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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North American Association for the Study of Religion: Executive Council Meeting  
Friday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

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

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting  
Friday - 9:00 am-11:30 am
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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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
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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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

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**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting**

Friday - 1:00 pm-3:30 pm

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**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](http://www.tftorrance.org) for more information.

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**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

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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

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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.

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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*

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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:
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´Etudes 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
**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*

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**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@mailer.fsu.edu)
8:00 Norman Lillegard, University of Tennessee, Martin

*Kierkegaard and Divine Motivation Theory*

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**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


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**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

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**A17-103**
EIS Center Orientation  
Friday - 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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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*

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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.
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.

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*

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
A18-1

Academic Relations Committee Meeting  
Saturday - 7:30 am-9:00 am  
Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, Presiding

A18-2

International Members' Breakfast  
Saturday - 7:30 am-9:00 am  
Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding

A18-3

Regional Officers Breakfast  
Saturday - 7:30 am-8:45 am  
Jacqueline Pastis, La Salle University, Presiding

A18-4

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

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**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*

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**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  
*Literati’s 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*

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**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*

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**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

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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

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**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

A18-15

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

A18-16

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

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**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. Keshggegian, 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

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### 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 Shugendo*

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

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### 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*

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

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**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*
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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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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

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**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*
“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

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A18-37

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

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A18-40

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

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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

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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.

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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
A18-45

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


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.

A18-46

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


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**A18-35**

**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](http://www.aarweb.org/students) for more information.

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**A18-39**

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

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**A18-44**

**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

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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#SpecialTopics Forums for details.

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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

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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

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**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

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**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

Zakyi 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

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*

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**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 Trible, Wake Forest University

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**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

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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

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

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**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
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

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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 Pontificia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Presiding

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

A18-66

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

A18-67

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

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**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
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

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

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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

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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

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**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

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**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 Obliged: *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

A18-79
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
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
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

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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

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**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

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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 Refashioned Jesus Abroad

Daniel Ramirez, Duke University
Más Allá de Azusa: The Early Construction of Transnational Pentecostalism

Kathryn Moles, Florida International University

Responding:

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

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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
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

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 Orumila Adulawo in Lagos
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


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

Business Meeting:

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

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**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:
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
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 Sōtōshū 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

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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*
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

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

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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

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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

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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

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**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*

Sigridur Gudmarsdottir, Drew University  
*“Dark Depths of Madness!”: Tillichian Anxiety Meets Kristevan Abjection*

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**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*

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**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
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

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

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**A18-129**

**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:
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
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

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**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

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A18-133

AAR Racial and Ethnic Minority Members' Reception
Saturday - 6:30 pm-7:45 pm

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University, Presiding

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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


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.

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

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

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

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.

Religion and Disabilities Task Force Meeting
Sunday - 7:30 am-8:45 am
Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University, Presiding
Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Sunday - 8:00 am-8:45 am

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

Marjorie Suchocki, Claremont School of Theology
Transforming Heaven and Hell

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Responding:

S. Wesley Ariarajah, Drew University

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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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**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 Fings 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*

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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 Campany, Indiana University, Bloomington

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A19-11

**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

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A19-12

**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*

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### 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

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### 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

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**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

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**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 Echtler, 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

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**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: Šākya mchog ldan on Divisions of the Mahāyānā Tenet Systems*

Albion Butters, Columbia University  
*Heterodox Doxography? The Philosophical Stance of Kun Mkhyan 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

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**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:
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 Hindu 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 Revisioned

Responding:

Rita Sherma, Binghamton University

Business Meeting:

Sushil Mittal, James Madison University, Presiding

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

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**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
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

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
A19-28

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

New Program Unit

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University, Presiding


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

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**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 Imagery of Ritual Possession and Colonial Mockery: Les Maitres 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

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**A19-31**

**Religion, Politics, and the State Group**
*Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am*


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

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**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

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**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

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

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**A19-41**

Theta Alpha Kappa Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

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**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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A19-43

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

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, The George Washington University, Presiding

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

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

A19-37

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 [www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#ArtsSeriesandTours](http://www.aarweb.org/annualmeet/2006/pbook/highlights.asp#ArtsSeriesandTours) for details.

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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.

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**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:
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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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

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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 1

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
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

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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

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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

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**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
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

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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
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

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*

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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*

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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.

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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
**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

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

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.

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**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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A19-77

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. Nessan, 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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A19-79
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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A19-80  

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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A19-81
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

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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 Gytatso, Harvard University, Presiding

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**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

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**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  
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"*

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**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*

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**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

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**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*

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**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
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  

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

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**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

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**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

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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

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**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.

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**A19-137**

*Theta Alpha Kappa Annual Meeting and Reception*
*Sunday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm*

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**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:

Lawerence 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

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**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 Bénézet Bujo’s African Catholic Ecclesiology: The Sacrament as a Means of Inculturation and Liberation*
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
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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-ʿArabi, 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

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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

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**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*

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**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

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**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*

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**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*

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**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

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**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

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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
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

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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
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

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

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

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**A19-133**

Critical Studies of Political Theology Consultation Planning Session
Sunday - 5:00 pm-6:30 pm

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**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

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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

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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


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


A19-132
Special Topics Forum
Sunday - 8:30 pm-10:00 pm

Steve Herrick, American Academy Religion, Presiding
Theme: *Capitol Hill Advocacy Orientation*

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**A19-131**

*JAAR Editorial Board Reception*
Sunday - 9:00 pm-11:00 pm

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding

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**A20-1**

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

John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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**A20-2**

*Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting*
Monday - 7:30 am-9:00 am

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

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**A20-39**

*Religion in the Schools Task Force Meeting*
Monday - 7:30 am-9:00 am

Diane L. Moore, Harvard University, Presiding

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**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*

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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*
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

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

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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

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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
*Burrying 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

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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 Jamatkhanas: Negotiating Space, Ritual, and Identity Since Aga Khan III*
Tazim Kassam, Syracuse University  
*Ismaili Jamatkhanas: 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

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**A20-11**

**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 Storahtelling*

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

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**A20-12**

**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

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**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
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

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 Studies Group**

**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:

KathrynMcClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

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**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

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**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: Maximos 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 Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding
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

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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

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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:
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

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**A20-25**

**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

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**A20-26**

**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

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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
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 Yoganis 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:

Lorilai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Boulder

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A20-40

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

Theme: Capitol Hill Advocacy Orientation and Capitol Hill Visit

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A20-118

Meeting with leaders of national educational organizations for teachers and teacher educators.
Monday - 9:00 am-11:30 am

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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  

A20-34  

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  

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A20-35  

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

Shelly C. Roberts, American Academy of Religion, Presiding  

A20-36  

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
A20-52

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

Sponsored by the Regions Committee

Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University, Presiding


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

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**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

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**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
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

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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

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**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
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:
Justine Smith, Harvard University
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Dale Turner, Dartmouth College
Vincent L. Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University

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:
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

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**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

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**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

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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*
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 Krandorfer, 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**

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**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. Halterman, 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:**
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

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

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**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

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**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*

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**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

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**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

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A20-100

Foucault Consultation
Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

Eva Maria Räpple, College of DuPage, Presiding


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
**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

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**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

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**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

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**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 Gyaltsen 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

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**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

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**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

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**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*

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**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

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**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*
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
Wissenschafft 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

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**A20-112**

**African Religions Group and World Christianity Group**  
**Monday - 4:00 pm-6:30 pm**

**New Program Unit**

Akintunde Ebunolu 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:
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
Boyoung 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
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

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**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.
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

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
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
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

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
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 Prophesy: 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

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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
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

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**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
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. Nessan, 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*

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**Mysticism Group**

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**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*

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**AAR**  
**A20-140**
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

Mumford Room, Madison Building

Library of Congress

Independence Avenue and 2nd St, SE

(near Capitol South Metro Station)

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AAR Annual Business Meeting  
Monday - 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University, Presiding

AAR members are encourage to join the Board of Directors for the annual business meeting of the Academy.

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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*

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**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

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**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


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**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*

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**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 Sinic 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*

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**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
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  

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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:
A21-8

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

A21-9

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 Manring, 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

A21-10

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:
A21-11

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

A21-12

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

Michelene 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*

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**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

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**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

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**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*
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*

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**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*

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**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*

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**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.

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**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