AAR Annual Meeting Program

THURSDAY

A30-100
Sustainability Task Force Meeting
10:00 am-4:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4G
Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

FRIDAY

A31-100
Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Boulevard A
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, Presiding

A31-101
Leadership Workshop
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Astoria
Krista Tippett, Speaking of Faith, Presiding

Theme: Taking Religion(s) Seriously: What Students Need to Know
That all students learn to think seriously about the ways religion(s) impacts public life and their role as citizens may be a common goal of religion courses offered at all sorts of institutions; however this objective is not always articulated and may be submerged in more specialized concerns. In this workshop we explore what this goal entails and then invite chairs to consider how the curriculum they oversee addresses (or could address) it; how the mission and culture of their institution shapes this objective; and how it might contribute to assessment of their program's effectiveness. Exchange of experience and ideas will be central to the day's work.

Panelists:
Steve Young, McHenry County College
L. DeAné Lagerquist, Saint Olaf College
Ellen LeVee, Spertus College
James Kenneth Echols, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Responding:
Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University
Separate registration in required. See page 9 for further details.

A31-102
Religion and Media Workshop
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Waldorf

Christian Lundberg is affiliated with the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. The roundtable discussion on Faith, Fundamentalism, and First Families will last from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm.

Kaley Middlebrooks Carpenter, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Jenna Tiitsman, University of North Carolina and Auburn Media, Presiding

Theme: Religion in the Race for the White House
Forty-seven years after John F. Kennedy became the first successful Roman Catholic contender for a White House previously occupied only by Protestant men, Americans again have watched candidates for the White House publicly confront questions about their religious beliefs. Scrutiny over both Mitt Romney’s and Barack Obama’s respective church affiliations dominated early and late primaries. More recently, the Pentecostal roots and evangelical credentials of Vice President nominee Sarah Palin have shored up post-convention Republican support and raised questions about how her beliefs would influence public policy. In this charged atmosphere, the Religion and Media Workshop invites you to discuss Election 2008 with nationally-renown reporters and scholars.

Panelists:
Christian Lundberg, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Steven Waldman, Beliefnet
Melissa Proctor, Harvard University
Manya Brachear, Chicago Tribune
Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University
Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Princeton University
Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago
D. Michael Lindsay, Rice University
Jeffrey Sharlet, New York University
Randall Balmer, Columbia University
Jane Little, Freelance Journalist, Former BBC Reporter

Separate registration in required. See page 8 for further details.
FRIDAY AFTERNOON

M31-101
North American Paul Tillich Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Madison
Theme: Contemporary Theology Responds to Tillich
Matthew Aaron Tennant, University of Oxford
Tillich and the Wild Things: Evil and Transformative Soteriology
Todd Bates, University of Central Florida
Tillich and the Ontology of the "Homo Sacer" — Bare Life and Sovereign Power
Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College
Paul Tillich Theology of Religions for Comparative Theology
Jim Champion, Inver Hills Community College
Ernst Becker and Paul Tillich: Cultural Meaning and the Encounter with Death

M31-102
North American Association for the Study of Religion Executive Council Meeting
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Pullman Boardroom

M31-103
Women’s Caucus Workshop
12:00 pm-3:00 pm
CHT-Williford A
Paula Trimble-Familetti, Chapman University, Presiding
Donna Freitas, Boston University
The Second Shift of Academia: Making Smart Decisions about Writing, Publishing, and Audience
Arisika Razak, California Institute of Integral Studies
Honoring the Differences that Help Us Build Strong Alliances
Melissa Stewart, Adrian College
Tell Us Your Issues and Needs as a Woman in the Field of Religion

M31-201
Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
1:00 Business Meeting
George Hunsinger, Hazel Thompson McCord Professor of Systematic Theology, Princeton Theological Seminary
Thomas F. Torrance’s Theology of the Sacraments with Special Emphasis on the Eucharist
See www.tftorrance.org for more information.

M31-203
North American Paul Tillich Society
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Theme: Tillich as Catalyst of Personal Transformation
Echol Nix, Furman University
Tillich as Apologetic Preacher: Theology in the Form of Sermons
Courtney Wilder, Midland Lutheran College
Reading Martin Luther King Jr. as a Tillichian: “The Courage to Be” and “I’ve Been to the Mountaintop”
Nathaniel Holmes Jr., St. Thomas University
Paul Tillich and the Gospel of Prosperity

M31-204
Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies Board of Directors Meeting
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 1

Location Key:
CHT = Chicago Hilton Towers
PH = Palmer House Hilton
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<td>Bonhoeffer Society: Editorial Board, Board of Directors, and Annual Meeting</td>
<td>1:00 pm-6:00 pm</td>
<td>CHT-Grand Tradition Room</td>
<td>A. Gregory Schneider, Pacific Union College, California and Mei Ann Teo, Artist-in-Residence, Pacific Union College&lt;br&gt;<strong>Knowing through Becoming — Exercises in Documentary Theater: Reflections on Red Books: Our Search for Ellen White</strong>&lt;br&gt;PCR Annual Dinner to follow at a local restaurant. Exact location TBA.</td>
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<td>M31-210</td>
<td>Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group (formerly Person, Culture, and Religion)</td>
<td>2:00 pm-6:30 pm</td>
<td>PH-Salon 7</td>
<td>Emma Cohen, Oxford University&lt;br&gt;<strong>Do Spirits Have Bodies? Or, Are Ghost Concepts Really Minimally Counterintuitive?</strong>&lt;br&gt;Robert N. McCauley, Emory University&lt;br&gt;<strong>The Importance of Being &quot;Ernest&quot;</strong>&lt;br&gt;Responding: Brian McCorkle, Boston University</td>
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<td>Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality</td>
<td>4:00 pm-6:00 pm</td>
<td>CHT-Boulevard C</td>
<td>Sandra Costen Kunz, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding&lt;br&gt;<strong>Teaching Spirituality Well</strong>&lt;br&gt;Justin L. Barrett, Oxford University&lt;br&gt;<strong>So Counterintuitiveness Helps Explain Religion: What’s the Evidence?</strong>&lt;br&gt;Emma Cohen, Oxford University&lt;br&gt;<strong>Do Spirits Have Bodies? Or, Are Ghost Concepts Really Minimally Counterintuitive?</strong>&lt;br&gt;Robert N. McCauley, Emory University&lt;br&gt;<strong>The Importance of Being &quot;Ernest&quot;</strong>&lt;br&gt;Responding: Brian McCorkle, Boston University</td>
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<td>North American Association for the Study of Religion</td>
<td>4:00 pm-6:30 pm</td>
<td>CHT-Boulevard C</td>
<td>Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University&lt;br&gt;Cognitive Error and Contemplative Practices: The Cultivation of Discernment in Mind and Heart&lt;br&gt;Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley&lt;br&gt;Verbal Imagining: Scientific Reflection on Visual Cognition in Light of Traditional Tibetan and Christian Theologies of the Image</td>
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FRIDAY AFTERNOON

M31-306
North American Paul Tillich Society
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F
Theme: Explorations and Expositions of Themes in Tillich
Christian Danz, University of Vienna
Symbols Are “The Language of Religion”: The Conditions of Tillich’s Theory of Symbol in His Early Writings
Guy Hammond, Virginia Polytechnic Institute
Unconditionality without Sovereignty: Tillich, Caputo, and the Minimalist Theologies of Postmodernity
Jan-Olav Henriksen, Norwegian School of Theology
Tillich and Eros in Light of Marion’s Erotic Phenomena

M31-307
Karl Barth Society of North America
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Keith Johnson, Wheaton College
“The Invention of the Antichrist?” Reconsidering Barth’s Rejection of the Analogy Entis
Kevin Hector, University of Chicago
Election and the Trinity: How My Mind Has Changed

M31-400
Søren Kierkegaard Society
6:30 pm-9:00 pm
Theme: Kierkegaard and Ramanuja
6:30 pm Banquet (Location TBA)
8:00 pm Mergala Gabriel, Madras Christian College
Kierkegaard and Ramanuja

M31-404
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B
Chakravathi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding
Theme: Perspectives in Indian Philosophy of the Mind
Judy Saltzman, California Polytechnic Institute
Cosmic Order and Hierarchy in Vedanta and Neo-Platonism
Douglas L. Berger, Southern Illinois University
The Embodiment of Self-Consciousness: Reconfiguring Nyaya Ontology toward a Proposed Solution of the Problem of Interaction
Purushottama Bilamoria, Deakin University
The Rise and Fall of Dualist Accounts of the Mind: East and West

A31-105
Welcome Reception
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
CHT-Grand Ballroom
Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago, Presiding
Join your friends and colleagues for conversation and fun at the Welcome Reception. Wine and cheese, and live jazz combine to make this a great way to catch up with friends old and new. The Exhibit Hall will be open during the reception time to give you a sneak peek at all the exhibits!
Don’t forget to get a Montréal postcard by participating exhibitors and drop it off at the AAR booth to be entered into a $250 giveaway!

M31-411
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Theme: Art and Spirituality: A Reflective Exploration
The Art Gallery
Catholic Theological Union
5416 S. Cornell Ave.
Chicago IL 60615
All are welcome. A light reception will be included. CTU can be reached via Metra trains, CTA buses, and cab; a bus will also be provided from the Annual Meeting site before our afternoon session, returning downtown after the evening reception. For details, please check our website at http://sscs.press.jhu.edu/annual_meeting/index.html. For more information, please contact Anita Houck, Secretary, at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.
M31-413  

**Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies (SARTS)**  
7:00 pm-9:30 pm  
CHT-Continental B  

Theme: **Reception and Lecture by Judith Dupré: Building as Being: The Ethical Function of Architecture**  
The reception will include a remembrance and recognition of the life and work of John Dillenberger. The evening program will feature a lecture by Judith Dupré: Building as Being: The Ethical Function of Architecture. This lecture will be followed Saturday morning by a tour of new Chicago architecture, led by Dupré, with commentary by some of Chicago's most renowned architects. Dupré is author of six illustrated non-fiction books including **Skyscrapers** (1996, 2008) and **Churches** (2005). Non members as well as members are welcome to this event.

M31-414  

**Society for Hindu-Christian Studies**  
7:00 pm-10:00 pm  
CHT-Joliet  

Theme: **Constructing and Crossing Religious Boundaries in South Asia: A Discussion with International Visiting Scholars**  
Panelists:  
- Tissa Balasuriya, Centre for Society and Religion, Colombo  
- K. Srinivasan, Vivekananda College, Chennai  

Responding:  
- Antonio D. Sison, Catholic Theological Union, Columbia, Presiding  
- Kevin Lewis, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Presiding

**Film Series: Haro Hara! Pilgrimage to Kataragama, Sri Lanka**  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-PDR 1  

Samuel Holt, New York, NY, Presiding  
This film chronicles the journey of a group of pilgrims down the war-torn east coast of Sri Lanka. The film documents the pilgrims as they meet with holy men, perform never before recorded religious acts and proceed peacefully through areas plagued with conflict, on their way to Kataragama, the site of a multi-religious festival in Southeast Sri Lanka. The film was shot in 2003 and 2004, capturing a world where peace was a possibility and a vibrant, tolerant culture would prevail, if given the chance. **Haro Hara** presents archival footage of a peaceful Sri Lanka and promotes the hope that, just as the pilgrims return to Kataragama every year, so, too, will peace and prosperity return to the island.

**Film Series: A Son's Sacrifice, Ichthus, and Mouseholes**  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-PDR 2  

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding  
A Son's Sacrifice (2007), dir. Yoni Brook (27 minutes)  
Antonio D. Sison, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding  

This film follows the journey of Imran, a young American Muslim who struggles to take over his father's halal slaughterhouse. On the holiest day of the year, Imran must lead a sacrifice that will define him as a Muslim, an American, and a son. **Ichthus** (2006), dir. Antonio Sison (17 minutes).  

Kevin Lewis, University of South Carolina, Columbia, Presiding  
An angel appears to Jonas in his sleep announcing glad tidings … “the sea will birth a miracle … a multiplication of fish here and now.” But the miracle is shrouded in mystery and Jonas needs to unlock the secret of the ancient code “ICHTHUS.” He finds himself searching for clues in his childhood haunt, a humble fishing village along Lingayen Gulf, in the northern Philippine province of Pansanian. In a journey that is as much inward as it is outward, Jonas inadvertently casts his net into the hidden regions of a parable. **Ichthus** is a mytho-poetic short film written and lensed by Chicago-based Filipino theologian Antonio Sison.  

**Mouseholes** (1999), dir. Helen Hill (8 minutes)  

Experimental film-maker Helen Hill (1970–2007) created **Mouseholes** using hand-crafted animation and integrating sequences of different kinds of image, including animated cut-out puppet figures, still photos, home movie snippets, simple drawing, and a bit of traditional film. Thematically, **Mouseholes** treats the dying and death of her beloved grandfather, a long-retired railroad worker, followed by his envisioned resurrection to join pre-deceased aunts at a tea party in heaven, and finally then by Hill's concluding quick rumination on the possibility of opening a channel of communication with him (and for him) metaphorically through enabling mouseholes.
**M31-419**

**Polanyi Society**  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-PDR 3  

Theme: **Symposium on Tony Clark's Divine Revelation and Human Response (Some Polanyian Reflections)**  
Panelists:  
- Chris Kettler, Friends University  
- Walter Mead, Illinois State University; President of Polanyi Society  
Responding:  
- Tony Clark, Friends University  
Followed by open discussion.

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**A1-1**

**Regionally Elected Directors Meeting**  
7:00 am-9:00 am  
CHT-McCormick Boardroom

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**A1-2**

**Regional Officers' Breakfast**  
7:00 am-9:00 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4E  
Jacqueline Pastis, La Salle University, Presiding  
Networking breakfast for AAR Regional Officers.

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**M1-1**

**European Society of Women in Theological Research**  
7:00 am-8:45 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4I  
Theme: **Explorations — The Future Role of the North American ESWTR**

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**M1-2**

**North American Paul Tillich Society Board Meeting**  
7:00 am-8:45 am  
PH-Clark 9

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**A1-3**

**Graduate Student Committee Meeting**  
7:30 am-8:45 am  
PH-Sandburg 6  
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

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**A1-4**

**International Members' Breakfast**  
7:30 am-8:45 am  
CHT-Lake Michigan  
Richard Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding  
Breakfast and question and answer session for international members of the AAR.

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**A1-5**

**New Members Continental Breakfast**  
7:30 am-8:45 am  
CHT-AAR Suite  
John R. Fitzmier, AAR, Presiding  
New (first-time) AAR members in 2008 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.

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**A1-6**

**Theological Education Steering Committee Meeting**  
7:30 am-9:00 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4B  
John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

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**A1-7**

**Religion in the Schools Task Force Meeting**  
8:00 am-11:00 am  
PH-Sandburg 4  
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University, Presiding

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**A1-8**

**Publications Committee Meeting**  
8:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Pullman Boardroom  
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding

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**M1-5**

**La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion at the AAR and SBL Board Meeting and Panel Discussion**  
8:00 am-10:30 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4G
Saturday, November 1
9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A1-100 🌟
Special Topics Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 1

Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: The AAR White Paper on the Religion Major: A Forum

Sponsored by the AAR Teagle Initiative

What is the purpose of the major in religion? How is it changing? What are the major's central goals, and how do they contribute to the larger aims of a liberal education? For over two years, the American Academy of Religion, through the support of the Teagle Foundation, has conducted an extensive study of the state of the religion major. Over one hundred AAR members have formally participated in some aspect of the study, and structured discussions have taken place on over a dozen campuses. This summer, the AAR/Teagle working group produced and circulated a "white paper" summarizing its findings. This session will bring working group members and the broader membership of the AAR together for an open discussion of the state of the religion major, a consideration of best practices, and an exploration of challenges to be faced in the future.

Panelists:
Lynne Schofield Clark, University of Denver
Kyle Cole, American Academy of Religion
Elizabeth Corde-Frazier, Claremont School of Theology
Eugene Gallager, Connecticut College
Mitchell Leonard, CNN
Eugene Lowe, Northwestern University
Darby Kathleen Ray, Millsaps College
Chava Weissler, Lehigh University

Donald S. Lopez, University of Michigan
Responding:
Luis O. Gomez, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Business Meeting:
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, and Charles Hallisey, Harvard University, Presiding

A1-101 🌟
Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4K

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding

Theme: Milton Matters: A Quadricentennial Consideration of His Reception

David L. Simmons, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Prometheus and Paradise Lost: Transformations of Milton’s Satan in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
“Rule On, King Jesus”: Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained in Negro Spirituals

Joshua Pederson, Boston University
Surprised by Syntax: Paradise Lost, City of Glass, and the Fall of Language

Jeremy Garber, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Fantastic Theological Anthropology in Milton’s Paradise Lost, Philip Pullman’s His Dark Materials, and Neil Gaiman’s The Sandman

A1-102 🌟
Buddhism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental B

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Theme: From San Juan to Sukhavati: Reflections on Buddhist Studies and the Career of Luis O. Gomez

Panelists:
Roger Jackson, Carleton College
Clair W. Huntington, Hartwick College
Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley
Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

Donald S. Lopez, University of Michigan
Responding:
Luis O. Gomez, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Business Meeting:
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, and Charles Hallisey, Harvard University, Presiding

A1-103 🌟
Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Religion in South Asia Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 3

Bill Wiist, Meghan Warren, and Heidi Wayment, Northern Arizona University, are co-authors of Bruce Sullivan’s paper.

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding

Theme: Globalization and South Asian Religions: Redefining the Discourse beyond Diaspora

Panelists:
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University
Hanna H. Kim, New York University
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Sangeetha Ekambaram, Syracuse University
Karen Pechilis, Drew University
Steven W. Ramey, University of Alabama
Frank J. Korom, Boston University
Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College
A1-104

History of Christianity Section
9:00 am - 11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4C
Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University, Presiding
Theme: Practices of Seeing in the History of Christianity
Ann M. Caron, St. Joseph College
Practices of Seeing: Vehicles of Meditation and Devotion
Emma J. Anderson, University of Ottawa
Devil in the Details: Visual Rhetoric and Historical Misrepresentation in Depictions of the “North American Martyrs,” 1649–Present
Amy Ann Slagle, University of Southern Mississippi
Seeing Multiplicity: Eastern Orthodox Icons as Mirrors of American Ethnic Diversity
Rosanne Morici, Syracuse University
Spirit as Surface: The Iconophilia of Kandinsky’s On the Spiritual in Art
Responding:
Kristin Schwain, University of Missouri, Columbia
Business Meeting:
Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University, and Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding

A1-105

North American Religions Section and Afro-American Religious History Group
9:00 am - 11:30 am
CHT-International Ballroom South
Philip K. Goff , Indiana University and Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding
Theme: Albert Raboteau’s No-Longer-“Invisible Institution”: An Anniversary Retrospective
Panelists:
Dennis C. Dickerson, Vanderbilt University
Mark Noll, University of Notre Dame
Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia
Curtis Evans, University of Chicago
Paul W. Harvey, University of Colorado Responding:
Albert J. Raboteau, Princeton University
Business Meeting:
Philip K. Goff , Indiana University and Purdue University, Indianapolis, and Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A1-106

Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am - 11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard A
Kevin Schilbrack, Wesleyan College, Presiding
Theme: Evolutionary Theory and Religion
Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University
Are Evolutionary/Cognitive Theories of Religion Relevant for Philosophy of Religion?
Neil Arner, Yale University
Christian Engagements with Evolutionary Accounts of Morality

A1-107

Study of Islam Section and Law, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am - 11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4F
Sayeed Rahman, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: At the Crossroads of Religion, Law, and Society: Fatwas as Sites for the Study of Islamic History and Legal Authority
Juan Camilo Gomez-Rivas, Willamette University
Ibn Rushd al-Jadd’s Fatwas to Marrakech
Josie Hendrickson, Emory University
Is al-Andalus Different? Authority and Tradition in Three Mālikī Fatwas on Trading with the Enemy
Justin Stearns, Middlebury College
“There Are No Good Doctors Anymore”: Expert Knowledge in Early Modern Muslim Legal Decisions
Muhammad Khalid Masud, Council of Islamic Ideology
Istifta’ as a Discourse on Religious Authority
Responding:
Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto

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A1-108
Women and Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Wilson
Rosemarie Bernard and Sharmin Sadeque have withdrawn from the session.
Isra Yazicioglu, St Joseph’s University, Presiding
Theme: Muslim Women: History, Theory, and Practice of Faith
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
American Muslim Women Scholars and the Study of Gender Issues in Islam
Mary Nyangweso, Drew University
Negotiating Agency, Culture, and Religion: A Case of Muslim Women in Kenya

A1-109
Anthropology of Religion Group and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Huron
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding
Theme: Ritual and Reflection: Tropes in Transformation and Transgression (Wenner Gren Workshop)
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University
On the Ritual Aspects of Reflexivity
Bent Flemming Nielsen, University of Copenhagen
A Re-examination of the Role of the Body and the Experience of Presence within Protestant Religious Tradition
Refika Sarionder, University of Bielefeld
Reflexive Transformations of the Alevi Cem and Ritual Handbooks

A1-110
Augustine and Augustinianisms Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 3
Kim Paffenroth, Iona College, Presiding
Theme: Augustine and the Secular
John Penniman, Emory University
“Seek More Profitable Sights”: Augustine, Secular Spectatorship, and the Spectacula of the Church
Jeffrey Biebighauser, University of Nottingham
Pagan Sacraments? Ontology and Theurgy in Augustine
William D. Wood, University of Notre Dame
Power, Deception, and the Political Imagination in Blaise Pascal’s Pensées
Eric Bugysis, Yale University
From Augustinian Appetitus to Kantian Urteilskraft in the Political Thought of Hannah Arendt
Business Meeting:
Robert P. Kennedy, St. Francis Xavier University, Presiding

A1-111
Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4J
Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Theme: Bible and the Arts: Reception of the Bible, Its Invocations, and Applications in the Arts within the Context of Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities in the United States
Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame
The Bible and Africana Esotericism—Towards an Architeconic for Interdisciplinary Study
Charlene Moore Cooper, Howard University
Musical Interpretations of Biblical Passages: The African American Influence
Valerie Bridgeman Davis, Memphis Theological Seminary
“When You Have Forgotten Sunday”: Biblical Overtures in the Poetry of Gwendolyn Brooks and Other African American Women
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Confucian Traditions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 1

Jennifer Eichman, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Theme: Confucian Ethics: A Panel Discussion on New Directions in the Field

Panelists:
Bryan Van Norden, Vassar College
Aaron D. Stalnaker, Indiana University, Bloomington

Responding:
Mark Larrimore, The New School

Eric Gregory, Princeton University

Business Meeting:
Keith Knapp, The Citadel, Presiding

Jennifer Eichman, Seton Hall University, Presiding

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A1-113
Contemporary Pagan Studies Group and Religion and Popular Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford B

Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania, Presiding

Theme: Talking with the Dead

Sonja Spear, Indiana University, Indianapolis
Haunted Irvington: Civic Pride, Memory, and the Klan

Anne R. Key, California Institute of Integral Studies
“Los Muertos Tienen Sed, los Vivos Culpas” (The Dead Are Thirsty, and the Living Are Culpable): The Use of Image in Rituals Honoring the Ancestors in Pre-Conquest and Modern Mexico

Chas S. Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, and Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach
Campus Pagans and the Day of the Dead: Civil Religion and Cultural Boundaries

Jason Winslade, DePaul University
“When the Veils Are Thin”: An Occult Performance Theory

Adrian Harris, University of Winchester
The Halloween of Cross Bones

A1-114
Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Grand Tradition Room

Richard King, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: Representing and Performing Indigenous Religions in Drama, Ethnography, and State Spectacle

Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
To Be Possessed: “Religion” and the Purification of Spirits

Michael Zogry, University of Kansas
Lost in Conflation: Visual Culture and Constructions of the Category of Religion

David A. Sheff erman, Manhattan College
Transforming Tourism: “Religion,” Visual Culture, and the Exuberance of Cuban State Spectacle

Responding:
Juaylynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University

A1-115
Ecclesiological Investigations Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford C

Michael Attridge, University of St. Michael’s College, Presiding

Theme: Consensus Statements on the Church: What Remains Divisive?

Barry A. Ensign-George, Presbyterian Church (USA)
Denomination as Ecclesiological Category: Sketching an Assessment

Pieter De Witte, Catholic University of Leuven
The Church as the Communion of Justified Sinners: Lutheran–Roman Catholic Ecclesiological Dialogues in the Wake of the “Joint Declaration”

Dennis M. Doyle, University of Dayton
Eucharistic Hospitality as an Ecumenical Sticking Point: The United States’s United Methodist–Roman Catholic Document Through Divine Love

Phyllis Zagano, Hofstra University
Consensus Statements on the Church and Women’s Ordination

Miriam Haar, Trinity College, Dublin
Apostolicity: Continuity and Discontinuity

A1-116
Korean Religions Group and World Christianity Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 7

Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: Women and Christianity in East Asia

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
Christianity and Women in China

Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School
Reclaiming Theological Significance of Women’s Religious Choice-in-Differential
Haruko Nawata Ward, Columbia Theological Seminary
Women Martyrs in Passion and Paradise

Hyaeewol Choi, Arizona State University
"Wise Mother, Good Wife" as a Transreligious Construct in Modern Korea
Responding:
Lester Edwin J. Ruiz, New York Theological Seminary
Chong Bum (Sean) Kim, University of Central Missouri

**A1-117**

**Practical Theology Group**
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental C

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: The Use of Power in Arenas of Practical Theology
Annemie Dillen, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
Power, Justice, Asymmetry, and Relationality in Pastoral Care and Parent-Child Relationships
Lynn Bridgers, College of Santa Fe
Fiduciary Trust: Countertransference, Countertransference, and Power in Academic Teaching
Karen-Marie Yust, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education
The Temptations of Power and Practices for Teachers' Resistance
Doug Gay, University of Glasgow
Moving Power: The Politics of Worship
Responding:
Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University

**A1-118**

Qur'an Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard B

Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Theme: The Disobedient Prophet? Tensions between Qur'anic Verses and Prophetic Practice
Jonathan Brown, University of Washington
Is the Devil in the Details? Tension between Minimalism and Comprehensiveness in the Production of Religious Law in the Life of the Prophet
Rumee Ahmed, University of Virginia
To Forgive is Human, to Slay Divine: Muhammad's Response to an Imperative to "Slay the Pagans Wherever You Find Them" (Q. 9:5)
Ayeesha Chaudhry, New York University
"I Wanted One Thing and God Wanted Another": The Dilemma of the Prophetic Example and the Qur’anic Injunction on Wife-Beating
Scott Lucas, University of Arizona
"Perhaps You Only Kissed Her?" Muhammad’s Attitude to Sexual Crimes in Sunni Hadith Literature
Responding:
Kecia Ali, Boston University
Business Meeting:
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, and Frederick M. Denny, University of Colorado, Boulder, Presiding

**A1-119**

Reformed Theology and History Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 8-9

Sheldon W. Sorge, Louisville Institute, Presiding
Theme: The Significance of Confession in the Reformed Tradition
Hannah Cleugh, University of Oxford
"To Give Account of His Faith": The Contested Place of Confession in English Reformed Baptism
Donald Wood, University of Aberdeen
The Relative Authority of Church Confession
Ian Hazlett, University of Glasgow
Were Reformed Confessions Essential to Witness or Were They Contingent Expedients?
Jeffrey Wilcox, Marquette University
Neither by Creed nor Confession: The Trinitarian Theology and Reluctant Confessionalism of Moses Stuart
Business Meeting:
Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, and Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding
A1-120
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford A
Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding
Theme: Teaching Peace
Le Anne Clausen, Chicago Theological Seminary
Unauthorized Peacemaking: Transforming Seminaries and Healing the World
(Influences and Early Lessons from the Center for Faith and Peacemaking)
Anna Halafoff, Monash University
Netpeace: Multifaith and Secular–Religious Networks for Common Security
Elizabeth N. Agnew, Ball State University
Needs and "Nonviolent Communication": Peacemaking and the Religious Studies Curriculum
Atalia Omer, Harvard University
Religious Studies and the Study of Religion and Peace-building
Heidi Tauscher, Emory University
Atlanta World Pilgrims: An Interfaith Pedagogy for Peacemaking, Interreligious Cooperation, and Social Activism
Business Meeting:
Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding

A1-121
Schleiermacher Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Waldorf
Jan Rohls has withdrawn from the session.
Brent Sockness, Stanford University, Presiding
Theme: Schleiermacher Studies in Germany/Europe: New Avenues and Vistas
Panelists:
Andreas Arndt, Freie Universitaet Berlin
Friedrich Wilhelm Graf, University of Munich
Eilert Herms, University of Tuebingen
Cornelia Richter, Philippus-Universitat Marburg

A1-122
Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 2
Cleo McNelly Kearns, Rutgers University, Presiding
Theme: Theology and Materialism
Joshua Delpech-Ramey, Rowan University
Immanent Spirits: Deleuze’s Hermetic Materialism
Jacob Sherman, Cambridge University
Contesting Materialism: Philosophy, Theology, and the Bergson–Einstein Debate
Anthony Paul Smith, University of Nottingham
“Nature Is Not...”: An Apophatic Critique of Nature
Business Meeting:
Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding

A1-123
Western Esotericism Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Erie
Allison P. Coudert, University of California, Davis, Presiding
Theme: Esotericism and the Visual Imagination
Joyce Pijnenburg, University of Amsterdam
The Role of Mental Imagery in Giordano Bruno’s German Period Work
Tessel Bauduin, University of Amsterdam
"Entrée des Médiums": Mediumistic Art and Technique in Surrealism
Melvyn Draper, University of California, Davis
The Modern Magus: Austin Osman Spare and the Visible Underworld of the Soul
Matthew Rogers, Northwestern University
"By the Hoary Hosts of Hoggoth": Comic Book Occultism and Excursus Religion

A1-124
Animals and Religion Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Marquette
Heather Eaton, St. Paul University, Presiding
Theme: "Real" Animals and Religion
Esther D. Reed, University of Exeter
Animals in Orthodox Iconography
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Eternal Bonds: Pet Memorial Rituals and Conceptualizations of the Afterlife of Pets in Contemporary Japan
David Clough, University of Chester
The Anxiety of the Human Animal: Martin Luther on Animality and the Image of God

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Anne Marie Dalton, St. Mary’s University
Animals in Mongolian Tradition: The Case of “The Weeping Camel"
Responding:
Paul Waldau, Tufts University
Business Meeting:
Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University, Presiding

A1-125 🌟

Buddhism in the West Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental A
David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding
Theme: American Buddhism Revisited
Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies
The End of American Buddhism: Toward a Transnational Perspective
Jocelyn Newsome, Claremont Graduate University
"Of a Spiritual Kind and Not of a Material Kind": The Dematerialization of Buddhism in Nineteenth Century America
Helen J. Baroni, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa
Love, Roshi: Correspondence between Robert Baker Aitken and His “Distant Correspondents”
Ann Gleig, Rice University
After the Ecstasy, the Laundry? The Incorporation of the Personal and the Sacralization of the Everyday in American Vipassana Buddhism
Business Meeting:
Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo, Presiding

A1-126 🌟

Christianity and Academia Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 2
Diana Akiyama, Occidental College, Presiding
Panelists:
Michael G. Cartwright, University of Indianapolis
Mark Schwehn, Valparaiso University
Phillip J. Linden, Xavier University, Louisiana
Responding:
Nicholas Meriwether, Shawnee State University
Douglas Henry, Tualatin, OR
Business Meeting:
David S. Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding

A1-127 New!

Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4D
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Harvey Whitehouse, and Justin Barrett, University of Oxford
The Cognitive Science of Religion: Foundational Principles and Future Priorities

Gabriel Levy, University of Aarhus
Religious Cognition in the Wild: Meeting Contemporary Standards in the Cognitive Sciences
Responding:
Robert N. McCauley, Emory University
Joseph Bulbulia, Victoria University, Wellington
Roger Trigg, University of Oxford
Business Meeting:
Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, Presiding

A1-128 New!

Liberation Theologies Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-International Ballroom North
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding
Theme: Liberation Theologies for the Twenty-First Century
Panelists:
Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University
Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School
George E. Tinker, Denver, CO
Ada Maria Isasi-Diaz, Drew University
Ivan Petrella, University of Miami
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University
Business Meeting:
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding
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A1-129 ★
Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Religion and Sexuality Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Salon 5-6

R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University, Presiding  
Theme: Purity and Redemption: Practices of Sexual Bodies and Body Politics  
Elizabeth Bucar, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
“Transing” Sex in Islam: The Case of Sex Change Operations in Iran  
Karen Trimble Alliaume, Lewis University  
Redeeming Sex: Religious and Feminist Rhetorics of Sexual Liberation and Virtuous Citizenship  
Elizabeth Gish, Harvard University  
High Priests and Princesses: Father–Daughter Purity Balls and the Sexual Purity Movement  
Dominic Wetzel, City University of New York  
Sexuality, Pentecostalism, and Charismatic Practices  
Business Meeting:  
R. Marie Griffith, Princeton University, Presiding

Robert Jackson has withdrawn from the session.

A1-130 New! ★
Religion Education in Public Schools: International Perspectives Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Marshfield

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding  
Theme: Religion Education in Public Schools in Europe, the United States, and Asia  
Florian Pohl, Emory University  
Teaching Religion: Indonesia’s National Curriculum and the Question of Religious Diversity  
Wanda Alberts, University of Bremen  
Teaching and Learning about Religion(s) in Secular School Contexts  
Jeffrey Thibert, University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign  
Strengthening the Argument for Religious Education in American Public Schools (With a Little Help from Our International Friends)  
Erik Owens, Boston College  
Can/Should American Public Schools Teach Religious Freedom?  
Koichi Mori, Doshisha University  
Religious and Citizenship Education in Public Schools in Japan: A Comparison with the United States  
Business Meeting:  
Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico, Presiding

A1-131 ★
Religion, Public Policy, and Political Change Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Boulevard C

Darryl Michael Trimiew, Medgar Evers College, Presiding  
Theme: Prophets and Politics  
Paul Alexander, Azusa Pacific University  
Pentecostal Prophetic Testimony and Political Discourse  
Darryl Stephens, Emory University  
Mimicking the Mainline: An “Evangelical Call to Civic Responsibility” as Heir to the Social Gospel?  
John Senior, Emory University  
Prophetic Listening as Grounded Hope

A1-132 ★
Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation  
9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Astoria

Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University, Presiding  
Theme: The Physical, the Material, and the Historical in US Religious Spaces  
Thomas E. Frank, Emory University  
Historic Houses of Worship in Community Memory and Imagination  
Brian C. R. Zugay, Texas Tech University  
“You’re Trying to Make Episcopalians of Us”: Using Organizational Analysis to Understand Architectural Change in the Disciples of Christ, 1922–1946  
Airen Hall, Syracuse University  
Religious World-Making: Pilgrimage and Scriptural Narrative in the Construction of Latter-day Saint Sacred Space  
Joseph Sciorra, Queens College  
Built with Faith: Place Making and the Religious Imagination in Italian New York City  
Business Meeting:  
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College, and Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, Presiding
### A1-133  New! 🌟

**Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Consultation**  
*9:00 am-11:30 am*  
*PH-Salon 4*  
Kate Ott, Religious Institute, Presiding  
**Theme:** *Keeping the Light: Third Wave Feminist Teaching and Activism*  
Panelists:  
Malinda Elizabeth Berry, Union Theological Seminary, New York  
Nami Kim, Spelman College  
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University  
Aana Vigen, Loyola University, Chicago  
**Business Meeting:**  
Kate Ott, Religious Institute, Presiding

### A1-134  New! 🌟

**Transhumanism and Religion Consultation**  
*9:00 am-11:30 am*  
*CHT-Joliet*  
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding  
**Theme:** *Perspectives on Human Enhancement*  
Todd Daly, Urbana Theological Seminary  
**Business Meeting:**  
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

### A1-135

**Chicago Architecture Walking Tour**  
*9:00 am-12:45 pm*  
Meet in CHT Lobby at 8th Street entrance  
Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University, Presiding  
**Sponsored by the AAR and the Society for Arts in Religious and Theological Studies**  
Jennifer Thweatt-Bates, Princeton Theological Seminary  
**The Glorified Body? Transhumanist Dualism and Theological Anthropology**  
Philip Douglas, Michigan State University  
**Brain Uploading: The Transhumanist Quest for Immortality**  
Stephen Garner, University of Auckland  
*Constructing a Theology of Technology in Response to Transhumanism*  
**Responding:**  
Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary  
**Business Meeting:**  
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

### A1-136

**Toxics to Treasures: Environmental Justice Tour of Lake Calumet**  
*9:00 am-12:45 pm*  
Meet in CHT Lobby at 8th Street entrance  
David Aftandilian, University of Chicago, Presiding  
**Sponsored by the Religion and Ecology Group**  
The Lake Calumet region on the far south side of Chicago provides a stunning example of the extremes of nature and culture in our industrialized world. On this bus tour led by community activists, we will see the lows and highs of the Calumet region's industrial and natural history, and hear about the efforts of local residents to fight dumping and advocate for sustainable development of their neighborhoods. Sites to be visited on the tour may include Dead Stick Pond (familiar to fans of mystery writer Sara Paretsky), Big Marsh and the adjacent Acme Steel Coke Plant, the abandoned but soon to be redeveloped US Steel South Works site, as well as numerous dump sites and wetlands in the process of being restored. Tour fee: $30. Separate registration required.
M1-101

Colloquium on Violence and Religion
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Clark 3 and 4
Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Theme: For the Exploration, Criticism, and Development of Rene Girard’s Mimetic Theory
9:00 am Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
Book Presentation: Beyond Sacred Violence: A Comparative Study of Sacrifice
Responding: Thomas Wilson, Hamilton College
10:10 am Break
10:20 am Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School
Book Presentation: Saved from Sacrifice: A Theology of the Cross
Responding: Jozef Niewiadomski, University of Innsbruck
Discussion will follow each presentation/response. Questions? Contact martha.reineke@uni.edu.

M1-102

Society for Buddhist Christian Studies
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Red Lacquer Room
Alice Keeffe, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Presiding
Theme: Thomas Merton Forty Years after His Death: Buddhist and Christian Perspectives
Daijaku Judith Kinst, California Institute of Integral Studies
Self-Surrender in Merton’s Writings and Contemplative Psychology
Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University
Thomas Merton Meets Tibetan Buddhism
Paula Hirschboeck, Edgewood College
Non-dual Wisdom as Feminine: Sophia and Prajnaparamita in Merton’s Poem, “Hagia Sophia”
Kristin Johnston Largen, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg
Was Thomas Merton’s Soteriology Influenced by His Experience with Buddhism?

M1-103

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Chicago
Theme: 2008 Presidential Address and Business Meeting
9:00 am Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union, Chicago
Under the Sign of Jonah: Studying Spirituality in a Time of Ecosystemic Crisis
10:30 am Business Meeting
Arthur G. Holder, Graduate Theological Union, President-elect, Presiding
All are most welcome. For more information, please contact Anita Houck, Secretary, at ahouck@ saintmarys.edu.

M1-106

North American Association for the Study of Religion
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-LaSalle 2
Bryan Rennie, Westminster College, Presiding
Theme: Religious Institutions in the Context of Finance Market Capitalism
Terry Rey and Suzanne Parlier, Temple University
What Is Religious Capital? Looking for Answers from Boardlevel to Stark
Anne Koch, University of Munich
Neo-Institutionalist Theses on a German Regional Yoga-market
Jeremy Carrette, University of Kent
Rachel McLeary, Harvard University
Religion and Economic Development: A Two-Way Causation

M1-108

North American Paul Tillich Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Clark 1
Theme: Evangelical Responses to Tillich
David Barbee, University of Pennsylvania
What Would Paul Tillich Do? A Tillichian Contribution to Evangelical Ethics
Carlos Bovell, Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto
Can an Evangelical Say That God Does Not Exist?
Christopher A. Stephenson, Marquette University
Symbol, Sacrament, and Spirit(s): Paul Tillich in Pentecostal Theology
Robison B. James, University of Richmond and Baptist Theological Seminary, at Richmond
Three Ways Tillich Can Help Evangelicals Be Biblical
Søren Kierkegaard Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Price
David Gouwens, Brite Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard and Levinas
Presenters:
Martin Matuštik, Purdue University
M. J. Ferreira, University of Virginia
J. Aaron Simmons, Hendrix University
David Kangas, Pacific School of Religion

Karl Barth Society of North America
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Clark 5
Theme: Panel Discussion on Nicea and Its Legacy by Lewis Ayres
Panelists:
Paul Molnar, St. John's University
Kathryn Greene-McCreight, New Haven, CT
Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University
Responding:
Lewis Ayres, Duke University

Society for Hindu–Christian Studies
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Indiana
John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Female Authority and Religious Power in Hindu Traditions: A Reappraisal of Grace Jantzen's Power, Gender, and Christian Mysticism
David Buchta, University of Pennsylvania
An Honorary Male or an Honorary Non-female? Baladeva Vidyabhushana on Gargi Vācaṅkvari
Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University
Engendering the “Mysticism” of the Alvars
Michelle Voss Roberts, Rhodes College
Power, Gender, and the Classification of a Kashmir Saiva Mystic
Antoinette E. DeNapoli, Emory University
“Crossing over the Ocean of Existence”: “Mystical Experience” and Religious Authority amongst the Female Hindu Sadhus of Rajasthan
Responding:
Ella Johnson, University of St. Michael's College
Panelists will make brief remarks based on abbreviated papers to make room for audience participation. Full papers will be made available in advance on the HCS listserv. To get copies after Oct. 15, please email: reid.locklin@utoronto.ca.
11:00 am Business Meeting

Polanyi Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Harvard
Theme: Phil Robnick’s Person, Grace, and God

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group (formerly Person, Culture, and Religion)
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-LaSalle 3
9:00 am-10:30 am Open Discussion of Works in Progress
New scholars and graduate students welcome!
10:30 am-11:30 am PCR Business Meeting/Elections
Kathleen Bishop and Pamela Cooper-White, PCR Co-Chairs
A1-138

Special Topics Forum
11:45 am-1:00 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan

Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: ATLA Graduate Student Luncheon: Careers beyond the Academy

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the American Theological Library Association

The American Theological Library Association (ATLA) and the AAR Graduate Student Committee cordially invite all doctoral students attending the Annual Meeting to gather for a panel conversation about the full spectrum of careers for those with advanced degrees in Religious Studies. PhD graduates will discuss their experiences working in fields outside of university teaching. The purpose of the luncheon is to provide a relaxed atmosphere for advanced graduate students to discuss very real questions about their future within the field. RSVP for this event at www.aarweb.org/Meetings/Annual_Meeting/Current_Meeting/RSPV/ATLA/main.asp.

Panelists:
Ernest Vasseur, Healthcare Foundation of Northern Lake Country
Beth Bidlack, University of Chicago
James Spinti, Eisenbrauns

M1-120

North American Association for the Study of Religion Business Meeting
11:45 am-12:45 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room

A1-200

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Continental A

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding

Theme: Religion in the World of Museums

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

America’s museums have become important conduits for the dissemination of cultural information. They have also become sites of conflict as curators, artists, historians, and the museum-going public interact over what should be placed in museums and how it should be interpreted. This panel explores the ways museum curators and their staff assemble exhibitions that deal with religious topics. What are the politics involved with displaying religion? What happens behind the scenes? The panelists will discuss who creates educational materials, how they design art and historical exhibitions, and in what ways they involve (or ignore) community members. What does the museum world want us to think about when we look at representations of religion?

Panelists:
Elizabeth Pope, Art Institute of Chicago
Jill Grannan, Chicago History Museum
Gretchen Buggeln, Valparaiso University

Responding:
Sally M. Promey, Yale University

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A1-201

Wildcard Session

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CHT-PDR 2

Slavoj Žižek has withdrawn from this panel.

Creston Davis, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: On the Relation between A/Thesism and the Political; or, The Political Theology of the Void, Parmenides, and St. Paul

Alain Badiou, University of Paris Saint Paul and the Politics of the Void

Ernesto Laclau, Northwestern University

The Multiple and Hegemony: Badiou’s “Void” and the Via Negativa

Kenneth Reinhard, University of California, Los Angeles

There Is Something of One (God): Lacan and Political Theology

Mark C. Taylor, Columbia University

Holy Terror: A Political Ontology

Responding:

Kenneth Surin, Duke University

A1-202

Buddhism Section and Women and Religion Section

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CHT-Lake Erie

Karen Derris, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: The New Nun’s Movement in Buddhism: Challenges, Debates, and Promise

Premakumara De Silva, University of Colombo

Discourse and Counter-discourse(s) on the New Bhikkhuni Order in Sri Lanka: An Ethnographical Inquiry

Hiroko Kawanami, Lancaster University

Caught between the International and the Local: Views of Burmese Nuns on the New Ordination Movement

Ute Huesken, University of Oslo

Ritual or Law? Buddhist Monastic Rules

Janet Gyoaso, Harvard University

Feminism, the West, and the Debate about Secularism: Reflections on the New Female Buddhist Ordinations

Responding:

Charlene Makley, Reed College

A1-203

Ethics Section

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CHT-Lake Huron

Jane Hicks, St. John Fisher College, Presiding

Theme: Engineering Life: Current Issues in Biomedical Ethics

Chang Peter T. C., La Trobe University

A Framework to Reconcile Confucian East–Christian West Bioethical Perspectives on Human Cloning

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University

Implications of the Papal Shift on Treatment of the Terminally Ill

Amy Michelle DeBaets, Emory University

Patenting the Genome: A Christian Proposal

Responding:

Ronald Green, Dartmouth College

Business Meeting:

Jane Hicks, St. John Fisher College, and Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

A1-204

Religion and Politics Section and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CHT-Williford B

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary’s College of California, and Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: Pluralism and Peacemaking

Ebrahim Patel, Interfaith Youth Core

The Kids Are Alright: Young People, Religious Extremism, and the Interfaith Movement

Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology

Prophetic Activism in an Age of Empire

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University

Roots of Peacemaking: Indigenizing America at Onondaga Lake

Ellen Van Stichel, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, and Julianne Funk Deckard, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven

Political and Religious Motivations for Cross-Fertilization: Peace and a Catholic Theological Perspective

Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary

War and Pluralism

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- Business Meeting Especially for Students
- Business Meeting New Program Unit
- Professional Practices & Institutional Location Sessions
- Receptions and Breakfast
- Sustainability and Religion
- Tours
- Wildcard Session

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**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Waldorf

**Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding**

**Theme:** Recent Authors Analyze Religion, Politics, and the Election

**Panelists:**
- D. Michael Lindsay, Rice University
- Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union
- Robert P. Jones, Center for American Progress

**Responding:**
- Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Princeton University

### A1-206

**Religion in South Asia Section**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Williford A

**Alf Hiltebeitel, George Washington University, Presiding**

**Theme:** The Divine Child in South Asian Religious Traditions

**Panelists:**
- Shubha Pathak, American University
- Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen
- John Hawley, Barnard College
- Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa
- Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont McKenna College

**Responding:**
- Paula Richman, Oberlin College

**Business Meeting:**
- Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Nancy Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University, Presiding

### A1-207

**Study of Islam Section**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Marquette

**The Study of Islam Section’s business meeting has been moved to this session.**

**James W. Laine, Macalester College, Presiding**

**Theme:** Competing Social Imaginaries in South Asian Islam: Perspectives on Eighteenth- and Nineteenth-Century Reformist and Revivalist Movements

**Homayra Ziad, Yale University**

**Khvajah Mir Dard’s Contribution to the Debates on Tawhid in Eighteenth-Century North India**

**Fuad Naeem, Georgetown University**

**Reenvisioning Shah Wali Allah: Nationalism, Orientalism, and the Fate of Philosophy in Later Sunni Islam**

**SherAli Tareen, Duke University**

**The Reformist War against Mysticism and Popular Religion in South Asian Islam: An Analysis of Discourses on Bida’ (Heresy) in the Writings of Shah Ismail Shahid**

**Brannon Ingram, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

**Two Texts of the Nineteenth Century Indian “Wahhabi” Movement: Ismail Shahid’s Taqiyyat al-Iman and Tazkir al-Ikhwan**

**Bilal Ibrahim, McGill University**

**Reenvisioning Shah Wali Allah: Nationalism, Orientalism, and the Fate of Philosophy in Later Sunni Islam**

**Shibli Numani and the Neglected Tradition: A Reevaluation of Philosophy, Modernity, and Islam**

**Business Meeting:**
- Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University

### A1-208

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Continental B

**Derek Simon, St. Thomas University, Presiding**

**Theme:** Religion, Capital, and Globalization

**Sara Singh, Georgetown University**

**Dalit Theology: An Indian Christian Response to Pluralism**

**Dev Singh, Yale University**

**God and Fictitious Capital: Hazarding a Theology of Financial Markets**

**James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary**

**Sinai Bush and Jordanian Dove Meet Haitian Snake and Amazonian Vine: Sustainability and Christology at the Crossroads of History**

**Sharon V. Betcher, Vancouver School of Theology**

**Relandscaping the Symbolic and Divine Economies Informing Global Cities: On Beauty, Civility, and the Aestheticization of Fear**

**Rodolfo Hernández-Diaz, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology**

**A Recovery of Marxist Analysis in United States Latino/a Theology**

### A1-209

**African Religions Group and Hinduism Group**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4D

**T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University, Presiding**

**Theme:** Hinduism in Africa: Adaptation and Integration

**P. Pratap Kumar, University of KwaZulu-Natal**

**Patterns of Immigration and Hindu Practices and Beliefs in South Africa and East Africa**

**Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill**

**Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University**
Paul Younger, McMaster University
Sanskritization of Hindu Ritual in Nineteenth Century South Africa

Albert K. Wuaku, Florida International University
Hindu Influence and Local Appropriations in the Ghanaian Religious Field

Usha Shukla, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Contemporary Role of the Ramcharitmanas of Tulsi das among South African Hindus

A1-211
Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 4

Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Eucharist and Leviticus
Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki
Inalienable Consumables: Food and Eucharist in First Timothy
Nell Becker Sweeden, Boston University
Food, Eucharist, and Households: Re-envisioning Ecclesial “Place” for Migratory Peoples in the Twenty-First Century
Claudio Carvalhaes, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Eucharistic Hospitality — Eating and “Being With” in a Community of Strangers
Sarah Musser, Duke University
Sacrifice, Sabbath, and the Restoration of Creation
Kristel Clayville, University of Chicago
The Laws of the Land in Leviticus

A1-212
Black Theology Group, and Men's Studies in Religion Group, and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Williford C

Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
Theme: Gendered Conversations between Black Females and Males
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University
Beyond “The Down Low”: Constructing Black Gay Male Identity beyond Problem and Plague
Aundrea Matthews, Rice University
Talk to Me: Theological Discourse and the Hermeneutic of Reconciliation
Tamura Lomax, Vanderbilt University
The Femininity of the Other
Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher, Texas College
Towards a Xodus Masculinity
Theodore Hickman-Maynard, Boston University
Abused by Hip Hop: A Practical Theological Reflection on Gender Identities among Hip Hop Generations

A1-213
Buddhist Philosophy Group and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 8-9

Roger Jackson, Carleton College, Presiding
Theme: The Uttaratantra Debate: Examining Competing Claims Regarding the Significance of the Uttaratantra in Classical Tibetan Buddhist Literature

Tsering Wangchuk, University of Virginia
Sentient Beings Do Not Have the Tathāgata-essence: Dratsepa Rinchen Nyingyal on the Uttaratantra
Michael R. Sheehy, Jonang Foundation
Is the Uttaratantra-śastra Really a Madhyamaka Text? Jonang pa Understandings of Tibetan Buddhist Doxography and Historiography
Yaroslav Komarovski, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Shakya Chokden’s Interpretation of the Ratnapravībhaga
Bo Jiang, Columbia University
Rgyal-tshab’s Doctrinal Classification of the Uttaratantra

Responding:
John J. Makransky, Boston College
Paul Copp, University of Chicago

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A1-215  🌎 ✡️

Comparative Religious Ethics Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 5-6
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Moral Anthropology in South Asia
Ann Grodzins Gold, Syracuse University
Tricking God: Alternative Moralities in a Harsh Climate
Maria Heim, Amherst College
How to Be Good: Intention and Motivation in Buddhist Stories
Leela Prasad, Duke University
Time, Timing, and Tellability: On the Making of Ethical Subjects in Narration
Responding:
Emily Hudson, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
Aaron D. Stalnaker, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding

A1-216  🌎

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Grand Tradition Room
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding
Theme: Polytheism in Practice
Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University
Chinese Communism Loses the Polytheistic Challenge: The Reality of Religion in Contemporary China

A1-217

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: Medellin at Forty: Rethinking Liberation Theology’s “Church of the Poor” in the Age of Globalization
Panelists:
Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego
John Burdick, Syracuse University
Gustavo Gutierrez, Lima, Peru
Sylvia Marcos, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos and Claremont Graduate University

A1-218  🌎 ✡️

Law, Religion, and Culture Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
William Novak has withdrawn from the session.
Winnifred Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo, Presiding
Theme: Mark deWolfe Howe, The Garden and the Wilderness (University of Chicago Press, 1965)
Panelists:
Elizabeth Dale, University of Florida
Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University
W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago
Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania
Randall G. Syers, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Business Meeting:
Robert A. Yelle, University of Memphis, Presiding

A1-219  🌎

Mysticism Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Continental C
June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding
Theme: The Stages of Mystical Development
Katherine Rousseau, University of Colorado, Denver
Bodies and Maps: The Sensory Journey in the Apocalypse of Paul
John Reardon, Fordham University
Do Different Mystical Experiences Interrelate as Developmental Stages?
Revisiting R. C. Zaehner’s Theory of Mysticism
Ann M. Caron, St. Joseph College
Christian Medieval Women Mystics: Spiritual Senses and Stages of Mystical Development

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Alberto Varona, Access Institute, and Travis Chilcott, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Religious Practice, Doctrines, and the Production of Mystical States*

**Business Meeting:**
Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose, Presiding

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### A1-221

**Nineteenth-Century Theology Group**

**1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

**PH-Salon 7**

Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg, Presiding

**Theme: Creation and Design in Nineteenth-Century Theology**

Kevin Mongrain, University of Notre Dame

*The Eyes of Faith: John Henry Newman’s Theological Critique of Arguments from Design*

John Bugbee, University of Virginia

*Evolution in Charles Peirce’s Arguments for the Reality of God (and Modern Consequences)*

Joel Harter, University of Chicago

*Faith and Imagination in Coleridge’s Philosophy of Science*

Arthur McCalla, Mount Saint Vincent University

*Progressive Revelation and Natural Theology: Richard Owen Addresses the YMCA*

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### A1-222

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**

**1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

**PH-Salon 1**

Gregory Shaw, Stonehill College, Presiding

**Theme: The Role of Myth in Platonic/Pythagorean Traditions**

David U. B. Liu, Duke University

*Ethical Ontologies in Plato, Plotinus, and Pico*

R. D. Hedley, University of Cambridge

*Vico, Myth, and the Neoplatonic Inheritance*

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### A1-223

**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group**

**1:00 pm-3:30 pm**

**CHT-PDR 1**

David Lamberth, Harvard University, Presiding

**Theme: Roberto Unger: Pragmatism Unbound (Harvard University Press, 2007)**

Elesha Coffman, Duke University

*“Faith in Quest of a Philosophy”: Charles Clayton Morrison, The University of Chicago, and The Christian Century*

T. L. Gray, Boston University

*Exploring the Theological Implications of Unger’s Radicalized Pragmatism*

Ronald Kuipers, Institute for Christian Studies

*Turning Memory into Prophecy: Roberto Unger and Paul Ricoeur between Past and Future*

Responding:
William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

**Business Meeting:**
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding
A1-225 ⭐

Religion, Media, and Culture Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North

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

Theme: After September 11: Psychological and Religious Reflections on Terror and Anxiety
Kirk A. Bingaman, Fordham University
The Convergence of Post-September 11 Anxiety with Modernity
Anisah Bagasra, Claremont University
The Dehumanization of Arabs and Muslims Post September 11: Its Social and Psychological Implications for American Muslims
James W. Jones, Rutgers University
The Religious and Psychological Roots of Religious Terrorism
Jill Petersen Adams, Syracuse University
The Politics of Mourning and Judith Butler’s Precarious Life
Storm Swain, Union Theological Seminary
Trinity, Trauma, and Transformation: A Trinitarian Pastoral Theology Reflected in the Experience of the Chaplains at the September 11 Temporary Morgue at Ground Zero

Responding:
Lynn Schofield Clark, University of Denver

Business Meeting:

Mary Ellen O’Donnell, Mercyhurst College
The Perfect Earrings, a Decaf Latte, and a State of Grace: Catholic Sacraments at the Mall

John Seitz, Harvard University
Lived Dilemmas of Ritual Change, or What Is a Church, Really?

Brett Hoover, Graduate Theological Union
Negotiating the Church: The Separate and Interconnected Worlds of Latino/a Inmigrant Catholics and Euro-American Catholics in a Shared Parish in the Midwest, 1990–2008

Business Meeting:
Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University, and Daniel Speed Thompson, Saint Mary’s University, Presiding

A1-228

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E

Claire Katz, Texas A & M University, Presiding

Theme: On the Neighbor

Sean Dempsey, Boston University
The View from Elsewhere: Literature and the Neighbor

Joseph Ballan, University of Chicago
Chorale for Two Voices: Singularity, Duality, and Community in Franz Rosenzweig’s The Star of Redemption

Colleen Windham, University of California, Santa Barbara
Monstrous Equality: Neighbor-love and Indifference in Arendt and Žižek

Kim Hee-Kyung, Boston University
The Oppressed and the Courage to Believe in Self-love in Order to Love Thy Neighbor
A1-229

Wesleyan Studies Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Joliet

Douglas M. Strong, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding
Theme: Wesleyans and Sexuality
Christopher J. Anderson, Drew University
Miss America and Methodism: Twentieth-Century Beauty Pageants as Christian Mission
Darryl Stephens, Emory University
Clerical Maladministration and Sexual Sins: Cautionary Parallels in Twentieth-Century Methodism Regarding Divorce and Homosexuality
Elaine A. Heath, Southern Methodist University
Swallowing Life: Eucharistic Healing and the Shame of Sexual Abuse
Responding:
Pamela Couture, Saint Paul School of Theology
Business Meeting:
Rex D. Matthews, Emory University, Presiding

A1-230

Contemporary Islam Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard A

Malika Zeghal, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Contemporary ‘Ulama: Approaches to Reform, Critique, and Dialogue
Liyakat Takim, University of Denver
Revival of Religious Thought: The Reevaluation of Classical Texts by Contemporary Shi’i Jurists
Jawad Qureshi, University of Chicago
Fareeha Khan, University of Michigan
Maulana Ashraf ‘Ali Thanawī on the Permissibility of Women’s Leadership
Nuri Friedlander, Harvard University
The Mufti and the Media: How Muslim Scholars Use Mass Media and the Reactions They Inspire
Joseph Lombard, Brandeis University
A Common Word
Responding:
Muhammad Khalid Masud, Council of Islamic Ideology
Business Meeting:
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding

A1-231

Music and Religion Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Philip Stoltzfus, University of St. Thomas, Presiding
Theme: Improvisation: Chicago and Beyond
Awet Andemicael, Yale University
Secularity in Black Gospel Music: A Theological Consideration
Nathan Crawford, Loyola University, Chicago
Attunement and the Religious Task: Using a Musical Metaphor to Think about Religion
David Wilmington, Baylor University
The Devil’s Music Goes to Church: Duke Ellington’s Sacred Concerts as Inter-community Theological Engagement
Katy Scrogin, Claremont Graduate University
Religiosity and Non-conformism: The Curious Exception of the Violent Femmes
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
“Ancient to the Future”: Religion and Improvisation in the Association for the Advancement of Creative Musicians
Business Meeting:
Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Presiding

A1-232

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K

Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University, Presiding
Theme: Pentecostalism and Prosperity: Changing Discourses
Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University
Prosperity Already and Not Yet: An Eschatological Interpretation of the Health and Wealth Teaching in North American Pentecostalism
Jonathan L. Walton, University of California, Riverside
“From the Storefront Margins to the Megachurch Mainstream”: The Influence of the Black Spiritual Movement on Contemporary African American Protestant Christianity
Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Pfeiffer University
The Transculturalization and the Transnationalization of the Government of 12: From Seoul to Bogota to Charlotte, North Carolina
Responding:
Gaston Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College
Business Meeting:
Amos Yong, Regent University, and James K. A. Smith, Calvin College, Presiding
A1-233 🌟

**Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Heather White, Vassar College, Presiding  
Theme: *Queering Culture(s)*

Annie Blakeney-Glazer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
*I am Not a Lesbian*: Christian Athletics and Gender Transgression

McLinda Morton, Loyola University, Chicago  
*Arming the Hypermasculine Jesus: Power, Sex, and Religion at the United States Air Force Academy*

Sarah Whedon, Simmons College, and Carolyn Croissant, Tufts University  
*Queer Families, Mormon Polygamy, and Big Love*

Andre Musskopf, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil  
*Theological Fagoting with Frida Kahlo’s La Venadita — Applying Queer Methodology from a Brazilian Perspective*

Responding:  
Kathryn Lofton, Indiana University, Bloomington  
Business Meeting:  
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, and Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

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A1-234 🌟

**Religion and Colonialism Consultation**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
PH-Wilson

Caleb Elfenbein, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding  
Theme: *The “Denaturalization” of the Concept of Religion*

Richard King, Vanderbilt University  
*A Few Words on Why the Category of Religion Is Being “Denaturalized” at this Moment in History*

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University  
*India within the Bounds of European Discourse — Before “Religion”*

Cassie Adcock, University of Chicago  
*Of Insults and Outrage: The Legal Regulation of Proselytizing in Colonial North India*

Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne, Australia  
*The Limits of Secular Post-Coloniality: Wedged between Personal Law and Uniform Civil Code*

Angie Heo, University of California, Berkeley  
*Defining Limits on Church Power: The Politics of Coptic Orthodox Priesthood in Contemporary Egypt*

Business Meeting:  
Caleb Elfenbein, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

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M1-203

**Evangelical Philosophical Society**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
PH-Price

Chad Meister, Bethel College, Presiding  
Theme: *Religious Diversity*

Paul Moser, Loyola University  
*Religious Exclusivism*

Keith Yandell, University of Wisconsin, Madison  
*The Diversity of Religious Experience*

Responding:  
Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary

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M1-204

**Association for Practical Theology**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
PH-Red Lacquer Room

Craig Dykstra, Lilly Endowment Inc., Presiding  
Theme: *Panel Discussion on For Life Abundant: Practical Theology, Theological Education, and Christian Ministry* (eds., Dorothy Bass and Craig Dykstra, 2008)

Practical theology is undertaken within a complex and interdependent ecology that provides the discipline’s resources, shapes its agenda, and receives its products. From different locations within this intellectual, ecclesial, cultural, and social ecology, panelists will extend and critique the argument of *For Life Abundant: Practical Theology, Theological Education, and Christian Ministry* (eds., Dorothy Bass and Craig Dykstra, 2008).

Panelists:  
Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary  
Yolanda Smith, Yale University  
Lillian Daniel, First Congregational Church (UCC)

Responding:  
John Witvliet, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

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A1-300
Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 12
An error in the Program Planner listed Karen Pechilis instead of Uma Chakravarti, Delhi University as a participant.

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Making Room, Making Sense: Re-Visioning our Fields, Re-Bordering Scholarship
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee and the Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Session 1: Myth-Making in the Normative Academy
Howard (formerly Eilberg) Schwartz, Memphis, TN
Howard’s End? Reflections on Tenure, Knowledge, and Power (and Life after Academia)
Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
What Manner of Woman Is This?
Uma Chakravarti, Delhi University
Thinking beyond Binaries: The Problem with Normative Academic Myths
Dianne Stewart, Emory University
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Dianne Stewart, Emory University
How to Be Collegial
Laura Stivers, Pfeiffer University
Sexism in the Academy
W. David Nelson, Brite Divinity School
Too Close for Comfort: Midrash and Meaning in Theological Education

A1-301
Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4H
Betty A. DeBerg, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Theme: AAR Guidelines for Teaching about Religion in K–12 Schools
Sponsored by the Religion in the Schools Task Force
The AAR Board of Directors has approved a proposal by the Religion in the Schools Task Force to construct AAR Guidelines for Teaching about Religion in K–12 Schools. This session will focus on the first draft of this three-year initiative and is intended as an opportunity to solicit feedback from AAR members. These guidelines are written for teachers, administrators, school boards, parents, and other citizens who seek guidance regarding how to teach about religion responsibly. They will complement guidelines put out by the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) and the National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE), where religion is referenced but not elaborated upon.
Panelists:
Mark Alan Chancey, Southern Methodist University
Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico
Dianne Stewart, Emory University
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University

A1-302
Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C
Annie Blakeney-Glazer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding
Theme: “If I Knew Then What I Know Now”: Lessons for the First Year Teaching
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
The first year in a faculty position can be a daunting experience. This special topics forum addresses the teaching component of a faculty member’s life in the academy; bringing together experienced teachers from a variety of institutional settings to share their wisdom on the first years of teaching. Ranging from public research universities to liberal arts colleges to private religious institutions and divinity schools, the four panelists will offer concrete advice on specific topics; from constructing a lecture-based course for a large number of students to engaging students in critical dialogue at faith-affiliated institutions. Following short presentations by the panelists, we will break into small groups and continue our discussions, enabling participants a more intimate interaction with panelists whose experiences reflect a particular institutional setting. It is our hope that sharing pedagogical strategies will foster best practices and excellence in teaching religion and theology. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.
Barbara Jo McClure, Vanderbilt University
Harnessing Theological Diversity in the Classroom
Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University
Integrating Research and Teaching: Designing Courses For Your Students and Yourself
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Pedagogy in Practice: Mentoring and Service-Learning in Religious Studies
David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College
Critical Dialogues, Collaborative Learning: Teaching Religious Studies and the Liberal Arts
Responding:
Paul Myhre, Wabash Center

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A1-303
Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D
S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Theme: Re-enchantment and Re-connection: On the Relation of Religion and Contemporary Art
Panelists:
David Morgan, Duke University
Deborah J. Haynes, University of Colorado, Boulder
Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University
Ena Heller, Museum of Bible in Art
Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University
James Elkins, Art Institute of Chicago

A1-304
Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Comparative Theology Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding
Theme: Axis Chicago: Comparative Study in Hyde Park and Beyond
Panelists:
Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago
Paul Griffiths, Duke University
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Lee H. Yearley, Stanford University
Responding:
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University

A1-305
Religion and the Social Sciences Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Waldorf
Marla Frederick, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Zora Neale Hurston as Social Scientist and Anthropologist
Panelists:
Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University
Rachel E. Harding, Iliff School of Theology
Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

A1-306
Religion in South Asia Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford A
Elizabeth L. Wilson, Miami University of Ohio, Presiding
Theme: Women’s Leadership and Monastic Organization in Theravada Buddhism
Panelists:
Carol S. Anderson, Kalamazoo College
Ann Heirman, Ghent University
Gisela Krey, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms University
Susanne Mrozik, Mount Holyoke College
Nirmala S. Salgado, Augustana College
Vanessa Rebecca Sasson, Marianopolis College
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
Ingrid Jordt, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

A1-307
Study of Islam Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Marquette
Nargis Virani, The New School, Presiding
Theme: Critical Theory in Practice: Ongoing Projects from the Field
Usamah Ansari, York University
Tandrusti Deen ka Kaam hai: Health as a Matter of Religion in “Book Nine” of Ashraf Ali Thanvi’s Bahishti Zewar (Heavenly Ornaments)
Junaid Quadri, McGill University
Tradition, Reform, and Modernity in Egypt: The Case of Muhammad Bakhit, Mufti of Egypt
Susan Schomburg, Bates College
Understanding “Islamization”: the Living Legacy of Muhammad Abdul Qadir Gilani and the Qadiri Sufi Order in Tamil-Speaking South Asia
Sadiyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
A Tafsir of Praxis: Gender, Marital Violence, and Resistance in a South African Muslim Community
Richard McGregor, Vanderbilt University
The Implications of “Comparative Religion” in Essay Twenty-two of the Ikhwan al-Safa (Tenth-Century Iraq)
Responding:
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
A1-308

Teaching Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-PDR 1

Jeffrey M. Brackett, Ball State University, Presiding

Theme: Dogs and Deceivers: How Metaphors Inform the Practice of Teaching
Susan Willhauck, Wesley Theological Seminary
Let Me Entertain You: The Exciting Perks and Perils of Teaching American Religion as a Vaudeville (or Burlesque?) Performer
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
A Pedagogical Framing: A Teaching Metaphor of Incarnational Joy
Amy Carr and John K. Simmons, Western Illinois University
Between Guru and Deceiver? Responding to Unchosen Metaphors in the Religious Studies Classroom
Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College
My Life as a Caffeine-addled Dog

Tissa Balasuriya, Centre for Society and Religion, Colombo
Susan Abraham, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, and Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

A1-310

Afro-American Religious History Group and Mormon Studies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 3

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: African-Americans and the Latter-day Saints Church: A Historical Examination
Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming
"Not Only to the Gentile but also to the African": African American Mormons and Mormon Identity in the Nineteenth Century
James B. Bennett, Santa Clara University
Black Anti-Mormonism and the Construction of African American Identity in the Late Nineteenth Century
Alan Cherry, Utah Valley State College
Assessing the African-American Latter-day Saint Experience Since the 1960s
Ahmad Corbitt, LDS International Affairs
The Changing Face of Mormonism: An Examination of the Influx and Interest of African Americans in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Laurie Maffly-Kipp, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Reorienting Mormonism: Race, Ethnicity, and the Possibilities for Paradigm Shifts in the LDS Church

A1-311

Bioethics and Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Astoria

George D. Randels, University of the Pacific, Presiding

Theme: Medical Practice and Religious Belief/Critical Approaches to Issues in Religion and Bioethics
Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University, and Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University
A Barrier or a Bridge: Understandings of Religion amongst Pediatric Oncologists
Denise Marie Dudzinski, University of Washington
Innovations in Interdisciplinary Dialogue: Practicum in Religion, Bioethics, and Science
Terri Laws, Rice University
Agency or Surrogacy? Race, Class, and Gender in Medical Research Recruitment
Gerard Mannion, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
Artificial Nutrition and Hydration: What Has Changed in Catholic Teaching and Why? Discerning Constructive Proposals Beyond the Impasse
Business Meeting:
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, and Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding

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**A1-312**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Consultation**

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

CHT-Continental A

Willis Jenkins, Yale University, and Jennifer McBride, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr.: Receiving Their Legacies for Christian Social Thought

Panelists:
Josiah U. Young, Wesley Theological Seminary
Larry Rasmussen, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
Traci C. West, Drew University
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University

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**Yaroslav Komarovski**, University of Wisconsin, Madison

*Building Bridges and Burning Bridges: On the Question of Transition from Conceptual to Non-Conceptual Understanding of Reality*

Ying Ching Hui, Rice University

*Contemplation of Rhetoric and Epistemology of Immediacy: A Study of the Rhetoric of Immediacy and Spontaneity in Chinese Chan and Tibetan Dzogchen*

Responding:
John D. Dunne, Emory University

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**A1-313**

**Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group and Buddhist Philosophy Group**

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

PH-Salon 2

Tom Yarnall, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: Buddhist Philosophical and Contemplative Perspectives

Anne C. Klein, Rice University

*The Contemplative’s Body at Ease: Rest, Effort, and Reality*

David Gray, Santa Clara University

*The Yoga of Ultimate Equipoise: Indian Buddhist Reflections on the “View” of the Tantras*

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**A1-314**

**Chinese Religions Group**

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

PH-Salon 2

Stephen F. Teiser, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: Telling Sacrifices: Intertextuality and Efficacy in Prayers from Medieval China

Jessey J.C. Choo, Villanova University

*Tailor-made Childbirth: Prayers for Safe Delivery among the Dunhuang Documents*

Alexei Ditter, Reed College

*Medieval Chinese Prayers for Rain in an Age of Climate Change*

Chen Huaiyu, University of the West

*The Flames of Offering: Medieval Prayers for the Buddhist Lantern Ritual from Dunhuang*

Ian Chapman, Harvard University

*Reborn from Stone: Merit Transfer in Northern Dynasties Daoist Inscribed Images*

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**A1-315**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Religion in Europe Consultation**

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

CHT-Continental C

Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding

Theme: Theorizing Religion in Europe: Approaches, Topics, and Debates

Christof Mandry, University of Erfurt

*The Controversy over “Religion” as a Source of European Identity in the European Union’s Constitution Process*

Titus Hjelm, University College, London

*Emerging Pluralism and the Legitimacy of Religions: The Case of Finland*

Ulrike Popp-Baier, University of Amsterdam, Utrecht University

*Islam, Nationalism, and the Study of Religion in Contemporary Turkey*

Responding:
Hans G. Kippenberg, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt

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**A1-316**

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group**

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

CHT-Conference Room 4J

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

Theme: Visual/Material Culture and the Meanings of “Religion”

Jeffrey Morrow, University of Dayton

*From Living Word to Ossified Text: Hobbes, Spinoza, the Bible, and the Redefinition of Religion*

Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University

*Picture Perfect: Religion, Representation, and Categories of Comparison*
Gabriel Robinson, University of Chicago
Picturing and Practicing Primordial Religion: The 1918 Exposition “El Arte en la Tauromaquia”
Responding:
Colleen McDanell, University of Utah
Business Meeting:
Richard King, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A1-318
Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Wilson
James Berg, College of the Desert, Presiding
Theme: Religious Resources in Resignifications of Queer Identity: The Case of Christopher Isherwood, “Homosexualist” and Disobedient Subject
Victor Marsh, University of Queensland
The Disobedient Subject: Disrupting Authorized Versions of Masculinity and Spirituality in Christopher Isherwood’s Autobiographical Narrative
Katherine Bucknell, London, United Kingdom
Christopher Isherwood: Hinduism and Homosexuality
Jamie M. Carr, Niagara University
Going Back in Time: Sexuality, Spirituality, and Anglo-American “Modernity”
Mario Faraone, University of Trieste
“Staring and Staring into the Mirror, It Sees Many Faces within Its Face”: Images and Reflections of the Spiritual Self in Christopher Isherwood’s Narrative
Pravrajika Vrajaprana, Vedanta Society of Southern California
His Guru and the Swami’s Disciple: The Guru–Disciple Relationship as the Locus of Christopher Isherwood’s Advaita Vedanta
Responding:
Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University
Business Meeting:
Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, Presiding

A1-319
Islamic Mysticism Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 7
Ruediger Seesemann, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Islamic Theology and Sufism
Laury Silvers, Skidmore College
“God Loves Me”: Early Pious and Sufi Women and the Theological Debate over God’s Love
Yasir Kazi, Yale University
Martin Nguyen, Harvard University
On the Way to God’s Word: At the Crossroads of Kalam and Sufism in the Works of al-Qushayri (d. 465/1072)
Noah Salomon, University of Chicago
Evidence, Secrets, and the Problem of Epistemic Justification in Contemporary Sudanese Sufi Theology
Responding:
Frank Griffel, Yale University
Business Meeting:
Vincent J. Cornell, Emory University, Presiding

A1-320
Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Joliet
Curtis L. Thompson, Thiel College, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard’s Attack upon Established Christianity
Mark Lloyd Taylor, Seattle University
The Hermit Emerges Victorious: Contempt for Women in Kierkegaard’s Attack upon the (Male) Ecclesiastical Establishment
David R. Law, University of Manchester
Kierkegaard’s Anti-Ecclesiastical Invective in the Moment
Jennifer Veninga, Graduate Theological Union
Imagining the Numerical: Majority and Minority in Søren Kierkegaard and Arjun Appadurai
Avron Kulak, York University
Kierkegaard and The Moment: Heresy, History, and Hermeneutics
Business Meeting:
Andrew J. Burgess, University of New Mexico, and Marilyn Piety, Drexel University, Presiding

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### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

#### A1-321

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
PH-Salon 1

Robert M. Berchman, Dowling College, Presiding  

**Theme:** Diverse Traditions and Receptions of Platonic/Neoplatonic Thought

1. Ilinca Tanaseanu-Doebler, Ohio State University  
   - *The Notion of Theurgy in Late Byzantium*

2. Adrian Guiu, University of Chicago  
   - *Thomas Aquinas between Maimonides and the Liber de Causis: The Reception of Dionysius the Areopagite in the Context of the 1241 Condemnation*

3. Mark A. McIntosh, Loyola University, Chicago  
   - *Newman as Neoplatonist*

4. Krista Duttenhaver, University of Notre Dame  
   - *Eros and the Self in Simone Weil’s Plato*

**Responding:**  
Bill J. Leonard, Wake Forest University

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#### A1-322

**Religion and Disability Studies Group**  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4E

Rebecca Raphael, Texas State University, Presiding  

**Theme:** Disability in Theology: Past and Present

1. Mary Caygill, Trinity Methodist Theological College and University of Auckland  
   - *Theology of Health, Health of Theology: How Healthy Are the Connections?*

2. Cynthia Holder Rich, Western Theological Seminary  
   - *Health, Wellness, and Mental Illness, Disability or Disorder: The Role of the Church*

3. William Myatt, Loyola University, Chicago  
   - *Sense Sickness in William of Saint Thierry*

4. Kristi Upson-Saia, Occidental College  
   - *Scars, Marks, and Deformities in Augustine's Resurrected Bodies*

**Responding:**  
Bill J. Leonard, Wake Forest University

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#### A1-323

**Religion and Ecology Group**  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Williford C

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University, Presiding  

**Theme:** New Directions in Religion and Ecology

1. A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida  
   - *Gandhi’s Agrarian Legacy: Food Democracy, Farm Animals, and Social Movements*

2. Elizabeth Allison, University of California, Berkeley  
   - *Religion, Spirituality, and Perceptions of the Environment in Bhutan and Nepal*

3. Amanda Holmes, University of Florida  
   - *Spirits in the Forest: Yoruba Diaspora Religion and Ecology in Cuba*

4. Joseph Witt, University of Florida  
   - *Religion and Resistance to Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining in Appalachia*

**Business Meeting:**  
David L. Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, and John A. Grim, Yale University, Presiding

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#### A1-324

**Religion and Popular Culture Group**  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College, Presiding  

**Theme:** Looking Back: Moments in the History of Religion and American Popular Culture

1. Erika W. Dyson, Columbia University  
   - *Excessive Theatricals: “God-fearing Magicians” and the Regulation of Spirit Return*

2. Layne Little, Pondicherry, India  
   - *The Secret Masters behind the American Superhero: American Pop-cultural Encounters with Yogis and Ascended Masters in the High Himalayas*

3. Diana Walsh-Pasulka, University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
   - *Death Wears a Friendly Face: The Child Psychopomp in History and Culture*

4. Michael Altman, Duke University  
   - *Contact, Travel, and Mapping: Popular Representations of Hindus in Nineteenth-Century American Magazines*

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#### A1-325

**Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group**  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Boulevard A

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding  

**Theme:** Visual Imageries of Reality and Fantasy

1. William A. Barbieri, The Catholic University of America  
   - *L’Image Juste: Visual Ethics and the Battle of Algiers*

2. Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University  
   - *Theorizing Ritual through Film: Indexicality, Visual Ethnography, and Ritual Practice*
Sara Jaye Hart, Boston University
Failed Transubstantiations and Incomplete Icons: The Apotheosis of Marilyn Monroe
David Congdon, Princeton, NJ
A Beautiful Anarchy: Religion, Fascism, and Violence in the Theopolitical Imagination of Guillermo del Toro
Alena Govorounova, Nanzan University
Visualizations of Shinto and Buddhist Ecophilosophies: On Religious Aesthetics in Miyazaki Hayao’s Ecofantasy World

A1-327

Roman Catholic Studies Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C
Vincent J. Miller, Georgetown University, Presiding
Theme: Catholic Violence and Violent Catholics
James T. Fisher, Fordham University
Cockeye Dunn Shot Me: American Catholic Studies in the Code of Violence
Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University
“The Continually Wounded Heart of Christ”: Religion and Violence in American Catholic Boxing
Naoko Frances Hioki, Graduate Theological Union
Truth and Violence: Catholic Iconoclasm against Buddhist Images in Early Modern Japan
Salvador Leavitt-Alcantara, Graduate Theological Union
The Historicized Theological Methodology of Ignacio Ellacuría, S. J., and the Phenomenon of Violence

A1-328

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding
Theme: Public Education, Knowledge, and Visions for Non-toxic Religion
Panelists:
Daniel Dennett, Tufts University
Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College
William Schweiker, University of Chicago
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University
Martin Marty, University of Chicago
Responding:
David G. White, University of California, Santa Barbara
Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding

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A1-330
Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
Russell R. Manning, University of Cambridge, Presiding
Theme: Tillich and Issues in Phenomenology
Chris L. Firestone, Trinity International University
Tillich's Indebtedness to Kant: Two Recently Translated Review Essays on Rudolf Otto's Idea of the Holy
Robison B. James, University of Richmond and Baptist Theological Seminary, Richmond
How Fichte and Husserl Clarify the American Tillich
Nathan Eric Dickman, University of Iowa
Anxiety and the Face of the Other: Tillich and Levinas on the Origin of Questioning
David Miller, Union College
Looking at the Truth of Art in Tillich and Marion: Symbolic Depth and the Saturated Phenomenon
Business Meeting:
Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University, Presiding

A1-331
Biblical/Contextual Ethics Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Amy Laura Hall, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: The Turn toward the Study of Jesus in Biblical Ethics
William Carter Aikin, Hanover College
Instruction and Invitation: The Moral Teachings of Jesus as Both Disclosure and Direction
Kerry Danner-McDonald, Graduate Theological Union
What Jesus Did for the Disciples He Does for Us, So We Do It for Others: William Spohn and the Faithful Imagination
Steven H. Schroeder, Shenzhen University
Explosive Poetry Institutionally Contained: Jesus as Poet and Teacher of Ethics
Betsy Perabo, Western Illinois University
Nobody Knows What Jesus Would Do: Humility, Imagination, and the Use of Force
Business Meeting:
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

A1-332
Coptic Christianity Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4G
Lois Farag, Luther Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Martyrdom and Coptic Christians
Panelists:
Cornelia Horn, Saint Louis University
Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Valparaiso University
Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University
Business Meeting:
Lois Farag, Luther Seminary, Presiding

A1-333
Open and Relational Theologies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 5-6
Lyndal Faber Lorenzen, Augsburg College, Presiding
Theme: The Person, Role, and Significance of Jesus Christ
Anna Case-Winters, McCormick Theological Seminary
Reframing Incarnation: A Process-Panentheist Proposal
Daryl Ward, Kettering College
Identity and Temporality: Exploring Perfection and Incarnation
Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University
Creative,Responsive, Loving/Jesus? Mining Process Theology for Resources for an Open and Relational Christ
Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University
Atonement through Covenant: A Process Feminist Approach
Responding:
Tyron Lee Inbody, United Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

A1-334
Religion and Cities Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Grand Tradition Room
Lawrence Mamiya, Vassar College, Presiding
Theme: Religion as a Factor in Urban Dynamics (Cultural, Political, Economic, and Spatial) with a Particular Focus on American Cities
Amanda Baugh, Northwestern University
Sacred in the City? Interfaith Religious Environmentalism in Chicago

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Richard Bohannon, Drew University
Theodicy in the Public Square: Questioning the City in the Aftermath of Disaster
Elise Edwards, Claremont Graduate University
Exploring the Urban Context through Narrative and Theological Analysis: A Study of Erik Larson’s The Devil in the White City
Kevin O’Neill, Indiana University, Bloomington
From Guatemala City to Chicago: Neo-Pentecostal Constructions of Illegality
Isaac Weiner, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Urban Cacophony: Listening to Religious Conflict on City Streets
Business Meeting:
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

A1-335
Religion and Sexuality Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B
Bernadette Brooten, Brandeis University, Presiding
Theme: Womanist/Feminist Sexual Ethics: Overcoming Slavery’s Legacy — Presentations from the Brandeis Feminist Sexual Ethics Project
Dorothy Roberts, Northwestern University
The Paradox of Silence and Display: Sexual Violation of Enslaved Women and Contemporary Contradictions in Black Female Sexuality
Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago
Slavery, Black Women, and Sexual Justice: A Theological Perspective
Nancy Rawles, Seattle, WA
Prayer for My Daughter

A1-336
Sikh Studies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 4
N. G. Barrier, University of Missouri, Presiding
Theme: Framing Issues in Sikh Studies
Rahuldeep Singh Gill, University of California, Santa Barbara
Opening the “Key”: Towards a New Perspective on an Early Sikh Commentator
Prabhsharanbir Singh Punjabi University, Patiala
Sikhs as Homo Sacer: Politics of the Body and Sovereign Power
Business Meeting:
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal College, Presiding

A1-337
Theology and the Political Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room
Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College, Presiding
Theme: The Politics of Theology, the Theology of Politics
Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College
Liberalism’s Theology of Consent

K. Christine Pae, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Political Theology and Theology of Sex in the Context of Globalized Militarism: United States Overseas Militarism and Military Prostitution in a Time of War
Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
Whose War? Which Genocide? Theology, Politics, and the Lord’s Resistance Army in Northern Uganda
Vincent Lloyd, University of California, Berkeley
Politics of the Middle: John Milbank, Gillian Rose, and the Sharia Controversy
Miriam Perkins, Catholic University of America
Saving the Day: The Heroics of Conversion in Evangelical Preaching on the Sunday after September 11
Business Meeting:
Corey David Bazemore Walker, Brown University

A1-338
Countdown to the Centennial: AAR Celebrates 100 Years, 1909–2009
5:15 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-AAR Suite
Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Friends of the Academy, members of the Sterling Circle, AAR leadership, and other invited guests gather for an informal kickoff of AAR’s Centennial Celebration. The year-long activities will officially begin in Montréal in 2009 and conclude in Atlanta in 2010.
A1-400
Racial and Ethnic Minorities Reception
6:30 pm-8:00 pm
CHT-Grand Ballroom
Anthony Pinn, Rice University, Presiding
Interested persons are welcome to this reception celebrating the contributions of racial and ethnic minority scholars in the Academy.

M1-300
Association for Practical Theology
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Chicago
Theme: Pedagogies for the Urban Context
This session invites critical reflection on the implications of urbanization and the complexities of urban ministry for our pedagogy as theological educators and pastoral leaders.
Panelists:
Cynthia Milspap, Director, Nurturing the Call, Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE)
Bryan P. Stone, Boston University
Responding:
Jeffery Tribble, Columbia Theological Seminary

M1-306
Christian Theological Research Fellowship
4:00 pm-6:30 am
PH-LaSalle 2
Theme: Contesting Evangelicalism: Symposium on the Cambridge Companion to Evangelical Theology
Panelists:
Timothy Larsen, Wheaton College
Roger Olson, Truett Theological Seminary
Melissa Wyndi Corbin-Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary
Amos Yong, Regent University

M1-404
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-Joliet
Ronnie Littlejohn, Belmont University, Presiding
Theme: Reflections on the Work of Henry Rosemont, Jr.
Sumner Twiss, Florida State University
Confucian Ethics, Concept-Clusters, and Human Rights
Jinli He, Trinity University
Xiao and Family Reverence: Translator's Reflection on The Classic of Family Reverence: A Philosophical Translation From A Comparative Perspective
David Jones, Kennesaw State University
No Pets Allowed: Rosemont and the Master on the Family
Kurtis Hagen, State University of New York, Plattsburgh
Reconstructing Confucianism

M1-302
International Schleiermacher Society
4:00 pm-7:00 pm
PH-LaSalle 1

M1-407
Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Salon 4

M1-412
Society of Christian Philosophers
7:00 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E
Andrew Chignell, Cornell University, Presiding
Theme: The Moral and Spiritual Prospects of Vegetarianism
Terence Cuneo, University of Vermont
Conditional Moral Vegetarianism
Matthew Halteman, Calvin College
Compassionate Eating as Care of Creation
Stephen H. Webb, Wabash College
A Christian Case for Compassion for Animals
Responding:
Julie Meadows, Presbyterian College

M1-425
Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
7:00 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-Waldorf
Theme: Presentations of Projects from Luce Award Winners for 2007–2008
Featuring presentations by Colleen Cullinan, Scott Robinson, Allen Terrell, and Kathleen Turner; followed by a business meeting of the Society.
A1-402 LGBTIQ Task Force Reception
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
Chicago LGBT Community Center, 3656 North Halstead
Sponsored by the AAR LGBTIQ Task Force and the Arcus Foundation
Melissa Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding
LGBTIQ scholars of religion, scholars of LGBTIQ studies in religion, and friends are invited to a reception at Chicago's LGBT community center in the heart of “Boystown” (3656 North Halsted St). The Center is an easy ride on the El — simply take the red line north to Addison, go east to Halsted, and turn right (south) on Halsted. It’s also a short trip by taxi, and there are restaurants in the area for those wanting to dine before the reception. Come network, see old friends, make new ones, and celebrate the growth of our community and our subfield within the AAR!

A1-403 Film Series: A Purple State of Mind
9:00 pm-10:30 pm
CHT-PDR 1
Craig Detweiler, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding
Craig Detweiler and John Marks became friends in college in the 1980's, a time when Craig became a Christian and John became a skeptic. Since then, Craig has become a filmmaker and scholar of religion and culture, and John has become a journalist and television producer. In this film, they are reunited for several conversations on religion and politics, to reflect on the cultural and religious divide in the United States (“Red” vs. “Blue”) and the possibilities of moving beyond the impasse.

A1-404 Film Series: Nobody Knows: The Untold Story of Black Mormons
9:00 pm-10:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2
Darius Gray, The Genesis Group, and Margaret Young, Brigham Young University, Presiding
When people think of Mormons they conjure up images of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, white congregants, polygamy, abstinence from caffeine and alcohol, and Mormon missionaries. Few people know that there were black congregants in the church’s earlier days, that the vanguard company of Mormon pioneers included three “colored servants” who were baptized Mormons, and whose descendants remained active in the Church for several generations. Nobody Knows: The Untold Story of Black Mormons, produced by Margaret Young and Darius Gray is a film that addresses the history of black Mormons, their little-known legacy, the effects of the Civil Rights movement, and how it was a pivotal force in the church’s releasing its restrictions on the priesthood for blacks.

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A1-405

Women in the Profession Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Williford C

Sponsored by the Women’s Caucus and the Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
The Women’s Caucus welcomes all friends to join us in (re)telling the history of the Women’s Caucus in the American Academy of Religion.

A1-406

Members’ Dance Party
9:00 pm-12:00 am
CHT-Grand Ballroom

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

A1-407

Student Members’ Party
9:30 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Williford B

Halloween? All Saints Day? Dia de los Muertos? Regardless of what you want to celebrate, join other AAR student members at the annual AAR Student Members’ Party. There will be music, drinks, and the opportunity to meet and greet other AAR student members. You will even receive one free drink ticket, and you may walk away with some fabulous kitsch! Bring your dancing shoes if you are up for it!

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A1-406

Members’ Dance Party
9:00 pm-12:00 am
CHT-Grand Ballroom

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

A1-407

Student Members’ Party
9:30 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Williford B

Halloween? All Saints Day? Dia de los Muertos? Regardless of what you want to celebrate, join other AAR student members at the annual AAR Student Members’ Party. There will be music, drinks, and the opportunity to meet and greet other AAR student members. You will even receive one free drink ticket, and you may walk away with some fabulous kitsch! Bring your dancing shoes if you are up for it!

SUNDAY DON'T FORGET TO FALL BACK!

Don’t show up to your Sunday sessions an hour early and wonder why no one is there! Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 am on Sunday, November 2. So please set your clocks and watches back one hour for the resumption of Standard time.

A2-1

Annual Business Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
CHT-Marquette
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, Presiding
Join the AAR Board of Directors for a brief business meeting and a continental breakfast.

A2-2

Status of LGBTIQ People in the Profession Task Force Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
CHT-PDR 5
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

A2-3

Nominations Committee Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
CHT-PDR 7
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

A2-4

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

A2-5

Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Meeting
7:30 am-9:00 am
CHT-McCormick Boardroom
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University, Presiding

A2-6

History of Religions Jury Meeting
7:30 am-8:45 am
CHT-PDR 3
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding

A2-100

Special Topics Forum
9:00 AM-11:30 AM
CHT-International Ballroom South

Kathleen T. Talvacchia, New York University, Presiding
Theme: Theological Illiteracy and Its Effect on the Enterprise of Theological Education
Sponsored by the Theological Education Steering Committee
Theological educators observe that entering students come to seminary without formation in specific denominational and religious traditions. As a result, these students are theologically illiterate in their own tradition and yet aspire to ministry or other forms of leadership in those same traditions. What is the effect of this theological illiteracy on the enterprise of theological education? This panel seeks to explore implications for how we teach, how we form leaders, and how we define our mission as theological educators. It seeks to explore questions such as: How do scripture courses function when students no longer know Bible stories?
How do field educators place persons in ministerial settings when students know nothing about church polity or history? How do we do theology or religious education when would-be pastors need basic understanding of a tradition? How can we teach interreligious dialogue when students know other traditions but not their own?

Panelists:
Lee Hayward Butler, Chicago Theological Seminary
Emily Click, Harvard University
Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Claremont School of Theology
Daisy L. Machado, Union Theological Seminary
John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University
Lynne Westfield, Drew University

A2-101
Special Topics Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental B

Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Making Room, Making Sense: Re-visioning our Fields, Re-bordering Scholarship
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee and the Status of Women in the Profession Committee

Session 2: Re-visioning Scholarship
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University
Inside/Out: Thoughts on Doing Black Religious Studies from the Margins
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
Are the Ivies Allies to the Multidiscipline Hispanic Scholar?
Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary

Question/able Authority: Naming Some Stakes in Re-visioning Scholarship

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University
Interdisciplinarity and African Theology
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University
Writing for Popular Audiences
Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good/The New Press
Revisioning Scholarship

Panelists:
Muneer Fareed, Islamic Society of North America
Krista Tippett, Speaking of Faith
Munir Shaikh, University of California, Los Angeles
Omer Mozaffar, University of Chicago
Laila Al-Arian, Al-Jazeera English

A2-102
Special Topics Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental C

Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Theme: America’s War on Terror: Assessments of Its Impact on Muslims and the American Public
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Panelists will discuss the ways in which September 11 and the subsequent “war on terror” have affected the lives and experiences of Muslims, and shaped non-Muslim Americans’ perceptions and understandings of Islam. Of particular interest will be the ways in which responding to the tragedy of September 11 and the “war on terror” have changed the space in which Islam has been imagined and constructed. We will also consider the following questions: Are most Americans more knowledgeable about Islam now than they were ten years ago? How have Muslim Americans’ experiences and practices been shaped by public perceptions of their religion? Panelists will address these and other questions during this session co-sponsored by the Islam Section and the Public Understanding of Religion Committee. Ample time will be provided for discussion and question and answer.

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Krista Tippett, Speaking of Faith
Munir Shaikh, University of California, Los Angeles
Omer Mozaffar, University of Chicago
Laila Al-Arian, Al-Jazeera English

A2-103
Wildcard Session
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental A

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: The Legacy of Nathan A. Scott Jr.

Panelists:
Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC
Giles B. Gunn, University of California, Santa Barbara
Mary Gerhart, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Kevin Lewis, University of South Carolina, Columbia
Anthony C. Yu, University of Chicago
Wesley A. Kort, Duke University
Clark M. Brittain, Greenville Technical College
Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
**A2-104**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Astoria

Mary Jo Neitz, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: Writing with Spirit: Four Women Writers Reflect on Art as Spiritual Practice
Patricia Monaghan, DePaul University  
A Celtic Path: Oracular Writing in the Irish Tradition
Judith Roche, Seattle, WA  
Poetry as Soul-making
Linda Hogan, Trinity College, Dublin  
Writing and Spirituality: A First Nations’ Perspective
Elizabeth Cunningham, Staatsburg, NY  
The Gospel of Fiction

**A2-105**

**Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group**

9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Joliet

Mark L. Blum, University at Albany, Presiding

Theme:Transmission, Authenticity, and Knowledge: Sacred Works and the Transformation of Japanese Culture  
Hiroki Kikuchi, University of Tokyo  
Ferocious General on the Dharma Stage: The Development of Sacred Works (Shōkyō) of the Tendai Abbot Jien and His Lineage

Susumu Uejima, Kyoto Prefectural University  
Sacred Writings and the Transmission of Dharma Lineages: Kaisōji and the Transformation of Shingon Buddhism
Brian Kuppert, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
From the Body of the Master: Discourses of Authenticity in Japanese Esoteric Buddhist Sacred Writings (Shōkyō)
Asuka Sango, Carleton College  
Debating the “Exoteric” in Medieval Japan: Transmission of Lineage and Knowledge in Buddhist Ritual
Responding: Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

**A2-106**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section and Scriptural Reasoning Group**

9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Boulevard C

Samuel Wells, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: Liturgy, Eucharist, and Transfiguration
Matthew Myer Boulton, Harvard University  
A New Passover? Christian Eucharistic Doctrine and the Jewish Passover Meal
Kevin L. Hughes, Villanova University  
Transfigurations: Scriptural Reasoning upon Mount Tabor
H. Peter Kang, University of Virginia  
Viewing the Church as Israel through Liturgy and Ritual
Thomas Burke, Boston College  

**A2-107**

**History of Christianity Section**

9:00 am-11:30 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: Possession among Christians in India: Issues of Authenticity, Authority, and Identity
Will Sweetman, University of Otago  
The Cessation of the Oracles: Authenticity and Authority in Missionary Reports of Possession in India
Eliza Kent, Wellesley College  
Syncretism and Sin: The Yuyomayan Sect in Colonial Kerala
Mathew N. Schmalz, College of the Holy Cross  
Distinguishing between Hindu and Catholic Exorcism in a North Indian Village
Kristin Bloomer, University of Chicago  
Possession: Syncretic and Somatic Semantics
Responding: Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

**A2-108**

**North American Religions Section**

9:00 am-11:30 am  
PH-Salon 4-6

Joel W. Martin, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: Colonialism and Violence: Rethinking the Narrative(s) of American Religious History  
Panelists: Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University and Purdue University, Indianapolis  
Tracy Leavelle, Creighton University  
Sylvester Johnson, Indiana University, Bloomington
A2-109
Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-International Ballroom North
Graham Ward, University of Manchester, Presiding
Theme: Religious Motives in the Philosophy of Stanley Cavell
Panelists:
Hent de Vries, Johns Hopkins University
Mark Jordan, Emory University
Ludger Viefhues, Yale University
Responding:
Stanley Cavell, Harvard University

A2-111
Religion and the Social Sciences Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard B
David T. Gortner, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Presiding
Theme: Youth Spiritualities and Youth Rituals
Gordon Lynch, Birkbeck, University of London
Confronting Youth Spiritualities: Some Reflections on Performed and Tacit Dimensions of Belief
Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University
Inner City African-American Youth Rituals in the Aftermath of Violent Loss
Almeda Wright, Emory University
Personal Jesus, Public Faith: Youth Spirituality and Civic Engagement
Kimberly Belcher, University of Notre Dame
Sacred Space, Festal Time, and the Construction of Identity at Mar Thoma Diocese in Chicago
Business Meeting:
Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University, and Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding

A2-113
Study of Judaism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 12
Heidi Ravven, Hamilton College, Presiding
Theme: Jewish Theology, Ancient and Modern
Cass Fisher, University of South Florida
Reading Divine Perfection in the Mekhilta de-Rabbi Ishmael: Theological Prejudice and Reflective Practice in Rabbinic Thought
Chaya Halberstam, Indiana University, Bloomington
Mining and Undermining Justice in Sifre Deuteronomy
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University
Divine Freedom and Human Agency: Cashing Out the Philosophers’ Account of Theological Wisdom
Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University
Prophets in Modernity: Correlations and Counterhistories in Heschel and Cohen
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia
Beyond Humanism: Pragmatic Arguments for a Jewish Philosophy of Science
A2-114

Teaching Religion Section and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard A

Fran Grace, University of Redlands, Presiding

Theme: Pedagogical Challenges in Teaching the Holocaust and Genocide
Gilya Gerda Schmidt, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Teaching the Holocaust in a Department of Religious Studies at a State University
Vern Neufeld Redekop, Saint Paul University

Participatory Learning, Who’s in the Room, Secondary Trauma, and Making It Real: Pedagogical Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching Holocaust and Genocide in a Conflict Studies Program
Tam Parker, University of the South

Teaching Genocide in the Classroom: Culture of Moral Relativism
Rebecca Raphael, Texas State University

The Extraordinary Man as Both Barrier and Ally: Notes on Teaching the Rwandan and Burundian Genocides in Philosophy Courses
Frederick Depoortere, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven

Love beyond the Law? Slavoj Žižek’s Reading of 1 Corinthians 13
Oz Lorentzen, Prairie Bible College

Without Excuse: A Philosophical Theological Reading of Paul and the L(l)aw
Business Meeting:
Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding

A2-115

Anthropology of Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4J

J. Shawn Landres, Synagogue 3000, Presiding

Theme: Putting Your Self out There: Risk and Faith in Fieldwork
Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

“If They Kill Us, At Least the Others May Have a Chance to Get Away”: Modeling Solidarity and Risk on the Sudan/Uganda Border
Andrew Dawson, Lancaster University

Participation and Positionality in a New Religious Context
Edwin Koster, Free University of Amsterdam

Converting to the Informants’ Religious Tradition? On the Possibility of Switching between Insider and Outsider Perspectives
Responding:
Bron Taylor, University of Florida

Business Meeting:
Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding

A2-116

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 2

Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding

Theme: Paul, Law, and Postmodernity
Ted Grimsrud, Eastern Mennonite University

Justice Apart from the Law (and Empire): Paul’s Deconstruction of Idolatry
Mary C. Moorman, Southern Methodist University

Beyond the Law: Covenant as Generosity in Romans
Frederick Depoortere, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
A2-118 Comparative Religious Ethics Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Ontario
Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University, Presiding
Theme: Critical Assessment of Arguing the Just War in Islam (Harvard University Press, 2007) by John Kelsay
Panelists:
G. Scott Davis, University of Richmond
James T. Johnson, Rutgers University
Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara
Irene Oh, University of Miami
Responding:
John Kelsay, Florida State University

Nathaniel Barrett, Boston University
The Art of Exemplary Conduct: A Comparative Investigation of the Aesthetic Dimension of Ethics in Xunzi and John Dewey
Responding:
Joseph Lam, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

David Buchta, University of Pennsylvania
Grammar and the Rules of Puranic Exegesis: Vishvanatha Cakravarti’s Multivalent Reading of Bhagavata-purana’s First Stanza
Arindam Chakrabarti, University of Hawai’i, Manoa
Calling God(s) in a Different Tongue: Grammar of Vocatives in Texts and Translations
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University
The Usury of Language: Keeping Yudhisthira “Firm in Battle”
Business Meeting:
Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University, and Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding

A2-119 Confucian Traditions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4H
Vivian-Lee Nyitray, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Theme: Music in Confucian Moral Cultivation
Erica Brindley, Pennsylvania State University
Bodily Ethics and Notions of the “Taboo”: The Case of Heterodox Music in Early Confucian Discourse
Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College
Harmonic Rhythm and Ritual in Xingliuxe Thought as a Means to Promote Tianren Heyi (“Heaven-and-Human Oneness”) in the Twenty-First Century Global Xunzi
Mingmei Yip, City University of New York
Forbidden Emotion: Confucianism and Qin Music

Robert Garrett, University of Wisconsin
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A2-120 Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group and Men’s Studies in Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 3
Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, Presiding
Theme: Across the Great Divide: Men, Masculinities, and the Challenge of Gay Religious Scholarship
Panelists:
Merle Longwood, Siena College
Paul Collins, University of Chichester
Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University
Ronald E. Long, Hunter College
Responding:
Björn Krondorfer, St. Mary’s College of Maryland

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A2-121 Hinduism Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 2
John D. Dunne, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Grammar and the Gods: When Metaphysics and Language Rules Collide
Marzena Jakubczak, Pedagogical University of Krakow
The Grammar of Ahamkara and Asmita in Samkhya and Yoga

David Buchta, University of Pennsylvania
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Andrea Tucker, Vanderbilt University
Mr. Potato Head Can’t Raise Kids: Transgender Activism and the Queering of Gender and Family

A2-122 Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 7
Elizabeth Say, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Theme: Queer Families
Juan A. Herrero Brasas, California State University, Northridge
Queer Families Queering Society: Same-sex Marriage, Catholicism, and the Family Contention in Spain
Linn Tonstad, Yale University
Queering the Trinitarian Family: A Cultural Politics of the Divine Imaginary
Andrea Tucker, Vanderbilt University
Mr. Potato Head Can’t Raise Kids: Transgender Activism and the Queering of Gender and Family

Business Meeting:
Elizabeth A. Say, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
A2-123
Practical Theology Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford A

Thomas Beaudoin, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Theme: Theologies of the Laity
Susan Willhauck, Wesley Theological Seminary
Big Hair and Jesus: Theological Challenges from Lay People Engaged in Ministry in the World
Theresa A. Ladrigan-Whelpley, Graduate Theological Union
Evolving Lay Practices and Vocational Identities within Roman Catholic Monastic and Apostolic Religious Charisms
James Pitts, University of St. Andrews
Liberative and Congregational: An Anabaptist Social Theory for Practical Theology
Nicole Johnson, Mount Union College
"A More Excellent Way": Lived Experience of Nonviolence as Resource for Reflection and Practice within the United Methodist Church
Responding:
Roberto Goizueta, Boston College Business Meeting;
Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A2-124
Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4G

Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding
Theme: Problems with Pragmatism
William James Meyer, Maryville College
Pragmatic Perspectives and the Discursive Error in Western Thought
Lawrence Whitney, Boston University
Leftovers and Side Effects: Problems in Pragmatist Cosmology
Joseph Winters, Princeton University
Between Chicago and Frankfurt: Dewey, Adorno, and the Retrieval of the Aesthetic

A2-125
Religion and Disability Studies Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 1

Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Theology, Disability, and the New Genetics: Why Science Needs the Church
Panelists:
Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen
Amy Laura Hall, Duke University
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Responding:
Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

A2-126
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4D

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina, Presiding
Theme: Topics in Religions, Medicines, and Healing
Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Carolingian Illness: Toward a Dialogue with Tibetan Buddhist Medicine and a Mind-Body-World-Transcendent Approach
Joy R. Bostic, Case Western Reserve University
Hybridization and Healing in African American Family Systems: A Case Study
Brett Hendrickson, Arizona State University
Theories of Sickness in Religious Studies: Focus on the United States–Mexico Borderlands
Amy P. Langenberg, Columbia University
Cleansing the Heart–Mind and Managing the Person: A Comparison of Early First Millennium Ayurvedic and Buddhist Discussions of Childbirth
Responding:
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University Business Meeting;
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding
A2-127

Ritual Studies Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Grand Tradition Room
Ute Huesken, University of Oslo, Presiding
Theme: Loss and Found: Emerging Rites, Emerging Ritual Theories
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado, Boulder
T-Pop and the Lama: Buddhist “Rites Out of Place” in Tibetan Monastery-Produced VCDs
Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Are Media Presentations of Science Ritualizing Racial Identity? The PBS Documentary African American Lives and Genetized Black Identity
Michael Houseman, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes
Ritualizing the Loss of Animals in Contemporary Western Culture
William McCorkle, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
When Dead Bodies Do Tell Tales: Personality Traits and Cognitive Constraints Concerning the Ritualized Disposal of Corpses in Experimental Conditions
Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo
The Efficacy of Unperformed Rituals: Lessons from Online Discussion of Japanese Buddhist Post-Pregnancy Loss Rituals
Responding:
Eric Venbrux, Radboud University, Nijmegen
Business Meeting:
W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

A2-128

Sacred Space in Asia Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4E
Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding
Theme: The Power of Place
Benjamin Fleming, University of Pennsylvania
Making Sacred Space in Medieval Bengal: Land-Grant Inscriptions in the Chandra Dynasty
Michael C. Linderman, University of Pennsylvania
The Rest of the Kingdom: Procession and Sovereignty in the Monumental Pilgrim Rest House of Raja Serfoji II of Tanjavur, South India
Cameron David Warner, Harvard University, Middlebury College
Reading the Renovations to the Central Chapel of the Lhasa Temple (Jokhang)
Responding:
Brian Nichols, Rice University
Business Meeting:
Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding

A2-129

9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Wilson
Nina Azari, University of Hawai‘i, Hilo, Presiding
Theme: Affect: A Link between Religious Studies and Affective Neuroscience
Douglas F. Watt, Harvard Medical School
Social Affective Neuroscience: A Taxonomy of Primary Emotion and Its Implications for Religious Studies

A2-130

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Huron
Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University, Presiding
Theme: Paul Tillich and Political Theology
Gregory Walter, St. Olaf College
Critique and Promise in Paul Tillich’s Political Theology: Engaging Giorgio Agamben on Sovereignty and Possibility
Bryan Wagoner, Harvard University
Tillich in Dialogue with Adorno and Horkheimer
J. Heath Atchley, Mount Holyoke College
Sounding the Depth of the Secular: Tillich with Thoreau
Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University
Tillich and King on Love and Justice and the Significance for Models of Restorative Justice

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- Receptions and Breakfast
- Sustainability and Religion
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- Wildcard Session
**A2-131**

North American Hinduism Consultation

9:00 am-11:30 am

CHT-Conference Room 4C

Leslie C. Orr, Concordia University, Presiding

Theme: Representing and Misrepresenting Hinduism in North America

Panelists:
- Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University
- Leena Taneja, Stetson University
- Gillian McCann, Nipissing University
- Richard Mann, College of William and Mary
- Shana Lisa Sippy, Columbia University

Business Meeting:
- Lola L. Williamson, Millsaps College, and Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

**A2-132**

Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars

9:00 am-11:30 am

CHT-Lake Michigan

*NEW*

Matthew Williams, Fund for Theological Education, Presiding

This interactive session is designed for students of color who are considering applying to a graduate program in religious or theological studies. The goals of this session are to introduce students to the professional guild of religious and theological studies, provide opportunities for participants to dialogue with distinguished faculty and current graduate students, provide useful information on the graduate application process, and to increase the pipeline for future faculty of color in the guild. This session is jointly sponsored by the American Academy of Religion and the Fund for Theological Education. Please contact Myesha D. Jenkins (mjenkins@aarweb.org) or Matthew W. Williams (mwilliams@thefund.org) for more information.

**A2-133**

Religion and Migration Consultation

9:00 am-11:30 am

CHT-Lake Erie

Thomas Pearson, Wabash Center, Presiding

Theme: Encountering Self and the Other: Multi-sited Religion in the Process of Migration

Gemma Cruz, Saint Ambrose University

In Search of Promised Land: Religion in the Life of the Filipina Domestic Workers in Hong Kong

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University

Labor Migration and the Balk Islamic Movement in the Philippines

Rupa Pillai, Amarillo, TX

The Goddess Crossing the Dark Waters: The Development of Kali Worship in Guyana

Leah Sarat, University of Florida

Reenacting the United States-Mexico Border: Migration, Tourism, and Religious Identity in El Alto, Hidalgo

Responding:
- Terry Rey, Temple University

Business Meeting:
- Marie Marquardt, Agnes Scott College, Presiding

**A2-134**

Religion in Europe Consultation

9:00 am-11:30 am

PH-Salon 8-9

Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: The Meaning and Limits of Secularization in Modern Europe

Elissa McCormack, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology

A Model Citizen-Priest: Henri Grégoire and the Civil Constitution of the Clergy

John Wood, Saint Louis University

Abraham Kuyper, Covenant, and Secular Society

Jennifer Veninga, Graduate Theological Union

Secularity in the Context of Established Religion: The Dynamics of Religious and Secular Imaginations in Contemporary Denmark

Todd Green, Vanderbilt University

Retelling Modern European Religious History: The Alternative Narrative of Presence in Philip Jenkins’s God’s Continent

Michael DeLonge, Emory University and Free University, Berlin

Pope Benedict XVI and Jürgen Habermas: Allies for a “Post-Secular” Europe?

Business Meeting:
- Robert Alvis, Saint Meinrad School of Theology, and Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding

**A2-135**

Religion in Southeast Asia Consultation

9:00 am-11:30 am

CHT-Wilford C

Jason Carbine, Whittier College, Presiding

Theme: Religion in Southeast Asia

Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont

Monastic Labor: Preliminary Thoughts about the Work of Theravada Monks
Sunday, November 2

Edith Franke, University of Marburg
Shifting Identities of Buddhism in Islamic Shaped Indonesian Society

Tiffany Hacker, National University of Singapore, and Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University
Of Muscular Gods and Technicolor Buddhas: Thai Popular Buddhist Imagery and Everyday Religious Expressions in Contemporary Southeast Asia

Alicia Turner, University of Chicago
Saving the Sasana: The Burmese Monastic Demonstrations and a History of Alternative Buddhist Modes of Identity

Mustaghfiroh Rahayu, Florida International University
Which/Whose Powers are Playing in this Pesantren? Construction of Sexual Discourse in Indonesia’s Islamic Boarding Schools

Business Meeting:
Sor-Ching Low, Muhlenberg College, Presiding

M2-103
North American Paul Tillich Society Business Meeting
11:45 am-12:45 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

M2-105
Christian Theological Research Fellowship
11:45 am-12:45 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E
Theme: Contesting Evangelicalism: American Pop Culture, Žižek, and Evangelicals
Beth Felker Jones, Wheaton College, Presiding
Presenter: David Fitch, Northern Seminary
Responding:
James K. Smith, Calvin College
Bruce Benson, Wheaton College

M2-106
African Association for the Study of Religion
11:45 am-1:45 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4G
Theme: Tapping African Wisdom to Heal the Wounds of Colonialism and Slavery
Cynthia Hoehler-Fatton, University of Virginia, Presiding
Panelists:
Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
Leslie James, DePauw University
Mutumbo N’kulu N’sengha, California State University, Northridge
Business Meeting:
Kathleen O’Brien Wicker, Scripps College, Presiding

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* AAR Annual Meeting Program *
A2-200 🎟️
Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CTH-Continental C
Ira Bhaskar has withdrawn from the session
Dwight Friesen, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Theme: Art, Aesthetics, and Performance
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee
This forum will explore the way in which performance — in the guises of yoga, art, and filmmaking — contributes to the bodily and aesthetic bases of an academic understanding of Hinduism. At the same time, these practices help construct the identity of "India" in ancient and modern ages, and this identity also comes to include or exclude other religio-cultural institutions like Islam in South Asia. Experts in fields of yoga, Sanskrit, and film studies will contribute to the performative dimensions of South Asian religions.
Panelists:
M. A. Jayasheer, University of Bangalore
Responding:
Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

A2-201 🎟️
Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding
Theme: The Marty Forum: Wendy Doniger
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee
The recipient of the 2008 Martin Marty Award for contributions to the public understanding of religion is Wendy Doniger, Mircea Eliade Distinguished Service Professor of the History of Religions in the University of Chicago Divinity School. Doniger has authored or co-authored numerous influential books on mythology and translations of Hindu texts, including Siva: The Erotic Ascetic; The Origins of Evil in Hindu Mythology; Splitting the Difference: Gender and Myth in Ancient Greece and India; The Bedtrick: Tales of Sex and Masquerade; and The Implied Spider: Politics and Theology in Myth. The Marty Forum provides an informal setting in which Doniger will talk about her work with Charles Howard Candler Professor and Professor of Early Indian Religions at Emory University, Laurie Louise Patton.
Panelists:
Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University

A2-202 🎟️
Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Joliet
Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: "Bringing Sexy Back": A Town Hall Meeting for the AAR Graduate Student Community
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee
Graduate students are on the cutting edge of the academy — the newest research, the sexiest topics, the most heated struggles. The AAR Graduate Student Committee and the student director are here to address your concerns and are excited to bring you innovative new programming aimed at student needs. Please join us for a town hall meeting that will offer student members an opportunity to hear about expanded student services and network with one another. Additionally, we will discuss current trends in the academy and how such trends will impact the next generation of scholars of religion. We eagerly anticipate your presence at this important event in the life of the AAR student community and encourage you to: 1) Come discuss new graduate and undergraduate student services; 2) Meet members of the Graduate Student Committee (GSC); and 3) Greet the 2008–2009 student director.
Panelists:
Whitney Bauman, Forum on Religion and Ecology
Annie Blakeney-Glazer, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa
Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University
**A2-203**

**Special Topics Forum**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4D

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding  

Theme: *Conversation with Fred Glennon, the Excellence in Teaching Award Winner*  

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee  

Join us for a conversation about teaching with this year’s winner of the AAR Excellence in Teaching Award winner, Fred Glennon.  

Panelists:  
Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College

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**A2-204**

**Wildcard Session**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
PH-Salon 8-9

Jon R. Stone has withdrawn from the session.  

Julius Nam, Loma Linda University, Presiding  

Theme: *The End Is Not What It Used to Be: The Taming of the Apocalyptic Movements in American Religions*  

Panelists:  
Kenneth G. C. Newport, Liverpool Hope University  
Ginger Hanks Harwood, La Sierra University  
Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University  
Richard Landes, Boston University

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**A2-205**

**Wildcard Session**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Grand Tradition Room

Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia, Presiding  

Theme: *Remembering and Forgetting in the Formation of Religious Subjectivities*  
Eliza Slavet, University of California, San Diego  

*Remembering, Repeating, and Working Through Moses the Egyptian and the Psychoanalytic Model of Cultural Discourse*  

Amy Holmes, Australian National University  

*Depicting Miracles as an Art of Memory: A Case Study of the Himalayan Buddhist Biography of Togden Shakya Shri (1853–1919)*  

Jeffrey M. Brackett, Ball State University  

*The Rhetorical Guru: Remembering Samartha Ramdas Swami*  

Cameron David Warner, Harvard University and Middlebury College  

*Remembering and Forgetting the Significance of Princess Wencheng: Micro-historical Challenges to the Master Narrative of Tibetan Buddhist Historiography*  

Kristen Rudisill, Bowling Green State University  

*Preemptive Nostalgia and Displaced Tradition: A Tamil Brahmin Marriage in Washington, D. C.*  

David Reinhart, DePaul University  

*Memory and a Prayer from Ravensbrück*  

Albert J. Raboteau, Princeton University  

*Responding:*  

Albert J. Raboteau, Princeton University

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**A2-206**

**Wildcard Session**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Lake Huron  

Thomas Ryba, University of Notre Dame and Purdue University, Presiding  

Theme: *The Post-secular Turn in Literary Studies*  

Michael Kaufmann, Temple University  

*Literary Studies and Post-secularism*  

Kathryn Ludwig, Purdue University  

*In Between the Sacred and the Secular: Religious Possibility in Don DeLillo’s Underworld*  

Magdalena Maczynska, Marymount Manhattan College  

*Playing Games with the Sacred: Post-secular Perspectives in Post-modernist Fiction*

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**A2-207**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
PH-Salon 3

Ronald Y. Nakasone, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding  

Theme: *Asian Perspectives on the Religious in Dance and Literature*  

Angela Yarber, Graduate Theological Union  

*Embodied Darkness: The Impact of Butoh on Southeast Asia*  

Siphiwe Ignatius Dube, Queen’s University  

*Religion and Literature Revisited: The South Asian Case*  

Martha Ann Kirk, University of the Incarnate Word  

*Vietnamese and Vietnamese-American Liturgical Dance: Resisting Oppression and Reconstructing Identity*
SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A2-208

Buddhism Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C
Will Tuladhar-Douglas, University of Aberdeen, Presiding
Theme: Buddhism in the South Asian Context: What Can Newars Teach Buddhist Studies?
Panelists:
Todd T. Lewis, College of the Holy Cross
Lauren Leve, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Christoph Emmerich, University of Toronto, Mississauga
Bronwen Bledsoe, Cornell University
Dina Bangdel, Virginia Commonwealth University

A2-209

Christian Systematic Theology Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North
Gerard Loughlin, Durham University, Presiding
Theme: Beyond Supersessionism
Stephen Sours, Duke University
Eschatology Without Ecclesiology? The Significance of Hebrews' Figural Reading for the Relationship between Israel and Church
Damon McGraw, National Institute for Newman Studies
Messianic Memory: Retelling the Story of the Kingdom
Scott Bader-Saye, University of Scranton
Can a Blessing be Given? Jews, Christians, and the Exchange of Gift

A2-210

Ethics Section
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard A
Gaston Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College, Presiding
Theme: Ethics and the Vote 2008
Helen Daley Schroepfer, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
 Election 2008: Religion and the Mobilization of "Freedom" and "Equality"
Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University
Challenging Electoral HEGEMONIES: The Ethical Potential of (Religiously Attuned) Community Organizing
David True, Wilson College
The Limits of Law, Power, and Compassion: Reinhold Niebuhr and the Immigration Debate

A2-211

History of Christianity Section and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Consultation
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario
Arun W. Jones, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Pentecostalisms in Africa: Histories and Theologies
David Tonghou Ngong, Baylor University
Material Well-being in the Soteriological Discourse of African Neo-Pentecostal/Charismatic Christianity: The Legacies of African Traditional Religion
Genevieve Nrenzah, Florida International University
The Pentecostal–Charismatic Religious Movement and Changing Discourses on African Religions in Ghana
Adelaide Boadi, Drew University
Emerging Pentecostal Theologies of the Global South and Their Reshaping of Worldwide Pentecostalism: The Case of Africa

A2-212

Study of Islam Section and Qur'an Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Williford A
Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College, Presiding
Theme: Varieties of Qur'anic Hermeneutics
Tehseen Thaver, University of Virginia
'Ijaz and Tafsir: An Analysis of the Relationship between these Two Qur'anic Sciences Through the Writings of Two Shi'i Scholars of the Qur'an
Ahmed Abdel Meguid, Emory University
The Significance of Adam's Repentance in Qur'an 2:37 and Ibn al-'Arabi's Bezels of Wisdom
Betul Yavuz, Rice University
"Show Me How You Resurrect the Dead": Hermeneutics of the Prophethood in Tabari and Early Sufi Commentaries with Reference to Abraham
Amer Latif, Marlboro College and State University of New York, Stony Brook
Unending Patterns: Rumi's Interpretations of Qur'anic Stories
Ahmad Atassi, Louisiana Tech University
'A'isha as Portal to the Prophetic Tradition: How Hadith Transmitters Conceived of Her, According to Ibn Sa'd's Tabaqat
H. Talat Halman, Central Michigan University
Flying on the Wings of Gnosis: Autonomy and Voice in Ruzbihan Baqli's Qur'an Commentary (18:60–82)
Responding:
Barbara R. von Schlegell, Ursinus College

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**Study of Judaism Section**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Continental A

Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University, Presiding  
Theme: *The Figure of the Jew*  
David Nirenberg, Johns Hopkins University  
*The Jewish Question: From Ancient Egypt to the Present*

Responding:  
Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Bloomington  
Paul Mendes-Flohr, University of Chicago

**A2-214**

**Women and Religion Section and Religion and Ecology Group**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Astoria

Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding  
Theme: *Feminist Possibilities and Perspectives: Women, Religion, and Ecology*

Beth Blissman, Oberlin College  
*Exploring the Mother of God in Ecological Context*

Marti Kheel, Graduate Theological Union  
*Feminist Perspectives on Vegetarianism: Beyond the Model of Abstinence*

G. Simon R. Watson, University of Toronto  
*Salvation as Eschatological Hope for All Bodies in the Here and Now: The Possibility of the Ecofeminist Approach*

**A2-215**

**Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4J

Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School, Presiding  
Theme: *Project: The Bible in Latino/a American Society and Culture*

Panelists:  
Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University

**A2-216**

**Christian Spirituality Group**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Waldorf

Evan B. Howard, Spirituality Shoppe, Presiding  
Theme: *The New Monasticism*

Brian Campbell, Emory University  
*Raven's Bread and the Contemporary Hermit Revival: Negotiating Identity and Practice*

Philip Harrold, Trinity School for Ministry  
*The "New Monasticism" as Ancient–Future Belonging: Imagination and Memory in the Emerging Church*

Martha McAfee, Southern Methodist University  
*Neo-Monasticism: It's New, but Is It Monastic?*

Wendy Wright, Creighton University, Presiding

**A2-217**

**Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group**

1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4E

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College, Presiding  

Nathan Katz, Florida International University  
*The Present and Future of Indo–Judaic Studies*

Richard Marks, Washington and Lee University  
*Jacob in India: A Nineteenth-Century Jew Encounters Idolatry and Holiness among Hindus*

Philippe Bornet, University of Lausanne  
*Comparing Normative Discourses: On Hospitality in Brahmanic and Rabbinical Texts*

Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Indo–Judaic Studies: Connecting Cultures Outside of and in Spite of the West*
### A2-218

**Comparative Theology Group**  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4K

Ravi M. Gupta, College of William and Mary, Presiding  
**Theme:** Writs and Chains: Verbal Testimony as Limit and License in the Comparative Theological Project  
Panelists:  
- Steven Tsoukalas, Wesley Biblical Seminary  
- Eva Mroczek, University of Toronto  
- David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota

**Responding:**  
Jesse Terry Todd, Drew University, Presiding  
**Panelists:**  
- Ravi M. Gupta, College of William and Mary  
- Ronald E. Long, Hunter College  
- Andre Muskopf, Sao Leopoldo, Brazil

**Responding:**  
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College  
**Presiding:**  
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University, and Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

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### A2-220

**Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group**  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Williford C

**Panelists:**  
- Jesse Terry Todd, Drew University  
- Steven Tsoukalas, Wesley Biblical Seminary  
- Eva Mroczek, University of Toronto  
- Reid Locklin, University of Toronto

**Responding:**  
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College  
**Presiding:**  
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University, and Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

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### A2-219

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
PH-Salon 2

Scott Kenworthy, Miami University of Ohio, Presiding  
**Theme:** Origen and Origenisms  
Panelists:  
- Bryan Stewart, Valparaiso University  
- Douglas Burton-Christie, Loyola Marymount University  
- Mark McInroy, Harvard University

**Responding:**  
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College  
**Presiding:**  
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University, and Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

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### A2-221

**Hinduism Group**  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Lake Erie

**Panelists:**  
- Brian A. Hatcher, Illinois Wesleyan University  
- Jason Fuller, DePauw University  
- Ferdinando Sardella, Gothenburg University  
- Steven Vose, University of Pennsylvania

**Responding:**  
Jesse Terry Todd, Drew University  
**Presiding:**  
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University, and Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

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### A2-222

**Indigenous Religious Traditions Group**  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Marquette

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding  
**Theme:** Survival and Persistence of Indigenous Traditions  
Panelists:  
- Molly Bassett, University of California, Santa Barbara  
- Mary Nyangweso, Drew University  
- Merose Hwang, University of Toronto

**Responding:**  
Jesse Terry Todd, Drew University  
**Presiding:**  
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University, and Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

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### A2-223

**Japanese Religions Group**  
1:00 pm-2:30 pm  
CHT-Continental B

Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University, Presiding  
**Theme:** Buddhism in Contemporary Japan  
Panelists:  
- Levi McLaughlin, Princeton University  
- Lisa Kuly, Cornell University

**Responding:**  
Mark McInroy, Harvard University  
**Presiding:**  
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University, and Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University

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New Religious Movements Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
PH-Salon 4-6

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding

Theme: Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future of New Religions Study

Eileen Barker, London School of Economics

INFORM: Information Network Focus on Religious Movements

Massimo Introvigne, CESNUR

CESNUR: Center for Studies on New Religions

J. Gordon Melton, Institute for the Study of American Religion

ISAR: Institute for the Study of American Religion

Responding:

William M. Ashcraft, Truman State University

Joanne Pearson, University of Winchester

Disabled Rites: Ritual, the Body, and Mental Health in Wicca

Responding:

Mary Jo Iozzo, Barry University

A2-225

Religion and Disability Studies Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm

CHT-Williford B

Noam Ostrander and Carlos Drazen have withdrawn from the session.

Suzanne J. Crawford O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: Health, Wellness, Disability, and Spirituality

Elizabeth Gordon, Graduate Theological Union

Meaningful Life as a Psychiatric Treatment Goal: A Qualitative Analysis of Healing from the Perspective of Mental Health Clients

A2-226

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
PH-Salon 1

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University, Presiding

Theme: Neuroscience, Transcendence, and Moral Exemplars

Panelists:

Michael L. Spezio, Scripps College

James Van Slyke, Fuller Theological Seminary

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University

A2-227

Wesleyan Studies Group
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
PH-Salon 7

Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding

Theme: What Makes Theology “Wesleyan”?

Panelists:

Dennis C. Dickerson, Vanderbilt University

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Don Thorsen, Azusa Pacific University

Charles M. Wood, Southern Methodist University

A2-228

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

CHT-Lake Michigan

Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: “...With Every Color Flower Represented”: Multiple Methods in Womanist Approaches

Tinesha J. Williams McNeill, Drew Theological School

I Am Not My Hair: Rerighting the Standard of Beauty for African-American Women

Almeda Wright, Emory University

Womanist Approaches to Fragmented Adolescent Spirituality: Recreating and Reclaiming Womanish Spirit

Christiana Peppard, Yale University

Pauli Murray, Poetry, and Ethics

Monique Moultrie, Vanderbilt University

What Did Jesus Do? Explorations into the Jesus of Process and Womanist Thought

Business Meeting:

Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding
A2-229 New! ⭐

Comparative Philosophy and Religion Seminar
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-McCormick Boardroom

Katrin Froese has withdrawn from the session.

Morny Joy, University of Calgary, Presiding

Theme: Comparative Philosophy and Religion, beyond Incorporation: Alternative Approaches to Non-Western Philosophical Systems, Categories, and Ideas

Panelists:
- Arindam Chakrabarti, University of Hawai'i, Manoa
- Christopher Framarin, University of Calgary
- Lin Chen-Kuo, National Chen Chi University
- Tsingsong Vincent Shen, University of Toronto

Responding:
- Tinu Ruparell, University of Calgary

Business Meeting:
- Morny Joy, University of Calgary, Presiding

A2-230 New! ⭐

Religion, Food, and Eating Seminar
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Pullman Boardroom

Nora Rubel has withdrawn from the session.

Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College, Presiding

Theme: Religion, Food, and Eating in North America: Introductory Meeting

Panelists:
- Marie W. Dallam, Temple University
- Reid L. Neilson, Brigham Young University

Business Meeting:
- Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College, Presiding

A2-231 New!

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Consultation
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Jennifer Hockenbery, Mount Mary College, Presiding

Theme: When Truth Is a Woman but Reason Is a Whore: Quandary of the Lutheran Philosopher

Panelists:
- David Hockenbery, Columbus State Community College
- David J. Gouwens, Brite Divinity School
- Charles Peterson, Marquette University

A2-232

Planning Session: Women of Color
1:00 pm-2:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2

Time Change: was A2-252

Mary C. Churchill, Sonoma State University, Presiding

A2-281

Special Topics Forum
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-PDR 1

John R. Fitzmier, Aislinn Jones, and Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Theme: How to Propose a New Program Unit

Sponsored by the Program Committee

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

A2-250

Special Topics Forum
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding


Sponsored by JAAR

Three panelists, Jean Bethke Elshtain, Brian Hehir, and Emilie Townes, will discuss Amy Sullivan’s The Party Faithful: How and Why Democrats Are Closing the God Gap. Sullivan will reply to their thoughts, and a conversation will ensue, with time for questions from the audience.

Panelists:
- Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
- J. Bryan Hehir, Harvard University
- Emilie M. Townes, Yale University

Responding:
- Amy Sullivan, Time Magazine
A2-251

Special Topics Forum
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Continental C.

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: Religion and the Environment in South Asia: A Discussion with Vandana Shiva

Sponsored by the International Connections Committee

In this discussion and presentation, Vandana Shiva, a renowned physicist, activist, and ecologist, discusses religion, indigenous peoples, and the preservation of the environment.

Panelists:
Vandana Shiva, Navdanya Research Foundation for Science, Technology, and Ecology

A2-254

Wildcard Session
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 8-9

James W. Jones, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: Spirituality: Cross-Cultural Perspectives and Measurement

Heinz Streib, University of Bielefeld

Conceptualizing "Spirituality": Reconsidering the Classics

Ralph W. Hood, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

The Semantics of Spirituality

A2-255

Wildcard Session
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 3

This Wildcard session was incorrectly listed as being sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section in the Annual Meeting Program Planner.

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding

Theme: Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception (Walter DeGruyter, 2009)

Panelists:
Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University
Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas
Brian M. Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Martin Forward, Aurora University
Bernard McGinn, University of Chicago
Barry Don Walfish, University of Toronto
Nils Holger Petersen, University of Copenhagen
David Thomas, University of Birmingham

A2-256

History of Christianity Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario

Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding

Theme: The Reformation and Early Modern Christianity: Current Issues, Trends, and Challenges

Panelists:
Susan Boettcher, University of Texas, Austin
Euan Cameron, Union Theological Seminary
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University
Ralph Keen, University of Iowa

A2-257

Philosophy of Religion Section and Roman Catholic Studies Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K

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

Theme: Nature and Grace

Robert St. Hilaire, Harvard University
Nature and Grace Revisited: Contemporary Thomist Controversies and the Insights of Pierre Rousselot, S. J.

Joshua Davis, Vanderbilt University
The Subject of Nature, the Meaning of Grace: Subjectivity, Meaning, and Modernity in the Nature/Grace Debates

Robert Matava, University of St. Andrews
Counterfactuals of Freedom, the Grounding Objection, and Divine Determinations: A Critical Thomist Appraisal of the Theory Praeemotionis Physicae
A2-258
Religion and the Social Sciences Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard A
Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University, Presiding
Theme: Interreligious Cooperation and Social Activism
Ann B. McClenahan, Harvard University
A Case Study of Jewish–Christian Social Activism in Boston
Ina Merdjanova, Sofia University
Interreligious Peace-building in the Balkans: Challenges and Perspectives
Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Religious Pluralism, Spiritual Passion, and Political Activism: The Case of Religious Environmentalism

A2-259
Religion in South Asia Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Continental B
John E. Cort, Denison University, and Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College, Presiding
Theme: The Study of Religion in South Asia: The State of the Field
Panelists:
Uma Chakravarti, University of Delhi
Muhammad Khalid Masud, Council of Islamic Ideology
Golam Dastagir, Jahangirnagar University
Premakumara De Silva, University of Colombo
M. A. Jayashree, University of Bangalore
K. Srinivasan, Vivekananda College

A2-260
Study of Islam Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Williford A
Ahmet Karamustafa, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding
Theme: Interrogating Muslim Masculinities: A Preliminary Conversation
Panelists:
Amanullah De Sondy, University of Glasgow
Farah Zeb, London, United Kingdom
Aysha Hidayatullah, University of California, Santa Barbara
Kecia Ali, Boston University

A2-261
Study of Judaism Section
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Continental A
Beth Berkowitz, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding
Theme: Taking Note of Narrative in Rabbinic Law
Jane Kanarek, Hebrew College
A Match Made in Heaven: Rebecca and the Construction of Rabbinic Marriage
Naftali Cohn, Concordia University, Montreal
Narrating the Iterative: The Mishnah's Ritual Narrative Genre
Barry Wimpfheimer, Northwestern University
The Inverse of Talmudic Legal Narrative
Responding:
Charlotte Fonrobert, Stanford University

A2-262
Teaching Religion Section and Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
Christopher Moreman, California State University, East Bay, Presiding
Theme: Bringing Death to Life: Teaching the Death and Dying Class
Panelists:
Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Lucy Bregman, Temple University
Chae Young Kim, Sogang University
Laurie Lamoureux Scholes, Concordia University
Responding:
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

A2-263
Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Theology and the Political Consultation
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Marquette
Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding
Theme: Evangelicals and Empire: Engaging Hardt and Negri
Panelists:
Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary
Alasdair John Milbank, University of Nottingham
Corey David Bazemore Walker, Brown University
Anna Mercedes, Saint John's University
Mario Costa, Drew University
Catherine Keller, Drew University

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A2-264
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 7
Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University, Presiding
Theme: Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience
Panelists:
Sharon A. Suh, Harvard University
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California
Responding:
Carolyn Chen, University of California, Berkeley

A2-265
Black Theology Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C
Stephen G. Ray, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
Theme: About Time: A Conversation about Black Theology and Queer Reality in Black Life
Trina Armstrong, Claremont School of Theology
In God’s Image? Contemporary Masculine and Feminine Gendering in Queer Identified Black Folk
Josef Sorett, Harvard University
Preaching beyond the Choir: Black Churches and the Question of Heteronormativity
Raedorah Stewart, Padasena, CA
Say Now "Shibboleth" — Queer(y)ing Black Homily, Hymnody, and Hollah Towards a Radically Inclusive Prophetic Gospel

A2-266
Buddhist Philosophy Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Williford C
Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Buddhist Philosophical Problems
Constance Kassor, Emory University
Affirming and Negating Negation: Cataphatic and Apophatic Treatments of the Catuṣkoṭi
Ching Keng, Harvard University
On the Different Understandings of the Dharma-body by Asanga and by Vasubandhu
Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University
Vedanta through Buddhist Eyes: Bhavya’s Madhyamaka-hṛdaya-karika as Doxography and Polemic
Edward Falls, Emory University
Tsang kha pa on the Contents of Distinct Realizations of Emptiness in the Lam rim chen mo: A Brouwerian Interpretation
Business Meeting:
John D. Dunne, Emory University, and A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo, Presiding

A2-267
Chinese Religions Group and Confucian Traditions Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Grand Tradition Room
Keith Knapp, The Citadel, Presiding
Theme: Questioning the Spirits: The Yijing (I Ching or Classic of Changes) as a Way of Personal Spirituality in the Confucian Tradition
Joseph Adler, Kenyon College
Yijing Divination as Spiritual Practice in Song Confucianism
Geoffrey Redmond, Center for Health Research
The Yijing, Confucian Propriety, and the Will of Heaven
Tze-ki Hon, State University of New York, Geneseo
The Rhythm of the Universe: The Yijing Commentaries in the Late Eastern Han Period

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A2-268
Comparative Religious Ethics Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Lake Erie

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: Practice and Reflection in Comparative Religious Ethics: Current Work on Martyrdom, Embodiment, and Theory of Comparison

Shannon Dunn, Florida State University
Feminine Virtue, Self-Sacrifice, and the Female "Warrior": An Examination of Common Themes in Islamic and Christian Martyr Discourses

Jennifer Rapp, Stanford University
Embodied Forgetting, Forgetting Embodiment: Tragedy and Somatic Evaluation in Euripides and Zhuangzi

David Decosimo, Princeton University
The Banality of Comparison

Responding:
Robin W. Lovin, Southern Methodist University

A2-269
Contemporary Pagan Studies Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Lake Erie

Nikki Bado-Fralick, Iowa State University, Presiding

Theme: Polytheism in Theory

Graham Harvey, Open University
Polytheism and the Indigenization of No-Longer Esoteric Paganisms

Constance Wise, Metropolitan State College of Denver
Process Thought as Philosophical Response to the Polytheistic Challenge

Michael York, London, United Kingdom
The Pantheonic Challenge to "Deca-logic": Polytheism as Contemporary Theology and the Issue of Human Sacrifice

Responding:
Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary

A2-270
Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
PH-Salon 4-6

Randall G. Styers, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding

Theme: Class Revisited

Lynne Gerber, Graduate Theological Union
Fat Christians and Fit Elites: Negotiating Class and Status in Evangelical Weight Loss Culture

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
The Ghost of Marx and the Stench of Deprivation: Cutting the Ties That Bind in the Study of Religion and Class

Responding:
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University
Class Aspects of Religion and Religious Aspects of Class: Reconstructing Popular Misconceptions

Responding:
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

A2-272
Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Ann Pellegrini, New York University, Presiding

Theme: Ritual: Transgression and Affirmation

Sean Delmore and Marla Marcum, Boston University
Transpire, Not Expire: Creating a Ritual That Affirms Transgender Lives

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College
Bodily Transgressions: Reading Self-Injury Through Ritual and Feminist Theory

A2-273
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North

Gilberto Cazavos-González, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Constructing Pastoral Identities in Latina/o Church Leadership

Otto A. Maduro, Drew University
Becoming Pastora: Latina Pentecostal Women’s Stories from Newark, NJ

Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
Orthopraxy and Orthopraxis: Ministry, Agency, and Representation

Business Meeting:
Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School, and Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
A2-274
Mysticism Group and Western Esotericism Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Joliet
Wouter Hanegraaff, University of Amsterdam, Presiding
Theme: Visualization in Mystical and Esoteric Practice
G. William Barnard, Southern Methodist University
Entheogenic Mysticism: A Jamesian Assessment
June Leavitt, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel
Speech, Image, and Ecstasy: Divine Enlightenment in the Brotherhood of Rabbi Shim'on bar Yochai
John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University
Forcing the Buddha to Show Himself: Early Pure Land “Mystical” Visualization

Larry Taylor, Graduate Theological Union
Ghosts of Photography: The Legacy of Dance at Pine Ridge
David Toole, Duke University
Negotiating the Evidence: Christianity and the Ruins of Native America
Responding:
Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont

A2-276
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Waldorf
Rosemary Hicks, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: Observing Genocide: Christian Theological Paradigms for Intervention and Non-Involvement in Mass Violence
Tim Horner, Villanova University
From the Kingdom of God to Hell on Earth: The Role of Liberation Theology in the Rwandan Genocide
Audrey deCoursey, Pacific School of Religion
Theological Anthropologies Expressed in the Politics of Intervention in Genocide
Amy Diane Richards, University of Edinburgh
News Audiences Bearing Witness to Genocide

A2-277
Religion, Media, and Culture Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Williford B
Titus Hjelm, University College, London, Presiding
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Stewart Hoover, Religion in the Media Age (Routledge, 2006)
Panelists:
David Morgan, Duke University
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
S. Brent Plate, Texas Christian University
Responding:
Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado, Boulder

A2-278
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
3:00 pm-4:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C
Lane Van Ham, University of Arizona, Presiding
Theme: Peacemaking within Islam
Fatih Okumus, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Living with Islamophobia: A Threat and a Challenge
Florian Pohl, Emory University
Both Tolerant and Committed: Approaches to Peacemaking in Indonesian Islamic Education
Valerie J. Hoffman, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Islam, Human Rights, and Interfaith Relations: Some Contemporary Egyptian Perspectives
Martha Ann Kirk, University of the Incarnate Word
Girls in Schools or Guns in Hand? Seeking Ways to Decrease Violence in Eastern Turkey

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**A2-279**  
Science, Technology, and Religion Group  
3:00 pm-4:30 pm  
PH-Salon 1  
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding  
Theme: Philip Hefner on Science and Theology: From Pre-history to Post-history?  
Panelists:  
Philip Hefner, Lutheran School of Theology  
Responding:  
Willem B. Drees, Leiden University  
Ann M. Pederson, Augustana College

**A2-280**  
Tantric Studies Group  
3:00 pm-4:30 pm  
CHT-Astoria  
Charles D. Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding  
Theme: Categories and Emotion in the Study of Tantra  
Gerald J. Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Indiana University, Bloomington  
“Yoga” and “Tantra” as Portmanteau or Homographic Expressions  
Maithili Thayanithy, University of Toronto  
Role of Anpu (Love) in the Ideology of Yoga: A Note on the Medieval Tamil Tantric Text Tirumantiram  
Thomas B. Ellis, Appalachian State University  
The Disgusting Divine: Tantra, Heroes, and Counterphobia  
Responding:  
David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota

**M2-300**  
Theta Alpha Kappa Members’ Meeting and Reception  
4:00 pm-6:00 pm  
PH-Kimball  
Theta Alpha Kappa, the National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology, welcomes all chapter moderators, student members, and anyone interested in establishing a chapter on their campus to the annual business meeting and reception.

**A2-300-CANCELLED**  
Special Topics Forum  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Continental C  
Theme: Comparative Theology and the Interreligious / International Encounter

**A2-301**  
Special Topics Forum  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Lake Ontario  
Marcia Nelson, Publishers Weekly, Presiding  
Theme: Ask the Experts: Turning the Dissertation into a Marketable “Scholarly Trade” Book  
Sponsored by the AAR and Publishers Weekly  
As university presses feel the squeeze of financial constraints and the library market shrinks with each passing year, young scholars face more pressure than ever as they launch their careers and face the old admonition to "publish or perish." In this special publishing session, a panel of acquisition editors and authors will discuss the topic of turning a dissertation into a marketable "scholarly trade" book, answering some of the most common questions posed by young scholars: what is a "publishable" dissertation topic? How can I find and query a publisher? How should I revise my dissertation to make it more accessible to a general audience? Should I broaden my topic? What are the hot projects right now that editors are seeking to acquire? This panel will be useful to young scholars who are currently revising their dissertations for publication, but also to graduate students who are still choosing a topic or writing their dissertations. At least half an hour will be devoted to an “ask-the-experts” session where panelists will answer audience members’ questions.  
Panelists:  
Carey Newman, Baylor University Press  
Curtis Evans, University of Chicago  
Jennifer Hammer, New York University Press  
Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University  
Theo Calderara, Oxford University Press

**A2-302**  
Wildcard Session  
5:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Continental B  
Danielle Elizabeth Tumminio, Boston University, Presiding  
Theme: The Potterian Way of Death: J. K. Rowling’s Conception of Mortality  
Panelists:  
Lois Shepherd, University of Virginia  
Paul Corey, McMaster University  
Oona Eisenstadt, Pomona College
A2-303

Wildcard Session
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University, Presiding
Theme: Women of Color and the Study of Religion and Theology
Panelists:
Mary C. Churchill, Sonoma State University
Anne Joh, Phillips Theological Seminary
Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion
Katie G. Cannon, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education

A2-304

Wildcard Session
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 8-9

Alexander Y. Hwang, St. Louis University, Presiding
Theme: Religious Conversions
Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Italian-American Immigrants and Religious Conversion
Peter Gilquist, Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church
My Journey to Orthodoxy
Responding:
Charles J. Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary

A2-305

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard A

Carl Olson, Allegheny College, Presiding
Theme: Celibacy and Religious Traditions
Panelists:
C. John Powers, Australian National University
Karen Cheatham, Tacoma, WA
Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas, Austin
Paul Dundas, University of Edinburgh

A2-306

North American Religions Section
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Grand Tradition Room

Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University, Presiding
Theme: Plural Contests: Religion and Difference in Modern America
Jessica Carr, Indiana University
A People or a Nation? The Development of Zionism in American Reform Judaism
K. Healann Gaston, Harvard University
“ar Pagan Philosophy from Abroad”: Secularism and Public Education in the Interwar Catholic Imagination
Wakob Shannon Hickey, Duke University
The Parliament Prolonged: Buddhism, Hinduism, and Greenacre’s Forgotten Legacy
Konden Smith, Arizona State University
Uneasy Bedfellows: Twenty-first Century Mormonism and Modern American Memory

A2-307

Religion and Politics Section
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Waldorf

Andrew William Getz, St. Mary’s University, Presiding
Theme: Religion and National Identity
Alain Epp Weaver, University of Chicago
“The Cross and the Crescent Are the Signs on My Hands”: Mapping the Nation and the Performance of Palestinian Christian Identity
Damaris S. Parsitau, Egerton University
From Soulwinners to Politicians: The Growing Interest and Influence of Pentecostal Clergy in Kenyan Politics
Gavin Hyman, University of Lancaster
Beyond the Theocratic-secularist Divide: The Case of Archbishop Rowan Williams on Sharia Law in Britain
Tabona Shoko, University of Zimbabwe
Land Crisis: Indigenous Religion in Zimbabwe

A2-308

Study of Judaism Section
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental A

Jeffrey Shandler, Rutgers University, Presiding
Theme: New Wine in Old Wineskins: Kabbalah, Healing, and Jewish Renewal
Jody Myers, California State University, Northridge
Crossing Boundaries: Kabbalah for Non-Jews
Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa
Jewish Outreach and Healing: Blessings and Miracles at Rabbi Amnon Yitzhak’s Meetings
Responding:
Chava Weissler, Lehigh University
SUNDAY EVENING

A2-309
Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Marquette
Bruce Ellis Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding
Theme: David W. Tracy
Panelist:
David W. Tracy, University of Chicago

A2-310
Women and Religion Section and Scriptural Reasoning Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Huron
Scott Bader-Saye, University of Scranton, Presiding
Theme: Hairy Legs and All: An Exploration of Ideal Womanhood and the Queen of Sheba of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
Panelists:
Ayesha Chaudhry, New York University
Sarah Snyder, Cambridge University
Shari Goldberg, University of Toronto
Responding:
Jacob Lassner, Northwestern University
Business Meeting:
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University, Presiding

A2-311
African Religions Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C
Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University, Presiding
Theme: Gender, Myth, Media, and Religious Competition in Africa
E. Obiri Addo, Drew University
Akua Donkor: A Study in Indigenous West African Religious Imagination
Jude Aguwa, Mercy College
Media Technology and the Catholic Mission in Nigeria
Genevieve Nrenzah, Florida International University
The Indigenous Religious Factor in Ghana’s Charismatic Religious Movement
Mika Vähäkangas, University of Helsinki
Gender, Myths, and Religious Competition Among the Sonjo of Tanzania

A2-312
Afro-American Religious History Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North
Quinton Dixie has withdrawn from the session.
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University, Presiding
Theme: The Sound of the Genuine: The Papers of Howard Thurman, Volume I
Panelists:
Cornel West, Princeton University
Clayborne Carson, Stanford University
Barbara Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary
Responding:
Walter E. Fluker, Morehouse College

A2-313
Anthropology of Religion Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding
Theme: Complicating Indian Christian Identities amid Competition, Conflict, and Colonialism
Kristin Bloomer, University of Chicago
O Mother: Problems of Identity
Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
Messing with Political and Religious Empire: The Suffering Nun and the Drunken Priest of Indian and Irish Folklore
Chad Bauman, Butler University
Reporting Violence: Media Accounts of Hindu–Christian Violence in Orissa and Beyond
Responding:
Eliza Kent, Colgate University

A2-314
Augustine and Augustinianisms Group and Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 1
F. B. A. Asiedu, Middlebury College, Presiding
Theme: “I Read of Plotinus and Paul”: Outward Signs, Inner Grace, and the Second Founder of the Faith
Panelists:
John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael’s College
Willemien Otten, University of Chicago
Burcht Pranger, University of Amsterdam
J. Warren Smith, Duke University
Responding:
Phillip Cary, Eastern University

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<td>Sunday, November 2, 5:00 pm-6:30 pm</td>
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<td>Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding&lt;br&gt;Theme: Are Some Children Too Expensive to Treat? Ethics and Neonatal Intensive Care&lt;br&gt;Charles Camosy, Fordham University&lt;br&gt;Are Some Children Too Expensive to Treat? — A Critical Look at United States Neonatal Intensive Care through the Lens of Catholic Social Thought&lt;br&gt;Responding: Richard Miller, Indiana University, Bloomington&lt;br&gt;Margaret E. Mohrmann, University of Virginia</td>
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<td>Joel Lawrence, Bethel Seminary, Presiding&lt;br&gt;Theme: Form in Literature: Bonhoeffer, King, and Moses&lt;br&gt;Stephen Plant, Cambridge University&lt;br&gt;“Ethical Viewpoints in Modern Literature”: Novel Sources in Bonhoeffer’s Theology&lt;br&gt;Christina Hitchcock, University of Sioux Falls&lt;br&gt;The Mountain’s Summit: Bonhoeffer and King as Mosaic Leaders</td>
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<td>Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding&lt;br&gt;Theme: Daoist Sacred Space&lt;br&gt;Volker Olles, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin&lt;br&gt;Lord Lao’s Mountain: From Celestial Master Daoism to Contemporary Daoist Practice&lt;br&gt;Jonathan Pettit, Indiana University&lt;br&gt;Modeling Daoist Sacred Space: Imagining Emperors as Practitioners in Medieval China&lt;br&gt;Thomas Michael, George Washington University&lt;br&gt;The Influence of Wu-Shamanism on Daoist Masters in Ge Hong’s Shenzhuan&lt;br&gt;Responding: James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor</td>
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A2-320

Law, Religion, and Culture Group and Religion and Colonialism Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C
Sushil Mittal, James Madison University, Presiding
Theme: Colonial Secularism, Religious Fundamentalism, and the Codification of Law in South Asia
Panelists:
Balagangadhar Rao, Ghent University
Sarah Claerhout, Ghent University
Jakob De Roover, Ghent University

A2-321

Men's Studies in Religion Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Logan
Robert A. Atkins, Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL, Presiding
Theme: Critical, Theological, and Ethnographic Analysis of the Various Social Constructs of Masculinities
Panelists:
Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
Defending Fatherhood and Family: James Dobson, Presidential Politics, and the Crisis of Evangelical Masculinity
Brian McGrath Davis, Emory University
Aphatic Theology as Method for a Critical Analysis of Gender

A2-322

Reformed Theology and History Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B
Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding
Theme: What Is Reformed about the Reformed Tradition?
Panelists:
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary
Douglas F. Ottati, Davidson College
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Lee Kanghack, Graduate Theological Union

A2-323

Religion and Ecology Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford A
Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding
Theme: Chicago Religious Environmentalisms
Panelists:
David Rhoads, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
David Aftandilian, University of Chicago
Robert Saler, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Clare Butterfield, Faith in Place

Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado, Boulder
Sources of the Male Self: Religious Culture, Media Culture, and Lived Practice
Business Meeting:
Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher, Texas College, Presiding

A2-324

Religion and Popular Culture Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 3
Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding
Theme: Selling Religion: Commodification of Religious Practices
Lynn LiDonnici, Vassar College
In Search of the Quest for the Real Discovery of Noah's Ark: Archaeology and the Television Religious Documentary Genre
Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Next Generation of Intimate Ministries: The Online Business of Evangelical Sex Toys
Jaime Wright, Santa Rosa, CA
Modified Religiosity: How BMEzine. com Facilitates Body Modification Religiosity through Culture and Structure

A2-325

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
Jennifer Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Theme: Two Recent Books on the Intersection of Latin American Art and Religion: Laura Perez's Chicana Art (Duke University Press, 2007) and David Carrasco's Mapa de Cuauhtinchan (University of New Mexico Press, 2007)
Panelists:
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley
David Carrasco, Harvard University
Responding:
Luis Leon, University of Denver
A2-326
Ritual Studies Group and Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford C

Jakob Hero, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Theme: Transgender Performances: Ritualizing across Lines of Gender
David Hatfield Sparks, College of Alameda
Dancing the River: Communicating Gender Fluidity and Sexual Diversity in Yorubadiasporic Religious Practice
Megan Goodwin, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Dangerous "Intersections": "Unmanliness" in Abject Religious Discourse
Pat Califia, San Francisco, CA
The Trans Person as Blessing, Not Blasphemy: Pagan Alternatives to Monotheistic Condemnation
Responding:
Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University

A2-327
Sacred Space in Asia Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4E

Pamela D. Winfield, Elan University, Presiding
Theme: Back to the Source: Siting Asia in America; Sighting Americans in Asia
Jonathan H. X. Lee, University of California, Santa Barbara
Theorizing Chinese Religions: Meigu Mazu's Ritual Change and Pilgrimage as Vernacular Chinese Religion and Religions
Sasaki Naoko, Ohio Northern University
Mount Dai Bosatsu: The Role of a Japanese Sacred Landscape for American Rinzai Zen
Responding:
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

A2-328
Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Joliet

David Gray, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Theme: Variations of Yoga: Tibetan and Tamil
Panelists:
Alejandro Chaoul, University of Texas, Houston
Mark Singleton, Cambridge University
Maithili Thayananthy, University of Toronto
Responding:
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Northwestern University

A2-329
World Christianity Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Astoria

Lalsangkima Pachuau, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Hybridity
Elaine Padilla, Drew University
Malates: Hybridity, Bodies, and Afro Caribbean-Latina Theology
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
The Ten Commandments of Personal Hygiene: Christianity, Development, and Hybridity in Rural Ecuador
Jenny Daggers, Liverpool Hope University
Hybridity or Appropriation? Problematics in Dismantling Eurocentrism
Responding:
Patrick Provost-Smith, Plano, TX

A2-330
Special Topics Forum
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental C

Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, and Sally M. Promey, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Religion and the Arts Award: Betye and Alison Saar
Panelists:
Betye Saar, Los Angeles, CA
Alison Saar, Los Angeles, CA

A2-331
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
5:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South

Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Presiding
Theme: Taking the Testimony of Genocide: The Work of Fr. Patrick Desbois
Panelists:
Patrick Desbois, Yahad-In Unum
Responding:
Katharina von Kellenbach, St. Mary's College, Maryland
Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

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**SUNDAY EVENING**

**M2-304**

Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting  
5:45 pm-6:15 pm  PH-Salon 7

**A2-400**

JAAR Editorial Board Meeting  
6:00 pm-7:00 pm  CHT-Lake Michigan  
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding

**A2-401**

AAR Awards Ceremony and Reception  
6:30 pm-7:30 pm  CHT-AAR Suite  
Celebrate the achievements of the 2008 AAR award winners at the ceremony and reception held in their honor.  
AWARD WINNERS:  
Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion  Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago  
Excellence in Teaching Award  Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College  
Religion and the Arts Award  Betye Saar and Alison Saar, Los Angeles, CA  

**M2-304**

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE STUDY OF RELIGION  
**Analytical-Descriptive:**  
Leor Halevi, Vanderbilt University, Muhammad’s Grave: Death Rites and the Making of Islamic Society (Columbia University Press, 2007)  
**Constructive-Reflective:**  
Mark C. Taylor, Columbia University, After God (University of Chicago Press, 2007)  
**Historical:**  
**Textual Studies:**  

**M2-401**

*American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*  
6:30 pm-8:00 pm  PH-Salon 7  
Michael S. Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding  
David E. Conner, Wheat Ridge, CO, United Church of Christ  
Whitehead the Naturalist  
Corresponding:  
J. Thomas Howe, Iliff School of Theology  
We are anticipating a lively conversation about process thought. Everyone is welcome!  
For additional information, contact Jennifer Jesse at jjjesse@truman.edu.

**A2-402**

JAAR Reception for Board Members and Authors  
7:00 pm-8:00 pm  CHT-Lake Michigan  
Reception for JAAR Editorial board members and JAAR authors.

**M2-410**

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies Reception  
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  CHT-Conference Room 4D  
The Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies invites all those interested in the intersection of religious studies and Holocaust studies for refreshments, networking, and conversation. For more information on our programs and fellowship opportunities, please see www.ushmm.org/research/center/.
Charles H. Long, after attending Dunbar Junior College and volunteering for the US Army Air Forces during World War II, received a DB and PhD from the University of Chicago. He joined Mircea Eliade and Joseph Kitagawa in establishing the international journal, History of Religions. He, along with a group of his colleagues, established the first curriculum for the study of religion at the University of Chicago. He has been involved in the training of three generations of scholars in religion and African-American studies. Long has a unique perspective from which to speak of the general meaning of religion in history and culture, and specifically about African religions in Africa and in the Atlantic world. Long has served on the faculties at the University of Chicago, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Syracuse University, and is professor emeritus at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is author of several books, including Significations.

Panelists:
Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC

Templeton Lecture: Human Time and Time of the Universe
8:30 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Sponsored by the John Templeton Foundation

Michael Heller, Professor of Philosophy at the Pontifical Academy of Theology in Cracow, Poland, is a cosmologist and Catholic priest who has developed sharply focused and strikingly original concepts on the origin and cause of the universe. He earned masters in theology and philosophy and a PhD in philosophy from the Catholic University of Lublin. His studies were largely in physics, but authorities prevented the university from granting degrees in that discipline. He has served as researcher at the Institute of Astrophysics at Oxford University and the Vatican Observatory. Heller is a compelling figure in physics, cosmology, theology, and philosophy with provocative concepts on issues that all of these disciplines pursue, albeit from vastly different perspectives. His academic and religious background enables him to comfortably and credibly move within each of these domains, and his extensive writings have evoked new and important consideration of humankind's most profound concepts.

Panelists:
Michael Heller, Pontifical Academy of Theology

Film Series: On the Road with the Red God
8:30 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-PDR 1
Frances Garrett, University of Toronto, Presiding
Every twelve years, impassioned devotees pull a sixty-five-feet tall unwieldy chariot in the Kathmandu Valley, its rider an enigmatic god worshipped by Hindus and Buddhists, on a month-long journey preceded by abundant ritual and animal sacrifice. The enterprise calls for extreme cooperation and rigorous observance of ritual in the building, sanctification, and pulling of the chariot. But the jatra (festival) is an arena of gritty reality, where participants vie for everything from a share of ritual meat to status and proximity to the god. The chariot teeters, as does the community, between chaos and order, conflict or solidarity. Thus, every twelve years, the same question: will the journey succeed?
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**SUNDAY EVENING**

**A2-406**  
Film Series: *Karunamayudu*  
8:30 pm-10:30 pm  
CHT-PDR 2  
Dwight Friesen, University of Edinburgh, Presiding  
*Karunamayudu* (Telugu for “Man of Compassion”), also known by its Hindi title *Daya Sagar*, may well be India’s most widely recognized and commercially produced Jesus film. Not only was it a box office hit upon its release, it has been a regular feature on network television during Christian holidays and continues to be screened today. It also spawned a TV serial in the vein of the popular *Ramayana* and *Mahabharata*. Like many Indian films, it reflects, without slavishly copying, its Western predecessors, blending biblical narrative with local conventions to present a cinematic Christ for India.

**A2-407**  
Arts Series: Wicker Park Grace's Stations of the Cross  
8:30 pm-9:30 pm  
CHT-Continental B  
Across time and cultures artists have wrestled with spiritual meaning, negotiating the intersection of tradition and lived experience. Members of Wicker Park Grace, an alternative congregation in Chicago's arts-focused Wicker Park neighborhood, have created Stations of the Cross, imbuing an ancient form with modern spirituality. This session will showcase the Stations and feature comments from some of the artists.

**A2-408**  
Arts Series: Salem Baptist Church's Gospel Choir  
8:30 pm-9:30 pm  
CHT-Lake Huron  
From Thomas Dorsey to the Staple Singers, Chicago has long been a capital for gospel music. That music has rich roots in the city’s churches and popular culture. A choir from Salem Baptist Church, one of the city’s biggest and fastest-growing congregations, will offer a sampling of gospel’s vitality and diversity.

**MONDAY**

**A3-1**  
Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfast  
7:15 am-8:45 am  
CHT-Grand Ballroom  
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding  
Program unit chairs are invited to a continental breakfast featuring information on upcoming program initiatives.

**A3-2**  
International Connections Committee Meeting  
7:30 am-8:45 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4J  
Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding  
Data presented by the American Association of University Professors demonstrate that the proportion of faculty holding tenured or tenure eligible positions is declining. This national trend is evident at every type of institution of higher learning. Moreover, the trend affects people: the scholars who hold adjunct or...
contingent positions of various sorts, their families, their colleagues, and their students. In this special topics forum, we will provide information about the present situation and launch a discussion of how best to respond. We will consider both personal responses and institutional policies and practices toward fair treatment of contingent faculty, collegial relationships among all faculty, and productive working conditions for teaching, learning, and research. While we do not anticipate solving the “problem,” we do hope to foster constructive public conversation.

Panelists:
Matthew Gowans, Loyola University, Chicago
Elizabeth Cameron Galbraith, St. Olaf College
Luis G. Pedraja, Middle States Commission on Higher Education
Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University
Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University

A3-102

Christian Systematic Theology Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-International Ballroom North
Lynn H. Cohick, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: The Torah and the Continuity of Scripture in Jewish Christian Dialogue
Ellen T. Charry, Princeton Theological Seminary

Called to Love and Obedience: Jews, Christians, and the Continuity of Scriptures
David Rudolph, Messianic Jewish Theological Institute

Paul’s “Rule in All the Congregations” (1 Cor 7:17–24) and God’s “Call” to Torah-defined Ecclesiological Variegation

Jodie Boyer Hatlem, University of Toronto
Unmuzzling the Ox: Why the Torah Should be Normative for “Gentile” Christians
Holly Taylor Coolman, Boston College
The Christological Torah

Responding:
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University
David Novak, University of Toronto

A3-103

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 2
Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: New Religious Movements and Science: Legitimation, Complementarity, and Non-Western Validation

Jeremy Rapport, Indiana University
Corresponding to the Rational World: Scientific Rationales and Language in Christian Science and the Unity School of Christianity
Olav Hammer, University of Southern Denmark
Theosophical Science
Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College
Mutually Exclusive, but Complementary: The Unification Church on Science and Religion
Scott Lowe, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Transcendental Meditation, “Vedic Science,” and Science

Responding:
James Roger Lewis, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

A3-104

Ethics Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Red Lacquer Room

Kaia Stern, Houston Institute for Race and Justice, Harvard Law School, Presiding

Theme: Criminal Injustice and Christian Responsibility: Christianity and the Criminal Justice Systems

Panelists:
Rima Vesely-Flad, Union Theological Seminary
Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University
Amy Levad, Emory University
James Logan, Earlham College

Responding:
Traci C. West, Drew University

A3-105

North American Religions Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental B

David G. Hackett, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: The Americas Perspective on the Study of Religion

Panelists:
Daniel Ramírez, Arizona State University
Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University
Robin Wright, University of Florida
Michael Masatsuugu, Towson University
Thomas A. Tweed, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
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A3-106
Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4K

Erin McCarthy, St. Lawrence University, Presiding

Theme: The Philosophy of Yuasa Yasuo

Panelists:
S. Nagatomo, Temple University
Thomas P. Kasulis, Ohio State University, Columbus
Watanabe Manabu, Nanzan University
Gereon Kopf, Luther College

A3-107
Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Religion and Politics Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford C

Mark Chaves, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: Religion, Politics, and Civic Engagement: Separating Fact from Fiction

John Green, University of Akron
Religion and American Elections

David H. Campbell, Phoenix Seminary
Religion and American Civic Life

Business Meeting:
Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, and Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University, Presiding

A3-108
Religion in South Asia Section
and Contemporary Islam Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford B

Teena Purohit, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: Islam as Discourse: Identity Construction in Medieval and Modern South Asia

Carla Bellamy, City University of New York
Exclusion, Incorporation, and Liberation: Prophethood and Martyrdom in an Indian Context

Joel Lee, Columbia University

Saysid, Sweeper, Butcher, Pir: Hierarchy and Egalitarianism in the Discourses of Nizam al-din Auliya

Megan Adamson Sijapati, Gettysburg College
Experiences of Conflict and Formations of a Muslim Minority "Nation": The National Muslim Forum Nepal

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Harvard University
Communal Harmony through Community Development: Interpreting Religion in an Indian Muslim Organization

Responding:
Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University

A3-109
Study of Judaism Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Leah Hochman, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Presiding

Theme: Conceptualizing Modern Jews and Judaism

Martina Urban, Vanderbilt University
Jewish Identity beyond Ethnicity: The Spiritual Principle of Unity in Pre-WWI Berlin

A3-110
Teaching Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford C

James A. Donahue, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Where Religion Faculty Meet Students' Worlds: Lessons from the Graduate Theological Union Preparing Future Faculty Project

Maureen Maloney, Graduate Theological Union
Engaging the Institution: Mentoring Future Faculty, Big Questions of Vocation, and the Reality of Assessment

Elizabeth Drescher, Graduate Theological Union
Reengineering the Teaching Machine: Big Questions from the Inside Out and the Outside In

Martha Ellen Stortz, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
The Stakes Involved in "Going Spiritual": Mentoring Future Faculty toward Meaning and Value

Melissa James, Graduate Theological Union, and Steven C. Bauman, Graduate Theological Union
Big Questions of Vocation, Professional Identity, and Classroom Practice: A Conversation between Colleagues

Daniel Weiss, University of Virginia
The Novelistic Side of Religion of Reason: Rereading Cohen through Baktin

Heather Miller Rubens, University of Chicago
Lucien Wolf — Persecution and the Art of Biography

Oona Eisenstadt, Pomona College
Eurocentrism and Anachronism: An Assessment of Recent Rereadings of Emmanuel Levinas

Annalise Glauz-Todrank, University of California, Santa Barbara
Rethinking American Jewish Identity as a History of Religions Problem

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Theology and Religious Reflection Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Williford A

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry, Presiding

Theme: Saving Paradise: How Christianity Traded Love of This World for Crucifixion and Empire

Panelists:
Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion
Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University
Daniel C. Maguire, Marquette University
Andrea Smith, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
James H. Cone, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:
Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good and The New Press
Rebecca Parker, Starr King School for the Ministry

A3-112

Women and Religion Section
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Wilson

Gregory Spinner, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Theme: Mapping the Fetus: Four Historical Case Studies
Vanessa Rebecca Sasson, Marianopolis College

The Disappearing Act: Motherhood in Buddhism
Elizabeth L. Wilson, Miami University, Ohio

Childbirth as a Family Drama: Indian Buddhist Narratives of the Birth of Rahula
Gwynn Kessler, University of Florida

“How Much Undiluted Wine?” Maternal Agency versus Fetal Agency in Rabbinic Literature
Ellen Aitken, McGill University

The Leaping Child: Imagining the Unborn in Early Christian Literature
Rebecca Parker, Starr King School for the Ministry

Responding:
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

A3-113

African Religions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 3

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding

Theme: Sharia in Africa
Fola Taiyewo Lateju, Obafemi Awolowo University

Islamic Laws of Inheritance and Its Socio-Economic Implications on Yoruba Muslims of Southwestern Nigeria
Joshua Ralston, Emory University

Separation without Marginalization: Political and Legal Theories of Mosque, Church, and State in Nigeria

Sodiq Yushau, Texas Christian University

The Application of Islamic Law in Northern Nigeria: A Success or a Failure
Franz Kogelmann, University of Bayreuth

Eight Years of “Full Sharia-Implementation” in Northern Nigeria — Only Political Sharia? Some Remarks on Religious Politics in Nigeria — The Example of Zakat

Business Meeting:
Tapiwa Mucherera, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding

A3-114

Christian Spirituality Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-International Ballroom South

Douglas S. Hardy, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Eros and Christian Spirituality
Jacob Sherman, Cambridge University

A Sexier Ontological Argument? Eros, Philosophy, and Ascent in Saint Anselm
Juan Sanchez, Florida International University

Song of Songs and the Mystical Pedagogy of Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross

Timothy P. Muldoon, Boston College

Ordered Affection: Sexuality and Ignatian Spirituality

Bo Karen Lee, Princeton Theological Seminary

“Oh, Happy Dying”: Desire and Annihilation in Madame Jeanne Guyon’s Commentaire au Cantique des Cantiques de Salomon
Alexandra Pleshoyano, University of Sherbrooke

Eros, Chaos, and Cosmos — Etty Hillesum: A Footprint of Christian Spirituality

Responding:
Rebecca Parker, Starr King School for the Ministry
A3-115
Comparative Theology Group and World Christianity Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4F
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University, Presiding
Theme: Maintaining Multiple Religious Belonging: Dancing with Two Partners
Panelists:
Robert C. Neville, Boston University
Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University
Tinu Ruparell, University of Calgary
Bede Bidlack, Boston College
Responding:
Catherine Cornille, Boston College

A3-116
Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Ontario
Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University, Presiding
Theme: The Perception of the West in Eastern Orthodoxy
Travis Ables, Vanderbilt University
The Exotic Theology of the Eastern Church: The Production of the East-West Dichotomy in Modern Trinitarian Theology
Marcus Plested, Center of Theological Inquiry
Orthodox Responses to Thomas
Michael Gibson, Vanderbilt University
Ether/Or: The (Re) Making of Eastern Orthodox Theological Identity and the Paris School of Saint Sergius

A3-117
Ecclesiological Investigations Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental C
Julie Clague, University of Glasgow, Presiding
Theme: Twenty-first Century Church
Ann K. Riggs, Earlham School of Religion
“Ecclesiology and Ethics”: An Under-attended Trajectory of Ecumenical Ecclesiological Investigation
Doug Gay, University of Glasgow
Theorizing “Emergence” as New Wave Ecumenism
Paul Pullikan, University of Calicut
Church in Pluralist Society of India: Encounter with the Hindutva Forces
Jane Carol Redmont, Guilford College
Earth’s Body, Women’s Bodies, and the Body of Christ: Ecofeminist Challenges to Ecclesiology
Paul F. Lakeland, Fairfield University
Toward a More Inductive Ecclesiology: Listening to the Spirit
Business Meeting:
Paul Collins, University of Chichester, Presiding
Nicholas Bamford, University of Chichester
Readdressing the Notion of the “West” through Yannaras’s Apophatic Existentialism
Business Meeting:
Eve Tibbs, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Paul Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

A3-118
Evangelical Theology Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 2
Andrea Hollingsworth, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Reforming the Doctrine of God (Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2005) by F. LeRon Shults
Silas Morgan, Duke University
New Spaces: Reforming the Doctrine of God and Evangelical Ethics
Kyle Roberts, Bethel Seminary
Reforming Theodicy: Shults’s Conception of “Absolute Futurity” and the Problem of Evil and Suffering
Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
Always Reformed, Always Reforming: Why “Scientific Atheists” Can’t Be Right about the Doctrine of God
Francis Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University
Nonfoundationalism, Modernity, and Reforming the Doctrine of God
Responding:
F. LeRon Shults, Agder University

A3-119
Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard C
Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University, Presiding
Theme: Conceptualizing the Sacred
James B. Jeffries, Clemson University
Imposing Religion: Missionary Roots of the Comparative Study of Religion
Scott Edmondson, University of California, Los Angeles
Any and Every Book of Moses: Using Sacred (?) Texts in Southern Ghana
Michael York, London, United Kingdom
Negotiating the Sacred and the Possibility of Indigenous and Pagan Discourse
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
Tracking the Sacred in International Discourse and the Work of Walter Echo Hawk

Business Meeting:
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding

A3-120

Korean Religions Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4D

Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding
Theme: Violence and the State in Korean Religions
Jonathan Best, Wesleyan University
The Raising of the Temple of Maitreya: A Buddhist Faith-based Initiative for Conquest in Early Korea
Marcie Middlebrooks, Cornell University
Torturous Enlightenment: Public Secrets and Spiritual Progress in a Korean Buddhist Narrative
Michael Pettid, State University of New York, Binghamton
Shamanic Supermen and Superwomen: Creating Alternative Spaces for the Oppressed
David Kim, Columbia University
Korean Shamanism, the Accident, and Material History: A Ritual of Unraveling and Redemption for Military “Comfort Women”
Chang Han Kim, University of Calgary
Christian Sects, Cults, and Anti-Cults Movements in Contemporary Korea
Kyuhoon Cho, University of Ottawa
Religious Dimension of a Socialist Society: Juche Civil Religion and Religions in North Korea, Socialist Modernization in Global Society

Responding:
Don Baker, University of British Columbia
Business Meeting:
Jin Y. Park, American University, and Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

A3-121

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Boulevard A

Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University, Presiding
Theme: Blessed Rage or Sacred Resistance: Exploring the Intersections of Religion and Activism
Theresa Torres, University of Missouri, Kansas City
Latina Activists: Intersections of Gender, Religion, and Politics
Elías Ortega-Aponte, Princeton Theological Seminary
Imago Dei, the Young Lords, and the Struggle for Health Care for Latino/as
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College
Religion and Activism among Brazilian-Americans in Framingham, MA
Luis Leon, University of Denver
The Lost Gospel of Cesar Chavez: Borderlands Theology in Light of Martin Luther King

Responding:
Don Baker, University of British Columbia
Business Meeting:
Jin Y. Park, American University, and Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

A3-122

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-PDR 1

L. J. Tess Tessier, Youngstown State University, Presiding
Theme: Not Your “Old Time Religion”: Lesbian/Queer/Feminist Challenges to Received Notions of Religion and Spirituality
Marie Cartier, Claremont Graduate University
Listening to the Narratives of Pre-Stonewall Lesbians
Kathleen M. Sands, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa
Mixing It Up: Religion, Lesbian Feminism, and Queerness
Jennifer Ryenga, San Jose State University
Serious Immanence: Ludic Philosophia (for the Birds)
Julianne Buenting, Chicago Theological Seminary
Panning for Gold: Lesbian/Queer/Feminist Adventures with Christian Spirituality
Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary
Heterosexism on My Mind
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A3-123
Religion and Popular Culture Group and Religion, Media, and Culture Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Waldorf
William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
Theme: Just Gaming? Virtual Religious Worlds and Religious Studies
Panelists:
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, Columbia
Steven Benko, Meredith College
Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Heidelberg
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College
Kimberly Knight, Emory University
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

A3-124
Tantric Studies Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Astoria
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Theme: Yogic Powers (Siddhis)
Panelists:
Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen
Are the Powers (Siddhis) of Yogasutra an Example of Buddhist Influence on Yoga?
David Fiodaldis, University of Michigan
The Miracles of the Vimalakirti-nirdesha: Narrative Form and Doctrinal Content
Bradley S. Clough, University of Montana
Remembering Lives and Reading Minds: The Importance of Yogic Powers in Early Theravada Buddhism
David G. White, University of California, Santa Barbara
How Big Can Yogi Get? How Much Can Yogi See?
Lloyd W. Pfueger, Truman State University

A3-125
Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group and Buddhism in the West Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Joliet
Frances Garrett, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Tibet and the West: Modern Intersections
Panelists:
Jessica Falcone, Cornell University
“Holy Objects, Batman!” Skepticism, Ambivalence, and Faith Regarding Sacred Objects amongst “Western” Converts to Tibetan Buddhism
Abraham Zablocki, Agnes Scott College
After Protestant Buddhism: Beyond the Modern/Traditional Binary in Contemporary Buddhism
Julie Regan, Harvard University
A New Consideration of the Use of English in Contemporary South Asian-Tibetan Buddhism
Katja Rakow, University of Heidelberg
The Impact of Coincidence, Pragmatism, and Eclecticism in Transplanting and Adopting Tibetan Buddhism in the West

A3-127
Religion in the American West Seminar
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-McCormick Boardroom
Laurie Maffly-Kipp, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Presiding
Theme: Framing Issues in the Study of Religion in the American West
Panelists:
Sara Patterson, Hanover College
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
William Deverell, University of Southern California
Responding:
Philip K. Goff, Indiana University and Purdue University, Indianapolis

A3-128
Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Seminar
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 1
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding
Theme: Body and Medicine in Indian and Chinese Religions
Panelists:
Donald Harper, University of Chicago
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa
Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
Responding:
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

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Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 4-6
Karen-Marie Yust, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Presiding
Theme: Children’s Voices and Agency: Challenges for Research
Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Religious Ritual from the Inside Out: Using Children’s Voices as Primary Sources in Religious Studies
Duane Bidwell, Phillips Theological Seminary, and Donald Batisky, Nationwide Children’s Hospital and Ohio State University College of Medicine
Children’s Accounts of Hope as a Spiritual Resource in Chronic Illness
Trygve Wyller, University of Oslo, Norway
Children’s Citizenship: Between Utopia and Heterotopia
Responding:
Annemie Dillen, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
Business Meeting:
Marcia Bunge, Valparaiso University, Presiding

A3-131 ★
Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 3
Sarah K. Pincock, Trinity University, Presiding
Theme: The Commodification of Death
Cynthia Hogan Dopko, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
The Death Industry in Ancient Egypt: A Cautionary Tale
Stanley Thayne, Brigham Young University
"There Is No Death": Defying Death, the State, and the Self — Marie Ogden and the Home of Truth
Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College
A Democracy of the Dead: Cremation, Green Burials, and the Future of the Spirit
Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University
Naming Names: Identifying and Memorializing the Jonestown Dead
Business Meeting:
Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University, Presiding

A3-132 ★
Liberal Theologies Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4E
Ellen Umansky, Fairfield University, Presiding
Theme: Liberalism and Its Analogues in Global Religions
Sandara Yocum Mize, University of Dayton
Catholics Engaging Liberalism: Theological Education as Socio-political Strategy
Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo
Buddhists and Other Liberals: Rethinking a Key Term in American Religious Historiography

Jeremy Hustwit, California State University, San Bernardino
Nature, Revelation, and Religious Comparison in Liberal Christian Theology
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University
Jews, Liberalism, and the Secular: Postcolonial Engagement
Business Meeting:
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding

A3-133 ★
Religion and Migration Consultation and Religion and Cities Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Marquette
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
Theme: Migrants, Religion, and the Reconfiguration of Cities
Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology
New Paradigms in Community Development among Immigrant Faith Institutions
David O’Malley, Cleveland State University
An Examination of the Intersection of Immigration and Religious Pluralism in the Interreligious Human Service Sector of the New England Region
Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University
The City as Context: How Religion Influences Reception in New Immigrant Destinations
Weishan Huang, New York Theological Seminary
Religious Responses to Neighborhood Ethnic Diversity: The Case of Flushing, Queens
Responding:
Courtney Bender, Columbia University

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- Sustainability and Religion
- South Asian Scholars & Scholarship
- Tours
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A3-134 ★

Rethinking the Field Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Lake Michigan
Stephanie Yuhas, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver, Presiding
Theme: Part 1 — Anybody Up There? An Interview with Anthony Pinn on African-American Humanism
Panelists:
Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University
Part 2 — Past, Present, Other: Rethinking the Study of Ancient Religion
Ian Curran, Young Harris College
Janelle Peters, University of California, San Diego
Anne Bullock, Emory University
Jyoti Ragu, Columbia University
Robert von Thaden, Mercyhurst College
Business Meeting:
Bradley L. Herling, Marymount Manhattan College, Presiding

A3-135 ★

Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Consultation
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Salon 8-9
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding
Theme: Speaking Truth to Power: The Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. — Empire and the 2008 Presidential Election
Reginald Broadnax, Hood Theological Seminary
How Martin Luther King Jr. Can Speak to the 2008 Presidential Election
Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
King, Evangelicals, and Obama: The Roots of Prophetic Evangelicalism
Mary R. Sawyer, Iowa State University
Forty Years of Wilderness: American Society Since the Assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.
Cassie Trentaz, Chicago Theological Seminary
"...A Threat to Justice Everywhere": A Look at Personhood and the Sacred/Beloved Communities of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr.

A3-138 ★

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Continental A
Duncan Williams, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Theme: Negotiating Inclusion and Exclusion
An Youn Tae, Drew University
"No Longer Strangers and Aliens": Deleuzian Reading of "Home" as a Multiple, Fluid, and Peripatetic Space

A3-136 ★

Career Services Advisory Committee Meeting
11:30 am-1:00 pm
CHT-Pullman Boardroom
Jessica Davenport, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Plenary Address
11:45 am-12:45 pm
GHT-International Ballroom North
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: The Journey of Black Sacred Music

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Panelists:
Nolan Williams, Jr., NEW Inspiration, Inc.

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Panelists:
Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University
John J. O’Keefe, Creighton University
Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University
John J. O’Keefe, Creighton University
Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University
Responding:
Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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Panelists:
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Special Topics Forum  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
CHT - International Ballroom South  
Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Theme: Theology of Hope and Healing for a Divided Nation  
Sponsored by the Theological Education Steering Committee  
The United States is ailing from a history of racial division, experiencing religious tensions in the wake of September 11, worried about strained international relations, and polarized by internal struggles. In the presidential campaign, we have seen indications of this hurt, but we have also seen possibilities of healing. As in previous presidential elections, religious rhetoric has played a prominent role during the primary season and in the general election. While religion scholars stand ready to offer critical analyses of public religious discourse, can engaged scholars and learned religious leaders offer constructive proposals that can offer hope for the public life of this pluralistic nation? Can we understand such offerings as contributions to the public understanding of religion? How might reflective religious leaders and scholars offer theologies of healing for an ailing nation? We invite our distinguished speakers to offer just such theologies on the eve of the election.  
Panelists:  
James A. Forbes, Healing of the Nations Foundations  
Michael Lerner, Tikkun Magazine and Beyt Tikkun Synagogue  
Obery M. Hendricks, New York Theological Seminary  
Ayse Kadavulic-Orelana, American University

A3-203

Buddhism Section  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
CHT - Conference Room 4E  
Venerable Yifa, University of the West, Presiding  
Theme: New Studies in Late Ming Chinese Buddhism  
Jiang Wu, University of Arizona  
Controversies and the Transformation of Chan Buddhism in the Seventeenth Century  
Beverley Fouks, Harvard University  
Jack of All Trades, Master for Many: The Autobiography of Ouyi Zhixu (1599–1655)  
Jennifer Eichman, Seton Hall University  
Judging Others: Late Sixteenth Century Peer Discourses on Spiritual Attainment  
Charles B. Jones, Catholic University of America  
Contextualizing Gentry Buddhism in the Late Ming Dynasty  
Responding:  
Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas

A3-204

Christian Systematic Theology Section  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
CHT - Continental B  
John E. Thiel, Fairfield University, Presiding  
Theme: Rethinking Covenant  
Michael S. Horton, Westminster Theological Seminary, California  
Sinai and Zion: Reevaluating Reformed (Federal) Theology in Light of Recent Jewish Covenant Theologies  
Jennifer A. Harris, University of Toronto  
Conflicts of Covenant in Christian Theology of the High Middle Ages  
Responding:  
John A. Grim, Yale University

A3-205

Comparative Studies in Religion Section  
1:00 pm - 3:30 pm  
CHT - Lake Huron  
Kimberley C. Patton, Harvard University, Presiding  
Theme: Twins and Twinship: Ongoing Comparative Development of a Theme  
Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago  
Wars within the Womb  
Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco  
Twins in Hindu Mythology and Everyday Life in the California Diaspora  
Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University  
Hail to the Children of Monkeys: Ibeji (Twins) in Yoruba Myths, Rituals, and Iconography  
James C. Skedros, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology  
Saints Cosmas and Damian: Twin Healers  
Responding:  
John A. Grim, Yale University

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A3-206
Ethics Section and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Williford B

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

Theme: Celebrating the Work of Emilie Townes: Womanist Contributions to Christian and Social Ethics
Keri Day, Vanderbilt University

Poor Black Women and Public Policy: Emilie Townes’s Theological Vision of Justice within a Womanist Theory of Political Criticism
Andrea C. White, University of Chicago

Eschatological Identity in the Thought of Emilie Townes
Jonathan L. Walton, University of California, Riverside

"Deliver Us from Evil": An Assessment of the Hermeneutical and Methodological Creativity of Emilie Townes in Uncovering/Dismantling Culturally Produced Evil
Eboni Marshall, Union Theological Seminary

The Politics of Incarnation: Identity, Double-Consciousness, and the Feasibility of a Womanist Mediating Ethic
Responding:
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University

A3-207
History of Christianity Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Patricia O’Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: Teaching the History of Christianity: Critical Themes and Challenges
Panelists:
Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University
Constance Furey, Indiana University, Bloomington
W. Clark Gilpin, University of Chicago
Horace E. Six-Means, Hood Theological Seminary

A3-208
North American Religions Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Emotion in Modern America: Modulations of Mood and Performances of Passion
Responding:
John Corrigan, Florida State University
Darryl Victor Caterine, Le Moyne College

Speaking of Loss: Haunting, History, and the Hydesville Rappings
John Lardas Modern, Franklin and Marshall College

What Do I Love When I Love My Machine? The Strange Case of John Murray Spear’s “New Motive Power”
Finbarr Curtis, Bucknell University

Sentiment Rules the World: William Jennings Bryan’s Vision of a Sympathetic Economy
Kathryn Lofton, Indiana University, Bloomington

Happily Ever After: L. Ron Hubbard’s Morals for a Modern World

A3-209
Philosophy of Religion Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2

Noelle Vahanian, Lebanon Valley College, Presiding

Theme: Jean-Luc Nancy’s Dis-Enclosure: Deconstruction of Christianity (Fordham University Press, 2007)
Adam Kotsko, Chicago Theological Seminary

The Pre-History of Nancy’s Deconstruction of Christianity
Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas

Plasticity and Dis-Enclosure: Thinking through the Limits of Deconstruction
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

The Way Back into the With of Christianity
Responding:
Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles and University of Chicago, and Ludger Viehues, Yale University, Presiding
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MONDAY AFTERNOON

A3-210

Religion and Politics Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Continental C

Andrew Murphy, Valparaiso University, Presiding
Theme: Islam and Politics
Sarah Garlington, Boston University
Liberalism, Islam, and Democracy: Turkey’s Past, Present, and Future — Cohering a Public Islam
Michel Andrasos, Catholic Theological Union
Violence, Peace, and Islamist Movements in the Middle East
Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
What Would the Islamists Do with al-Azhar? Religious Authority in an Islamic State
Sandra Russell Jones, University of Pennsylvania
Shi’i Ulama in Bahrain: The Family Law Reform Debate as an Arena for Redefining Religious Authority
Responding:
John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

A3-211

Religion in South Asia Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Waldorf

This session is dedicated to the memory of Selva Raj.
Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Presiding
Theme: The Role of Miracles and the Miraculous in Creating and Sustaining South Asian Religions
Panelists:
Susan Prill, Juniata College
Bradley S. Clough, University of Montana
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago
John E. Cort, Denison University

A3-212

Study of Islam Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Marquette

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding
Theme: Sunni–Shi’a Debates on Law, Identity, and Religious Authority
Abbas Barzegar, Emory University
How Many Rightly Guided Caliphs? Power and Memory in the Formation of Sunni Identity
Matthew Pierce, Boston University
Al-Mufid and the Qadimayn: Will the Real Usul Please Stand Up?
Mairaq Syed, Princeton University
Duress in Islamic Legal and Moral Thought from the Second/Eighth till the Fifth/Eleventh Centuries
Najam Haider, Princeton University
“In the Name of God”: A Case Study in the Interplay of Text and Rationality in Shi’i Jurisprudence
Responding:
Ahmet T. Karamustafa, Washington University, St. Louis

A3-213

Study of Judaism Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Williford A

Justin Jaron Lewis, Queen’s University, Presiding
Theme: Embarrassment of Scripture and Its Re-embraacement
Tzemah Yoreh, American Jewish University
Usurping the Deuteronomist: Embarrassment as a Catalyst for the Production of Biblical Scholarship
Harry Fox, University of Toronto
The Embarrassment of Embarrassment: Ancient, Renaissance, and Modern Receptions of David and Bathsheba
Laliv Clenman, University of Toronto
And Moses Forgot the Halakhah: Rabbinic Authentication of Embarrassing Legal Positions
Tirzah Meacham, University of Toronto
How Can They Be Better than Us? Embarrassment and Legislation
Responding:
Aubrey L. Glazer, University of Toronto
Business Meeting:
Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, Presiding
A3-214
Teaching Religion Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding
Theme: The Pedagogy of Dissonance: Teaching at the Borders
Ann M. Pederson, Augustana College, Mary Helen Harris, Sanford Hospital, and Megan Eide, Augustana College
At the Borderlands: Where Religion and Medicine Meet
Reid Locklin, University of Toronto
Weakness and Belonging: An Alternative Model of “High Intensity Dissonance”
Ryan S. Gardner, Church Educational System
Beyond the Tower of Babel
Amanda Holmes, University of Florida
Spirits in the Forest: Yoruba Religion, Ecology, and Pedagogy
Mary Hinton, Misericordia University
Ethnography as Pedagogy
Amanda Napoli, Baylor University
Uniquely Pentecost: What a Global Movement Teaches Us about Women and Religion
Katherine Attanasi, Vanderbilt University
South African Pentecostalism: Gendered Perspectives on Theology, Sexuality, and HIV/AIDS
Responding:
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

A3-215
Women and Religion Section
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Wilson
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Pentecostalisms: Women and a Widening World
Adelaide Boadi, Drew University
Women and the Future of Pentecostalism: The Case of West Africa
Lisa Stephenson, Lee University
A Disempowered Future? The Promises and Perils of Pentecostalism among Latin American Women

A3-217
Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 1
Mark Unno, University of Oregon, Presiding
Theme: Buddhist Constructive Thought and Critical Frameworks for Praxis
Jessica Falcone, Cornell University
The Scope of Meditative Thinking: Tibetan Monastics and American Academics Negotiate the Institutional Limits of Reflexivity and Introspection
Danny Fisher, University of the West
Attending to the Buddha: The Importance of Buddhist Theology for Practitioners Working as Professional Healthcare Chaplains
Abraham Velez de Cea, Eastern Kentucky University
Toward a Pluralistic Understanding of Dharma Practice: A Panikkar-Inspired Buddhist “Theology” of Religions
Business Meeting:
Roger Jackson, Carleton College, and John J. Makransky, Boston College, Presiding
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| **Daoist Studies Group** | 
| 1:00 pm-3:30 pm | 
| CHT-Lake Ontario | 
| **Stephen R. Bokenkamp has withdrawn from the session. Terry Kleeman has joined the session.** | 
| **Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University, Presiding** | 
| **Theme:** Chronicling the Dao: A Critical Appraisal of Kristofer Schipper and Francisca Verellen’s The Taoist Canon: A Historical Companion to the Daozang (University of Chicago Press, 2005) | 
| **Panelists:** | 
| James Miller, Queen’s University | 
| Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado, Boulder | 
| Louis Komjathy, Pacific Lutheran University | 
| **Responding:** | 
| C. Franciscus Verellen, École Française d’Extrême-Orient | 
| Kristofer Schipper, Fuzhou University | 
| **Business Meeting:** | 
| Louis Komjathy, Pacific Lutheran University, and Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University, Presiding | 

#### A3-219

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group and Mysticism Group**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CHT-Lake Michigan

- Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, Presiding
- **Theme:** Eastern Orthodoxy and the Spiritual Senses
- Sarah Coakley, Harvard University
  - Gregory of Nyssa on the Spiritual Senses: A Reconsideration
- Derek Michael, Boston University
  - The Patristic Roots of John Smith’s True Way or Method of Attaining to Divine Knowledge
- Brandon Withrow, Samford University
  - A Connecticut Valley Yankee in a Cappadocian Court: Jonathan Edwards, Eastern Christianity, and the "Spiritual Sense"
- Joseph Molleur, Cornell College
  - A Hindu Monk’s Appropriation of Eastern Orthodoxy’s Jesus Prayer: The “Inner Senses” of Hearing and Seeing in Comparative Perspective

#### A3-220

**Evangelical Theology Group**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CHT-International Ballroom North

- John R. Franke, Biblical Theological Seminary, Presiding
- **Theme:** Evangelical and Muslim Discussion of A Common Word and the Yale Center’s “Christian Response”
- **Panelists:**
  - Gordon Nickel, Associated Canadian Theological Schools
  - Gerald R. McDermott, Roanoke College
  - Joseph Lombard, Brandeis University
  - Caner Dagli, Roanoke College
- **Business Meeting:**
  - Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding

#### A3-221

**Law, Religion, and Culture Group**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CHT-Joliet

- Bernard Zaleha, University of Florida, Presiding
- **Theme:** Theological and Ideological Trials as Social Ordering Mechanism: The Possibilities for Analysis and Comparison
- Bron Taylor, University of Florida
  - Trials, Ecterrorism, and the Asylum: Crazy Cases from Earth First! To the Unabomber and the Earth Liberation Front
- Gary Jensen, Vanderbilt University
  - The Path of the Devil, the Salem Witch Trials to McCarthyism: Analytical Typologies for Witch Hunts
- Daniel Speed Thompson, Saint Mary’s University
  - Confronting Schillebeeckx, Encountering Modernity: The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the Roman Catholic Church
- Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University
  - The United Methodist Church in Transition, the Trial of Reverend Gregory Dell: Polity Shifts and Criminalization
- **Responding:**
  - Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Boulder

#### A3-222

**Native Traditions in the Americas Group and Animals and Religion Consultation**

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

CHT-Astoria

- Kenneth Mello, University of Vermont, Presiding
- **Theme:** Animals in Native American Religious Traditions
- Natalie Avalos Cisneros, University of California, Santa Barbara
  - My Sister, My Brother, My Father: Animals in Native Traditions, A Window to Indigenous Ontology
- **Responding:**
  - Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Boulder
Carrie McLachlan, Western Carolina University
Celestial Dogs in Cherokee Thought
Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Animals in the Mescalero Apache Creation Narrative
Graham Harvey, Open University
Revisiting Totemism in the Wake of the New/Indigenous Animism
Responding:
Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University

New Religious Movements Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Willford C
Catherine Wessinger, Loyola University, New Orleans, Presiding
Theme: New Religions in South Asia
Istvan Keul, Freie Universitaet Berlin
Urban, Hybrid, Cross-Religious? A New Religious Movement in Mumbai
Hanna H. Kim, New York University
Liberal Scholars, Educated Informants, and the Need to Rethink the Hindu Subject: The Case of the Swaminarayan Community
Phillip Charles Lucas, Stetson University
The Ramana Maharshi Effect: When a Movement Is Not a Movement
June McDaniel, College of Charleston
Agama Hindu Boli as a New Religious Movement: Hinduism Recreated in the Image of Islam
Angela Rudert, Syracuse University
Tradition and Innovation in Anandmurti Gurumaa’s “New Age” Spirituality
Business Meeting:
Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding

A3-224
Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
Russell C. Kleckley, Augsburg College, Presiding
Theme: The Struggle with Darwinism in the Nineteenth Century
Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Struggle or Mutual Aid: Jane Addams and the Progressive Encounter with Social Darwinism
Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College
Selected, Not Chosen: The Darwinian Theology of John Humphrey Noyes
Biff Rocha, University of Dayton
Father De Concilio’s Position in the Nineteenth Century American Catholic Debate over Darwinian Evolution
Responding:
Mark A. McIntosh, Loyola University, Chicago

A3-225
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 4-6
Kathleen Bishop, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Psychology and/or Race
Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University
Whiteness Real and Unreal: Destruction, Survival, and Racial Melancholia
Roshan Kalantar, Iliff School of Theology
"Only God Can Judge Me": Mapping the Religious Discourse of "At-risk" Youth

A3-226
Qur’an Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Lake Erie
Walid Saleh, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Qur’anic Approaches
Elliott Bazzano, University of California, Santa Barbara
Approaching God in a Medieval Sufi Romance: Embodying the Other, Transforming the Self
Adam Gaiser, Florida State University
Din Fulan: A Strategy of Sectarian Affiliation in Early Islamic History
Yasmin Moll, New York University
Getting to Know God: Islamic Feminism and Shifting Conceptions of Religious Knowledge, Authority, and Texts
Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University
The Treatise of the Miracles of the Qur’an: An Unconventional Partial Tafsir?
Nargis Virani, The New School
Listen to the Cry of Glorification from Above: Rumi and the Qur’an
Travis Zadeh, Haverford College
“A Man without a Bit of the Qur’an in His Belly Is Like a Broken-down House”: Ingesting the Qur’an and the Early Charismatic Power of Scripture
Religion and Popular Culture Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 2
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding
Theme: Constructing Religious Identities through Popular Culture
Emily Clark, University of Missouri, Columbia
Of Catholics, Commies, and the Anti-Christ: The Use of the Apocalyptic Narrative in Cold War Comics
Richard Lindsay, Graduate Theological Union
Camping at Mount Sinai: Queer Readings of Cecil B. DeMille’s The Ten Commandments (1956)
Erin Smith, University of Texas, Dallas
American Popular Books and Religious Identity Narratives: The Case of Late, Great Planet Earth
James LoRusso, Atlanta, GA
A Decaf, Grande, Non-fat Life? Self-transformation and Identity-building at Starbucks Coffee Company
Business Meeting:
Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Columbia, Presiding

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 3
Nestor Medina, Toronto School of Theology and University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Subversive Saints and Spirits: Spectral Memory and Social Change in the Religious Imaginary
Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia
Catching Cinarrones: The Performance of Slavery in Cuban Possession Trance Religions
Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Claremont Graduate University
Aztlán in the Air: The Apocalyptic Imaginary of the Chicano Movement
Natalie Broadnax, University of Florida
Che Guevara: A Saint?
Responding:
Shelley Wiley, Urbana University
Business Meeting:
Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco, and Jennifer Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 12
Greg Watkins, Stanford University, Presiding
Theme: New Work in the Teaching of Religion and Film
Panelists:
Francisca Cho, Georgetown University
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Irena Makarushka, Towson University
Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University
John Lyden, Dana College
Business Meeting:
John Lyden, Dana College, Presiding

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 7
Dante Quick, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Teaching American Slavery and the Holocaust
Panelists:
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Marian Ronan, American Baptist Seminary of the West
Tania Oldenhage, Academy of Bolderne
Joan M. Martin, Episcopal Divinity School
Oren Baruch Stier, Florida International University
Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
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Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, and Katharina von Kellenbach, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, Presiding
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Science, Technology, and Religion Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C

James Hang, Suffolk University, Presiding
Theme: Scientific and Religious Perspectives on Natural Evil
Stephanie J. Stillman, University of California, Santa Barbara
Bad Boys and Brain Damage: Investigating Fissures in the Souls and in the Minds of School Shooters

Nathan J. Hallanger, Graduate Theological Union
Revisiting Nature’s Redemption: Theodicy and Evolutionary Evil
Amy Weigand, Temple University
Unnecessary Evil: Insufferable Pain in the Age of Biomedicine

Responding:
Nathan J. Hallanger, Graduate Theological Union
Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding

A3-232

Wesleyan Studies Group and Open and Relational Theologies Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, and Sarah Heaver Lancaster, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding
Theme: Atonement

Larry Shelton, George Fox University
Relational Atonement: Covenant Renewal as a Wesleyan Integrative Motif

Jeanne Sletton, Claremont School of Theology
Reconfiguring Atonement: A Process-Relational Soteriology

Ted Campbell, Southern Methodist University
“The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World”: Some Methodist Grounds for Belief in Divine Self-Limitation

Gregory W. Love, San Francisco Theological Seminary
Abyssal Compassion or Acquiescence to Violence? Reconfiguring Abelard for a Non-Violent Theory of Atonement

Responding:
Randy L. Maddox, Duke University

A3-233 ★

World Christianity Group
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D

Jane Carol Redmont, Guilford College, Presiding
Theme: Methodological Issues in World Christianity

Anselm K. Min, Claremont Graduate University
Methodological Reflections on Global Theology

Jan H. Pranger, Concordia College, Moorhead
Redeeming Tradition: Narratives of Normative Pasts in Postcolonial Christianity

Robert Hurteau, Loyola Marymount University

Ryan Weimer, University of Mississippi
Christians in North India During the Formation of a New Nation and the Movement Toward New Churches

Responding:
David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:
Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, and Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University, Presiding

A3-234 New!

Religion and Humanism Consultation
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
RH-Red Lacquer Room

John Caputo has withdrawn from the session.

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding
Theme: Critiques of Humanism and Neohumanist Responses

Steven Benko, Meredith College
Levinas and Foucault: Humanism, Anti-Humanism, and Humanism Again

Michael Johnson, University of Chicago
Call, Critique, Conviction: Paul Ricoeur’s Hermeneutical Account of Conscience as a Resource for Theological Humanism

David M. Buyze, University of Toronto
Postcolonial Hybrid Identities and the Cultural/Religious Other

Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara
Birth of the Human through Burial of the Dead: On Worldhood and the Memory of Place in Recent Humanism and Post-Humanism

Responding:
W. David Hall, Centre College

Business Meeting:
W. David Hall, Centre College, and Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding
A3-235

Sacred and Religious Sites of Chicago Bus Tour
1:00 pm-5:00 pm
Meet in CHT Lobby at 8th Street entrance.

Peter W. Williams, Miami University, Ohio, Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, and Daniel Sack, University of Chicago, Presiding.

Chicago is a city of great religious diversity. Even if you’ve been on a sacred sites tour in Chicago before, this year you’ll visit the south side, seeing three religious landmarks you may have previously missed.

KAM Isaiah Israel is the oldest synagogue in Chicago, and very possibly the oldest in the Midwest, founded in 1847 as Kehilath Anshe Maarav (KAM), the Congregation of the Men of the West. The current structure, built for Temple Isaiah Israel in 1924, was designed by Alfred Alschuler.

Rockefeller Memorial Chapel opened in 1928 as the spiritual and ceremonial center of the University of Chicago. It combines Gothic, Byzantine, and Romanesque features in a style designed to serve as both a Christian and non-religious place of meeting, a place for sacred arts, and a place of worship.

Trinity United Church of Christ, in the Princeton Park neighborhood, since its start forty-five years ago has become the largest congregation in its largely white denomination. Declaring itself "Unashamedly Black and Unapologetically Christian", Trinity is dedicated to the Black religious experience and to its community.

Tour fee: $15. Separate registration required.

A3-300

Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room
Kathleen M. Sands, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa, Presiding
Theme: The Future of LGBT Studies in Religion
Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force
What is the future of LGBT studies in religion? What new directions does the field need to explore and what existing areas of study need further attention? Furthermore, how are we to set about working toward that — or those — future(s)? What needs to happen now to ensure that our varied visions of the future of LGBT studies in religion can come to pass? Please join panelists Mark Jordan, Heather White, Janet Jakobsen, Benjamin Reynolds, Farah Zeb, and Rebecca Alpert for an in-depth discussion of these and other issues in this growing subfield.

Panelists:
Mark Jordan, Emory University
Heather White, Vassar College
Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College
Benjamin Reynolds, Chicago Theological Seminary
Farah Zeb, London, United Kingdom
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University

A3-301

Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom North
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
Sponsored by the Publications Committee
Founded on the premise that scholars know best what books are needed in the fields of religion and theology, the AAR publishing program with Oxford University Press (OUP) produces quality scholarship for religion scholars and their students. OUP is a premier international publisher; and the AAR has published hundreds of titles, many of which have become essential tools in the development of our field and in the training of new scholars. AAR/OUP books are published in five series: Academy Series; Reflection and Theory in the Study of Religion Series; Religion, Culture, and History Series; Religion in Translation Series; and Teaching Religious Studies Series. The JAAR editor will also discuss essay publishing. This panel provides the opportunity to hear from experienced OUP and AAR editors and ask any and all questions you might have about publishing in the AAR/OUP Series. There will also be an opportunity to speak individually with an editor.

Panelists:
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco
Susan E. Henking, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology
Kevin Madigan, Harvard University
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University
Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
### A3-302

**Wildcard Session**

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

**CHT-Continental A**

Randall Balmer, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: Fathers and Sons: The Influence of Evangelists Walter Maier, Percy Crawford, Merv Rosell, Jack Wyrztzen, and Charles Woodbridge on Fundamentalism in the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s

Panelists:
- Paul L. Maier, Western Michigan University
- Dan Crawford, University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- Garth M. Rosell, Gordon Conwell Seminary
- Donald Wyrztzen, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- John D. Woodbridge, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

### A3-303

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group**

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

**CHT-Conference Room 4D**

Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: Kierkegaard, Literature, and the Performing Arts

Joseph Westfall, University of Houston
- Opera and Authorship, Authorship as Opera: Kierkegaard, Don Giovanni, and Philosophy as Performance

Peder Jothen, University of Chicago
- Don Juan, and Moses and Aron: The Possibility of a Kierkegaardian Affirmation of Music

Howard Pickett, University of Virginia
- Beyond the Mask: Kierkegaard's Postscript as Anti-theatrical Drama

Jason A. Mahn, Augusta College
- Deconstructing Sin: The Inextricability of Theology and Rhetoric in Kierkegaard

### A3-304

**Buddhism Section**

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

**CHT-Conference Room 4E**

Lori Meeks, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theme: Omnibus Session: New Work in Buddhist Studies

Frances Garrett, University of Toronto
- A Gastrosemantics of Magical Foods in Tibetan Ritual

Lisa Battaglia, Ohio University
- Food as Sacral Transformation: Reinterpreting the Food-mediated Activities of Buddhist Nuns in Thailand

Michael R. Bathgate, Saint Xavier University
- Taking Name(s): Karmic Community and the Material Logics of Buddhist Promotional Campaigns in Medieval Japan

Richard Nance, Indiana University
- Tall Tales, Tathâgatas, and Truth: On the "Privileged Lie" in Indian Buddhist Literature

David Quinter, Washington University, St. Louis
- Translating Genres: The Manjusri Parinirvana Sutra as Visualization Sutra

### A3-305

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

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

**CHT-Continental B**

Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: Jewish/Christian Dis/unity

Gregory W. Love, San Francisco Theological Seminary
- The Universal Theodicity Trial and Jewish–Christian Common Ground for a Messianic Reading of Jesus

Travis Ables, Vanderbilt University
- Triunity and Identity: The Problem of Supersessionism in a Modern Heresiology

Courtney Fitzsimmons, University of Chicago
- Shared Love: Franz Rosenzweig on Judaism and Christianity

Kurt Buhring, Saint Mary's College
- Toward a Theology of Resistance: Dwight N. Hopkins's Spirit of Total Liberation in Us and Melissa Raphael's Shekhinah as Sources for Constructive Theology
A3-307
Ethics Section  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Williford B  
Donna Yarri, Alvernia College, Presiding  
Theme: Global Ethical Concerns  
Justin Waters, Graduate Theological Union  
Brave New Worlds: Imaginations of Heterotopia in “Fine Art” Spheres  
James Martin-Schramm, Luther College  
The Power to Change: United States Energy Policy and Global Warming  
Mary E. Hobgood, College of the Holy Cross  
Ornery Discipleship: Learning Womanist Christian Social Ethics from the Activist United States Poor and the Global South  
Robert Tappan, University of Virginia

Fatwas and Beyond: Ethical Decision Making in Iranian Fertility Clinics  
Bo Yong Lee, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver  
Theological Understanding of Multiculturalism  

A3-308
History of Christianity Section and Martin Luther and Global Lutheranism Traditions Consultation  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4F  
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding  
Theme: Luther’s Theology as Resource for Protest and Possibility in Contemporary Global Contexts  
Eric Trozzo, Drew University  
A Multiplicity of Kingdoms  
Rudolf von Sinner, Escola Superior de Teologia  
Lutheranism and Citizenship in Brazil  

A3-309
North American Religions Section and Women and Religion Section  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4C  
Catherine Brekus, University of Chicago, Presiding  
Theme: Wives, Deaconesses, and White City Women: New Studies in Gender and American Religion  
Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University  
Sex and the City: Protestant Deaconesses Answer the Woman Question and Solve the Urban Crisis  
Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College  
Women in the White City: Catalysts for an American Cultural Religion  
Seth Perry, University of Chicago  
“In Some Considerable Degree, Resigned to the Will of God”: Peggy Dow as Apostle’s Wife  
Lynn S. Neal, Wake Forest University  
White Women and White Knights: Alma White’s Battle for a Protestant America  
Beverly Lucas, Arizona State University  
A Plea for a (Re)Structured Tale: American Women’s Religious History and the Problem of Narration  
Responding:  
Margaret Lamberts Bendroth, American Congregational Associates and Library  

Luka Ilic, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia  
Flacius’s Status Confessionis as an Inspiration for von Hase, Bonhoeffer, and the Confessing Church in the Third Reich  
Gary M. Simpson, Luther Seminarry  
“Partakers of Divine Majesty”: The Question of American Empire and the Hope of International Law in Light of Luther’s Realistic Principle and Practice of God’s Publicity  
Business Meeting:  
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding  

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Philosophy of Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-PDR 2

Bradley L. Herling, Marymount Manhattan College, Presiding
Panelists:
Thomas Carroll, Boston University
Richard Amesbury, Claremont School of Theology
John J. Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University
Sarah Coakley, Harvard University
Steven Katz, Boston University

A3-311

Religion and Politics Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Continental C

Melissa Rogers, Wake Forest University, Presiding
Theme: New Directions in Religion and Politics
Panelists:
Aaron Klink, Duke University
Heidi Tauscher, Emory University
Sarah Anderson-Rajarigam, Union Theological Seminary
Sathianathan Clarke, Wesley Theological Seminary
Rachel Fell McDermott, Columbia University

Katharine Wilkinson, University of Oxford
Creating a Climate for Change? American Evangelical Discourses on Global Climate Change
Marguerite Spencer, University of St. Thomas
_Martin, Malcolm, Gone, and White Racism: Toward an Ethic of Transformative Resistance to the State_

A3-312

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

Mathew N. Schmalz, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding
Theme: _Caste, Dalits, and Christianity_
Panelists:
Jebaroja Singh, William Patterson University
George Ninan, All Saints Episcopal Church
Sarah Anderson-Rajarigam, Union Theological Seminary
Sathianathan Clarke, Wesley Theological Seminary
Rachel Fell McDermott, Columbia University

A3-313

Study of Islam Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Marquette

NEW DATE/TIME (was A2-112, Sunday, 9:00-11:00 am)
Scott Lucas, University of Arizona, Presiding
Theme: Makers of “Traditional Islam”: Identifying a Phenomenon through its Architects
Matthew Ingalls, Yale University
And God’s Hand is with the Community: Muhammad Zahid al-Kawthari and the Construction of a Late Sunni Traditionalism
Jonathan Brown, University of Washington
The Hadith Master of Our Age: Ahmad al-Ghumari (d. 1960), the Influential Shi’ite, Sufi, Salafi, Sunni Muslim
Garrett Davidson, University of Chicago
‘Abd al-Hayy al-Kattani (d. 1963) and the Chain of Transmission as a Feature of Late Sunni Traditionalism
Fareeha Khan, University of Michigan
The Place of Reform within Modern Articulations of Late Sunni Traditionalism: Ashraf ‘Ali Thanawi’s Efforts toward Islah in Modern South Asia
Tarek El-Gawhary, Princeton University
Ali Jumah and Late Sunni Traditionalism
Timur Yuskaev, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Toward an American Qur’an: Hamza Yusuf’s Transformative Traditionalism
Responding:
Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University

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A3-314

Study of Judaism Section and New Religious Movements Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Williford A

Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University, Presiding
Theme: Jews in/and New Religions
Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
From Habad Emissaries to Kabbalah Centers: New Jewish Religious Movements and the Revitalization of Judaism in the Later Decades of the Twentieth Century
Faydra Shapiro, Wilfrid Laurier University
Conversion or Completion: How Messianic Jews Can Help Us to Think About Conversion Theory
Joseph Loss, Haifa University
The Path of the Buddha in Israel: Non-Religious Post-Secularism
Michael Cohen, Brandeis University
Schechter’s Disciples: How Solomon Schechter’s Disciples Created Conservative Judaism, 1902-1946
Responding:
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

A3-315

Teaching Religion Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard B

Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, Presiding
Theme: “Religious Literacy” and Student “Spirituality”: Coming to Terms with the Terms
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College
Conflations and Confrontations: Spirituality, Religion, and Values in the Liberal Arts Classroom
Chad Bauman, Butler University
The Spectre of Spirituality: On the (In) Utility of “Spirituality” as an Analytical Category
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College
Spirituality in Higher Education? What, Where, How, Why?
Ding-hwa Evelyn Hsieh, Truman State University
Saving Grace in Classroom Teaching
Nathan Raybeck, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Measuring Religious Literacy in Faith-based Schools

A3-316

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, Presiding
Theme: Theology, Economics, and the Person
Peter Jones, Southern Methodist University
Relating Theology, Ethics, and Economics
Kathryn Tanner, University of Chicago
Theology and Economics: Beyond Character

M. Douglas Meeks, Vanderbilt University
The Church and Poverty: The Missing Link in Relating Theology and Economics
Duane Stephen Long, Marquette University
Metaphysics, Anthropology, and Capitalism
Responding:
Kathryn Blanchard, Alma College

A3-317

Afro-American Religious History Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard C

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami, Presiding
Theme: Gateway of the Spirits: African Diaspora Religions in Chicago
Elizabeth Perez, University of Chicago
Concrete Gods and Ghetto Oranges: Santería among African-Americans in the Black Metropolis
Patrick Polk, University of California, Los Angeles
Stephen Wehmeyer, California State University, Northridge
Indian Spirits on the Rock Island Line: Chicago as “Gate of Tradition” for African American Spiritualism in the Gulf South
Responding:
Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College
Business Meeting:
Anthea Butler, University of Rochester, and Julius Bailey, University of Redlands, Presiding
A3-318 New!
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Sikh Studies Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 3
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal College, Presiding
Theme: Forming Identities
Michael Sepidoza Campos, Graduate Theological Union
Babylan: Shifting Identities in Diaspora
Charles Townsend, University of California, Riverside
Garbani Kirtan and the Performance of Sikh Identity in the Southern California Diaspora
Jonathan H. X. Lee, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sacred Space, Ritual Change, and Meiguo Mazu (Taiwanese-American Goddess) in San Francisco: Identity and Community Formations
Toby Johnson, University of California, Riverside
Sikh Material Culture: Children’s Literature and Sikh Identity
Responding:
Nikky Singh, Colby College

A3-319
Chinese Religions Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Erie
James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Presiding
Theme: Women in Chinese Religions: Women as Goddesses, Vengeful Revenants, Caretakers, and Spirit Mediums
Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University, Camden
Daoist Transcendent and Popular Goddess: The Worship of Wei Huacun in North China
Jimmy Yu, Princeton University
The Power of Women as Vengeful Revenants
Xiaofei Kang, Carnegie Mellon University
Cooking in the Temples: Elderly Rural Women and Their Sacred Space in Contemporary China
Erin Cline, University of Oregon
Female Spirit Mediums and Religious Authority in Southeastern China
Responding:
Jean DeBernardi, University of Alberta
Business Meeting:
James Robson, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding

A3-320
Christian Spirituality Group and Reformed Theology and History Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Boulevard A
J. Todd Billings, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Spiritual Practices in the Reformed Tradition
Matthew Myer Boulton, Harvard University
John Calvin: Mystic and Monastic
Belden Lane, Saint Louis University
Nature and Desire: The Double Irony of Reformed Spirituality
Tim Hessel-Robinson, Brite Divinity School
Eros in Puritan Eucharistic Spirituality
Elizabeth Ford, Graduate Theological Union
Spiritual Writing as Protestant Practice: Sarah Edwards’s Experience of Grace, in Her Own Words
Adrian Weimer, Harvard University
The Everyday Rituals of Affliction in Puritan Spirituality

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MONDAY AFTERNOON

A3-321 ★
Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Wilson
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding
Theme: Kabbalah from Jerusalem to Banaras: Comparative Kabbalah in Theory and Practice
Hartley Lachter, Muhlenberg College
Imagining Kabbalah: Methodological Reflections on Mysticism as an Analytical Category
Pinchas Giller, American Jewish University
Is It Honest to Speak of Meditation in Kabbalah?
Vincent Gonzalez, University of North Carolina
Kabbalah Yoga and Coca Cola: Notes on Real Things
Responding:
Michael D. Swartz, Ohio State University, Columbus
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

A3-322 ★
Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Astoria
Michel Gardaz, University of Ottawa, Presiding
Theme: Sacrifice, the Body, and Meaning-Making
Anne Vallely, University of Ottawa
Scratching out the Body to Save the Soul: Sacrifice, the Body, and Jain Death Ritual
Stephen Quinlan, University of Ottawa
Feeding the Dead: Cosmology and Sacrifice in the Greek Hero Cult
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa
Body as Ritual Implement: Sacrifice, Ritual, and Hindu Symbolology
Pauline McKenzie Aucoin, Carleton University
Sacrifice and Initiation: Transitions to the Sacred World in Fiji
Business Meeting:
Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Amsterdam, Presiding

A3-323 ★
Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 8-9
Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College, Presiding
Theme: Desire and Shame: Exposure of Yearning
Anna Mercedes, Saint John’s University
Feminist Desires: Surrender, Pain, and Agency
Min-Ah Cho, Emory University
Deadly Bliss, Deadly Loneliness: Reading Melancholy in Hadewijch of Antwerp’s Writing about the Union with God
Denise Starkey, College of St. Scholastica
The Grammar of Shame: Sin-talk and Survivors of Abuse
Responding:
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Elizabeth Webb, William Jewell College
“The Yearning That Is Joy”: Hunger for God and Compassionate Care for Survivors of Sexual Abuse Trauma
Business Meeting:
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding

A3-324
Hinduism Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Lake Ontario
Leena Taneja, Stetson University, Presiding
Theme: Configuring Hindu Communities beyond India
Richard Fox, University of Chicago
The Agamic Function: Hinduism, Television, and Performance in Late New Order Indonesia
Michele Verma, Columbia University
Encounters of East and West Indian Hindus in New York City: Representations of the Other Within
Abhishek Ghosh, University of Chicago
When the Lord of the World Leaves his Village Home: The Causes and Implications of the Globalization of Jagannatha Worship through the Western Transplant of the Medieval Chaitanya-Vaishnava Hindu Tradition
Responding:
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

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**Islamic Mysticism Group**  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Lake Michigan

Vincent J. Cornell, Emory University, Presiding  
**Theme:** Sufism and Society in South Asia  
Erik S. Ohlander, Indiana University and Purdue University, Fort Wayne  
Mecca Real and Imagined: Transregionality and Medieval South Asian Sufi Hagiography  
Eric Rothgery, University of Iowa  
Bodies beyond Religion: Ritual Healings of Hindus and Muslims in the Sufi Tombs of Hyderabad  
Ali Mian, Duke University  
Constant Craving for the Divine: Psychoanalytic Practices in a North Indian Sufi Hospice  
Sarwar Alam, Emory University  
Sufi Pluralism in Bangladesh: The Case of the Matzhbhandariyya Tariga  
Garrison Doreck, University of Chicago  
Sufis under Surveillance in the Colonial Archive

### A3-326

**Japanese Religions Group**  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Williford C

Jacqueline Stone has withdrawn from the session.

James Dobbins, Oberlin College, Presiding  
**Theme:** New Approaches to Religion and Healing in Premodern Japan  
Andrew Goble, University of Oregon  
Medicine and Religion: Reflecting on Karmic Illness in Medieval Japan  
Michael Como, Columbia University  
Medicine, Monks, and the Politics of Healing in Nara, Japan

### A3-327

**Mormon Studies Consultation**  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
PH-Salon 7

Philip L. Barlow, Utah State University, Presiding  
**Theme:** Media, Religion, and Politics: Mitt Romney’s Campaign for the United States Presidency  
Mark Silk, Trinity College, and John Green, University of Akron  
Anti-Mormonism and the Romney Campaign; or, Did Evangelical Hostility Sink Mitt’s Ship?  
Doe Daughtrey, Arizona State University  
Vocal Mormons Meet Mitt Romney: The Impact of a Mormon Presidential Candidate on Mormon Self-expression  
Michael Paulson, Boston Globe  
Media and the Mormon Candidate: One Reporter’s View  
Business Meeting:  
James M. McLachlan, Western Carolina University, Presiding

### A3-328

**Religion and Ecology Group**  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
PH-Salon 4-6

Donna Lynne Seamone, Acadia University, Presiding  
**Theme:** Religion, Ritual, and Ecology  
Julia Watts Belser, University of California, Berkeley, and the Graduate Theological Union  
Crying Out for Rain: The Human, The Holy, and The Earth in the Ritual Fasts of Rabbinic Literature  
Susan Power Bratton, Baylor University  
Water, Purity, Politics, and Radical Ritual Transition in Early Roman Christian Art  
David Grumett, University of Florida  
Religion and Ritual in the “People’s Restoration” of Florida’s Ocklawaha River  
Responding:  
John A. Grim, Yale University

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Roman Catholic Studies Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
Daniel Speed Thompson, Saint Mary’s University, Presiding
Theme: Revisiting Figures in Twentieth-Century Catholicism
Gerard Mannion, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
How Far Did They Go and How Far Have We Come? 1968 as Ecclesial Turning Point and All That
Jennifer Heckart, Union Theological Seminary
Thinking Black: Thomas Merton’s Writings on Race
Elizabeth McCloskey, Catholic University of America
More Than A Footnote: The Footprints of Mary Luke Tobin at Vatican II
Rose Beal, Catholic University of America
The Pursuit of a “Total Ecclesiology” in the Work of Yves Congar

A3-331

Scriptural Reasoning Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Salon 12
David F. Ford, University of Cambridge, Presiding
Theme: History, the Church, and Border Crossings: Honoring the Work of the Late Daniel Hardy
Panelists:
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia
Stanley Hauerwas, Duke University
Kristen Deede Johnson, Hope College
Jacob Goodson, University of Virginia
Responding:
Mike Higton, University of Exeter

A3-332

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4K
Jeffrey Kosky, Washington and Lee University, Presiding
Theme: Theology, Practice, and the Political
Theodore Wilson Dickinson, Syracuse University
Taking a Left Turn at Alexandria: Pierre Hadot and the Possibilities of “Academic” Theology
Colby Dickinson, Catholic University of Leuven
How Theological Remains the “Psycho-politico-theological”? A Christian Response to Jewish Thought in the Works of Eric L. Santner and Judith Butler
Devin Singh, Yale University
Theology as Social Theory: Inhabiting the Secular

A3-333

Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Joliet
Jill Petersen Adams, Syracuse University, Presiding
Theme: Death, Popular Culture, and Technology
Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa
Heart and Soul: Organ Donation, Religion, and Popular Culture
Andres Carrasquillo, Northwestern University
The Death of a Friend: Mourning in the Virtual Space of Facebook
Anne-Marie Korte, University of Tilburg
Signs of the Beloved Dead in Contemporary Miracle Stories
Virginia Bartlett, Vanderbilt University
“Bring Out Your Dead”: Questioning the Motivations, Concerns, and Legal Issues Surrounding Whole Body Donation
Responding:
Christopher Moreman, California State University, East Bay

M3-400
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Governing Board Meeting
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Off site

A3-400
Film Series: Madarrpa Funeral at Gurka’way
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-PDR 1
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding
Dunlop was invited to film the funeral of a child during his time in Gurka’way among the Yolngu in Arnhem Land. This film gives a sensual account of how the Aborigines handle the emotional complexities of death and mourning in their mortuary rituals. It sensitively presents the formal and informal practices that were carried out before and after the burial and accounts for how the mortuary rituals of traditional ceremonies changed due to modern conditions. Finely depicting the cycle of songs and rituals that are performed at the child’s burial, the film visualizes the subtle and complex symbolic meanings that the mortuary rituals have for members of the Yolngu.

A3-401
Film Series: Spring, Summer, Fall, Winter... And Spring
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-PDR 2
Melissa Conroy, Muskingum College, Presiding
This Korean film portrays the story of a Buddhist monastery which floats on a lake in a pristine forest, and the monk who passes through the seasons of his life from childhood to old age. The film uses images more than dialogue to tell the story of his life and its challenges under the eye of his master. The passage of time brings slow learning and understanding through death, suffering, and redemption, and ultimately shows that the cycle goes on.

A3-402
Program Unit Chairs and Steering Committee Reception
8:00 pm-10:00 pm
CHT-AAR Suite
Program unit chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

Symbol Key:
- 2008 US Elections
- AAR Award Winners
- Arts Series
- Books Under Discussion
- Business Meeting
- Especially for Students
- Film
- New Program Unit
- Professional Practices & Institutional Location Sessions
- Receptions and Breakfast
- Sustainability and Religion
- South Asian Scholars & Scholarship
- Tour
- Wildcard Session
M29-400

Schleiermacher, the Study of Religion, and the Future of Theology: A Transatlantic Dialogue
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
Swift Hall
University of Chicago Divinity School
1025 E. 58th Street, Chicago, IL

The Schleiermacher Group of the AAR and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago invite you to extend your AAR travel to attend an international Schleiermacher conference in Hyde Park probing the viability of Schleiermacher's theological and philosophical program in light of its contested place in the study of religion today.

Opening Lecture and Reception
Richard Crouter, Carleton College
A Precarious Journey—The Art of Translating Schleiermacher

For more information: http://marty-center.uchicago.edu/conferences/schl/index.shtml.

M30-100

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception — Main Editors
9:00 am-5:00 pm
CHT-Pullman Boardroom

M30-101

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Themes:
1. Schleiermacher and the Study of Religion Today
2. Schleiermacher and the Prospects of a Transcendental-Anthropological Theory of Religion

For more information: http://marty-center.uchicago.edu/conferences/schl/index.shtml.

M30-200

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Women of Color Scholarship Program
1:00 pm-5:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D

M30-201

Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians
1:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4C

Theme: Being Church in the Public Square Part I
1:15 pm-1:45 pm Registration and Social Gathering Time
1:45 pm-2:00 pm Welcome and Announcements
2:00 pm-3:30 pm Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary
Sacred Space as Potential Space: The Transforming and Empowering Potential of Sacred Built Environments
3:30 pm-4:00 pm Break
4:00 pm-6:00 pm The Dynamics of (and Barriers to) Being Church in the Public Square
Panelists:
Meghan Sweeney, Boston College
Richard Perry, Lutheran School of Theology
Jim Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary
6:00 pm-6:30 pm Worship
6:30 pm-8:30 pm SALT Conference Dinner at Location TBA

M30-401

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Women of Color Scholars Program
7:00 pm-9:00 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4F
**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

**FRIDAY**

**M31-1**

**General Board of Higher Education and Ministry Women of Color Scholars Program**

7:30 am-12:00 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4D

**M31-2**

**New Developments in Religious Studies VIII: Keeping Ourselves Current**

8:00 am-4:00 pm  
CHT-Williford B

Co-sponsored by the Program in Religion and Secondary Education at Harvard Divinity School, Religious Studies in Secondary Schools, and the Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education

This annual national conference provides an opportunity for secondary school teachers in independent and public schools to join together to meet colleagues from across the country and to hear about new developments in the fields of ethics and the major religious traditions of the world. Nationally and internationally known scholars share information about new research and resources, and teachers talk together about innovative projects they are developing.

Please visit [www.hds.harvard.edu/prse/ndrs](http://www.hds.harvard.edu/prse/ndrs) for updated information including the agenda, presentation descriptions, and registration forms.

**M31-3**

**Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies**

8:30 am-5:00 pm  
CHT-PDR 1

Lutheran women in theological and religious studies as well as some local Lutheran clergywomen gather annually for scholarship, worship, and friendship. Lutheran women scholars—including graduate students—and other women who teach or study at Lutheran colleges and seminaries are welcome to attend all or part of the meeting.

Questions? To register please contact Sandra Mejia-Vega at 1-773-380-2885 or [sandra.mejia@elca.org](mailto:sandra.mejia@elca.org).

**M31-100-CANCELLED**

**Schleiermacher, the Study of Religion, and the Future of Theology: A Transatlantic Dialogue**

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Themes:

1. Schleiermacher and the Future of Historical-Empirical Dogmatics
2. Schleiermacher and the Hermeneutics of Culture

For more information: [http://marty-center.uchicago.edu/conferences/schl/index.shtml](http://marty-center.uchicago.edu/conferences/schl/index.shtml)

**M31-104**

**Society of Anglicans and Lutheran Theologians**

9:00 am-1:00 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4F

Theme: Being Church in the Public Square Part II  
9:00 am-10:30 am Willis Jenkins, Yale University  
Neighborhood Ethics: Theology and New Forms of Urbanism  
10:35 am-11:05 am SALT Business Meeting  
11:05 am-11:15 am Short Break  
11:15 am-12:45 pm Presenter: Martin Marty, emeritus professor, University of Chicago, and editor, Christian Century  
1:00 pm Lunch at Place TBA

**M31-106**

**Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception — Editorial Board**

9:00 am-5:00 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4C

**M31-105**

**Spiritual Perception in Western Christianity**

9:00 am-5:00 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4G

**M31-107-CANCELLED**

**The Sammukham Project: Tracing the Dialogical in South Asian Religious Traditions**

9:00 am-5:00 pm  
CHT-Joliet

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**M31-208**

Wabash Center Workshop: Teaching Introductory Courses  
1:30 pm-8:00 pm  
CHT-Lake Huron

Advance registration required on the Wabash Center webpage: www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=12770.

An interactive, hands-on workshop addressing the teaching of introductory religion courses in public, private, and religiously affiliated contexts. Topics include faculty and students’ goals for learning; assignments and grading; pedagogical strategies; and what highly effective teachers do.

Dinner will be served.

Participants are eligible for a $2,000 Follow-up Department Grant to host a workshop on teaching introductory courses in your department. All participants will also receive a free copy of Barbara Walvoord’s book, *Teaching and Learning in College Introductory Religion Courses* (Blackwell, 2008).

**M31-209**

Dharma Association of North America  
2:00 pm-4:00 pm  
CHT-Lake Ontario

Theme: Conversion Issues in Christian and Dharma Traditions

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**M31-302**

Feminist Liberation Theologians’ Network  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Boulevard B

The Network’s annual gathering, to be held both at the AAR and SBL, will focus on “The Politics of Naming/Branding.” We will look at how that dynamic, with particular reference to feminism and liberation, operates in the academy, in publishing, and in public policy. All are welcome.

RSVP: Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER), 1-301-589-2509, mhunt@hers.com; Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza, Harvard Divinity School, 1-617-495-5751, Eschussler@hds.harvard.edu.

**M31-303**

Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Annual Religious Studies Review Editors Meeting  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
PH-Salon 12

**M31-311**

Art/s of Interpretation Group  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4K

Sylvestor Johnson, Indiana University, Bloomington, Presiding  
Theme: Reconceptualizing the Study of Religion from the Contact Zone(s) of North America

This session explores the implications of the uniquely modern religious problems arising within colonial and postcolonial contact zones of North America and the inherent hybridities of these zones.

David Carrasco, Harvard University  
*Contact Zone or Conquest Zone: Mexico City as the Foundation of the Americas*

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University  
*The Doctrine of Discovery: Christian Dispossession of Indigenous People from the Fifteenth Century*

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**M31-312**

Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions  
4:00 pm-6:30 pm  
PH-Salon 2

*NEW DAY/TIME*  
(was Thursday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm)

**M31-308**

The Intersection of Modernity and Theology in Nineteenth-Century Europe: William Robertson Smith, Ignaz von Dollinger, and J. R. Illingworth  
4:30 pm-6:00 pm  
PH-Madison

Harvey Hill, Berry College, Presiding  
Kenneth Parker, St. Louis University  
*The Development of Dollinger’s Modern Historiography*

Joseph Rivera, St. Louis University  
*Sacrifice and Atonement: William Robertson Smith’s Influence on Atonement Theology, 1890-1920*

Eric Moser, St. Louis University  
*J. R. Illingworth and a Modern Assimilation of Evolutionary Theory*

Responding:  
C. J. T. Talar, University of St. Thomas, Houston

Lisa J. M. Poirier, Miami University  
*The Kettle: Hybridity in Seventeenth Century New France*

Jennifer I. Reid, University of Maine  
*Mapping Post-Colonial Space: The Mi’kmaq Mission to St. Anne at Potlotek, Nova Scotia*

Respondent:  
Charles H. Long, University of California, Santa Barbara, emeritus

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**M31-406**

**Council of Societies for the Study of Religion Annual Board Meeting**
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
PH-Salon 12

**M31-407**

**Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception**
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4D

**M31-408**

**Pedagogy for the Perplexed**
7:00 pm-8:30 pm  
The Word Made Fresh
7:00 pm-8:45 pm  
CHT-International Ballroom South

**M31-410**

The Word Made Fresh  
7:00 pm-8:45 pm  
CHT-International Ballroom South

**M31-412**

An Evening with Episcopal Divinity School  
7:30 pm-9:00 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4C

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* For further information and to register: [www.pedagogyforthelperplexed.org](http://www.pedagogyforthelperplexed.org)
M31-415
Inter Religious Federation for World Peace Annual Reception
7:30 pm-9:00 pm
CHT-Marquette
Theme: Intelligent Design in the New World Encyclopedia
Intelligent design is an arena of contention. Most scientists view the theory as religion, or creationism. Conversely, Intelligent Design scholars raise concerns about the Darwinian model of evolution specifically, and the limitations of science in general.
The values-based, general knowledge New World Encyclopedia must meet challenges presented by such "hot topics." How can students learn and understand the merits of arguments from both sides, gaining proper knowledge beyond partisan bickering?

M31-423
The Institute of Ismaili Studies, Qur'anic Studies Unit Reception and Dinner
7:30 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-Astoria
The Qur'anic Studies Unit at the Institute of Ismaili Studies is pleased to invite attendees and participants of the Round Table Discussions on Pre-modern Qur'an Commentaries (M31-111) to a Reception and Dinner with its scholars and friends.
Please RSVP to Asif Alidina at rdc@iis.ac.uk.

M31-416
Pluralism Project Reception and Premiere of Documentary Film, Fremont, USA
8:30 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Continental C
You are invited to the Pluralism Project reception and the premiere of Fremont, USA, our new documentary film narrated by Diana Eck. Fremont, California is home to Peace Terrace, where Muslims and Methodists built houses of worship side by side, and Gurdwara Road, where a large Sikh community engages in creative forms of outreach. The diversity of the global Buddhist community is also present: Thai, Chinese, and Burmese temples dot the landscape. As initial filming was underway, Alia Ansari, an Afghan-American woman, was murdered while walking along a street with her daughter. Was she killed because of her headscarf? Was it a hate crime? How will the larger community respond? This film will make the challenges of religious diversity vivid, visible, and accessible for discussion.

M31-417
Evangelical Christian Scholars Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Evangelical Christians are invited to attend a reception, following the 7:00 pm lecture by Kevin Vanhoozer, entitled Remythologizing Theology, for The Word Made Fresh. (See M31-410 for the location of The Word Made Fresh).
Tom Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
At the reception, we will discuss the formation of a pre-conference before the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. For further information, contact Don Thorsen at dthorsen@apu.edu.

M31-418
Jesuit Departments of Theology and Religious Studies Reception
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Lake Michigan

M31-420
Friends of China Academic Consortium
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Williford C

M31-421
Feminist Studies in Religion, Inc. Reception
8:30 pm-10:30 pm
CHT-Williford A

M31-422
A Pagan Religious Ritual Celebrating Samhain (October 31)
8:30 pm-11:00 pm
CHT-Continental A
To be held in Grant Park (across the street from the Chicago Hilton Towers), or in CHT-Continental A in case of inclement weather.
Saturdays Additional Meetings

M1-104
The Niebuhr Society
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Kimball
Theme: Reinhold and H. Richard Niebuhr
Douglas Ottati, Davidson College
Realism and Responsibility: The Legacy of H. Richard and Reinhold Niebuhr
K. Healan Gaston, Harvard University
Debating Democracy: The Niebuhr Brothers on Secularism and the Responsibilities of the Theologian
Reports on Current Research:
John Burk, University of Edinburgh
Gary MacDonald, Southern Methodist University
Business Meeting:
Robin Lovin, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

M1-105
Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion Board Meeting
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4H

M1-106
Dharma Association of North America
8:30 am-10:15 am
CHT-Lake Ontario
Theme: Revisiting the Feminine in Dharma Traditions

M1-107
Art/s of Interpretation Group
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-LaSalle 1
Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Presiding
Theme: The Chicago School of Religion in Retrospect and Prospect: Descriptions, Prescriptions, and Predictions
Thomas A. Inopulos, Miami University
Are There Differing Sacreds in the Methodologies of Otto, Wach, and Eliade on One Side, and Durkheim on the Other Side?
Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College
After the Naming Explosion: Joachim Wach’s Unfinished Project
Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge
The Chicago School: Legacy, Longevity, Legitimacy
Responding:
Kees Bolle, University of California, Los Angeles
Casey Koons, Syracuse University
Rick Talbott, California State University, Northridge
Jerome Long, Wesleyan University

M1-111
Mennonite Scholars and Friends Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Parlor A

M1-113
Presidential Politics and Religious Rhetoric
9:00 am-11:30 am
CHT-Grand Ballroom
Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
Randall Balmer, Columbia University
Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University
Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Brite Divinity School
Michael G. Long, Elizabethtown College
Martin Marty, University of Chicago

M1-117
Religion in the Academy
9:00 am-12:00 pm
PH-Sandburg 8
Additional Meetings

M1-118
Early Methodism: Texts, Traditions, and Theologies
9:00 am-12:45 pm
PH-Buckingham

Theme: John and Mary Fletcher of Madeley: Champions of a Non-Wesleyan Methodism?
Sponsors: Liverpool Hope University, University of Manchester, and Point Loma Nazarene University

9:00 am Welcome
9:10 am Short papers on the significance of John and Mary Fletcher of Madeley by the following speakers:
William J. Abraham, Southern Methodist University
Carol Blessing, Point Loma Nazarene University
Peter Forsaith, The Oxford Centre for Church History and Methodism, Oxford Brookes University
David Wilson, University of Manchester

11:30 am Questions and Round-table discussion
12:45 pm Conclusion
For additional information, contact Kenneth Newport, knewport@hope.ac.uk

M1-125
Global Ethics and Religion Forum
9:00 am-11:30 am
PH-Ashland

*NEW TIME
(was 9:00 am-11:30 am)

Theme: The Role of Religion in a Just and Sustainable World
Mutombo Nkulu-N’Sengha, California State University, Northridge
Bumuntu: An African Paradigm
Irfan Omar, Marquette University
Religion and Secular Society
Iner Talamantes, University of California, Santa Barbara
A Native American Perspective
Philip Rossi, S.J., Marquette University
Sustaining Civil Discourse
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University
Environmental Sustainability
Whitney Sanford, University of Florida
Food Sovereignty and Social Justice
Joseph Runzo, Chapman University
War and Human Rights

M1-121
Religious Literacy: Models for Curriculum and Culture in Colleges and Universities
11:45 am-12:45 pm
PH-Clark 5

The Society for Values in Higher Education held a June institute for ten campus teams working to develop and implement curricular or co-curricular programs that address religion-study across the curriculum and difficult questions involved with religion in the academy. This session, reporting on progress and problems, will seek to generate additional support for strengthening religious literacy nationwide.

Panelists:
Richard Miller, Indiana University
Adam Gaiser, Florida State University
Robert Spivey, Society for Values in Higher Education

M1-129
Wabash Center: Lunch Table Teaching Conversations
11:45 am-12:45 pm
PH-Salon 12


Sponsored by the Wabash Center and Teaching Religion Section.
Register to join small table conversations on specific issues in the teaching of religion and theology. Enjoy a simple box lunch. Advanced registration required.
Topics include: Teaching Asian religions through art; Ideas for small group interaction; Teaching religion through blogging; and Asian and Asian North American women: Power dynamics in the classroom.
Additional topics, descriptions, more information, and registration are available on the Wabash Center websitewww.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=14267.
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**M1-201**

Mission and Biblical Interpretation: Toward a Missional Hermeneutic

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

PH-LaSalle 1

What would it mean to read the Bible with an explicit methodological starting point in an ecclesial location understood as fundamentally missional? George R. Hunsberger, professor of congregational mission and director of doctor of ministry studies at Western Theological Seminary will present an address entitled, *Starting Points, Trajectories, and Outcomes in Proposals for a Missional Hermeneutic: Mapping the Conversation*. The address will trace accents and implications in the presentations given at this Annual Meeting in recent years. The meeting will include formal responses and small group engagement with particular biblical texts. For information, visit www.gocn.org or contact Jeffrey Greenman, Wheaton College, Jeffrey.P.Greenman@wheaton.edu.

**M1-202**

Cognitive Science of Religion

1:00 pm-3:30 pm

PH-LaSalle 3

Justin Barrett, Oxford University, Presiding

Theme: *Theory of Mind, Folk Dualism, and Religious and Moral Cognition*

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia

Folk Dualism and Religious and Moral Cognition in Early China

Emma Cohen, Oxford University

Mind, Body, and the Afterlife in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Experimental and Ethnographic Evidence

Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union

*Dreaming of the Dead: A Cognitive Scientific Analysis*

Joseph Craig, Northwestern University

Islam, Virtue Theory, and the Cognitive Science of Ethics

**M1-205**

Dharma Association of North America

1:30 pm-3:00 pm

CHT-Lake Ontario

Theme: Jaina Dharma

**M1-301**

Meadville Lombard Theological School Reception

4:00 pm-6:30 pm

PH-Clark 5

**M1-303**

College Theology Society Board Meeting

4:00 pm-8:30 pm

PH-Logan

**M1-304**

The Fund for Theological Education Reception Honoring 2008-2009 Doctoral Fellows

4:45 pm-6:30 pm

CHT-Lake Michigan

**M1-305**

University of Pennsylvania Reception

5:30 pm-7:30 pm

PH-Marshfield

**M1-400**

Forum on Sports and Religion

6:30 pm-8:00 pm

PH-LaSalle 3

Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

Theme: Chicago Cubs: The Faith and the Faithful

In 1908, the Chicago Cubs defeated the Detroit Tigers four games to one to repeat as World Series champions. For 100 years the team has failed to win another championship, an achievement (so to speak) unparalleled in American sports. Yet generations of Cubs fans have continued to “keep the faith.” In this panel discussion, scholars associated with the Mercer University Press Series on Sports and Religion, and others, discuss the religious dimensions of the Cubs phenomenon.

Panelists:

Joseph Price, Whittier College

Greg Sapp, Stetson University

Chris Sheppard, University of Chicago

Reinder Van Til, Eerdmans Publishing

**M1-401**

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Reception

6:30 pm-8:30 pm

PH-Price
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

M1-402
Bahá’í Studies Colloquy
6:30 pm-9:00 pm
PH-Clark 3 and 4
Susan Maneck, Jackson State University, Presiding
Theme: Studies on the Bahá’í Faith
Christopher Hamilton, Washburn University
Complex Theologies and Politics against Preemptive War: A Comparison of American United Methodists and Bahá’í Morality and Advocacy against Preemptive War and for Peacemaking: The Case of the War in Iraq
Chelsea Horton, University of British Columbia
Potlatch, Pipe, and Prayer: Negotiating Indigenous Bahá’í Ritual in the North American West
Robert H. Stockman, DePaul University
Persian and American Bahá’í Biblical Interpretation, 1895–1912
For additional information about the Bahá’í Studies Colloquy, contact Robert Stockman at rstockman@usbnc.org or 1-847-337-7750 (cell).

M1-403
Memorial Service for Selva J. Raj
7:00 pm-8:00 pm
CHT-Williford A

M1-406
Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Salon 8

M1-408
Korean North American Systematic Theology
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Kimball
Co-sponsored by Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
Sang Hyun Lee, Presiding

M1-409
Where Religion and Ecology Meet: The Field and the Force
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
CHT-International Ballroom South
Speaker: Mary Evelyn Tucker

M1-410
Society of Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Clark 1

M1-411
Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Discussion
7:00 pm-9:30 pm
CHT-PDR 3
Theme: Religious Liberalism, Politics, and Empire: Resistance and Complicity
Our annual discussion will explore liberal religious responses to the “imperial” policies of the United States. What resources does our tradition offer for resistance to empire, and in what ways have we been complicit in imperial structures? If we are simultaneously complicit and resistant to empire, how might we move forward? A panel of scholars and pastors will introduce the theme, with plenty of time for open conversation. Confirmed presenters include Jeff Wilson, Paul Rasor, Stephanie Mitchem, and Dan McKanan.
Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Harvard Divinity School, UUA Panel on Theological Education, and Beacon Press. Participants are encouraged to attend the Meadville Lombard reception just prior to this event.

M1-413
Science and Religion Reception
Hosted by Three Centers, CTNS, IRAS, and ZCRS
7:00 pm-10:00 pm
PH-Clark 7
The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) supports research, provides MDiv and doctoral teaching through the Ian G. Barbour Chair, publishes the peer-reviewed journal Theology and Science and administers the Science and Transcendence Advanced Research Series (STARS) research grant program. The Institute for Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) has summer conferences at Star Island off the New Hampshire coast and co-publishes the peer-reviewed journal Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science.
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                    CHT-Conference Room 4C |
| 7:30 pm-9:00 pm | Presbyterian Scholars Reception  
                    *NEW DAY/TIME (was Thursday 7:00 pm-9:00 pm) |
| 7:30 pm-9:30 pm | Study of Islam Section Annual Dinner  
                    CHT-Grand Tradition Room |
| 7:30 pm-9:30 pm | Studies in Comparative Theology: Comparative Monotheism  
                    CHT-Astoria |
| 8:30 pm-10:00 pm | Religion and Ecology Reception  
                    CHT-Boulevard C |

* Annual Meeting Additional Meetings *
**ADDITIONAL MEETINGS**

**M1-417**
New Religious Movements Group Reception  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-Boulevard B

**M1-418**
Fortress Press Reception  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-Continental A  
Fortress Press invites all AAR attendees to join us for hospitality and conversation. Visit www.fortresspress.com for additional information about Fortress Press at AAR.

**M1-419**
Vanderbilt University Alumni/ae and Friends Reception  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-Continental B

**M1-420**
Azusa Pacific University Reception  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-Conference Room 4H  
Come join us! If you are faculty, students, alumni/ae, or friends of Azusa Pacific University, then we invite you to attend our reception. It will be a great time for dessert, coffee, tea, and fellowship.

**M1-421**
Walter de Gruyter Reception  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-Continental C

**M1-422**
University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Religious Studies Reception  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
PH-Salon 3

**M1-424**
Harvard University Reception  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-International Ballroom South

**M1-427**
Religion and Politics Section and Cambridge University Press Reception: Politics and Religion, a New Cambridge Journal  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-Marquette

**M1-428**
Hispanic Theological Initiative Reception  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
CHT-Williford A

**M1-432**
Emory University’s Graduate Division of Religion Reception  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
PH-Red Lacquer Room

**SUNDAY**

**M2-1**
Lutheran Theological Society of North America  
7:00 am-8:30 am  
CHT-Conference Room 4D  
7:00 am Morning Prayer  
7:15 am Theme: Middle East Peacemaking and Interfaith Initiatives  
Panelists: Carol Schersten LaHurd, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago  
Michael Trice, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
No registration required. Questions? Please contact Sandra Mejia at 1-773-380-2885 or sandra.mejia@elca.org.

**M2-2**
Center of Theological Inquiry Reception  
7:00 am-8:30 am  
PH-LaSalle 1  
The Center of Theological Inquiry invites members and friends to a breakfast reception. Peter Ochs, Stacy Johnson, and colleagues will speak on the forthcoming publication of the CTI research project on Scriptural Reasoning in the Jewish, Muslim and Christian Traditions. The Center will also honor the work of its former Director, Daniel Hardy.

**M2-3**
Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni Breakfast  
7:00 am-8:45 am  
PH-Clark 5  
Please join us for the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni Breakfast. Prior reservations are required and can be made at www.tiu.edu/divinity/alumni. Any questions can be directed to Judy Tetour at tetedean@tiu.edu or 1-847-317-8086.
M2-4
Fuller Theological Seminary: Conversation with the New Associate Dean for the Center for Advanced Theological Studies (CATS)
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-Clark 3 and 4

M2-5
New York Theological Seminary Breakfast
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-Clark 9

M2-6
Temple University Religion Department Breakfast
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-LaSalle 2

M2-7
Church of Christ/Christian Church Professors Meeting
7:00 am-9:30 am
PH-LaSalle 2

M2-8
Consultation on Theological Education and Interfaith Initiatives
7:00 am-9:30 am
CHT-Conference Room 4B

M2-9
Princeton Theological Seminary Breakfast
7:00 am-9:00 am
PH-Red Lacquer Room
Princeton Theological Seminary alumni/ae and friends are invited to join President Iain R. Torrance for breakfast and an update on new projects at the Seminary. The cost for the breakfast is $10, and advanced registration is encouraged. Visit www.ptsem.edu, and click on “Alumni/ae,” or call 1-800-622-6767, ext. 7756, to register. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Prospective students are welcome as guests of the seminary.

M2-10
Disciples of Christ Faculty/Student Breakfast
7:00 am-8:45 am
PH-LaSalle 3

M2-11
Opening Doors to Meditation
7:00 am-9:00 am
CHT-Conference Room 4I
Theme: Complexities of Meditation: Detaching and Embracing
Bokin Kim explains meditation in general and the distinctive form of sitting meditation taught by Sot’aesan, founder of Won Buddhism in the early twentieth century. She will emphasize the bodily and spiritual dimension of meditation in relation to self and world. Carlton Dallery will address trends in neuro-scientific, behavioral, and comparative inquiries on meditation and propose some ramifications of these trends for scholars and practitioners of meditation. The roundtable discussion will invite scholars interested in practicing, teaching, or doing research in meditation to share their experiences and inquiries.

After the roundtable discussion, the Won Institute will celebrate its Middle States Accreditation. Please join our celebration! Tea and refreshments will be served.
For further information, email bokin@woninstitute.org.

M2-12
Religion Compass Editorial Board Meeting
7:30 am-9:30 am
CHT-PDR 1

M2-102
A Conversation Addressing the Philosophical Discussions that Undergird the Emerging Church Movement
11:30 am-1:00 pm
PH-Red Lacquer Room

M2-104
North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies
11:45 am-12:45 pm
CHT-Conference Room 4D
Arvind Sharma, McGill University, Presiding
Theme: Seva as the Focus of Hindu Sampradayas
Panelists:
Jeffrey Long, Elizabethtown College
Rita Sharma, Binghamton College
Katherine K. Young, McGill University
Shruti, Shruti Foundation
For additional information, please contact Arvind.Sharma@McGill.ca.
M2-107

Maimonides: The Life and World of One of Civilization's Greatest Minds
11:45 am-12:45 pm
CHT-Marquette

M2-200

The Future of Biblical Studies
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Wilson

All AAR members are invited to a conversation about the future of biblical studies. We will discuss questions such as: What is the appropriate role for biblical studies in AAR? What interdisciplinary conversations are possible? How can biblical studies reach out to scholars of religion and theology? What topics should biblical studies address in the coming years?

We hope for broad interaction between biblical scholars and other AAR members interested in cooperating with biblical scholars.

Panelists:
Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press
Teresa Hornsby, Drury University
Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary
Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School
Rodney S. Sadler Jr., Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Charlotte
Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
Frank Yamada, McCormick Theological Seminary

M2-201

Educating Religious Leaders for a Multi-Religious World
1:00 pm-3:30 pm
PH-Salon 12

M2-202

Wabash Center and Louisville Institute Grant Writing Consultation
1:30 pm-5:00 pm
CHT-PDR 7

Drop in for conversation about your grant ideas or help with grant writing. Appointments are not required, but are preferred and may be made in advance at the Wabash Center webpage, www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=14268.

M2-301

Cognitive Science of Religion: Research Forum
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Indiana

M2-302

Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting
4:00 pm-6:30 pm
CHT-McCormick Boardroom

M2-303

ReligionDispatches Reception
5:30 pm-7:30 pm
PH-Clark 7

M2-305

Oxford University Press Journals Reception
5:30 pm-6:30 pm
PH-Clark 5

M2-306

Theology Pub on Emerging Church
6:00 pm-8:00 pm
Bar Louie's
47 West Polk Street

Join hostess Nadia Bolz-Weber (House for All Sinners and Saints, Denver, and author, Salvation on the Small Screen? 24 Hours of Christian Television) for a Theology Pub featuring:

Pete Rollins (Ikon, Belfast, author, How (Not) To Speak of God and The Fidelity of Betrayal: Towards a Church Beyond Belief)
Becky Garrison (Religious satirist, author, Rising From the Ashes: Re-thinking Church)
Doug Gay (University of Glasgow, author, Alternative Worship: Resources from and for the Emerging Church)
Nannette Sawyer (Wicker Park Grace, author, Hospitality: The Sacred Art)
Ryan Bolger (Fuller Seminary, author, Emerging Churches: Creating Christian Community in Postmodern Cultures).


M2-402

The Centre of Theology and Philosophy
6:45 pm-9:15 pm
CHT-Waldorf

Nathan Kerr, Trevecca Nazarene University, Presiding


Panelists:
Starr King School for the Ministry, Harvard Divinity School, UUA Panel on Theological Education, and Beacon Press.

**M2-406**

Durham University Department of Theology and Religion
Reception for Theology, Ethics, and Study of Religion
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Wilson

Friends and alumni/ae of Durham University are warmly welcomed to the reception where they will be informed about significant developments in the department during the last year.

**M2-407**

Muktabodha Indological Research Institute
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Clark 3 and 4

**M2-408**

Denver University/Iliff School of Theology Joint PhD Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-LaSalle 3

**M2-409**

The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture
Reception
7:00 pm-8:30 pm
PH-Marshfield

The Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture will host a reception promoting its various programs.
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