiune and the Political Utility of Altruism: One Hero, Two Museums, and Myriad Competing Shared Cultural Memories

Oren Baruch Stier, Florida International University
Torah and Taboo: Is the United States Holocaust Museum Jewish?

Hannah Holtschneider, University of Edinburgh
Victims, Perpetrators, Bystanders? Witnessing, Remembering, and the Ethics of Representation in Museums of the Holocaust

Business Meeting:

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

 **A20-66**

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group and Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Paul Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas and James C. Skedros, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Augustine and the Christian East*

Will Cohen, Catholic University of America
The Place of Augustine in the Ecclesiology of Georges Florovsky

David Dunn, Vanderbilt University
Good Sex? Desire in Augustine and Gregory of Nyssa

Peter Galadza, Saint Paul University
The Liturgical Commemoration of Augustine in the Byzantine East: An Ambiguous Lex Orandi for an Ambiguous Lex Credendi

John Panteleimon Manoussakis, Boston College
The Vision of God: Reconciling the Controversy Concerning Augustine's Exegesis of the Old Testament Theophanies

 **A20-67**

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Biblical Reading and Colonial Hermeneutics*

Christo Lombaard, University of South Africa
Does Contextual Exegesis Require an Affirming Bible? Lessons from "Apartheid" and "Africa" as Narcissistic Hermeneutical Keys

Charles E. DeBose, California State University, East Bay
The Ebonics Bible: An Idea Whose Time Has Come

Laura E. Donaldson, Cornell University
American Samson: Learning from the Schoolmaster

Raedorah Stewart, Proclaim and Publish Ministries
Three Points and the Poem: Theopoetics and Non-Canonical Texts, Tones, and Tools of Black Preaching

Danielle Sigler, Austin College
Zora Neale Hurston's Bible

Business Meeting:

Laura E. Donaldson, Cornell University, Presiding

 **A20-68**

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

Lisa Dahill, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Which Bonhoeffer? For Whom?*

Jacqueline A. Bussie, Capital University
Terrorist or Saint? Teaching Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the Twenty-first Century

Jennifer McBride, University of Virginia
"Religionless Christianity" for North America: Confession of Sin as the Privileged Church's Sociopolitical Praxis

Jonathan Malesic, King's College, Pennsylvania
Bonhoeffer's "Secret Discipline": The Duty to Conceal Christian Identity in Public Life

Business Meeting:

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Presiding

 **A20-69**

Chinese Religions Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: *Daoist Images of the Gods*

Poul Andersen, University of Hawaii, Manoa
Categories and Visual Representations of the Gods in the Daoist Altar

Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado, Boulder
The Visual Ritual Canon of the Li Family of Jilong, Taiwan

Angelika Cedzich, DePaul University
Daoist Gods: Their Iconic Creation and Re-imagination in Visual Art and Popular Narrative

Clarke Hudson, Indiana University, Bloomington
The Ancestors, Births, and Lives of Yao Daoist Manuscripts

Responding:

Edward L. Davis, University of Hawaii, Honolulu



A20-70

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

Marcie Middlebrooks, Cornell University, Presiding

Theme: *The Transformation of Korean Religious Rituals and Their Characteristics in Contemporary Korea*

Kim Jongmyung, Graduate School of Korean Studies
Buddhist Daily Rituals in Korea: Transformation and Characteristics

Jeonghyun Ha, Academy of Korean Studies
Confucian Family Ancestor Worship (Chesa) in Korea: Transformation and Characteristics

Sang-un Park, Korea Institution for Religion and Culture
Protestant Revival Services in Korea: Transformation and Characteristics

Byoungchul Ko, Academy of Korean Studies
God-Humanism (Taejjongyo) Rituals in Korea: Transformation and Characteristics

Responding:

Pori Park, Arizona State University
James H. Grayson, University of Sheffield

 **A20-71**

Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Presiding

Theme: *The Bible, Education, and American Civil Religion*

Nathan D. Raybeck, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Reestablishing American Civil Religion? American Identity and Bible Literacy

Sara Shrader, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
The Bible and Its Influence: Problems and Paradoxes of Cultural Literacy in American Public Schools

Jeffrey Thibert, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
The Constitutionality of Bible Courses in American Public Schools

Erik Owens, Boston College
"Disestablishment" as Legal Paideia? Assessing Michael McConnell's Educational Pluralism

Responding:

Jonathan Moore, Grinnell College

Business Meeting:

Robert A. Yelle, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Presiding

 **A20-72**

Men's Studies in Religion Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Mark Justad, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Men's Studies in Religion: Cross Cultural Perspectives*

Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher, Texas College
XODUS Wilderness: Failed New Masculinities and Hope

Philip Culbertson, University of Auckland
Two Men Dancing: Cross-Cultural Supervision, Colonization, and Difference as Resistance and Promise for Men's Studies in Religion

Björn Krondorfer, St. Mary's College of Maryland
Who's Afraid of Gay Theology? An Intellectual Probing of Heterosexual Silence

Christoph Walser, Bildung und Gesellschaft, Reformierte Kirche Zürich
Against Destructive Male Habits: Rereading the New Testament in European Christian Men's Groups

Responding:

David James Livingston, Mercyhurst College



A20-73

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jay Bregman, University of Maine, Orono, Presiding

Theme: *Living Tradition*

Garth W. Green, Boston University
Christian Neo-Platonism, Medieval and Modern

Matthew C. Halteman, Calvin College
Neoplatonism at the Margin of Fundamental Ontology: Inklings of Ascent "Beyond Being" in the 1929 Footnotes to Heidegger's On the Essence of Ground

Willemien Otten, Utrecht University
Nature's Voice: The Auditive Structure of R. W. Emerson's Neoplatonic Spirituality

David L. Smith, Central Michigan University
Ralph Waldo Emerson: From Neoplatonism to Nondualism?

Business Meeting:

Willemien Otten, Utrecht University, Presiding



A20-74

Practical Theology Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

James Nieman, Hartford Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Political Aspects of Practical Theology*

Joyce Ann Mercer, Virginia Theological Seminary
Showing Some Class: Practical Theological Contributions to the “Classing” of Congregational Studies

Gordon S. Mikoski, Princeton Theological Seminary
Teaching Against Torture: Liturgical Catechesis in Exceptional Circumstances

Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernández, Catholic Theological Union
De-colonizing Practical and Pastoral Theologies: A Reconfiguration En Conjunto

Jennifer R. Ayres, Emory University
Waiting for a Glacier to Move: Practical Theological Reflections on Social Witness Practice

Responding:

Elaine Graham, University of Manchester

Business Meeting:

Claire Wolfteich, Boston University, Presiding



A20-75

Religion and Ecology Group and Contemporary Pagan Studies Consultation
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Michael York, London, United Kingdom, Presiding

Theme: *Sacred Space and Time: Contemporary Paganism and Spiritual Ecology*

Adrian Harris and Christina Welch, University of Winchester
Deep Currents: The Two Tides of Neo-Paganism

Chris Klassen, Wilfrid Laurier University
Speaking Nature: Multivocal Participation in the Search for a Sustainable World

Helen A. Berger, West Chester University
Teenage Witches and Environmentalism

Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania
co-presenter with Helen A. Berger

Alan Shear, McHenry County College
Contemporary Pagan Pilgrimage in America

Responding:

Robert S. Corrington, Drew University



A20-76

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Mestizaje: Revisiting Race, Syncretism, and Hybridity*

Bettina E. Schmidt, University of Oxford
Afro-Caribbean Religions as Realms of Memory: The Concept of Polyphonic Bricolage as Critique against Syncretism and Mestizaje

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College and Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo
Mestiçagem, Brasilidade, and Feijoada: Extending Brazilian Writings on Hybridity

Nestor Medina, University of Toronto
Hybrid Cultures or Multiculturalism: Navigating the Contested Spaces of Mestizaje Discourse(s)

Ruben Rosario-Rodriguez, Saint Louis University
The Racialized Christ: Reconceptualizing Mestizaje as Transcultural Paradigm

Responding:

Otto A. Maduro, Drew University

Business Meeting:

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

 **A20-77**

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

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

Theme: *Tapestries of Motion and Spirit*

Karen Baker-Fletcher, Southern Methodist University
Loves the Spirit

Keri Day, Vanderbilt University
God's Daughters: Nairobi Women and Visions of Gender Justice

Deborah Buchanan, Fuller Seminary
We Shall Overcome: The Beautiful Tapestry of Womanist Transformation in Dance, Literature, Poetry, and Hip Hop

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
Jan Willis' Dreaming Me: Constructing a Baptist-Buddhist Womanist Identity

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Loving the Spirit: Expressions of Paganism in Alice Walker's Non-Fiction

 **A20-78**

World Christianity Group
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

New Program Unit

Martha Smalley, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *World Christianity in Local Contexts*

Paul V. Kollman, University of Notre Dame
Classifying African Christianities Past and Present

David Tonghou Ngong, Baylor University
The New Christianity in Africa and Radical Orthodoxy: An Apology for Dialogue

Mark R. Mullins, Sophia University
Between Inculturation and Globalization: The Situation of Roman Catholicism in Contemporary Japanese Society

Peter Ng, Chinese University of Hong Kong
The Necessity of the Particular in the Globalization of Christianity: The Case of Christian Higher Education in China

Responding:

Melanie A. May, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Business Meeting:

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University, Presiding
Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding



A20-79

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Consultation
Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Richard King, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Medicalizing Religion: Inherent Biology, Pathological Emotion, and Missionizing Hygiene*

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College
Popular Phrenology and the Biology of Natural Religion

Curtis Evans, Florida State University
Emotionalism Described and Dissected: The New Psychology and the Pathologizing of Black Religion

Shin Kwon Kim, Drew University
An Aseptic Religion: Discovering a Hybridity on the Flux of Hygiene and Christianity in Korea

Responding:

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Business Meeting:

Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding

Tisa Wenger, Arizona State University, Presiding



A20-80

Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: *Memorials to the Dead*

Cat Ngoc Jonathan Tran, Duke University

Between Worlds at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

Composting a Life: Recycled Bodies, Green Burial, and Meaning Making in the Natural Death Movement

Arlene Macdonald, University of Toronto

Organ Donors, Fallen Soliders, and the Sensuous Civil Religion

Business Meeting:

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University, Presiding



A20-81

Open and Relational Theologies Consultation and Latter-Day Saints and the Bible

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Lynne Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College and John Welch, Brigham Young University, Presiding

Theme: *Are Openness and Relational Theologies Biblical?*

John Sanders, Huntington College

Clear as Day: Metaphorical and Literal Readings of Scripture in the Open Theism Debate

James M. McLachlan, Western Carolina University

*Open Readings of Genesis: Jacob Boehme's *Mysterium Magnum* and Joseph Smith's Books of Moses, Abraham, and The Book of Mormon*

Michael Lodahl, Point Loma Nazarene University

The Human's Naming of the Creatures as the World's (and God's) Open Future: A Conflict of Interpretations among Jews, Muslims, and Mormons

David L. Paulsen, Brigham Young University

Opening the Bible: Open Canon and Openness Theology



A20-82

Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Queer Religion, Queer Communities*

Heather Thiessen, University of Louisville

Something Whatever in Common: Prospects for Queer Community

Justin Waters, Graduate Theological Union

Public Theologies from the Inner Sanctum: A Queer Look at Public-Restroom Graffiti

Gerard Loughlin, Durham University

Being Creature, Becoming Human: A Theological Conversation between Oliver O'Donovan, Judith Butler, and Joan Roughgarden

Business Meeting:

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding



A20-83

Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Diane Winston, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theme: *Freedom of Expression and Religious Sensibilities: The Danish Cartoon Controversy in a Global Media Environment*

Panelists:

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark

T. Jeremy Gunn, American Civil Liberties Union

Susanne Schröter, University of Passau

Responding:

John L. Esposito, Georgetown University



A20-84

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, US Holocaust Memorial Museum -- Information Session

Monday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

Participants interested in learning more about the academic resources of the museum are invited to this information session. In addition to information about fellowships, seminars, and workshops, and the museum's publications program, there will be demonstrations of the museum's electronic resources, including Internet-II and online research tools. For additional information, please contact Victoria J. Barnett at vbarnett@ushmm.org or 1-202-488-0469.



A20-85

Library of Congress Forum: Writing the Story of America's Religious Origins

Monday - 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

Sponsored by the AAR, Library of Congress, and National History Center

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

Panelists:

Susan Jacoby, Center for Inquiry – New York City

Mark Noll, University of Notre Dame

Stephen Prothero, Boston University

Jonathan D. Sarna, Brandeis University

Mumford Room, Madison Building

Library of Congress

Independence Avenue and 2nd St, SE

(near Capitol South Metro Station)



Foucault Consultation
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Eva Maria Räßle, College of DuPage, Presiding

Theme: *The Future of Foucault in Religious and Theological Studies: Engagements with Derrida and Postcolonialism*

Matthew Chrulew, Monash University
Foucault and Derrida in the Return of Religion

Susan Abraham, St. Bonaventure University
Postcolonial Religious Studies and Foucault

Responding:

John D. Caputo, Syracuse University
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming

Business Meeting:

Thomas M. Beaudoin, Santa Clara University, Presiding



A20-101

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

Sponsored by the AAR Program Committee

Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Debate: Just War Theory Versus Just Peacemaking Theory: Which Produces the Better Answer to Terrorism?*

Panelists:

Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago

Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#SpecialTopicsForums for details.



A20-102

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

Sponsored by the Religion in the Schools Task Force

Betty A. DeBerg, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *"Required Reading" Writing for the Secondary School Market*

Panelists:

Stephanie McAllister, Brookline High School

Ann Braude, Harvard University Divinity School

John Voll, Georgetown University

Scott Appleby, University of Notre Dame

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#SpecialTopicsForums for details.



A20-103

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Afro-American Religious History Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Wallace Best, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Performing African-American Religion*

Craig Prentiss, Rockhurst University

Theodicy and the African-American Anti-Lynching Play

Judith Weisenfeld, Vassar College

The Politics of African-American Religious Performance: Eva Jessye's Dramatizations of Negro Music

Kathryn Lofton, Indiana University, Bloomington

Performing Preacher: Oprah Winfrey and the Anxious Bench

Responding:

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University

Business Meeting:

Moses N. Moore, Arizona State University, Presiding



A20-104

Buddhism Section

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Chun-Fang Yu, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: *Clerics and Family, Clerics as Family: Rethinking the Role of Families in Monastic Buddhism*

Shayne Clarke, McMaster University

Locating the Family in Homelessness: On Monastic Families in Indian Buddhism

Gina Cogan, Boston University

Serving the Buddha through Serving the Emperor: Imperial Buddhist Monks and Nuns as Abbots, Abbesses, and Adoptees in Edo Japan

Annabella Pitkin, Columbia University

Homeless Fathers, Sons (and Daughters): The Renunciant Relationships of Khunu Lama Tenzin Gyaltzen and the Non-Sectarian Ideal

Lori Meeks, University of Southern California

Inheriting the Monastic Trade: Buddhism and Family Business in Medieval Japan

Responding:

John S. Strong, Bates College



A20-105

Christian Systematic Theology Section

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *Reimagining the Political: Kingdom, Church, and State*

Timothy Stanley, University of Manchester

Karl Barth and Jürgen Habermas: Christian Mission and Global Civil Society

Miikka Ruokanen, University of Helsinki

K. H. Ting's Contribution to the Contextualization of Christianity in China

Steffen Lösel, Emory University

Standing at the Crossroads: A Political Theology of Justification

Kristen Deede Johnson, Hope College

"Public" Re-imagined: An Alternative to Church and State



A20-106

Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Animals and Religion Consultation

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College, Presiding

Theme: *Comparative Religious Approaches to Species Depletion, with Emphasis on Africa*

Panelists:

Daniel McFee, Mercyhurst College

Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University

Richard Foltz, Concordia University, Montreal

Paul Waldau, Tufts University



A20-107

Ethics Section

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Francisca Cho, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Disciplining the Body as Ethical Training*

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa

Chastising the Body, Cultivating the Soul: Food and Drink as Ethical Issues during the Reformation

Jeffrey K. Mann, Susquehanna University

Martial Discipline and the Way of Peace: The Virtues and Vices of Zen-inspired Martial Arts in Japan

Joyce Shin, University of Chicago

Integration and Discrimination: The Significance of Artistic Activity for Moral Formation

Sheila McCarthy, Duke University

Eucharist as Preparation for Martyrdom in Third-Century North Africa



A20-108

North American Religions Section

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Authors Meet Critics: Religion and Visual Culture with David Morgan (The Sacred Gaze) and Camilo Jose Vergara (How the Other Half Worships)*

Panelists:

David Morgan, Valparaiso University

Camilo Vergara, New York, NY

Responding:

Sally M. Promey, University of Maryland, College Park

James Hudnut-Beumler, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

John Corrigan, Florida State University, Presiding



A20-109

Study of Islam Section and Women and Religion Section

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Approaching the Problem of Qur'an 4:34: Divine Legislation for Male Authority and the Beating of Wives?*

Laury Silvers, Skidmore College

"In the Book We Have Left Out Nothing" (Q 6:38): The Ethical Problem of the Existence of Verse 4:34 in the Qur'an

Ayesha Chaudhry, New York University

The Problems of Conscience and Hermeneutics with Respect to Verse 4:34: Some Contemporary Muslim Approaches

Kecia Ali, Brandeis University

"I Wanted One Thing and God Wanted Another:" Al-Shafi'i's Attempt to Reconcile Qur'an and Sunnah on Subject of Striking Wives

Karen A. Bauer, Princeton University

"Traditional" Exegesis of 4:34: Men's Authority and Women's Rational Deficiency

Business Meeting:

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University, Presiding



A20-110

**Study of Judaism Section and History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Michael Satlow, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: *Reconsidering Rabbinic Judaism*

Christian Wiese, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Wissenschaft des Judentums and Rabbinic Literature in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries

Alexei Sivertsev, DePaul University

A Byzantine Judaism: Towards A New Category

Steven D. Fraade, Yale University

How Broad Was the Rabbinic Umbrella? The Case of Targum and Rabbinic Literature

Sigrid Peterson, University of Pennsylvania

Syriac-speaking Judaism: They Who Read and Write in the (Syriac) Outside Books?

Responding:

Charlotte Fonrobert, Stanford University

Business Meeting:

Aryeh Cohen, University of Judaism, Presiding

Martin Kavka, Florida State University, Presiding



A20-111

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Nathan Kerr, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Responses to Theology and the Political: The New Debate (Duke University Press, 2005)*

Panelists:

Daniel Barber, Duke University

Conor Cunningham, University of Nottingham

Joshua Davis, Vanderbilt University

Responding:

Adam Kotsko, Chicago Theological Seminary

John Milbank, University of Virginia

Graham Ward, University of Manchester

Slavoj Žižek, University of Ljubljana



A20-112

African Religions Group and World Christianity Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

New Program Unit

Akintunde Egunolu Akinade, High Point University, Presiding

Theme: *African Christianity*

Gay Byron, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

Redrawing the Boundaries of Early Christianity: The Case of the Axumite Empire and Its Sources

Mika Vähäkangas, University of Helsinki

Ghambageu Encounters Jesus: Change and Continuity in the Mythology of the Sonjo (Tanzania)

David Ogungbile, Obafemo Awolowo University

The Ancient in the Mind, Memory, and Religious Life of the Contemporary African Peoples

Frieder Ludwig, Luther Seminary

African Christianity and the Neo-Diaspora in Minneapolis

Responding:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University



A20-113

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Asian American Hermeneutics
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching “Difficult” Texts in Communities—Asian North American Scholars in Conversation*

Panelists:

Frank Yamada, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary

Lai Ling Elizabeth Ngan, Baylor University

Faustino Cruz, Graduate Theological Union

Boyung Lee, Pacific School of Religion



A20-114

Bioethics and Religion Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Human Genome Project: Religion, Bioethics, and Public Policy*

Panelists:

Francis Collins, National Institutes of Health

Responding:

James F. Childress, University of Virginia

Ronald Green, Dartmouth College



A20-115

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Ellen M. Umansky, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual in Hindu and Jewish Diasporic Spaces*

Gwynn Kessler, University of Florida

First Comes Love Then Comes Marriage...? Domesticating Queer Jews

Shreena Gandhi, University of Florida

A Global Polycultural Miracle: Ganesh Drinks the Milk

Hilit Surowitz, University of Florida

"You Have Peruvian Blood": Creating Home at the Annual Hebraica Maccabi Games

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Creating Community Spaces in American Hinduism: Authority, Authenticity, and Identity

Responding:

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University Chicago



A20-116

Comparative Theology Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

New Program Unit

James Miller, Queen's University, Presiding

Theme: *The Comparative Religious Ideas Project: A Critical Retrospective Five Years Later*

Panelists:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Robert Smid, Boston University

Wendy Farley, Emory University

John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University

Responding:

Robert C. Neville, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding



A20-117

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Western Esotericism
Group**

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *Disciplinary Traditions Reconsidered: Comparative Approaches to the Study of Western Esotericism and Religion*

Olav Hammer, University of Southern Denmark

Utopian Thinking and Esoteric Discourse: Esotericism as a Comparative Category

Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Amsterdam

Esotericism and Mysticism: What Is the Difference?

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology

Chips from Another German Workshop: Schleiermacher among the Theorists of Religion

Christopher Lehrich, Boston University

Discipline and Interdiscipline: On Magical Comparisons



A20-118

Islamic Mysticism Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Vincent J. Cornell, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Presiding

Theme: *Permutations of Islamic Mysticism*

Heba Khan, Rice University

Defining an Islamic Notion of Justice: Shehu Uthman Dan Fodio's Kitab Al-Usul Al-Adl

Orkhan Mir-Kasimov, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes

The Hurûfî Concept of Knowledge According to the Early Hurûfî Texts

Margaret Jean Rausch, University of Kansas

Inside a Women's Sufi Ritual: Modern Responses to the Transmission of Baraka in Tajikistan

SherAli Tareen, Duke University

Sufism, Reform, and Heterologies: The Case of Deoband

Business Meeting:

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



A20-119

Person, Culture, and Religion Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Lallene Rector, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritual Care in Diverse Cultural Contexts*

David Bell, Emory University

The Identity Marketplace: Conceptualizing Religious Identity Development for Research and Spiritual Care in Pluralistic Societies

Hetty Zock, University of Groningen

Doing the Splits: The Professional Identity of the Spiritual Counselor in Contemporary Dutch Health Care

Jae Haeng Choi, Graduate Theological Union

Spirituality through Theater for Healing the Broken-Heartedness

Valerie DeMarinis, Uppsala University

The Impact of Postmodernization on Worldview Construction and Spiritual Care in Sweden

For Business Meeting see A18-40.



A20-120

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

Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *Museums, Monuments, and Memory*

Louis A. Ruprecht, Georgia State University
Shrines to the Muse

Rosemary Hicks, Columbia University
Palace and Mosque 2005: Evaluating Islamic Culture at the National Gallery of Art

Evan Berry, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sacred Histories and Prophetic Spaces: Civil Religion in Museums of the American West

Isaac Weiner, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
The Bell and the Bomb: Cultural Memory and Civic Identity at the International Friendship Bell

Responding:

Oren Baruch Stier, Florida International University



A20-121

Religion, Politics, and the State Group and Religion, Public Policy, and Political Change Consultation
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

William A. Barbieri, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Theme: *Assets and the Poor: An Interreligious and Interdisciplinary Dialogue*

Panelists:

Michael Sherraden, Washington University, St. Louis

Jim Bailey, Duquesne University

Sondra Ely Wheeler, Wesley Theological Seminary

Qamar-ul Huda, Montgomery Village, MD

Stephanie Boddie, Washington University, St. Louis

Alan J. Avery-Peck, College of the Holy Cross

Responding:

Ray Boshara, New American Foundation



A20-122

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

Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *Grassroots Peacebuilding around the Globe: Case Studies*

Megan Shore, St. Jerome's University, University of Waterloo
Christianity and Justice in the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission: A Case Study in Religious Conflict Resolution

Katherine Attanasi, Vanderbilt University
Walking in Step with the Spirit: Applying Pentecostal Commitments to HIV/AIDS in South Africa

Kathryn Poethig, California State University, Monterey Bay
Saying No to Empire: Filipino Feminist Theologians against America's Unjust Wars

Siti Sarah Muwahidah, Gadjah Mada University
Interfaith Dialogue at the Grassroot Level: A Case Study of an Interfaith Empowerment Program in East Java Indonesia

Edith Szanto, University of Toronto
Muslim/Christian Dialogue in Syria

Business Meeting:

Marla J. Selvidge, Central Missouri State University, Presiding
Susan Windley-Daoust, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Presiding



A20-123

**Science, Technology, and Religion Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Lou Ann G. Trost, Pigeon, MI, Presiding

Theme: *Re-thinking the Engagement between Science, Technology, and Religion in the Public Sphere*

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
The Human Machine: Dignity and Blame in Conceptualizing Humanity

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University
Disputational Friendship: A Model for Science, Religion, and Public Policy

David Lewin, University of Kent
At the Touch of a Button: The Significance of Tillich's Thought for an Understanding of Technological Culture

George Tsakiridis, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Evangelical Science: Examining the Scientific Beliefs of Evangelicals and Fundamentalists

Business Meeting:

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University, Presiding



A20-124

**Scriptural Reasoning Group and Biblical/Contextual Ethics Consultation
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Resident Aliens and the Ethics of Immigration: Biblical Ethics and Scriptural Reasoning*

Panelists:

Tisha Rajendra, Boston College

Michael Budde, DePaul University

Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University

Responding:

Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University

 **A20-125**

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Jeffrey Kosky, Washington & Lee University, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in Continental Philosophy and Theology*

Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Religious Climate: Genetic Technology, Global Warming, and The Natural Contract

Christina Hutchins, Graduate Theological Union
Departure as Prophecy: Drawing on Bergson's Intuition, Whitehead's Value, and Butler's Agency to Read Temporality Anew

Theodore Wilson Dickinson, Syracuse University
Haunting Religious Identity: The Enemy, Heresiology, and the Ghost

Responding:

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University

Business Meeting:

Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding

 **A20-126**

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Natalie Gummer, Beloit College, Presiding

Theme: *Transformations in Research and Teaching on Tibetan Buddhism with the Use of New Technologies*

Panelists:

David Germano, University of Virginia

Frances Garrett, University of Toronto

Georges Dreyfus, Williams College

Jacob Dalton, Yale University

José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding



A20-127

Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Karen-Marie Yust, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education,
Presiding

Theme: *Children as Moral and Religious Agents in Literature and Film*

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University
St. Charlie and the Chocolate Cathedral

Dana Dillon, Duke University
Harry Potter and a Fate Worse than Death: Landscaping the Moral Imaginations of Our Children

Devin Kuhn, Claremont Graduate University
Coming of Age: Nonviolence and Just War Theory in The Chronicles of Narnia and Harry Potter

Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University
Interior Life and Moral Agency in C. S. Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia and Philip Pullman's His Dark Materials

Responding:

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

Business Meeting:

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University, Presiding



A20-128

Religion and Sexuality Consultation

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Jesse Terry Todd, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Sex in the Field: Current Ethnographic Research in Religion and Sexuality*

Andrea Allen, Harvard University

Matriarchy, Cosmology, and Discretion: Female Homosexuality in the Afro-Brazilian Religion, Candomblé

Sandra Avila, Florida International University

Prostitution and Bhikkuni Ordination in Strategies of Thai Women's Organizations

Mary T. Kantor, Harvard University

Sex and the Celestial City: Consecration to a Life of Virginity for Women Living in the World

Sarah Krier, University of Pittsburgh

The Jamu Industry, Islam, and Women in Indonesia

Melissa Proctor, Brown University

A Mormon Philosophy of Sex: Some Surprises

Business Meeting:

R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University, Presiding

Catherine Roach, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding



A20-129

Sacred Space in Contemporary Asia Consultation

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding

Theme: *Structures of Re-Enchantment*

Patricia Graham, University of Kansas
Buddhism's Sacred Spaces in Contemporary Japan

Don Baker, University of British Columbia
Hallowed Ground: Surveying the Religious Geography of Korea

Sor-Ching Low, Trinity University
A German Goddess in Singapore

Florian Pohl, Emory University
The Mosque in Indonesian Education: Integrating the Learning Space

Responding:

Donald K. Swearer, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Pamela D. Winfield, Meredith College, Presiding
Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding



A20-133

Daoist Studies Consultation
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Louis Komjathy, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Laoshan Daoist Monks Discuss Daoism*

Panelists:

Jiang Sheng, Shandong University

Liu Huaiyuan, Qingdao Daoist Association

Li Zongxian, Taiqing Gong in Laoshan

Liu Hongsheng, Qingdao Daoist Association

Gao Mingjian, Taiqing Gong

Li Zhilong, Taiqing Gong

Xu Guoen, Taiqing Gong



A20-134

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Responses to Hans Schwarz*, *Theology in a Global Context: The Last Two Hundred Years* (Eerdmans, 2005)

Russell C. Kleckley, Augsburg College

The Shifting Context of Global Context: The Changing Task and Scope of Historical Theology

Craig L. Nesson, Wartburg Theological Seminary

Schwarz's Theological Vision: The History of Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Theology

Darrell Jodock, Gustavus Adolphus College

Context, Continuity, and Discontinuity in Hans Schwarz's Survey of Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Theology

Arie Molendijk, University of Groningen

The Historiography of Modern Theology

Responding:

Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg

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A20-135

International Society for Chinese Philosophy
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University, Presiding

Francis Li Chung-hung, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Contemporary Chinese Policies on Religions: Taking Taoist Religion as an Example

Derong Chen, University of Toronto

Secularization: Exemplified by Identities of Daoist Priests in China

Ye Peng, Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences

Between Morality and Feudalist Absolutism: An Approach to Confucianism and Daoism

Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University

For the Sins of the Fathers (and Grandfathers): Collective Responsibility in Medieval Daoism and Ancient Judaism



A20-139

Mysticism Group

Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

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

Theme: *Mystical Healing: Modes and Methodologies*

Fran Grace, University of Redlands

"Map of Consciousness": A New Paradigm for Mysticism and Healing

Ann Gleig, Rice University

Healing Narcissism: From Regression to Transformation in the Psychoanalytic Encounter with Unchurched Mysticism

Mark Graves, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley

Memory, Trauma, and Healing

Anthony Chiffolo, Praeger Publishers

Heavenly Visions, Holy Stigmata, and the Human Brain: A Neurotheological Look at the Life of Padre Pio



A20-140

**Library of Congress Forum: Legislating International Religious Freedom
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:00 pm**

Sponsored by the AAR, Library of Congress, and Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life

Timothy S. Shah, Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, Presiding

Panelists:

Thomas Farr, former director, U.S. State Department Office of International Religious Freedom

Allen D. Hertzke, University of Oklahoma

Elizabeth Prodromou, Boston University

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo

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A20-138

**AAR Annual Business Meeting
Monday - 6:00 pm-7:00 pm**

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding

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A20-136

**Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
Monday - 7:00 pm-8:30 pm**

Bongrae Seok, Alvernia College, Presiding

Theme: *Peace, Justice, and Religious Identity*

Bina Gupta, University of Missouri, Columbia

Frameworks of Peace in Indian Tradition: Some Reflections

Donna Giancola, Suffolk University

Maya and Dike: Eco-Feminism and Eco-Justice: A Question of Environment

Lori Witthaus, Grand Valley View State University

Narratives of South Asian Religious Identity



A20-137

Society of Christian Philosophers

Monday - 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Eric Gregory, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *The Good of Diversity and the Virtue of Tolerance*

Speaker: Kelly James Clark, Calvin College

Respondents:

Andrew Chignell, Cornell University

Kristen Deede Johnson, Hope College



A20-130

Plenary Address

Monday - 7:15 pm-8:15 pm

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Karen McCarthy Brown--Telling My Stories: Race, Responsibility, and Historical Consciousness*

Panelists:

Karen McCarthy Brown, Drew University

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 **A20-131**

Arts Series/Films: *Mooladé*
Monday - 8:30 pm-10:30 pm

Sponsored by the African Religions Group

See www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#Films for details.

 **A20-132**

Arts Series/Films: *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*
Monday - 8:30 pm-10:30 pm

Sponsored by Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Christine Kraemer, Boston University, Presiding

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 **A21-1**

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

Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: *Body, Mind, Spirit: Integrative and Innovative Pedagogies*

Ridgeway Addison, Catholic University of America, Georgetown University
Picture Yourself (Praying) Naked: Contemplative Practices and Self-disclosure in the Teaching of Religious Studies and Theology

Michelle M. Lelwica, Concordia College, Moorhead
Embodying Learning: Post-Cartesian Pedagogy and the Academic Study of Religion

Susan Windley-Daoust, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
Why Consciousness-Raising Doesn't Work: Virtue Theory as "First Moment" Pedagogy in the Social Justice Classroom

Jane Compson, University of Central Florida
The Ecology of Learning: Some Buddhist Insights on Teaching Methodology

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College
What Would We Be Doing if We Weren't Doing This? An Experiment in Liberatory Departmental Practice



A21-2

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Representation, and Resistance*

Matthew Hunter, Temple University
Liberation in Black and White: Visual Representations of America's Freedom Struggles in Philadelphia-area Episcopal Churches

Melva L. Sampson, Spelman College
Dancing in the Spirit: Rhythmic Movement in Hip-Hop "Krumping" Dance Culture as Liberative Praxis of Hope and Resistance

Michael Jagessar, Queen's Foundation, Birmingham UK
Spinning Texts and Images: Derek Walcott, God-Talk, and Caribbean Identity

William Barbieri, Catholic University of America
Human Rights, Suffering, and the Moral Imagination

Business Meeting:

S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia, Presiding

**Buddhism Section****Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Robert E. Buswell, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Theme: *Tantric Buddhism through the Chinese Looking Glass*

Paul Copp, Western Michigan University

If Not "Tantric" or "Esoteric" Then What? Notes on the Nature of Certain Tang Buddhist Practices

Richard D. McBride, Washington University, St. Louis

The Mysteries of Body, Speech, and Mind: The Three Esoterica in Medieval Sinitic Buddhism

Charles D. Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Tantras and Translation in the Tang and Song

George A. Keyworth, University of Colorado, Boulder

Reconsidering Tantric Buddhism in Song China

Robert M. Gimello, Harvard University

Manifest Mysteries: The Nature of the "Exoteric/Esoteric" (Xian/Mi) Distinction in Later Chinese Buddhism

Responding:

Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley

**Christian Systematic Theology Section****Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am**

Gerard Loughlin, Durham University, Presiding

Theme: *Fulfilling Life: Health and Ecology*

Radu Bordeianu, Marquette University

Maximus and Ecology: The Relevance of Maximus the Confessor's Theology of Creation for the Present Ecological Crisis

Hilda Koster, University of Chicago

"Missio Dei, Missio Mundi": Towards a Green Missiological Ecclesiology

Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University

HIV/AIDS and the Christian Doctrine of Sin: Moral Possibilities Beyond Moralism

John Blevins, Emory University

Different Silences: Christian Theology, the AIDS Pandemic, and the (In)Ability to Speak



A21-5

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

William Gilders, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *The Religious Anatomy of Detail: Theorizing the Religious Micromanagement of the Body*

Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

Dirty Bodies, Ascetic Texts, and the Micromanagement of Daily Practices

Marie Pagliarini, California Polytechnic State University

"Angels, Clothed in Mortal Flesh": The Practice of Sacred Comportment in Nineteenth-Century Visitation Monastic Life

Jonathan Schofer, Harvard University

Rabbinic Bodies in Everyday Space

Eric Reinders, Emory University

No Laughing in the Toilet: The Craft of Dignity in Daoxuan's Guides to Buddhist Discipline

Responding:

Angela Zito, New York University



A21-6

Ethics Section and Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Bernadette Brooten, Brandeis University, Presiding

Theme: *Sexual Ethics/Sexual Justice: Feminist/Womanist Perspectives in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam*

Panelists:

Kecia Ali, Brandeis University

Margaret Farley, Yale University

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

Traci C. West, Drew University



North American Religions Section and Evangelical Theology Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Anthea Butler, University of Rochester, Presiding

Theme: *Pentecostalism a Century after Azusa Street*

Douglas Gordon Jacobsen, Messiah College
"God Liquidized": Pentecostalism's Complex Identity

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University
We're Not in Kansas Anymore: The Dissemination of Ideas, Persons, and Practices in African, Latin American, and North American Pentecostalism

Clarence Hardy, Dartmouth College
"I Am None of Your Nationalities": Migrating Pilgrims, Black Pentecostals, and the Development of a Transnational Rhetoric

Joseph Williams, Florida State University
Medicine and Psychology in Pentecostal Healing: The Impact of Modernization on Pentecostalism

Responding:



Philosophy of Religion Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Mark I. Wallace, Swarthmore College, Presiding

Theme: *The Surplus of Meaning and the Limits of Reason: Paul Ricoeur and the Philosophy of Religion*

Morny Joy, University of Calgary
Philosophy, Religion, and the Gift

David Pellauer, DePaul University
The Limits of Rational Religion: Ricoeur's Critical Appropriation of Kant

Richard Kearney, Boston College
Ricoeur's Possible God

Bernard Dauenhauer, University of Georgia
Acting against Evil

Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles, University of Chicago, Presiding



Religion in South Asia Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Emily Hudson, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Sectarian Grammars: Agency and Agenda*

David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota
Abhinavagupta's Monistic Saiva Philosophy of Grammatical Persons

Ajay Rao, University of Chicago
Grammar as Interpretation: Construing "Tat Tvam Asi" in Visistadvaita and Dvaita

Rebecca Manning, Indiana University, Bloomington
The Grammar That Is the Nectar of the Lord's Name

Anne Monius, Harvard University
Claiming Tamil and Sanskrit for the Bodhisattva

Responding:

Richard Salomon, University of Washington



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

Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Islam in Society*

Sa'diyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
Engaged Sufism: Engaging Embodiment, Negotiating Gender

Zain Abdullah, Temple University
Parading Islamic Diversity: The Negotiation of West African Muslim Identities in New York City

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Writing Out Loud: American Muslim Women Writers between Faith, Community, and Public Opinion

Anna M. Gade, Oberlin College
"Developing" Cham Muslim Communities in Cambodia

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Harvard University
Transforming Poverty, Transforming Gender: Zakat and the Cultural Politics of Dowry in India

Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Sharing in an Islamic Civilization: Sharia as a Source of "Islamic Nationality" for Eastern Christians

Responding:



Study of Judaism Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Vanessa Ochs, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Jewish Culture from Antiquity to the Present*

David Levinsky, Stanford University

Asceticism and Social Status: Nazirite Vows among Elite Jewish Women in the First Century

Esperanza Alfonso, Universidad Complutense, Madrid

Prologues to Commentaries on the Book of Proverbs: Some Examples from Late Medieval Iberia

Heidi M. Szpek, Central Washington University

"And in Their Death They Were Not Separated": Aesthetics of Jewish Tombstones in Europe

Emily Katz, Jewish Theological Seminary

From the Land of the Bible to the Land of the Free (Market): Israeli Material Culture in America, 1948-1967

Erika Meitner, University of Virginia

Tattoo Jew: Exploring Contemporary American Jewish Identity through the Lens of Jewish Tattoos



Women and Religion Section
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Crossing Boundaries of Religious Traditions: Women's Spiritual Resistance*

Emily Leah Silverman, Graduate Theological Union

Crossing Boundaries of Gender and Religion during the Shoah: The Queering of Religious Identities of Regina Jonas, a Woman Rabbi, and Edith Stein, a Jewish Nun, as a Form of Spiritual Resistance

Rebecca Moody, University of Texas, Austin
Chaos Theory: Women's Ritual and Physical Impurity in Judaism

Simonetta Calderini, Roehampton University
Discourses on Women's Hair in Islam: A Case Study from Fatimid Egypt

Alicia Ostriker, Rutgers University
Psalm and Anti-psalm: The Space of This Dialogue



A21-13

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

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

Theme: *Spirit Possession and Indigenous Religious Traditions*

Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College
Spirit Possession and a Phenomenology of Presence

Umar Danfulani, University of Jos
Girka—Learning the Dance Step of the Spirits: Male and Female Imageries in the Bori Cult of Babale near Jos

Rachel E. Harding, The Veterans of Hope Project
To Be in the State of the Saint: Intimacy with the Divine in Afro-Brazilian Candomble

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University
Interactionist Religion: "Dear Orula, How's the Universe"

Responding:

Velma Love, Florida A&M University

Business Meeting:

Jacob K. Olupona, University of California, Davis, Presiding



A21-14

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Lara Medina, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Theo-Erotics: Decolonizing Sex and Spirituality—Latinas, Religious Discourse/Practice, and US Politics*

Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley

Thea/o-erotics: Revisioning the Body, Gender, Sexuality, and Spirituality in Disidentificatory Marian Images

Irene Lara, San Diego State University

Panocha Pláticas: Sexuality, Power, and Chicana/Latina Healers

Lois Ann Lorentzen, University of San Francisco

Transgender Sex Workers and Devotional Crossings: Santisimma Muerte and Spiritual Solidarity in Guadalajara and San Francisco

Rafael Luevano, Chapman University

The Juarez-Chihuahua Femicides: Sins of Violence and Dehumanization

Luis Leon, University of Denver

Cesar Chavez's Religious Politics: Performing Machismo and Eros Across the Spiritual Line

Responding:

Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis



A21-15

Reformed Theology and History Group

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University, Presiding

Theme: *What Has Geneva to Do with Washington? The Reformed Tradition in US Culture and History*

David Bains, Samford University

A Capital Presence: The Presbyterian Quest for a "National Church" in Washington, DC

Timothy A. Beach-Verhey, Davidson College
God, Democracy, and War: Abraham Lincoln's Covenantal Vision for American Public Discourse

Jill Carlson Colwell, Yale University
History in (as?) the Hand of God: John Calvin and George W. Bush on the Doctrine of Providence

Stephen Strehle, Christopher Newport University
The Reformed Roots of Democratic and Federal Government



A21-16

Religion and Popular Culture Group and Religion, Media, and Culture Consultation

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

David Morgan, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *Africa's Changing Religious Media Scene*

Rosalind I.J. Hackett, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Devil Bustin' Satellites: How Media Liberalization in Africa Generates Religious Intolerance and Conflict

Benjamin Soares, Afrika-Studiecentrum, Leiden
Theorizing New Media and Religious Expression in West Africa's Changing Public Spheres

Asonzeh Ukah, Bayreuth University
Selling Religion: Advertising and the Pentecostal Industry in Nigeria



A21-17

Religion, Politics, and the State Group

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

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

Theme: *Political Religion, Democracy, and the Common Good*

Jeff Bailey, University of Cambridge
Political Theology for a Post-Secular World: Karl Barth and Radical Democracy

Erik Owens, Boston College
Civic Education for Religious Freedom

Darryl Victor Caterine, Le Moyne College
Secular Sainthood: Vocation and Nation-Building in America

Sarah Azaransky, University of Virginia
A Theological Model of Democratic Citizenship

Kent Dunnington, Duke University
Are Virtue Ethics and Liberal Democracy Mutually Exclusive? A Synthesis of MacIntyre and Wolterstorff

 **A21-18**

Ritual Studies Group
Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Donna L. Seamone, Acadia University, Presiding

Theme: *Spaces/places of Ritual Transformation*

Hans Stifoss-Hanssen, Oslo Centre for Church Research
Disaster Ritual as Ritualizing: Four Cases (Presentation # 1: Design and Theoretical Background)

Lars Johan Danbolt, Sanderud Psychiatric Hospital
Disaster Ritual as Ritualizing: Four Cases (Presentation # 2: Findings and Discussion)

Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach
Doing Ritual, Doing Time: Women Prisoners, Witchcraft, and Empowerment

Tovis Page, Harvard University
Saints of the Soil and Imperial Figures: Farmers, Ritual, and Religion

 **A21-19**

Roman Catholic Studies Group

Tuesday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Public Catholicism*

Rosemary P. Carbine, College of the Holy Cross

Going Public: American Catholic Practices of Public Engagement

Dorian Llywelyn, Loyola Marymount University

Nationality, Nationalism, and Catholic Theology

Paul Allen, Concordia University

Science, Catholicism, and Political Controversy

Jennifer Naccarelli, Claremont Graduate University

An Audience with the Cardinal: Catholic Suffrage Reconsidered



A21-20

Report on Contingent (Adjunct) Faculty

Tuesday - 9:00 am-10:00 am

Join us for a presentation on the Report on Contingent Faculty, to be released by the American Association of University Professors on Friday, November 17th. The report assesses the situation and status of contingent or adjunct faculty in higher education. The report contains recommendations for benefits and continued employment status.



A21-21

Roundtable Discussion with Community College Faculty

Tuesday - 10:15 am-12:00 pm

Join the AAR for a discussion of needs, hopes and wants of community college faculty. The AAR recently completed a survey of the field in community colleges and wants to expand the conversation.

Kyle Cole, American Academy of Religion and Thomas Pearson, Wabash Center, Presiding
