2009 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Childcare
Childcare is offered for an hourly fee to AAR members. KiddieCorp childcare is a service subsidized by the AAR for members with families attending the Annual Meeting. Onsite registration is limited to available space. Childcare is located in the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in the Saint Laurent and Gatineau rooms.

Find a Friend Board
The boards, located in the registration area of the Palais des Congrès, provide a voluntary colleague locator system. Print-out sheets will list those individuals who elected to have their information posted on the boards. Those who did not choose this option ahead of time may add their names.

Food Outlet
If you need a quick bite to eat, a concessions service is available in the Exhibit Hall of the Palais des Congrès during exhibit hours. There are also a number of restaurants located on the first floor of the Palais.

General Attendee Message Boards
Located at the Registration Area in the Palais des Congrès. Messages are posted alphabetically on the self-serve board.

Lost and Found
Please return any found items to the AAR Member Services desk in the Registration Area of the Palais des Congrès. Any unclaimed items at the end of the meeting will be turned over to the Palais' lost and found.

Cyber Café
A free Cyber Café is located in the back of the Exhibit Hall for your convenience.

Wireless Internet Access
Wireless internet service is accessible in two hotspots on the 2nd and 5th floors of the Palais des Congrès for CAN$3.99/hour or CAN$14.99/day.
HOURS OF OPERATION

AAR PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, November 6
Welcome Reception .................................. 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

Saturday, November 7
Program Unit Sessions .............................. 9:00 am–6:30 pm

Sunday, November 8
Program Unit Sessions .............................. 9:00 am–6:30 pm

Monday, November 9
Program Unit Sessions .............................. 9:00 am–6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 10
Program Unit Sessions .............................. 9:00 am–11:30 am

ONSITE REGISTRATION
Registration Area, Palais des Congrès
Friday, November 6 .................................... 9:00 am–9:00 pm
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JOB CENTER ONSITE REGISTRATION
Palais des Congrès, Hall 210
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Saturday, November 7 ............................... 8:00 am–7:00 pm
Sunday, November 8 .................................. 8:00 am–7:00 pm

JOB CENTER
Palais des Congrès, Hall 210
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EXHIBIT HALL
Palais des Congrès, Hall 220
Saturday, November 7 ............................... 8:30 am–5:30 pm
Sunday, November 8 .................................. 8:30 am–5:30 pm
Monday, November 9 ............................... 8:30 am–5:30 pm
Tuesday, November 10 ............................ 8:30 am–12:00 pm
HOTEL INFORMATION

1. Fairmont Queen Elizabeth
   900 Rene-Levesque Boulevard West
   Phone: 514-861-3511

2. La Centre Sheraton Montréal
   1201 Rene-Levesque Boulevard West
   Phone: 514-878-2000

3. Holiday Inn Select Montréal
   99 Viger Avenue West
   Phone: 514-878-9888

4. Hotel InterContinental Montréal
   360 Saint Antoine Street West
   Phone: 514-847-8550

5. Hyatt Regency Montréal
   1255 Jeanne-Mance
   Phone: 514-982-1234
GETTING AROUND MONTRÉAL

SHUTTLE SERVICE

A complimentary shuttle service will be available to transport attendees between the Palais des Congrès and the headquarters hotels. Shuttle service will not be available from the Holiday Inn Select, InterContinental, or the Hyatt Regency. Annual Meeting attendees who require special transportation assistance may check at the information stations at Registration for assistance.

Buses will depart every 15 minutes on the following schedule:

Friday, Nov. 6 ............................................. 8:00 am–10:00 pm
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Tuesday, Nov. 10 .......................... 6:45 am–1:00 pm

MÉTRO

In addition, Annual Meeting attendees may want to use Montréal’s Métro system. Fares are CAN$2.75 each way, but a three-day tourist pass with unlimited rides is only CAN$17.00. The Palais des Congrès is located adjacent to the Place-d’Armes station, making it accessible from locations throughout the city. From La Centre Sheraton it is a short walk to the Bonaventure station, and from the Fairmont Queen Elizabeth, it is a short walk to the Square-Victoria station. More information about the Métro, including maps, fares, and hours of operation, can be found at www.stm.info/English/metro/a-somm.htm.

UNDERGROUND CITY

Finally, Montréal’s underground city provides an easy way to get between destinations without having to brave the cold November weather. The Underground City is directly under the heart of the city. Constantly growing, the “city” — which links many major buildings and multi-level shopping malls in the area — is a shopper’s paradise in any season. You’ll be amazed by its brightly lit, scrupulously clean passageways, linking thousands of boutiques, major hotels, restaurants, universities, dozens of office buildings, and attractions. Every day more than 500,000 people connect through here on their way to work, shop, dine, or spend a night — or day — on the town. Safe and sheltered from the elements, the Underground City offers a huge range of goods and services as well as a handy way to get from place to place without weather or traffic problems. For a map of the underground, see www.stm.info/English/info/souterrain2008.pdf.
ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

Please visit the AAR Member Services Desk located in Registration if you encounter any problems with accessibility in Annual Meeting locations. La Route Accessible, Montréal’s accessibility guide, can be picked up at the Member Services Desk.

Shuttle service is available to meeting hotels for the convenience of Annual Meeting attendees, including a barrier-free bus. Please notify the shuttle attendant at the bus stop if you require assistance.

If shuttle service is not adequate to meet an attendee’s physical needs in navigating official Annual Meeting locations, AAR will reimburse the cost of making alternative arrangements (i.e., a private taxi). To receive the reimbursement, please submit all taxi receipts with a letter detailing the nature of your physical disability and the Annual Meeting locations that were inaccessible no later than January 31, 2010. Only travel between official Annual Meeting locations (hotels listed on the Hotel Locator page in this Program Book) and the Palais des Congrès will be covered.

Please see www.larouteaccessible.com/index.php/en/accueil/filter?region=2 for a list of accessible transportation options. Please note that the Métro and the Underground City are NOT accessible in many locations for persons with disabilities.

Wheelchair Rental Companies

Adaptel
5164 Charleroi Street
514-328-1892
www.adaptel.qc.ca

Amedco
2127 Bélanger Street East
514-722-8220
www.amedco.qc.ca

Maison André-Viger
6700 St-Denis Street
514-274-7560
www.andreviger.qc.ca
ANNUAL MEETING JOB CENTER

ANNUAL MEETING JOB CENTER

Held this year in Hall 210 of the Palais des Congrès, the Job Center provides employers and candidates with interview facilities, a message service center, job listings, and candidate credentials for review.

All Annual Meeting registrants are invited to visit the center. Those who expect to be conducting a job search at future Annual Meetings are especially encouraged to tour the center, particularly after the center’s busiest time on Saturday, November 7.

LOCATION
Palais des Congrès, Hall 210

Job Center Hours of Service

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*On Friday, November 6, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, the Job Center will be open with the exception of the interview hall. Registrants are encouraged to review CVs and position advertisements, utilize the message center, and make or confirm interview reservations. Registration will be open for those who need to register onsite.

CANDIDATE SERVICES

All registered candidates receive:

- Opportunity to file a CV for employer review.
- Access to the Job Center message system to send and receive confidential communication with registered employers.
- Use of a drop box to leave employers requested documents.

All candidates have the option of filing a CV with the Job Center. Those who registered by October 13 had the option of uploading an electronic CV. Organized by job classification, the online CVs are available to employers through January 31, 2010, and onsite at the Annual Meeting Job Center. Onsite registrants and those who did not upload their CV by the deadline may bring two copies to the Job Center to be filed alphabetically. Please see www.aarweb.org/jump/jobcenter for more information.

Candidate Fees

Onsite registration: $50

EMPLOYER SERVICES

All registered employers receive:

- Use of the Interview Hall and the ability to invite any Annual Meeting registrant to an interview.
- Placement of job advertisement in the Annual Meeting Edition of Job Postings, available onsite to all candidates.
- Job Center icon next to Job Postings Online job advertisement.
- Access to candidate credentials, in print at the Job Center and online through January 31, 2010.
- Access to the Job Center message system to send and receive confidential communication with registered candidates.
- Ability to reserve a Private Interview Room for an additional fee.

Employers who register onsite will not be able to reserve Private Interview Rooms or Interview Hall space prior to arriving onsite.

Employer Fees

First job: $325 onsite
Each additional job: $85 onsite
THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION
CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL

In 1909, Professor Ismar J. Peritz of Syracuse University conceived of the idea of forming a new organization for professors and scholars of biblical studies. Its purpose was to stimulate scholarship and teaching in religion. During that year, Professor Peritz along with three colleagues — Irving Wood of Smith College, Raymond C. Knox of Columbia University, and Olive Dutcher of Mount Holyoke College — founded the Association of Biblical Instructors in American Colleges and Secondary Schools, which held its first program in 1910.

The group continued to meet under the original name until December 1922, when members voted to change the name to the National Association of Biblical Instructors, and thereby acquired the acronym NABI (“prophet” in Hebrew). In 1933, the Journal of the National Association of Biblical Instructors was launched and published twice a year until 1937 when the name was changed to the Journal of Bible and Religion, a quarterly periodical.

By 1963, the Association, sparked by dramatic changes in the study of religion, was ready for another transformation. Upon the recommendation of a self-study committee, NABI became the American Academy of Religion. Two years later, the name of the journal was changed to the Journal of the American Academy of Religion.

Today, the Academy’s executive offices are located in the Luce Center on the campus of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. AAR provides a major publishing program, grants and awards, professional services, an annual North American meeting, and ten regional meetings through which it serves its members and the advancement of the field.

From a base of four founding members in 1909, the AAR’s membership has grown to more than 10,000. Our members are largely faculty and graduate students at colleges, universities, and divinity schools in North America, with a growing percentage located at institutions of higher education in Asia, Africa, and Europe.

Beginning with our Annual Meeting this year in Montréal, and continuing through our 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, the AAR is sponsoring a series of special events and programs to celebrate our Centennial anniversary.

THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING IN MONTRÉAL

Each year at the Annual Meeting, our membership has the privilege of hearing leading scholars offer addresses to the entire AAR membership. Our President offers his or her presidential address and invites three or four other prominent scholars to offer additional plenary addresses. To help kick off our Centennial in Montréal, President Mark Juergensmeyer has arranged for a series of speakers who will focus on timely topics in the study of religion.

Beyond Words and War: The Global Future of Religion
In his address, Mark Juergensmeyer will explore how the study of religion will likely evolve during the twenty-first century. He will argue that while many current approaches will endure, there will be new syntheses and collaborations that will emerge, and that religious studies will increasingly be seen at the center of understanding our contemporary global world.

Contemporary Islam: The Meaning and the Need of a Radical Reform
Named by Time magazine as one of the 100 most important innovators of the twenty-first century, Professor Tariq Ramadan occupies a unique place among leading Islamic thinkers. A Swiss national, he is a professor of theology at the University of Oxford. Ramadan has explored the difficult issues of reinterpretation and reform within Islam itself and between the Islamic world and its neighbors around the globe.

Islam and Modernity
Speakers on this panel will explore how Islamic thinkers and activists are facing the great social changes associated with modernity. They will probe how Islamic responses to modernity differ from responses of other religious traditions, and seek to address the future of Islamic ideas in a postmodern world. Speakers include:

- Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside
- Tariq Ramadan, University of Oxford
- Nilüfer Göle, L’Ecole des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
- Robin Wright, United States Institute of Peace

Rethinking Secularism
This panel brings together some of the most articulate social theorists writing on the subject. They will explore the roots of the secular ideal in eighteenth century European Enlightenment thought, the way it is diversely conceived in the present day around the world, and how the concept is changing. They raise the question of whether we are moving into a new moment of history marked by resurgent religion in public life — a post-secular age. Speakers include:

- Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Charles Taylor, McGill University
- José Casanova, Georgetown University
Global Perspectives on Religious Studies

Scholars on this panel will address questions like these: Are there differences between the European and American paradigms of religious studies, and is the field of religious studies conceived differently in India, Indonesia, Mexico, and elsewhere? Is there resentment over what may be regarded as the intellectual colonialism of transported analytic frameworks from the West around the world, and are there new currents of intellectual creativity in disparate parts of the world that may be appropriated by Western scholars? Panelists will describe how religious studies as a field fares within their own regions, how it is changing and becoming innovative, and how it interacts with the scholarship from the European and American academic community. Speakers include:

- Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
- Azyumardi Azra, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University
- Shrivatsa Goswami, Radha Raman Temple
- Koichi Mori, Doshisha University
- Kim Knott, University of Leeds
- Sylvia Marcos, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos and Claremont Graduate University

Centennial Reception

In addition to lectures and addresses, in Montréal we will hold a special Centennial Gala Reception (A7 -408) that will honor past AAR presidents, executive directors, and this year’s distinguished guests (9:00 pm–11:00 pm in the Palais des Congrès Room 710).

THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING IN ATLANTA

Our Centennial celebration will conclude at the 2010 Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Program plans are still being developed, but to date we know that Ann Taves, who will serve as President in 2010, is planning an interesting series of plenary addresses.

Under President Taves’ guidance, the Atlanta program will return to single plenary speakers who will address the broad theme of “Religion and Science,” with particular attention to the ways that new research on the brain/mind, and new scholarship on primatology can inform thinking about religion. Plenary speakers for the Atlanta meeting will include Frans B. M. de Waal, Emory University, and Anne Harrington, Harvard University. In addition, the AAR will hear from Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago, who will deliver our “Lifetime of Learning Lecture.”

THE AMERICAN LECTURES IN THE HISTORY OF RELIGIONS: A CENTENNIAL VISION, 2009 AND 2010

We are grateful to AAR member Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Chair of the History of Religions Book Award Jury, and fellow jurists Paula Arai, Louisiana State University; Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University; and Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University, who have been working for some time to revive the Academy’s American Lectures in the History of Religions.

To help celebrate the AAR’s Centennial this group has conceived and planned two Centennial Scholars and Artists Panels to be held at the 2009 and 2010 Annual Meetings. Structured as a conversation among distinguished and intellectually exciting scholars and/or artists, the panels will treat historical themes of pressing importance for the academy in an innovative and interdisciplinary format.

The title of the 2009 event is “Our Home and Native Land: Colonial Encounters and the History of Religion, Spirituality and the Secular.” The title, drawn from the lyrics of the Canadian national anthem, points to the unavoidable ambivalence that comes with being “at home” in postcolonial worlds. Framed as an interdisciplinary conversation that includes scholars and artists who have questioned the complicated nexus of religion and colonialism, the panel will reflect upon changing patterns of inquiry among those engaged in thinking about and depicting the history of religions.

Speakers on this year’s panel will include:

- George Elliott Clarke, University of Toronto
- Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California, Berkeley
- Alanis Obomsawin, National Film Board of Canada
- Ines Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Centennial Scholars and Artists Panel to be held at the Atlanta Annual Meeting in 2010 will be entitled “Bondage and Liberation: Questioning Debts to Slavery and Enslavement to Debt.”

Building on the 2009 AAR/ALHR panel’s interest in “The Nexus of Religion and Colonialism,” the 2010 panel will explore the themes of bondage and liberation with a particular focus on the connections among religions and economies. The panel will point to new theoretical possibilities opened by renewed attention to economic and class concerns in the study of history of religions in our “new” age of globalization. The purpose of this panel discussion is to elicit reflection on how scholars and critics of religion who are concerned with matters of economic and social justice can face this cyclical story squarely, find creative new ways to tell it, and do so without succumbing to nihilism or despair. Watch for announcements about the speakers who will be on this panel.
A NEW PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS: THE INTERNATIONAL DISSERTATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The Academy is pleased to announce the inauguration of a new program designed to support our interest in international connections and to serve the needs of our student members. Beginning in the spring of 2010, the AAR will award two International Dissertation Research Fellowships annually. Each Fellowship will carry a grant of $5,000 to help cover expenses related to doing dissertation research abroad. Only student members of the AAR who are at the "ABD" stage of their studies will be eligible to apply. The Fellowships will be awarded on a competitive basis by a panel of senior AAR members selected by the President. Application materials and the rules governing the program will be posted on the AAR website soon.

A SPECIAL EDITION OF THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION

The *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* is also helping to observe the AAR’s Centennial anniversary. The editorial board of *JAAR* has put forth a formal call for papers that examines the ways in which the study of religion has changed over the last several decades. This special issue of *JAAR* will be entitled "The AAR at 100: A Centennial Reflection."

A NEW LOOK FOR THE AAR

Centennial celebrations take all sorts of forms, including how one chooses to look! After a good deal of research and work with an Atlanta graphic arts firm, the AAR will launch a new appearance this fall. The centerpiece is a new logo, which will be complemented by a redesign of our stationery, publications format, and printed materials.

THE AAR CENTENNIAL FUND

In 1996, the American Academy of Religion formally launched the Academy Fund, the core of AAR’s fundraising program. Encouraged by an earlier capital campaign and quiet giving opportunities, the Academy Fund has continued to attract donors and has seen increasing financial support over the past thirteen years.

As the AAR turns 100, we introduce the Centennial Fund, a special edition of the Academy Fund. The Centennial Fund will be supported by donations that are received during the AAR’s Centennial Celebration, from August 1, 2009–December 31, 2010. Members can choose to have their gift support the General Centennial Fund or can designate their gift toward the International Dissertation Research Grants. We hope to endow this project in the future.

The General Centennial Fund will provide operational and program support to the AAR, including individual and collaborative research grants and exciting new technological enhancements and networking opportunities that will benefit members. Keep an eye on the *E-bulletin* and *Religious Studies News* for more news about this.

We have asked our staff and our board to carefully consider their donations to either of these funds and we encourage every member to make a charitable contribution to support the Centennial Fund. We suggest any new donor consider a minimum initial gift of $100 to commemorate our 100 years. In an effort to enable more members to support the Centennial Fund we have introduced recurring giving, which allows the donor to make payments on a credit card, on a schedule of your choice. Members can also make a pledge to support the Centennial Fund. To ensure your pledge is credited toward the Centennial Fund, pledges must be completed by December 31, 2010. Each gift makes a difference.

As the AAR begins to celebrate the second century and as the Centennial Fund kicks off, we thank you for your generosity and ask you for your continued support.
LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

Three Religion Majors Meet in a Cafe: What Do They Have in Common?

Friday, November 6, 9:00 am–4:00 pm

The Teagle/AAR Working Group, which produced the white paper "The Religion Major and Liberal Education," (RSN, October 2008) identified five common characteristics that suggest the religious studies major is by its very nature: intercultural and comparative, multidisciplinary, critical, integrative, and creative and constructive. In this interactive workshop, participants will have an opportunity to discover and discuss this constellation of characteristics. They will then explore the presence of these characteristics in the design of majors in different institutional contexts (small public, large public, private, and theological). The workshop will conclude with presentations and discussions about how we address these in ways attentive both to our responsibilities as educators and to the students and the reasons they are in our programs. This is the first in a three-year sequence of workshops that will explore the implications of the Teagle White Paper.

Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.

The cost for the workshop is US$100, which includes the entire day of sessions, lunch, and a book on the topic.

Preliminary Agenda:

9:00 AM–9:15 AM L. DeAne Lagerquist, Saint Olaf College — Introduction

9:15 AM–10:00 AM Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College  
*The Convergent Characteristics of the Religious Studies Major: Findings of the Teagle Working Group*

10:00 AM–10:45 AM *Institutional Perspectives: How These Characteristics Play Out in Different Institutional Contexts*

Theological Schools: Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
Large Public Universities: Manuel Vasquez, University of Florida
Small Public Universities: Paul Bowlby, Saint Mary's University
Private Universities: Darryl Caterine, Le Moyne College

10:45 AM–11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM–12:00 PM Break-out Session

12:00 PM–1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM–2:00 PM Patricia Killen, Pacific Lutheran University  
*Student Dynamics: How Do We Address the Five Characteristics in Ways Attentive to Our Students and the Reasons They Are There (Preparing for Graduate School, for Seminary, “Just Interested,” or Fulfilling a Requirement or Elective).*

2:00 PM–2:45 PM Break-out Session

2:45 PM–3:00 PM Break

3:00 PM–4:00 PM Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College  
*Plenary Wrap Up: What Have We Learned?*

The Leadership Workshop is arranged by the Academic Relations Committee of the American Academy of Religion, chaired by Fred Glennon.
This year’s annual Religion and Media Workshop will highlight how religious texts, scripts, and codes make and unmake political and social worlds. Interdisciplinary panels, discussions, and performances will interrogate how media texts translate religion for global publics, how media scripts religious and national identities, and how religious cultures code the transmission and reception of media objects. The thirtieth anniversary of the Iranian Revolution will anchor the day’s interdisciplinary examination of the relationships between religion, media, cultural authority, and social change.

We invite you to join a discussion of these themes with leading reporters, performers, and academics. This year’s unique three-part workshop includes panels, a performance, and small group discussion. Our morning program features a series of interdisciplinary panels on representation, performance, authority, and technology across religious traditions and in a variety of geographic contexts, as well as in media contexts that confound geography. As always, there will be ample time for small thematic conversations around issues of urgent relevance to the study of religion and media. Sessions include:

- Jenna Tiitsman, University of North Carolina and Auburn Media
- Kaley Middlebrooks Carpenter, Villanova University
- Isaac Weiner, Georgia State University
  *Legal Discourse of Religious Noise and Public Space*
- Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado
  *Regulation and Authority within Islam Online*
- Shanny Luft, University of North Carolina
  *Evangelical Regulation of Film-watching in the Early Twentieth Century*
- J. Barton Scott, Duke University
  *India Authentic*
- Neil Arner, Yale University
  *Religious Pluralism, Publicity, and Politics*
- Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
  *Religion and Performance*
- Setrag Manoukian, McGill University
  *Iranian Post-election Multimedia Analysis*

*Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.*

The cost for the workshop is US$70, which includes the entire day of sessions and lunch.
TEACHING STRATEGIES WORKSHOP

Space, Place, and Religious Meaning in the Classroom

Friday, November 6, 12:00 pm–6:00 pm

Sponsored by the AAR Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

As religious studies teachers, we tend to be skilled at integrating textual material, social historical analysis, ethnography, sociological study, and other approaches into our courses, but we often neglect to include a sensitivity to and sensibility of religious constructions of space and place, despite the fact that these components are central to religious experience. This half-day workshop is intended to aid faculty in the development of classroom techniques that incorporate the study of religious space and place into our courses. Participants in the workshop will: 1) Deepen their intellectual sensitivity to space and place as components of religion; and 2) Learn specific techniques to employ religious space and place in the classroom.

Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College, Presiding

Preliminary Agenda:

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*Introductions and Address on Theoretical Understandings and Methods in the Study of Space, Place, and Religious Meaning*  
This session will be to provide an overview of approaches to the study of space and place for nonexperts. It will focus on how the various approaches can be deployed in the classroom to help students ground their study of religious space and place. |
| 1:00 pm–2:15 pm | Lunch (provided). Lunch groups will be encouraged to reflect on how the theoretical material present in the first session might be applied to special places they already use in their classes and lectures, or locations they have been to or plan to visit that they would like to incorporate into their courses. Participants will begin to think critically about the types of spaces/places they might integrate into their courses. |
| 2:15 pm–4:00 pm | Panel discussion with audience on the use of space and place by professors of religious studies whose work focuses on a variety of religious traditions and geographical locations. Panelists include Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University; David Simonowitz, University of California, Los Angeles; David R. Bains, Samford University; Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter’s College; Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina; and Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College. Each of these scholars focus their research on the study of space/place and will share their classroom strategies pertaining to the study of a range of religious traditions. |
| 4:00 pm–4:15 pm | Coffee/Tea break |
| 4:15 pm–5:15 pm | Small Group Breakout Sessions. Group members will focus on the syllabi they have brought with them, discussing ways to incorporate strategies posed during the Panel Discussion. |
| 5:15 pm–6:00 pm | Full group discussion, questions, and answers. |

Lunch will be provided.

Registration is limited to 45 participants. No fee is required. Workshop is currently full, but please check at Registration if you would like to attend.
Teaching the environmental crisis poses unique challenges and opportunities for higher education. The scope and extent of the threat demands that faculty inform themselves about a host of practical, theological, moral, historical, and political concerns that probably were not part of their original scholarly field. This workshop will give participants the chance to examine their own responses to the environmental crisis, the time to engage with faculty concerning teaching resources, sample syllabi and course modules, and the ways to connect with others in the campus sustainability movement. Material will be provided to support the development of "Religion and Environment" courses, and integration of environmental themes into courses such as "Introduction to Religious Studies," "Social Ethics," "Religion and Politics," or studies of particular religions. We will take up relevant theological issues, moral problems, the role of religious environmentalism in relation to other social movements, and engaged teaching techniques designed to connect students to these crucial moral issues and their meaning for life on earth.

The Sustainability Workshop is arranged by the Sustainability Task Force of the American Academy of Religion:
Registration is limited to the first 75 participants, and the cost is US$75 onsite.
TOUR INFORMATION

[SOLD OUT] A6-402 Ghost Hunt Tour of Old Montréal for Graduate Students
Friday, 8:00 pm–12:00 am
The graduate students from Université du Québec, Montréal, Concordia University, Université de Montréal, and McGill University want to introduce AAR graduate students to some of the “spooky” history and night life of Montréal. Graduate students are invited to sign up for a Ghost Hunt tour through the streets of Old Montréal followed by stops at three night spots that showcase local microbreweries, Montréal night life, and maybe even some French Canadian culture (beverage samples and a few nibblies will be included).

A8-281 Eastern Religious Sites of Montréal: Putting Down Roots
Sunday, 3:00 pm–7:30 pm
This bus tour will take us to the west island suburbs of Montréal where several Eastern religious communities have taken root.

The tour will include stops at the Tibetan Buddhist Temple Gaden Chang Chub Chöling. This temple, like many sites used by “new” non-Christian traditions in Canada, has converted a bank building into a temple space. Founded in 1980 and established in 1986, the center offers a range of religious ritual practices and cultural development activities. For more information, visit www.khenrab.org.

The second stop will take us to the “most beautiful Gurdwara in Montréal.” Following the trend of other religious communities, this Gurdwara is built in a semi-industrial neighborhood in a suburb twice removed from the city center where land and zoning bylaws are easier to negotiate. The space includes an impressive example of traditional Gurdwara construction with a community that is ready to answer our questions.

The last stop on the tour will take us further down the island of Montréal into the suburb of Dollard Des Ameaux where we will visit the Thiru Murugan Temple, a Sri Lankan Tamil Saivite Temple constructed in the traditional style of South Indian architecture, clearly the most beautiful example of its kind in the region. Our timing should coincide with a puja service, giving us the opportunity to share an experience with this most welcoming community. For more information, visit www.montrealmurugantemple.faithweb.com.

[SOLD OUT] A9-6 Walking Tour of Old Longueuil and a Visit to the Archives of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary
Monday, 8:30 am–1:00 pm
The study of the religion, history, and culture of French Canada is not complete without an understanding of the role of Catholic religious orders of women. In the second half of the nineteenth century, numerous religious communities of women were started in Québec. The social influence of their lives and institutions is of particular interest to historians and scholars of religion.

The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) is one example of the historical contribution Catholic sisters made to French Canada. Founded in Longueuil, Quebec, in 1843 by Eulalie Durocher (Mother Marie Rose), the SNJM order is the first congregation of women to be founded by a French Canadian woman. Prior to Durocher’s initiative, orders of Catholic sisters in Canada belonged to congregations from France or were founded by sisters who came from France. In less than 150 years, Durocher’s followers grew to over 7,000 members in 277 institutions around the world.

The session will begin with a walking tour of some of the historical sites of Old Longueuil followed by a visit to the nineteenth century foundation house of the SNJM sisters and a presentation by the archivists of significant documents and artifacts.

Lunch is included.

Organized by Susan M. Maloney, SNJM, University of Redlands.

A9-234 Sacred and Religious Sites of Montréal Bus Tour: Tradition in Transition
Monday, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm
This religious sites tour will explore several encounters between the old and the new. Beginning with a stop at Saint Joseph’s Oratory, we will have the opportunity to explore the world’s largest Catholic site dedicated to Saint Joseph. This ten-story building with an impressive footprint on the Montréal landscape attracts millions of pilgrims (and tourists) the world over. Recently, the site has embraced its status as a pilgrimage site for non-Christians too. For more information, see www.saint-joseph.org/en_1007_index.asp.

The second stop will highlight the ongoing transformation of religious sites in the city center with tour guides from Mile End Memories leading us on a forty-five minute walk that explores the impressive architectural and religious diversity of a dozen places of worship. Collectively, the sites offer testimony to the passage of several different cultural communities through the multicultural neighborhood of Mile End. This part of the tour will be outdoors, so please dress warmly.

The final stop will provide the opportunity to visit a brand new religious site, the Durkai Amman Temple Kovil, a Sri Lankan Tamil Saivite Temple that serves a small but growing community of practitioners. Currently under renovation, the site offers access to a ritual space that from the inside could be anywhere on the South Asian subcontinent. For more information, visit www.mtldurkai.com.
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Tours fill up quickly and are first come, first serve! Visit the Registration area in the Palais des Congrès to sign up. No refunds will be given on tours.
STUDENT LOUNGE ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSIONS

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the American Theological Library Association (ATLA)

The Student Lounge is a place for students to relax in the midst of the hectic Annual Meeting. We hope that you will take advantage of the free coffee and chance to talk with fellow students. The lounge will be open Saturday–Monday, 8:00 am to 6:30 pm and Tuesday, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. The Graduate Student Committee has also organized a series of roundtable discussions on topics related to professionalization and student life. These discussions will last about an hour. This is a great opportunity to network with fellow students and discuss issues that matter to you. Light snacks will be provided.

Building Intellectual Community: The Graduate Student Imperative
Saturday, 9:00 am–10:00 am
Christopher M. Rios, Baylor University
In recent years, researchers have emphasized the vital role of intellectual community among graduate students and between graduate students and faculty. This session will discuss the importance of intellectual community, examine its components, and explore the graduate student’s role in promoting its development.

Why Are They Writing? Tips for New Adjuncts and Those Looking to Adjunct
Saturday, 10:00 am–11:00 am
Rob Huttmeier, Drew University
This presentation will help those who are new to the world of adjunct faculty. In addition to giving resources about initial fears and problems, Huttmeier will also discuss how being an adjunct can be an important and satisfying part of the experience of being a graduate student. In addition, Huttmeier will also provide tips and resources to those who are trying to find an adjunct position.

A Career on Campus: Considering Academic Librarianship
Saturday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm
Christopher J. Anderson, Drew University
University librarians often function as scholarly bridges between faculty and their students. This session explores the requirements, responsibilities, and career possibilities in academic librarianship.

Approaches to Effective Online Teaching
Saturday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm
David Walsh, Arizona State University
Join us in addressing two important questions for teaching online classes; should we seek to replicate the classroom experience or create a new type of classroom, and, from this, how do we make the online learning experience effective?

Balancing School and Family: Making the Decision
Sunday, 9:00 am–10:00 am
Ann Duncan, University of Virginia, and Shayna Sheinfeld, McGill University
Is graduate school a good time to start or add to a family? In this discussion, we’ll tackle this question as well as related concerns such as how to tell your professors about a new addition to your family, what types of reactions to expect from faculty and fellow students, and how to deal with these reactions. In addition, we will explore the possible effect that pregnancy, childbirth, and an infant might have on your academic progress.

Writing Blocks
Sunday, 10:00 am–11:00 am
Holly White, Syracuse University
You may be tripped up by writing blocks or fear one on the horizon, but they do not have to be dark, silent, painful things that keep you from developing as a scholar. This conversation covers what precipitates blocks and how to navigate them, as well as offering a few interpretative tools for viewing blocks as instructive — even productive — moments in scholarly practice.

Personal Life and Grad School: Counterparts or Complimentary?
Sunday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm
Xavier Gravend-Tirole, Université de Montréal and Lausanne University
What are the challenges in reconciling personal life (leisure, sport, or cultural activities) with a student/doctoral life? How may you feel overwhelmed by your study, and/or then overcome the tensions? Is there some advice, tips, or helpful experiences to be shared in order to maintain a balanced and
fulfilling student life? This roundtable discussion is open to anybody who would like to hear, share, or question the challenge of reaching equilibrium in PhD students’ lives.

**Canadian Students in the Academy**  
*Sunday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm*  
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa

Where do Canadian students fit within the religious studies academy? What particular challenges do we face both as students and as job seekers? This roundtable session will offer a chance to discuss these questions, and will look at the role of the AAR and of other professional organizations in helping us to meet these challenges.

**Best Teaching Tips: Thirty Ideas in Thirty Minutes**  
*Monday, 9:00 am–10:00 am*  
Dennis Feltwell, Duquesne University

This roundtable discussion begins with a thirty-minute rapid-fire exchange where Teaching Assistants share what works (and perhaps what to avoid) as new instructors in the field. Participants are encouraged to bring their best practices and ideas for contending with any of the following topics: pedagogical approaches, classroom management, grading issues, technology/media resources, and plagiarism/cheating concerns. The remainder of the one-hour session will engage some of these issues at a deeper, more dialogical level.

**Practicing Faith in Graduate School**  
*Monday, 10:00 am–11:00 am*  
Christopher D. Rodkey, Lebanon Valley College

A common misconception of those outside of the academy is that those who study religion are religious or actively practicing a religion. At the same time, support systems for scholars of religion who practice a religion — both within the academy and religious organization — are often limited, and the relationship between graduate students and faith communities can become adversarial. This workshop will be a time to share stories, tips, helpful ideas, and advice from other students.

**Balancing School and Family: Maintaining the Balance**  
*Monday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm*  
Ann Duncan, University of Virginia, and Shayna Sheinfeld, McGill University

Attending graduate school while raising a family can both enrich your experience and slow your academic progress. This session will look at the more practical logistics of balancing school and familial responsibilities. We will discuss finding creative childcare options, talking about your family with your colleagues, and of course, keeping your sanity while juggling your personal and professional life.

**The First Year on the Job**  
*Monday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm*  
Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell Divinity School

While landing your first academic job is a well-known hurdle, the first year of teaching can be just as daunting a prospect. This roundtable discussion will bring together recent hires and job seekers to discuss the particular challenges of the inaugural academic year. Our focus will be on how to thrive — rather than merely survive — during the critical first semesters as a professional academic.
The Program Committee is actively seeking proposals for new program units, especially proposals that address: 1) Areas of pent-up demand; and 2) New and emerging fields.

NEW! The Program Committee has changed the policy regarding new Program Unit Proposals. Beginning in 2010, all proposals for new Program Units must begin as wildcard sessions. A wildcard session is a complete prearranged session that on a topic outside of the program unit structure. The proposal can be for a paper, panel, or other creative type of session format. All wildcard sessions are 90 minutes in length and will be scheduled for Sunday afternoon at the Annual Meeting. Wildcard sessions are submitted through the Online Paper/Panel Proposal (OP3) System, and must be submitted before March 1, 2010. Notification of program acceptance will be announced by April 1, 2010. Wildcards that are accepted onto the program are then invited to submit an application for new unit status by November 19, 2010.

How to Propose a New Program Unit

The proposal is your opportunity to make the case for the new program unit by presenting a clear rationale, analytical focus, approaches, and objectives of the unit.

In three-to-five typewritten pages, include:

- The title of the new unit.
- Identify and define/describe the scholarly field the unit addresses, making an intellectual argument for the new unit.
- State the need and the unit's purpose.
- Note the scope, directions, and approaches the unit might take.
- Distinguish the unit from other existing program units. If there is overlap with an existing unit, we would like a letter of support from that unit’s chair(s).

Additional information required:

- List the AAR members who will chair the unit (1–2) and serve on the steering committee (3–5).
- A short annotated bibliography of published works on the topic, with an introductory paragraph explaining the status of publications in the subfield.
- Letters of support from AAR members who are interested in, and support the work of, the proposed unit.
- A description of the wildcard session, including an attendance count.

The Program Committee meets each December to review and approve any proposals. Samples of successful proposals are available from annualmeeting@aarweb.org.

Which Type of Program Unit to Propose?

Consultations are the most common type of new unit. A consultation provides a platform for a group of members to announce a line of inquiry new to the AAR program and to seek out others interested in pursuing it further. While some consultations pursue a limited agenda and end after three or fewer years, others develop a constituency interested in exploring a topic for a longer period.

Seminars are for an already-identified group of up to twenty members who want to work together on a defined research project with a view to publication.

In preparing all petitions, members should be aware of the following policy:

The American Academy of Religion is committed to the policy and practice of including women, minority, and younger members in the activities of the Academy. In Annual Meeting programming, this commitment will be carried out to the degree that each unit works to accomplish it. Thus, unit chairpersons, steering committees, and participants in sessions provide the testing arenas for evaluating our success in adhering to this commitment. The Program Committee will include attention to this policy and practice in evaluating proposals for starting or continuing program units.
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

These highlights listings are meant to give you a sense of the wide variety of offerings at this year’s Annual Meeting. Please look at the individual listings starting on page 35 for a full description of each session. The symbols located beside the session number indicate sessions which highlight special subjects in the AAR program. A symbol key (shown below) is provided on the bottom of each odd-numbered page.

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Building a Successful Academic Center: Religion, Politics, and Public Engagement (A8-303)
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Approaches to the Study of African Diaspora Religions (A9-202)
The Revitalization of Aboriginal Spirituality in Canada (A10-100)
M5-200

Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians
2:00 pm–7:00 pm
Montréal Diocesan College
3475 University Street
Theme: *Hybridity and Colonization in North America, Part I*
Tink Tinker, Iliff School of Theology
*Decolonizing Lutheran Language: Confessions, Mission, Indians, and Globalization*
Vitor Westhelle, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
*Response to Tink Tinker and Further Reflections*
5:15 pm–6:45 pm
Discussion of Robert Davis Hughes III, *Beloved Dust: Tides of the Spirit in the Christian Life*
Panelists:
Amos Yong, Regent University
Cheryl Peterson, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Responding:
Robert Hughes, University of the South

A5-300

Sustainability Task Force Meeting
3:00 pm–6:00 pm
FQE-Harricana
Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University, Presiding

A5-301

Regionally Elected Directors Meeting
4:00 pm–9:00 pm
FQE-Chaudière
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding
M6-1

The Legacy of Wilfred Cantwell Smith: A Symposium
8:00 am–6:00 pm
Faculty of Religious Studies
McGill University
3520 University Street

McGill University’s faculty of Religious Studies invites AAR members to a day-long symposium examining the legacy of Wilfred Cantwell Smith (1916–2000). Smith, instrumental in the development of the faculty and the founding of McGill’s Institute of Islamic Studies, stands as a figure of lasting importance in comparative study of religion. The symposium will discuss multiple aspects of the legacy of Smith’s work, focusing on the role of religion in human affairs, his early recognition of the importance of Islam, and the place of insider and outsider perspectives in the study of religion.

For more information contact Ellen Aitken, dean.relgstud@mcgill.ca. The full program and a detailed schedule will be available at www.mcgill.ca/religiousstudies.

Friday, 9:00 am-11:30 am

A6-100

Leadership Workshop
9:00 am–4:00 pm
LCS-Joyce
L. DeAné Lagerquist, Saint Olaf College, Presiding
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and the Teagle Foundation
Theme: Three Religion Majors Meet in a Café: What Do They Have in Common?

The Teagle/AAR Working Group, which produced the white paper The Religion Major and Liberal Education (Religious Studies News, October 2008) identified five common characteristics that they suggest the religious studies major is by its very nature: intercultural and comparative, multidisciplinary, critical, integrative, and creative and constructive. In this interactive workshop, participants will have an opportunity to discover and discuss this constellation of characteristics. They will then explore the presence of these characteristics in the design of majors in different institutional contexts (small public, large public, private, and theological). The workshop will conclude with presentations and discussions about how we address these in ways attentive both to our responsibilities as educators and to the students and the reasons they are in our programs. This is the first in a three-year sequence of workshops that will explore the implications of the Teagle White Paper.

Panelists:
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College
Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida
Paul Bowly, Saint Mary’s University
Darryl Victor Caterine, Le Moyne College
Patricia O’Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University

Responding:
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College

Separate registration required. See page 22 for details.

A6-101

AAR Board of Directors Meeting
9:00 am–5:00 pm
FQE-Péribonka
Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
A6-102

Luce Seminars on Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology
9:00 am–5:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 4
John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Theological Education Steering Committee and the Luce Foundation
This all-day seminar will be the second meeting of the American Academy of Religion/Henry Luce Foundation Summer Seminar Fellows. By invitation only.
Panelists:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University
Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University
John J. Makransky, Boston College
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia
Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

M6-100

Dharma Association of North America
9:15 am–11:00 am
FQE-Chaudière
Christopher K. Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Theme: Reconceiving Dharma Traditions and the Contemporary Analysis of Power
Panelists:
Al Collins
David Lawrence
Jeffery Long
Sthaneshwar Timalsina
Responding:
Rita D. Sherma, ITBB & Taksha Institute

M6-101

North American Paul Tillich Society
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515C
Theme: Tillich’s Lineage: Connections to Notables in Western Intellectual History

M6-102

Society of Buddhist–Christian Studies
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-512B
Theme: Board Meeting
M6-103

North American Association for the Study of Religion
9:00 am–12:00 pm
PDC-512C
Theme: Executive Council Meeting

M6-115

Society of Anglican and Lutheran Theologians
9:00 am–12:45 pm
Montréal Diocesan College
3475 University Street
Theme: Hybridity and Colonization in North America, Part II
9:00 am–10:30 am
William Danaher, Huron University College
Contributions of a First Nations Artist to Anglican Theological Reflection
10:30 am–11:15 am
Business Meeting
11:15 am–12:45 pm
Mark MacDonald, Anglican Bishop of Alaska
Creation History: Some Surprising Reflections upon the Hidden Trajectory of the Word in Turtle Island (North America)
Wendy Fletcher, Vancouver School of Theology
Remapping Theology after Coming to Consciousness of Colonial History

M6-104

Sammukham Project
9:00 am–2:00 pm
FQE-Saint-Charles
Theme: The Philosophical and the Dialogical in South Asian Religious Traditions

M6-105

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board
9:00 am–5:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 5
**Religion and Media Workshop**

9:30 am–5:00 pm

FQE-Hochelaga 6

Katharine Rhodes Henderson, Auburn Theological Seminary, Presiding

**Theme:** Texts, Scripts, Codes: How Religions and Media Make the World We Live In

This year's annual Religion and Media Workshop will highlight how religious texts, scripts, and codes make and unmake political and social worlds. Interdisciplinary panels, discussions, and performances will interrogate how media texts translate religion for global publics, how media scripts religious and national identities, and how religious cultures code the transmission and reception of media objects. The thirtieth anniversary of the Iranian Revolution will anchor the day’s interdisciplinary examination of the relationships between religion, media, cultural authority, and social change. We invite you to join a discussion of these themes with leading reporters, performers, and academics. This year’s unique three-part workshop includes panels, a performance, and small group discussion. Our morning program features a series of interdisciplinary panels on representation, performance, authority, and technology across religious traditions and in a variety of geographic contexts, as well as in media contexts that confound geography. Panels will include an exploration of issues of regulation and authority. An intensive afternoon discussion of the Iranian Revolution will amplify the critical vocabularies developed throughout the day. As always, there will be ample time for small thematic conversations around issues of urgent relevance to the study of religion and media.

Isaac Weiner, Georgia State University
*Legal Discourse of Religious Noise and Public Space*

Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado
*Regulation and Authority within Islam Online*

Shanny Luft, University of North Carolina
*Evangelical Regulation of Film-watching in the Early Twentieth Century*

J. Barton Scott, Duke University
*India Authentic*

Neil Arner, Yale University
*Religious Pluralism, Publicity, and Politics*

Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
*Religion and Performance*

Setrag Manoukian, McGill University
*Iranian Post-Election Multimedia Analysis*

**Business Meeting:**

Kaley Middlebrooks Carpenter, Villanova University, and Jenna Tiitsman, University of North Carolina and Auburn Media, Presiding

Separate registration required. See page 23 for details.

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**North American Association for the Study of Religion**

10:00 am–12:00 pm

LCS-Jarry

**Theme:** Working Group on Secularisms and Pluralisms
M6-108

Dharma Association of North America
11:00 am–1:00 pm
FQE-Chaudière
Ian Whicher, University of Manitoba, Presiding
Theme: Spirit Possession and Magic
Panelists:
Patton Burchett
Ramdas Lamb
Deepak Shimkhada
Kundan Singh
Responding:
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

M6-110

Numata Chair Coordinators Meeting
11:30 am–5:30 pm
LCS-Musset

M6-111

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
11:45 am–12:45 pm
PDC-515C
Vincent E. Bacote, Wheaton College, Presiding
Theme: Race: A Theological Account — A Panel Discussion on J. Kameron Carter's New Book by Oxford University Press
This session will welcome J. Kameron Carter to interact with panelists and the audience on his new book, Race: A Theological Account
Panelists:
Raymond Aldred, Ambrose University College
Morris L. Davis, Drew University
Beverly Mitchell, Wesley Theological Seminary
Responding:
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Teaching Strategies Workshop
12:00 pm–6:00 pm
FQE-Jolliet
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College, Presiding
Sponsored by the Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Theme: Space, Place, and Religious Meaning in the Classroom
As religious studies teachers, we tend to be skilled at integrating textual material, social historical analysis, ethnography, sociological study, and other approaches into our courses, but we often neglect to include a sensitivity to and sensibility of religious constructions of space and place, despite the fact that these components are central to religious experience. This half-day workshop is intended to aid faculty in the development of classroom techniques that incorporate the study of religious space and place into our courses. Participants in the workshop will: 1) Deepen their intellectual sensitivity to space and place as components of religion; and 2) Learn specific techniques to employ religious space and place in the classroom.
Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota
Theoretical Understandings and Methods in the Study of Space and Place and Religious Meaning
Panelists:
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
David Bains, Samford University
Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter’s College
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College
David Simonowitz, University of California, Los Angeles
Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University
Separate registration required. See page 24 for details.

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board
12:00 pm–5:00 pm
LCS-Kafka

Society of Evangelical Scholars
12:00 pm–10:00 pm
PDC-510C
Theme: The Word Made Fresh
M6-200

North American Association for the Study of Religion
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513C
Daniel Vaca, Columbia University, Presiding
Erika W. Dyson, Harvey Mudd College
The Magic of Regulation: Spiritualists, Immigrants, and Legislating Religion in 1920s New York
Jodi Eichler-Levine, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Rosemary Hicks, Columbia University
Judeo-Christians and Abrahamic Traditions in the Cold War United States and Canada
Rick Moore, University of Chicago
Responding:
Sylvester Johnson, Indiana University

M6-201

North American Paul Tillich Society
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-515B
Theme: Tillich, Church, and Society in Twentieth-Century Germany

M6-202

Society of Buddhist–Christian Studies
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-512B
Theme: Board Meeting

M6-203

Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
1:00 pm–4:00 pm
PDC-513A
Member’s meeting followed by special guest lecture:
John Webster, University of Aberdeen, Scotland, United Kingdom
Thomas F. Torrance on Scripture
See www.tftorrance.org for more information.

M6-204

International Bonhoeffer Society
1:00 pm–6:00 pm
LCS-Jarry
Theme: Editorial Board, Board of Directors, and Annual Meeting
M6-205

Theology and Ethics Colloquy
1:00 pm–6:00 pm
PDC-515A

M6-210

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
1:00 pm–4:00 pm
PDC-511F

Theme: Womanist Freedom: Walking to Canada

This Womanist gathering will refresh our spirits as we reflect on Walker's definition, "traditionally capable," as in "Mama, I'm walking to Canada and I'm taking you and a bunch of other slaves with me." Reply: "It wouldn't be the first time."

Bring a poem, prose, dance, and music to reflect on Womanist freedom and our journey as well as the journey of our ancestors who followed the North Star to Canada.

A6-200

Sustainability Workshop
1:30 pm–5:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 2

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont, Presiding

Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force

Theme: Religious Studies in an Age of Global Warming: Transforming Ourselves, Our Students, and Our Universities

Teaching the environmental crisis poses unique challenges and opportunities for higher education. The scope and extent of the threat demands that faculty inform themselves about a host of practical, theological, moral, historical, and political concerns that probably were not part of their original scholarly field. This workshop will give participants the chance to examine their own responses to the environmental crisis, the time to engage with faculty concerning teaching resources, sample syllabi, and course modules, and the ways to connect with others in the campus sustainability movement. Material will be provided to support the development of "Religion and Environment" courses, and integration of environmental themes into courses such as "Introduction to Religious Studies," "Social Ethics," "Religion and Politics," or studies of particular religions. We will take up relevant theological issues, moral problems, the role of religious environmentalism in relation to other social movements, and engaged teaching techniques designed to connect students to these crucial moral issues and their meaning for life on earth.

Separate registration required. See page 25 for details.

M6-206

Dharma Association of North America
2:00 pm–3:45 pm
FQE-Chaudière

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College, Presiding

Theme: Traditional Indian Thinking on Culture Looks at Contemporary Indian and World Media Cultures

Panelists:
Al Collins
Pankaj Jain
Sunthar Vasuvalingam
Purushottama Bilimoria

Responding:
Rajiv Malhotra, The Infinity Foundation
M6-208

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
2:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-514A
2:00 pm
A. Gregory Schneider, Pacific Union College, Presiding
Theme: Paper Presentations and Discussion on Schisms: Exploring the Psychosocial Dynamics of Intrareligious Conflicts in Three Communities
Panelists:
John McDargh, Boston College
David Bell, Georgia State University
Eileen Campbell-Reed, Luther Seminary
Jay Emerson Johnson, Pacific School of Theology
4:00 pm
Break
4:15 pm
Lisa Cataldo, Fordham University, Presiding
Theme: Book Panel: Vampires, Desire, Girls, and God: Twilight and the Spiritualities of Adolescent Girls
Presenter:
Joyce Mercer, Virginia Theological Seminary
Responding:
Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union
Donna Freitas, Boston University
5:45 pm–6:30 pm
Praxis Reflection
Theme: Psychological and Religious Reflections on the Twilight Book Series and Film
7:30 pm
PCR Annual Dinner to follow at a local restaurant. Exact location TBA.

M6-209

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality and the Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
3:00 pm–5:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 3
Michael O’Sullivan, Milltown Institute of Philosophy, Theology, and Spirituality, Dublin, Presiding
Theme: Pedagogical Engagements: The Arts and Spiritual Transformation
The creative process in the arts and the transformative process of the spiritual journey share much. This workshop will explore pedagogies of the arts and spiritual process, specifically as these engage one another. All interested persons are welcome; please feel free to bring your ideas for teaching and learning in the overlap between art and spirituality as well as resource suggestions you find helpful.
Panelists:
Mark Burrows, Andover Newton Theological Seminary
Lisa Dahill, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University
Janet Walton, Union Theological Seminary
For more information, contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu. Details will also be posted at sscs.press.jhu.edu/annual_meeting/index.html and www.artsmag.org/pages/ARTSSociety.html.
You are invited to participate in a discussion about the new interdisciplinary research field of economics and theology. Together with invited economists and theologians you will have the opportunity to contribute ideas on research questions, possible structures to support the new field, and the involvement of young scholars and scholars outside the West. A light reception follows the meeting (5:00 pm–6:00 pm). The event is supported by the John Templeton Foundation.

Contact Paul Oslington, Australian Catholic University, paul.oslington@acu.edu.au for more information.

Friday, 4:00 pm-6:30 pm

M6-301

Art/s of Interpretation Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513B
Lisa Poirier, Miami University, Presiding
Theme: Borders
Geoffrey McVey, Miami University
In the Service of the Devil: Interpreting the Demonic Model of the New World
Casey Koons, Syracuse University
The Line between Worlds: The Social Internet and the Study of Religion
Greg Alles, McDaniel College
"Tribal Chic": Crossing Borders in Eastern Gujarat
Responding:
Jess Hollenback, University of Wisconsin, La Crosse

M6-302

Dharma Association of North America
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
FQE-Chaudière
Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin University and Melbourne University, Presiding
Theme: Hindu Dharma and Darwinism
Panelists:
Sthaneshwar Timalsina
L. Biernacki
Jonathan Edelman
Tom Ellis
Responding:
Gerald Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Indiana University

M6-303

Feminist Liberation Theologians’ Network
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-515B
The Network’s annual gathering will focus on “liberation” — what it means, how feminism relates to it, how the various liberation theologies intersect, and how backlash against it shapes our work. All are welcome.
M6-304

Karl Barth Society of North America
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-514C
Matthew Baker, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology
The Filioque in Barth, Florovsky, and Torrance
Nathan Hieb, Princeton Theological Seminary
Atonement and Liberation in Sobrino, Torrance, and Barth

M6-305

North American Association for the Study of Religion
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510D
Theme: Disenchantment and Reenchantment in Political Theology: Diagnosing the Crisis of Liberalism
Benjamin Lazier, Reed College
Miracles and the Crisis of Liberalism between the Wars and Beyond
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University
Legislation and Affection: On the Anthropological Dimensions of a Political Theology
Bruce Rosenstock, University of Illinois
Hegel and Modern Political Theology
Robert Yelle, University of Memphis
Liberalism Has No Charisma: Critiques of the Political Theology of Modernity in Max Weber, Carl Schmitt, and Philip Rieff
Responding:
John Milbank, University of Nottingham

M6-306

North American Paul Tillich Society
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-515C
Theme: Panel on Andrew Finstuen's Original Sin and Everyday Protestants
**M6-307**

**Society of Buddhist–Christian Studies**

*4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

PDC-514B

Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding

Theme: *The Boundaries of Knowledge in Buddhism, Christianity, and Science*

Through a review of *The Boundaries of Knowledge in Buddhism, Christianity and Science* (Göttingen: Vandenhouek and Rupricht, 2008) this session will address Buddhist, Christian, and scientific insights on the inadequacies of conceptualization and language for understanding reality. The editor will give an overview, followed by chapter reviews by two contributors, two responses, and open discussion including other contributors to this Templeton project.

Panelists:

Paul Numrich, Theological Consortium of Greater Columbus

Paul Ingram, Pacific Lutheran University

Dennis Hirota, Ryukoku University

Responding:

Sandra Costen Kunz, Phillips Theological Seminary

Amos Yong, Regent University

Other Contributors:

John Albright, Lutheran School of Theology

Roger Blomquist, Argonne National Laboratory

Tom Christenson, Capital University

David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College

Mark Unno, University of Oregon

**M6-308**

**Council of Societies for the Study of Religion**

*5:00 pm–6:30 pm*

PDC-512B

Theme: *Annual Board Meeting*

**M6-309**

**Society for the Study of Native American Religious Traditions**

*5:00 pm–7:30 pm*

FQE-Mackenzie

**M6-312**

**Making Whole the People of God: A Gathering of Professional Lay Theologians**

*5:00 pm–6:30 pm*

PDC-513A

The idea for this gathering began with casual hallway conversations at past AAR meetings and a commitment to pursue the question of the evolving place of lay Catholic theologians in the church and academy. It is estimated that by 2015, 60 percent of all theologians in the Catholic Church will be laypersons. This raises the question: are the prevailing models and structures of theological research and ecclesial institutions prepared for this shift? This gathering is an opportunity for a conversation exploring such questions and to gauge interest in forming a research network of professional lay Catholic theologians.
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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. LWTRS will meet for a social dinner on Friday evening. Women are asked to meet at the front desk at Fairmont Queen Elizabeth Hotel in order to walk together to a nearby restaurant, where we will have reservations.

Questions? Please contact Sandra Mejia-Vega at 1-773-380-2885 or sandra.mejia@elca.org.

M6-401

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Caucus of the AAR
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
PDC-515B

Please join us for an informal discussion about our experiences as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people and how these experiences shape our academic lives. Are we obligated to teach LGBT and queer studies? Are we obligated to stay quiet and fit into the so-called mainstream? We will also discuss mentorship for new and upcoming LGBTQ scholars. For more information please contact JakobHero@mac.com.

M6-402

Société Internationale sur l’Étude de Loisy
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
PDC-515A

Theme: Loisy, Liturgy, and Dogma
David Schultenover, Marquette University, Presiding
Harvey Hill, Berry College
Loisy on Liturgy: Spirituality and History
Andrew Pierce, Trinity College, Dublin
Loisy, Newman, and Religious Individualism
William Portier, University of Dayton
From Symbolism to Politics: John R. Slattery Reading A. Sabatier, W. Ward, and A. Loisy

M6-403

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies and the Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 4

Theme: Filmmaking as Spiritual Practice, Reception, and Presentation by Macky Alston
This presentation on filmmaking as spiritual practice features award-winning documentary filmmaker and educator Macky Alston. He will show clips from his work and discuss the spiritual dimensions of making films. Presentation will be preceded and followed by a reception and conversation.

M6-404

Animals and Religion Consultation
7:00 pm–9:00 pm
FQE-Bersimis

Scholars, students, and any others interested in this burgeoning field are welcome to join this informal Friday evening session. We meet in a relaxed, informal setting in order to easily share our thoughts and observations regarding teaching issues, course development possibilities, undergraduate programs, graduate study possibilities, and publication opportunities. There will be the briefest of introductory comments by members of the Animals and Religion Consultation, all to the point of prompting a productive, egalitarian exchange. This subject is expanding, and the chance to learn about additional points of view is vitally important to the development of a healthy field. Please join us if any aspect of this remarkable topic interests you.

M6-405
M6-406

Society for Hindu–Christian Studies
7:30 pm–9:30 pm
PDC-515C


Panelists:
John Carman, Harvard University
Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University
Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai’i
Tracy Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University
Responding:
Chad Bauman, Butler University

A6-402

Ghost Hunt Tour of Old Montréal for Graduate Students
8:00 pm–12:00 am
Meet at PDC-Registration

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the Montréal Venue Committee

The graduate students from Université du Québec, Montréal, Concordia University, Université de Montréal, and McGill University want to introduce graduate students to some of the “spooky” history and night life of Montréal. Graduate students are invited to sign up for a Ghost Hunt Tour through the streets of Old Montréal followed by stops at three night spots that showcase local microbreweries, Montréal night life, and maybe even some French Canadian culture (beverage samples and a few nibblies will be included).

Separate registration required. See page 26 for details.

A6-403

Film: Malls R Us
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 2

Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Montréal-based filmmaker Helene Klodawsy spent over two years researching and traveling to shopping malls in India, Dubai, Europe, and North America to make this film. It shows how malls are the new sacred spaces in which people experience a secular version of transcendence and communal identity, an environment in which we “lose ourselves” in amusement and splendor. But the film also asks whether the “religion” practiced in malls brings liberation, or simply creates more consumers for global capitalism. Local businesses and the environment are displaced for the benefit of giant international corporations, showing how the need to which malls respond is exploited by those who benefit from it most. AAR member and American religious historian Jon Pahl, who is interviewed in the film, will introduce it and lead a discussion.

2009, directed by Helene Klodawsy. 78 minutes.
Film: *Shugendô Now: The Creative Reinvention of a Japanese Mountain Ascetic Tradition*

9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 3

Mark McGuire, John Abbott College, Presiding

Sponsored by the Japanese Religious Group and the Sacred Space in Asia Group

How do mountain ascetic priests in remote communities attract and serve the needs of diverse, urban practitioners? In what ways have globally aware and locally grounded charismatic individuals transcended boundaries of nation, gender, class, age, and ethnicity to engage disaffected city dwellers? Shugendô practitioners perform ritual actions from shamanism, “Shintô,” Daoism, and Tantric Buddhism. The filmmakers represent their creative reinvention of hallmark practices, including a 26-kilometer Lotus Ascent, Three Day Monk Camp, and Eco-pilgrimage. Taking seriously the teaching, “From mountain austerities to urban austerities,” and insight that pilgrims are “much else before they are pilgrims and for much more of their time” (Grodzins-Gold 1988: 1), the film traverses ascetic training grounds of Kumano and Yoshino and urban neighborhoods of Tokyo and Osaka. More poetic than analytical, the filmmakers observe practitioners performing austerities and represent the myriad ways mountain learning interacts with urban life. Might the two be seen as one?

For more information visit [www.shugendonow.com](http://www.shugendonow.com).


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Feminist Studies in Religion Reception

9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Saguenay

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Pluralism Project Reception

9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 5

Theme: *Religion in the New Cosmopolis*

You are invited to join us for our annual reception honoring Pluralism Project friends, affiliates, and advisors. This year’s program will focus on "Religion in the New Cosmopolis," using Boston, Montréal, and other affiliate research sites as a starting point for conversation. We will explore how case studies, documentary film, and our recently relaunched interactive webguide, "World Religions in Greater Boston," can be used by teachers, religious and civic leaders, and community activists to build a culture of pluralism.

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Polanyi Society

9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Chaudière

Theme: *Toward a Polanyian Science of the Virtues*

Panelists:
Walt Gulick, Montana State University
Paul Lewis, Mercer University
Diane Yeager, Georgetown University
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Dialog Editorial Council Meeting
7:00 am–11:00 am
FQE-Saguenay

A7-4

International Members’ Breakfast
7:30 am–8:45 am
PDC-519AB
Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Breakfast, including a question and answer session for international members of the AAR.

A7-5

Regional Officers’ Breakfast
7:30 am–8:45 am
PDC-512C
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding
Networking and information session for those who serve the AAR in the regions. By invitation only.

A7-6

New Members’ Breakfast
7:30 am–8:45 am
PDC-518A
New (first-time) AAR members in 2009 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.

M7-5

Society for Hindu–Christian Studies
7:30 am–8:45 am
PDC-516E
Theme: Board Meeting

M7-6

Polanyi Society
8:00 am–11:30 am
LCS-Hémon
Theme: A Celebration of The Tacit Dimension
8:00 am
Light breakfast
Phil Mullins, Missouri Western State College, and Wally Mead, Illinois State University
Reflections on The Tacit Dimension
9:15 am
Florentien Verhage, Washington and Lee University, and Charles Lowney, Washington and Lee University
Of One Mind? Merleau-Ponty and Polanyi on the Reduction of Mind to Body
Responding:
David Rutledge, Furman University
10:20 am–11:15 am
John Apczynski, Saint Bonaventure University
A7-7

Publications Committee Meeting
8:30 am–11:45 am
FQE-Youville
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University, Presiding

M7-7

Dharma Association of North America
9:00 am–10:30 am
FQE-Chaudière
Kusumita Pedersen, St. Francis College, Presiding
Theme: Asceticism in Dharma Traditions I: Ascetics and Their Practices
Panelists:
Antoinette DeNapoli
Perundevi Srinivasan
Ramdas Lamb
Responding:
June McDaniel, College of Charleston

M7-8

Council on Graduate Studies in Religion
8:30 am–12:30 pm
LCS-Salon A

M7-9

Working Group: Berry
8:30 am–12:30 pm
FQE-Kamouraska
A7-100

Special Topics Forum
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-517C
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding
Theme: Student Town Hall Meeting: "Yes We Can!" The Future of Students in the AAR
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the American Theological Library Association
Students comprise one third of the membership of the AAR. We bring renewed vitality and fresh perspectives to the study of religion. And, yes, we know how to have a good time. Can we shape the future of the Academy? Yes we can! Join us for our Student Town Hall, a forum where you can offer your suggestions, hear about new initiatives led by the Graduate Student Committee, and get a preview of this year’s student-focused programming. Topics about which we are most concerned include how you can be involved in the AAR, ways you can be a force for positive change in your department, and of course, how you can secure research funding and navigate the career search. Our future is full of promise. Yes we can!
Panelists:
Almeda Wright, Emory University
Annie Blazer, Millsaps College
Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University
Cameron Jorgenson, Campbell University
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa
Margaret Jenkins, American Academy of Religion

A7-101

Special Topics Forum
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510A
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding
Theme: Queer Careers
Sponsored by the LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force
Come take part in a conversation about the intersections of LGBTIQ identity and LGBTIQ studies with the career paths of religious studies scholars. What are the ramifications of decisions to stay in the closet or to be out? What career paths are open to queer scholars? Should you wait until tenure to do LGBTIQ work? How do you deal with homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia in the workplace and in graduate school? All of these questions and more are on the table for this Special Topics Forum. The panelists will begin the forum with reflections on their own career paths; then the floor will be open for a broader conversation about these critically important issues.
Panelists:
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University
Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida
A7-102

**Special Topics Forum**

9:00 am–12:45 pm

PDC-518A

Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *A Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the AAR Excellence in Teaching Award: A Participatory Workshop with the Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients*

Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Workshop Schedule:

9:00 am

Participatory workshop in teaching strategies facilitated by the Excellence in Teaching Awardees.

11:30 am

Buffet lunch and roundtable discussion led by the awardees; participants are to bring their own materials to the lunch table (a critical incident, a syllabus, and a first assignment).

Panelists:

- Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College
- Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College
- Janet Walton, Union Theological Seminary
- Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University
- Patricia O'Connell Killen, Pacific Lutheran University
- Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
- Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College
- Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

A7-103

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

9:00 am–11:30 am

PDC-520AD

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Art and Religion Across Cultures*

Amelia Gallagher, Niagara University

Madonna and Child, The Last Supper, and Saint Sebastian: *Josh Iguchi's Reverence in Neon*

Michael Stoeber, University of Toronto

*Spirituality and Mysticism in the Visual Art and Writing of Lawren Harris*

Jennifer Jedlinsky, Fuller Theological Seminary

*Exploring an Artistic Theology of the Body in Tim Hawkinson’s Überorgan*

Patrick Birge Beldio, Catholic University of America

*A Turn to Matter: The Thought of Sri Aurobindo Ghose, Contemporary Art, and Religion*
Buddhism Section and Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510B
Vanessa Rebecca Sasson, Marianopolis College, Presiding
Theme: Children and Buddhism
Panelists:
Mathieu Boisvert, Université du Québec, Montréal
Elizabeth L. Wilson, Miami University, Ohio
Amy P. Langenberg, Brown University
Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, McGill University
Justin McDaniel, University of California, Riverside
Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont

Christian Systematic Theology Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-517D
Denys Turner, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Creation and Negation: Apophasis and the Theology of Creation
Panelists:
Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge
Kevin L. Hughes, Villanova University
Mark A. McIntosh, Durham University
Willemien Otten, University of Chicago

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510C
Michael Chaness, Syracuse University, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Sports
Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University
The Haudenosaunee Sacred Game of Lacrosse
Kenneth Hayes Lokensgard, Gettysburg College
Flyfishing and Religion: The Flyline as a Connecting Thread
Michael Zogry, University of Kansas
Religion and Basketball: Naismith’s Game
Pia Altiieri, DePaul University
Chief Illiniwek, Shifting Rights, and Persistent Sacralities: Prioritizing Understanding’s Integrities
Robert M. Baum, University of Missouri
Wrestlers, Rain Priests, and Rites of Passage Among the Diola of Southern Senegal
Responding:
David L. Miller, Syracuse University
A7-107

History of Christianity Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-524C
Constance Furey, Indiana University, Presiding
Panelists:
Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University
Kristin Bloomer, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa
José Casanova, Georgetown University
Philip Gorski, Yale University
Danilyn Rutherford, University of Chicago
Responding:
Webb Keane, University of Michigan
Business Meeting:
Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University, and Nathan Baruch Rein, Ursinus College, Presiding

A7-108

North American Religions Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510D
Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University, Presiding
Theme: The History of Religion in Québec
This panel provides a comprehensive and critical look at the history of religion in Québec, from the earliest encounters with native peoples to the rich religious diversity of today. Each panelist, who is an eminent senior scholar of Québec religious history, will examine a particular aspect and period of this history.
Louis Rousseau, Université du Québec, Montréal
The Saint Lawrence Valley’s Canadians and the First Nations
Michel Despland, Concordia University
1759: The Last Battle of the European Wars of Religion
Lucia Ferretti, Université du Québec, Trois-Rivières
Catholicism and National Identity in Nineteenth Century Québec
Jean-Philippe Warren, Concordia University
Religion and the Quiet Revolution
Solange Lefebvre, Université de Montréal
French “Laïcité” and Secularization: Ongoing Debates
A7-109

Religion and Politics Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511A

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research, Presiding
Theme: The Politics of Religion in the Contemporary United States
John-Charles Duffy, University of North Carolina
Evangelicals, Catholics, and Mormons in Dialogue: Pluralism and the American Religious Right
Ann Duncan, University of Virginia
Motherhood, Faith, and the 2008 Presidential Election
Robert O. Smith, Baylor University
Surveying the Exception: Quantifying American Religious Attitudes Toward the State of Israel
Joseph Kosok, George Washington University
The American Religious Left and Its Secular Critics

Business Meeting:
Andrew Murphy, Rutgers University, and Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

A7-110

Religion in South Asia Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514C

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington, Presiding
Theme: Iconic Brands: Commodification, Circulation, and Reproduction in Modern South Asian Religion
Parna Sengupta, Stanford University
Astrology and Market Time in South Asia
William Elison, Carleton College
Kaccha Traces, Pakka Brands: Icons, "Community," and Public Culture in Subaltern Mumbai
Shana Lisa Sippy, Columbia University
Belonging to the Brand: The Power of Purchasing in Shaping American Hindus
Andy Rotman, Smith College
Brand-scendence in the North Indian Bazaar: The Marketplace of Religion Versus the Religion of the Marketplace

Responding:
Jamal J. Elias, University of Pennsylvania

A7-111

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Sociology of Religion Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515B

Titus Hjelm, University College London, Presiding

Theme: Veblen's Theory of the Leisure Class: Rethinking Religion and Economy in an Age of Crisis
Panelists:
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University
Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri
Christopher Roberts, Reed College
Chad Seales, New College of Florida

Responding:
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University

Business Meeting:
Titus Hjelm, University College London, Presiding
Study of Islam Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511B
Homayra Ziad, Trinity College, Presiding
Theme: Islamic Philosophy and Theology
Ali Altaf Mian, Duke University
Between Memory and Imagination: Muhammad Iqbal’s Hermeneutics of Temporality
Christian Lange, University of Edinburgh
Absolutism Sublime: Justice and Mercy in the Work of al-Ghazali
Mohammed Rustom, University of Toronto
From Philosophic Language to Mythic Discourse: Mulla Sadra’s Anthropology of the Afterlife
Alice C. Hunsberger, City University of New York
Cosmos into Verse: Islamic Philosophical Poetry in Persian
Tehseen Thaver, University of North Carolina
Demystification of the Qur’anic Words: Abdolkarim Sorouh and Muhammad Shabestari’s Reformist Discourses on Revelation
Responding:
Nargis Virani, The New School

Women and Religion Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513B
Kate Ott, Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing, Presiding
Theme: Women’s Bodies and Popular Culture
Katherine Janiec Jones, Wofford College
On Breasts and Bunions: Feminine Liminality in Twenty-first Century American Popular Culture
Melanie Dean, University of Pennsylvania
The Need for “Bling”: Hindu Women and Gold Jewelry in Urban South India
Wendy Arce, Graduate Theological Union
The Resexualization of Latinas in Film: Subverting Sexual Dichotomies in Latino/a Culture
Angela Yarber, Graduate Theological Union
The Vagina Monologues as Embodied Theology: Eve Ensler’s Response to End Violence Against Women and Girls
Responding:
Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515C
Phillip Cary, Eastern University, Presiding
Theme: Imagination and Truth
Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa
From Roman Idols to American Idol: An Augustinian Interpretation of Images of Suffering
Andrew Salzmann, Boston College
Idol or Icon: Imagination, Truth, and Augustine’s Apophaticism
Travis Ables, Vanderbilt University
An Apophatic Theology of Participation: Augustine on Materialism and the Imagination in De Trinitate
Jeff Olsen Biebighauser, University of Nottingham
Ad Imaginem Dei: Augustine and the Return to Paradise
Business Meeting:
Kari Kloos, Regis University, and Phillip Cary, Eastern University, Presiding
A7-115

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511C
Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding
Theme: Trauma and the Cross
Sharon V. Betcher, Vancouver School of Theology
Breathing through the Pain: Engaging the Cross through Tonglen, Taking to City Streets as Mendicants
Flora A. Keshgjegian, Brown University
Rendering the Cross: The Gospels as Trauma Texts
Adam Kotsko, Chicago Theological Seminary
Patristic Perspectives on the Cross: A Reinterpretation
Shelly Rambo, Boston University
Perilous Steps: Rethinking the Nature of Life in the Midst of Death

A7-116

Buddhist Philosophy Group and Science, Technology, and Religion Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511F
Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: The Science of Meditation? Findings, Problems, and Future Potential
Panelists:
Pierre Rainville, Université de Montréal
Joshua Grant, Université de Montréal
Willoughby Britton, Brown University
Responding:
Franciscia Cho, Georgetown University
Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago
John D. Dunne, Emory University

A7-117

Chinese Religions Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-524A
Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University, Presiding
Theme: Over the Hills and Far Away: The Discourse of Foreignness in Medieval Chinese Religions
C. Pierce Salguero, Johns Hopkins University
Textual Practice in the Chinese Reception of Buddhist Medicine
Hsieh Shu-wei, National Chengchi University
Sacred Scriptures and Transmissions: The Notion of “Translation” in Six Dynasties Daoist Scriptures
Jonathan Pettit, Indiana University
Barbarian Hemp and the Propagation of Holy Plants in Medieval China
Geoffrey Goble, Indiana University
Amoghavajra and Esoteric Buddhism: The Presentation of Foreign Ritual Technologies in Tang China
A7-118

Contemporary Islam Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511E
Refika Sarionder, University of Bielefeld, Presiding
Theme: *Talal Asad and the Anthropology of Islam*
Jocelyne Cesari, Harvard University
*Islamic Religiosity in the West and Asad’s Notion of Tradition*
Nadia Fadil, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
*Questions of Orthodoxy and Legitimacy in the Islamic Hermeneutical Enterprise*
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
*Emerging Traditions and Clashing Secularisms: Orthodoxy and Agency in the Turkish Discourse on Veiling*
Caleb Elfenbein, New York University
*How We Study Islam and Modernity: Colonialism, Sayyid Qutb, and the Commingling of Traditions*
Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University
*The Stake of African and Asian Minorities in the Critical Theory Debate on Minorities*
Responding:
Daniel Varsico, Hofstra University

A7-119

Mysticism Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513C
Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose, Presiding
Theme: *Cognitive Science and Mysticism*
Eugene Taylor, Saybrook Graduate School
*“Come Hither and Be Measured”: On the Problematic Relation between Cognitive Science and Mystical Experience*
Responding:
Matthew Day, Florida State University
Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union
*Mystical Dreaming: Patterns in Form, Content, and Meaning*
Responding:
Marsha Hewitt, Trinity College

A7-120

Native Traditions in the Americas Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513D
Natalie Avalos Cisneros, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: *The Impact of Church and State on Indigenous Lands, Traditions, Practices, and Languages*
Andrea McComb, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Shifting Ideologies: Franciscans in New Mexico Post-1692*
Bianca Brigidi, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Spaces of Conversion: Franciscans, Jesuits, and Indigenous in the Americas*
Verney Marilyn Notah, University of California, Santa Barbara
“As Long As We Have Our Land...”
Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
*The Language of the Land*
Responding:
Miranda Shaw, University of Richmond
A7-121

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-518B
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding
Theme: Religious and Clinical Interfaces: Chronic Illness, the Case of Alcohol, American Military Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and the Incorporation of Spiritual Healing in Acupuncture Practices
Kelly Arora, University of Denver
*Spiritual Direction as a Context for Psychospiritual Healing from Chronic Illness*
Wilson Will, McGill University
*Comparing Biomedical and Religious Morali ties in the Clinical Space: The Case of Alcohol*
Warren Kinghorn, Duke University
*Religious Communities and the Moral Context of Combat-related Post-traumatic Stress Disorder*
Emily Wu, Graduate Theological Union
*Needles to Calm the Spirit: Incorporation of Spiritual Healing in the Practices of Acupuncture in California*
Responding:
Lance D. Laird, Boston University

A7-122

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513E
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Theology and Gilles Deleuze/Felix Guattari
F. LeRon Shults, Agder University
*Theology after Oedipus? Deleuze, Infinity, and the Liberation of Desire*
Luke Higgins, Drew University
*Becoming Bestial as Spiritual Politics: Virtual Animals in Deleuze-Guattari and Origen*
Bradley H. McLean, University of Toronto
*The Exteriority of Biblical Meaning and the Plentitude of Desire: An Exploration of Deleuze’s Non-Metaphysical Hermeneutics of Kafka*

A7-123

World Christianity Group and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-524B
Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University, Presiding
Theme: Shifting Perspectives on World Pentecostalism
Katherine Attanasi, Regent University
*The Influence of United States Televangelism and Revivalism in South African Christianity*
Ryan R. Gladwin, University of Edinburgh
*Latin American Evangelicalism and the Neo-Pentecostal Challenge: A Case Study of Argentine Baptists*
Joerg Haustein, University of Heidelberg
*Writing Pentecostal History: The Historiography of Ethiopian Pentecostalism*
Leah Payne, Vanderbilt University
*The Life and Times of Angelus Temple*
Responding:
David Bundy, Fuller Theological Seminary
A7-124

Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Seminar
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-512B
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding
Theme: Self and Action
Panelists:
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University
Marzenna Jakubczak, Pedagogical University of Krakow
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University
On-cho Ng, Pennsylvania State University
Responding:
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University
Business Meeting:
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, and Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

A7-125

Body and Religion Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516B
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding
Theme: Bodies of Knowledge: Ground, (Re)source, Metaphor, Text
Elizabeth Perez, University of Chicago
When “On the Ground” Means “On the Floor”: Conducting Ethnography of Religion in the Space of the Kitchen
Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University
Teaching Religion and Body: Sensationalizing and Reconciling Models of Body Modification
Nikky Singh, Colby College
Sacred Text as the Body of the Gurus: The Quintessential Sikh Metaphor
Andrea J. Dickens, United Theological Seminary
Dressing the Body as Spiritual Progress: Gertrude of Helfta’s Spiritual Exercises
Responding:
Birgit Meyer, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

A7-126

Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514B
Jill Petersen Adams, Syracuse University, Presiding
Theme: American Funerary Practices Since the 1960s
Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion
Nature Versus Necropolis: Conflicting Attitudes of Remembrance and Renewal in the Fight for Summerland Natural Cemetery
Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University
Spontaneous and Organized Inner City Funeral Rites in the Aftermath of Violent Loss
Lizette Larson-Miller, Graduate Theological Union
Scared to Death: Running from Faith in the Face of Death
Laurie Lamoureux Scholes, Concordia University
Where Are We Going with This? Reflections for the Academic Study of Funeral Practices in the Twenty-first Century
Business Meeting:
Christopher Moreman, California State University, East Bay, Presiding
Liberal Theologies Consultation and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513A
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, and Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Martin Luther King Jr. and Barack Obama: Liberal Visions
Peter Ellard, Siena College
The Visions of Martin Luther King and Barack H. Obama: Social Critics, Preachers, and the Popular Press
Curtis Evans, University of Chicago
Caught in an Inescapable Network of Mutuality: Martin Luther King Jr.’s Theology of Human Interrelatedness
Pamela K. Brubaker, California Lutheran University
King’s “Beloved Community” as a Global Ethic of Justice
Responding:
Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary

Liberation Theologies Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-520BE
Nancy Cardoso Pereira has withdrawn from the session.
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding
Theme: Liberation Theologies in the Twenty-first Century
Panelists:
Nestor Medina, North York, Ontario
Sylvia Marcos, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos, and Claremont Graduate University
Heike Walz, Instituto Universitario ISEDET
Mitri Raheb, Incarnation Center of Bethlehem
Wati Longchar, Serampore University
Business Meeting:
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding
**North American Hinduism Consultation**

*9:00 am–11:30 am*

PDC-514A

T. S. Rukmani, Concordia University, Presiding

**Theme: Hinduism in Montréal and Canada: Communities in Community**

This panel presents four papers and a respondent discussing the variety of expressions of Hinduism found in Montréal and in other regions of Canada. The central theme of the panel is communities in community. The papers emphasize the subidentities among South Asians within the Hindu diaspora in a manner that reflects the subnational status of Québec within the broader context of Canada. As a whole, the papers suggest some differences in the Canadian Hindu context in relation to other diaspora groups. The papers cover the performance of the kaavati ritual at the Murugan temple in Montréal, the community response, and the rebuilding of the Hindu Samaj Mandir in Hamilton after an attack by arsonists, the life histories of three Hindus who came to practice their faith once in the diaspora community, and a general overview of Hinduism in Canada with a particular focus on Montréal.

Mark Bradley, Université du Québec, Montréal

*Religious Practice and Identity Trans-mission: Kaavati Dancing in Montréal*

Anne M. Pearson, McMaster University

*Rising from the Ashes: The Recreation of the Hindu Samaj Temple in Hamilton, Ontario, Post “9/15”*

Richard Mann, Carleton University

*“Finding Myself Here”: Life History Narratives from the Canadian Hindu Diaspora*

Radhika Sekar, University of Ottawa

*The Emergence and Reconstruction of Hindu Temple Organizations in Canada: An Overview*

Responding:

Paul Younger, McMaster University

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**Religion and Migration Consultation**

*9:00 am–11:30 am*

PDC-513F

Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida, Presiding

**Theme: Beyond the “Stranger”: Christian Theological and Ethical Responses to Migration**

Sarah Azaransky, University of San Diego

*The Conviviality of All Bodies: An Alternative Migration Ethic*

Natalia Marandiuc, Yale University

*Human Migration, Cultural Homelessness, and the Holy Spirit: Challenging the Trope of Pilgrimage*

Catherine Osborne, Fordham University

*The Visibility of Migrant Domestic Careworkers: Feminism, Globalization, Justice, and Roman Catholic Social Thought*

Susanna Snyder, University of Birmingham

*Getting Up Nehemiah’s Nose: Gender, Foreignness, and Prophecy*

Responding:

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Jennifer B. Saunders, Delaware, OH, Presiding
Religion Education in Public Schools: International Perspectives Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511D

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding

Theme: Québec’s New “Ethics and Religious Culture” Program

As of September 2008, a new course entitled “Ethics and Religious Culture” (ERC) became mandatory for all Québec primary and secondary schools (except for grade 9). The program represents a radical departure from previous programs. This panel examines the new program from diverse perspectives. The panel was constituted in the spirit of an “epistemic community,” where the individual members share common values and purposes, but where salient issues are examined and knowledge is constructed through very different lenses.

Spencer Boudreau, McGill University
Religious Education in a Changing World: The Québec Experience
Ronald Morris, McGill University
The Program’s Conceptual Framework
Kevin McDonough, McGill University
Education, Religious Culture, and Reasonableness
Anthony Mansour, Canadian Centre for Ecumenism
ERC, Implementation, and Conflicting Personal Values
Anne-Marie De Silva, English Montréal School Board
Teaching ERC in an Elementary School
Eric Van der Wee, Sacred Heart School, Montréal
Teaching ERC in a Religious School

Sikh Studies Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516A

Valerie Stoker, Wright State University, Presiding

Theme: Identity and Diaspora

Partap Ajrawat, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sikh Sacred Space: From Medieval Punjab to Modern Day Diaspora
Kamala Nayar, Kwantlen Polytechnic University
The Making of Sikh Space in British Columbia: The Central Role of the Gurdwara
Nirinjan Khalsa, University of Michigan
Gurbani Kirtan: Remembering the Past, Singing the Future, and the Efficacy of Intentionless Song
Harjeet Grewal, University of Michigan
The Question of Resistance: Religious Conversion amongst Indic Faiths
Navdeep Singh Mandair, Coventry, United Kingdom
Violent Religion: Revisioning the Martial Signature of Sikhism

Business Meeting:
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal College, Presiding
A7-133

Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515A
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Theme: Inside and Outside Sacred Space: Spaces of Inner Experience and Places of Political Contention
Eric Reinders, Emory University
The Vertical Metaphor in Chinese Buddhist Temple Space
Hazem Ziada, Southern Polytechnic State University
Aesthetics of Ritual Space: The Case of the Mosque
David Howlett, University of Iowa
"Lifting the Scourge": The LDS Resanctification of the Community of Christ’s Kirtland Temple, 1965–2008
Shelly Nixon, University of Ottawa
Negotiating Religious Meaning in Canadian Museums
Responding:
David Simonowitz, University of California, Los Angeles
Business Meeting:
Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, and Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College, Presiding

A7-134

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-518C
Paul Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding
Theme: Dionysius the Areopagite
Mark Flory, Metropolitan State College and Colorado Christian University
The Theology and Practices of Cataphasis
Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University
Is the God of Dionysius Really Unqualifiedly Ineffable?
Eugenia Constantinou, University of San Diego
The Use and Influence of Pseudo-Dionysios in the Apocalypse Commentary of Andrew of Caesarea
David Newheiser, University of Chicago
Dionysius Now: Revisiting Derrida’s Reading of the Corpus Areopagitcum

A7-135

Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516D
Shannon Craigo-Snell, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Learning in Place: Globalization, Poverty, and Race
Elizabeth W. Corrie, Emory University
Empowering Youth for Global Citizenship: Teaching the Teachers
James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary
Pedagogy beyond Piracy: Unlearning the Body to Recreate a Body of Learning
Charon Hribar, Union Theological Seminary
Poverty Immersion Courses: The Challenges of and Possibilities for Creating Sustainable Partnerships with Poor Communities and Working Together for Change
Jennie S. Knight, Emory University
Truth and Reconciliation as Religious Education: Uncovering the Living History of White Supremacy in Local Communities
Business Meeting:
Kate Ott, Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing, Presiding
M7-100

The Niebuhr Society
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516C
Theme: A Century in Public Theology: Reinhold Niebuhr and Richard John Neuhaus: Religion and American Public Life in the Twentieth Century and Beyond
Panelists:
William Cavanaugh, University of Saint Thomas
Gary Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary
Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
David Novak, University of Toronto
10:30 am
Research Reports
K. Healan Gaston, University of California, Berkeley
Kevin Carnahan, Hendrix College
11:00 am
Business Meeting:
John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

M7-102

African Association for the Study of Religion
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Duluth
Theme: African Religions: Resource for Hope and Impetus for Restorative Justice and Healing
Last year’s conversation on “Tapping African Wisdom to Heal the Wounds of Colonialism and Slavery” will continue in this conversation between Vincent Harding, Iliff School of Theology and Veterans of Hope Project, and Rachel Harding, University of Colorado, Denver, on resources in indigenous African religions for healing in the modern world. The conversation will be expanded to include all participants.
This conversation will be followed by the African Association for the Study of Religion business meeting.

M7-103

Association for Practical Theology
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Jolliet
Theme: Practical Theology and Religious Pluralism: Possibilities and Challenges for Teaching
Claire Wolfteich, Boston University, Presiding
This session explores religious pluralism with a focus on implications for pedagogy and practical theology. How might religious pluralism shape the discipline of practical theology? How does the formation of practical theologians equip them (or not) to engage other religious traditions and communities? What are the complexities of pedagogical issues as they arise in diverse institutional settings? The session brings into conversation scholars from American, Canadian, and European contexts.
Panelists:
Emmanuel Lartey, Emory University
Carol Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University
Ruard Ganzevoort, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Colloquium on Violence and Religion

9:00 am – 11:30 am
LCS-Musset
Theme: Book Sessions

9:00 am

Book Session: Abraham’s Curse: The Roots of Violence in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam by Bruce Chilton
Panelist:
Bruce Chilton, Bard College
Responding:
Zijad Delic, Canadian Islamic Congress

10:10 am
Break

10:20 am

Book Session: The Virgin Mary, Monotheism, and Sacrifice by Cleo Kearns
Panelist:
Cleo Kearns, Princeton University
Responding:
Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa

Discussion will follow each presentation/response. Contact Martha Reineke at martha.reineke@uni.edu for more information.

Karl Barth Society of North America

9:00 am – 11:30 am
PDC-520CF
Theme: Panel Discussion of Orthodox and Modern: Studies in the Theology of Karl Barth, by Bruce L. McCormack
Panelists:
Nicholas M. Healy, Saint John’s University
Garrett Green, Connecticut College
Responding:
Bruce L. McCormack, Princeton Theological Seminary

La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion

9:00 am – 11:30 am
LCS-Lamartine
Gastón Espinosa, Claremont-McKenna College, Presiding
M7-109

New Religious Movements Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Hochelaga 5
Douglas Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding
Theme: Junior Scholar–Senior Scholar Roundtable

M7-110

North American Association for the Study of Religion
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-517B
Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College, Presiding
Theme: Postcoloniality, Secular Critique, and Democratic Futures
Ananda Abeysekara, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Impossibility of Secular Critique, Future Memory of Postcolonial Religion
Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas
Vodou’ Economics: Haiti and the Future of Democracy
Laura Levitt, Temple University
American Jews, Religious Pluralism, and the Secular Public Sphere: Reconsidering the Terms of Democratic Inclusion
Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan
Infecting Democracy: Indian Secularism and the Problem of Interdiction

M7-111

North American Paul Tillich Society
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Péribonka
Theme: God and Being/God Above and Beyond Being — and God

M7-112

Sacramental Poetics
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Richelieu
Monica Miller, Chicago Theological Seminary and University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Like liturgy, sacramental poetry signifies more than it says, through image, sound, and time, in language that takes the hearer beyond each of these elements. Rather than being lost in secularization, this sacramental function survives through poetic evocations of transcendence.

Panelists:
Ben Myers, Charles Sturt University
Virgil W. Brower, Chicago Theological Seminary and Northwestern University
Hent de Vries, Johns Hopkins University

Responding:
Regina Schwartz, Northwestern University
M7-113

Society for Hindu–Christian Studies  
9:00 am–11:30 am  
PDC-516E  
Theme: Hindu Views of Jesus  
Brad Malkovsky, Notre Dame University  
Some Recent Developments in Hindu Views about Jesus  
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University  
The “Hindu Jesus” of the Sri Jesu Sahasranama Stotram  
Ravi M. Gupta, College of William and Mary  
Jesus in the Thought of Swami Prabhupada  
K. R. Sundararajan, Saint Bonaventure University  
Suffering Savior: A Vaishnava Appraisal  

Business meeting to follow.

M7-114

Society for Mormon Philosophy and Theology  
9:00 am–11:30 am  
FQE-Hochelaga 6  
Theme: Preexistence of the Soul: Historical, Theological, and Philosophical Perspectives  
This session features papers responding to Terryl Givens’ new book When Souls Had Wings: Pre-Mortal Existence in Western Thought (Oxford University Press, 2009) and replies from the author. Givens’ study examines a wide range of speculative literature ranging from Platonic texts, to early Christian variations, to Romantic preoccupation with the theme of human existence before birth. Along with the history of the idea, the book explores its significance, and the reasons why some have found the idea appealing, while others have resisted it. We will consider the implications of belief in preexistence for theories of human nature, freedom of the will, and the sovereignty of God.

M7-115

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality  
9:00 am–11:30 am  
FQE-Hochelaga 1  
Theme: Presidential Address and Business Meeting  
9:00 am  
The 2009 Presidential Address by Arthur Holder, Graduate Theological Union  
The Problem with “Spiritual Classics”  
10:30 am  
Business Meeting:  
Steven Chase, Western Theological Seminary, President-elect, Presiding  
All are welcome.  

For more information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.
M7-116

Society of Buddhist–Christian Studies
9:00 am–11:30 am
LCS-Joyce
Amos Yong, Regent University, Presiding
Theme: Discussion of Buddhist–Christian Dialogue in an Age of Science by Paul O. Ingram (Rowman and Littlefield, 2008)
Panelists:
Mark Unno, University of Oregon
Nancy Howell, Saint Paul School of Theology
Benjamin Chicka, Claremont Graduate University
Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont
Responding:
Paul O. Ingram, Pacific Lutheran University
11:00 am
Business Meeting

M7-117

Søren Kierkegaard Society
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Hochelaga 2
Abrahim Khan, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard’s Skrifter, Kierkegaard’s Journals and Notebooks, and Kierkegaard’s Engagement with Nineteenth-Century Traditions
Panelists:
Niels Jørgen Cappelørn, University of Copenhagen
Brian Soderquist, University of Copenhagen
George Pattison, Oxford University
Heiko Schulz, University of Duisberg-Essen
David Possen, Yale University

M7-118

Theology for the Presbyterian Church (USA)
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Hochelaga 3
Theme: (How) Does Calvin Matter Now?
Presbyterian Church (USA) pastors and scholars are invited to this meeting dedicated to doing theology for the church. How does Calvin matter in the life of a (Presbyterian/Reformed) congregation and in the life of a presbytery amidst the theological disciplines? Does Calvin still matter in any or all of these contexts? A panel made up of a pastor, professor, and a governing body leader will offer presentations, which will be engaged in discussion by the panel, other invited respondents, and those in attendance.
This will be the only formal gathering for Presbyterian scholars sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (USA) during the 2009 Annual Meeting.
For further information, contact Anita Brown, Office of Theology and Worship, 1-888-728-7228 x5033, anita.brown@pcusa.org.

M7-127

Psychology, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Bersimis
Theme: Business Meeting and Works in Progress
Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies and the Theological Aesthetics Group
9:00 am–12:30 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 4
Alejandro Garcia-Rivera, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, Presiding
Theme: Theological Aesthetics: Panel Discussion
9:00 am
Paper Presentations
Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary
Differences in Theological Aesthetics and the Difference They Make
Oleg Byrchov, Saint Bonaventure University
Why Expert High Quality Art is Good for Religion
Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University
The Strength of Difference: Interlacing as a Methodology for Theological Aesthetics
Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley
Portraying One’s Destiny: Religious Imagery and Eschatology in Byzantium and Tibet
11:20 am
Project presentations by 2008 Luce Fellows
Holly Mitchem, Graduate Theological Union
Under the Eye of God: The Serran Missions of the Sierra Gorda, Mexico
Jane Huber, Union Theological Seminary
Keeping Time: Sung Gospels and Moving Images
12:20 pm
Meeting of Society members

The Society for the Study of Anglicanism and Ecclesiological Investigations Group
9:00 am–12:30 pm
FQE-Mackenzie
Theme: Mission and Interdependence: Canadian Anglicanism at the Crossroads
The Society for the Study of Anglicanism, in association with the Ecclesiological Investigations Group, invites you to the seventh annual meeting of the society.
Panelists:
William Danaher, Huron University College
Wendy Fletcher, Vancouver School of Theology
George Sumner, Wycliffe College, Toronto
M7-122

Liverpool Hope/University of Manchester Symposium on Early Methodism: Texts, Traditions, and Theologies
9:00 am–12:45 pm
LCS-Kafka
Theme: Methodism and the African Diaspora, 1738–1834
9:00 am
Welcome
Participants:
Dennis C. Dickerson, Vanderbilt University
Robert Glen, University of New Haven
John Lenton, Methodist Church of Great Britain
Gareth Lloyd, University of Manchester
Suzanne Schwarz, Liverpool Hope University
11:30 am
Questions and Roundtable Discussion
12:45 pm
Conclusion
For additional information, contact Kenneth Newport at Knewport@hope.ac.uk or Harwoos@hope.ac.uk.

M7-123

Dharma Association of North America
10:30 am–12:30 pm
FQE-Chaudière
Phyllis Herman, California State Northridge, Presiding
Theme: Asceticism in Dharma Traditions II: Laity and Their Practices
Panelists:
Robert Menzies
Jerry Carney
Koenraad Elst
Responding:
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

M7-126

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
11:30 am–1:00 pm
FQE-Saint-Charles
Theme: Promotions Committee

M7-128

Gathering in Memory of Aditya Bell
11:30 am–12:45 pm
PDC-514C
North American Association for the Study of Religion
11:45 am–12:45 pm
PDC-516C
Theme: Business Meeting
A7-200

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513E
Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College, and John Thatamanil, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: (In)formation: Religious Studies and Theological Studies
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and Theological Education Steering Committee

Common wisdom suggests that there is a disconnect between faculty interest in forming students academically and student interest in spiritual or religious formation. What are our responsibilities for forming our students? Are they purely academic? Spiritual? Does institutional context play a role in this? Is such formation different for seminaries, divinity schools, religiously-affiliated undergraduate programs, state schools, or private universities? What if a faculty member has interest in such formation, especially since so many of their students, as the Walvoord study illustrates, have interest in such formation? This Special Topics Forum will explore the role of religious studies and theological studies in forming, informing, deforming, and reforming students. The panelists, drawn from different institutional contexts, will present their varying perspectives on the question of formation and invite the audience into a lively discussion over this important issue.

Panelists:
Douglas (Jake) Jacobsen, Messiah College
Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University
Mary Elizabeth Moore, Emory University

A7-201

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511C
Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, Presiding
Theme: Publishing Your Book: Thoughts from Oxford University Press and from the Editors of the AAR Book Series and JAAR
Sponsored by the Publications Committee

Based on notions that scholars have an understanding of the books needed in the fields of religion, religious studies, and theology, the AAR publishing program with Oxford University Press (OUP) produces quality scholarship for religion scholars and their students. OUP is an outstanding international publisher and the AAR has published hundreds of titles, many of which have become critical tools in the development of our fields and in training new scholars. AAR/OUP books include five published 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. The panel provides an opportunity to hear from experienced OUP and AAR editors, and to ask any and all questions you might have regarding the AAR/OUP series. There will also be opportunities to speak with an individual editor.

Panelists:
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco
Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University
Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511F
Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: To Sustain and Renew: AAR, NativeEnergy, and Building Supportive Partnerships between Academia and First Nations/First Peoples
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force
This year, the Sustainability Task Force inaugurates the AAR’s newest innovative environmental initiative. Beginning with the Montréal meeting, AAR has linked its online registration process with NativeEnergy to encourage all those attending to offset their production of carbon dioxide emissions generated by travel to the Annual Meeting. Through its third-party verified and certified Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) and offsets, NativeEnergy helps to build Native American, farmer-owned, community-based renewable energy projects that create social, economic, and environmental benefits. This Special Topics Forum is essentially a working session to discuss ways that the AAR, similar scholarly organizations, and the broader realm of academia can take a greater role in supporting environmental sustainability efforts, while helping to support and sustain native cultures in the process.
Panelists:
Verney Marilyn Notah, University of California, Santa Barbara
Timothy Leduc, York University
Patrick Spears, Native Wind

Buddhism Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511E
Charles B. Jones, Catholic University of America, Presiding
Theme: Making Money, Making Meaning, Making Merit: Exploring the Fit between Tourism, Development, and the Buddhist Revival in China Today
Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont
A Temple of Their Own? Minority Buddhists, Economic Development, and Autonomy in Southwest China
Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University
Bringing Back the Buddha: Lay Buddhist Contestation of Tourist Temple Space in Beijing
Brian J. Nichols, Rice University
The Ballad of the Curator and the Revivalist: Being Old and Famous Cuts Both Ways, Especially If You’re a Buddhist Monastery
Sun Yanfei, University of Chicago
The Yichun Model: The Role of Local Cadres in the Buddhist Revival
Responding:
Xiaofei Kang, Carnegie Mellon University
**A7-204**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

1:00 pm–3:30 pm  
PDC-511D

Cynthia Hahn has withdrawn from the session.

William E. Paden, University of Vermont, Presiding

Theme: Relic Practices Across Traditions

Anne M. Blackburn, Cornell University  
*Buddha Relics in the Lives of Southern Asian Polities*

Brannon M. Wheeler, United States Naval Academy  
*Gift of the Body in Islam: The Prophet Muhammad’s Camel Sacrifice and Distribution of Hair and Nails at His Farewell Pilgrimage*

Peter Flügel, University of London  
*Jaina Relic Stūpas*

Responding:  
Kevin Trainor, University of Vermont

Business Meeting:  
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago, and Kimberley C. Patton, Harvard University, Presiding

**A7-205**

**Ethics Section**

1:00 pm–3:30 pm  
PDC-511B

Aaron Conley, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: Neoliberal Economics: Illustrations and Consequences

Joseph Strife, Union Theological Seminary, and Charon Hribar, Union Theological Seminary  
*“Something We All Need to Live”: Politics and Ethics from Above and Below in the Struggle over Water Privatization in Detroit*

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University  
*Water Privatization in the Developing World*

Patricia Way, Rosemont College  
*Mining the Hidden Transcripts of Capitalist Power*

Lorena E. Cuevas, New York, NY  
*Ground Resistance: How the Starbucks Workers Union Is Fighting Back*

Business Meeting:  
Jane Hicks, Saint John Fisher College, and Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
A7-206

North American Religions Section and Religion and Politics Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-510A
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: Reconsidering Civil Religion
Philip Gorski, Yale University
A Neo-Weberian Theory of Civil Religion
David Morgan, Duke University
The Social Body of Belief: Transcendence and Civil Religion
David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College
All Used Up: Civil Religion and the Exhaustion of the Myth of American Exceptionalism
Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, Duke University
Religious Minorities in Civil Religion
Responding:
Catherine L. Albanese, University of California, Santa Barbara
Craig Calhoun, New York University
Business Meeting:
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A7-207

Study of Islam Section and the North American Association for the Study of Religion
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-516C
Rosemary Hicks, Columbia University, Presiding
Theme: Theories and Methods in the Academic Study of Islam
Panelists:
Ayesha Chaudhry, Colgate University
Juliane Hammer, George Mason University
Ruth Mas, University of Colorado
Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University
Noah Salomon, Yale University and University of Chicago
Business Meeting:
Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding
Theology and Religious Reflection Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-524C
Pamela Mary Bright, Concordia University, Presiding

Theme: Theological Contributions in the Work of Gregory Baum

The work of Canadian theologian, Gregory Baum, has spanned more than fifty years, revealing his astonishing openness to being attentive to the theological questions that animated his inquiry. This panel presentation will consider some of the key themes within Baum’s theology, exploring his faithfulness to the Christian mission of solidarity and why that mission speaks to twenty-first century challenges. A central goal of the panel is to reflect on the continued relevance of Baum’s theology, and to situate it in the context of Québec. His theology followed a trajectory that moved him through concerns with economic injustice, human dignity, solidarity, Catholic Church teachings and life, ecumenism, and interfaith dialogue. It is an interdisciplinary journey involving theology, sociology, political economy, and religious studies. It is a responsive theology that is attentive to contemporary concerns and responds to these concerns in a timely manner.

Gregory Baum, McGill University
*Doing Theology in Québec*

Jean Richard, University of Laval
*Gregory Baum’s Critical Theology as Applied to the Social, Political, and Religious Situation of Québec*

Christine Jamieson, Concordia University
*The Solidarity Catholicism of Gregory Baum*

David Seljak, University of Waterloo
*Baum, Evil, and the Sociological Imagination*

Denise Couture, Université de Montréal
*Intersecting Critical, Feminist, and Postcolonial Theology*

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African Religions Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513F

Ina Johanna Fandrich, Presiding

Theme: The Convergence of Multiple “African Diasporas” in North America

Deidre H. Crumbley, North Carolina State University
*A Transatlantic Assessment of Independent Church Movements (ICMs) in Nigeria and the United States*

Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh
*Going Online to Heaven, Downloading the Holy Spirit: Mediating Spaces in the New African Diaspora*

Genevieve Nrenzah, Florida International University
*Mame Wata across the Waters: The Globalizing of African Spirituality*

Albert K. Wuaku, Florida International University
*The Secret Mirror in “India Africa”: Popular Religious Notions in the West African Diaspora in Toronto*

Business Meeting:
Laura Grillo, Pacifica Graduate Institute, Presiding
A7-210

Anthropology of Religion Group and Body and Religion Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-515C
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding
Theme: Making Sense of, in, and as Religion: Lessons and Questions from Sensory Anthropology
Panelists:
Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University
Constance Classen, Concordia University
David Howes, Concordia University
Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University
Business Meeting:
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, and Richard M. Carp, Appalachian State University, Presiding

A7-211

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511A
Nami Kim, Spelman College, Presiding
Theme: Negotiating Diasporic Spaces: Practices of Religion, Aesthetics, and Pedagogy
Barbara Schwartz Brus, Phillips Theological Seminary
Secret Identities: Race/Gender Identity and Mimicry in the Graphic Novels American Born Chinese and Incognegro
Kathryn Carriere, University of Ottawa
Caste, Class, and the Evil Eye: Enduring and Real Concepts within Toronto’s Goan Catholic Community
Michael Sepidoza Campos, Graduate Theological Union
Straddling Theory and Praxis: “Social Biography” as Both Pedagogical and Political Gesture
Min-Ah Cho, Emory University
Decreation, Art, and a Passage of Diasporic Soul: Reading Theresa Hak Kyung Cha’s Pomegranate Offerings with Simone Weil
Courtney T. Goto, Emory University
Seeing a Japanese Jesus and Other Possibilities of Art
Responding:
Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion

A7-212

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and Religion and Humanism Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-520BE
Jennifer McBride, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: The Promise of Christian Humanism: A Dialogue with John W. de Gruchy
Terence J. Martin, Saint Mary’s College
The Party of Humanity Revisited
Jens Zimmermann, Trinity Western University
Being Human, Becoming Human: Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Christological Humanism
Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University
Cosmopolitanism and Confinement: The Dialectic of Confessional Identity in Christian Humanism
The business meeting for the Religion and Humanism Consultation will be held Saturday, November 7 from 12:00 pm–12:30 pm in the Program Unit Chairs’ Lounge (PDC-512H). All are welcome.
A7-213

Comparative Religious Ethics Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-514B
Anne R. Hansen, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Theme: New Work in Comparative Religious Ethics
Aaron Gross, University of San Diego
Moral Pedagogy, Humane Subjects, and Eating Animals: Receiving Law and Taking Vows in Contemporary Jewish and Jain Dietary Practice
Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Harvard University
Making Muslim Minds: Question and Answer as a Genre of Ethical Induction to Islam in Urban France
Emily Hudson, Harvard University
The Relationship Between Narrative and Philosophical Discourse in the Bhagavadgita: The Ethics of the Argument Against Grief
Irene Oh, University of Miami
Sources of Maternal Moral Authority
Responding:
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University

A7-214

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and Law, Religion, and Culture Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513B
Randall G. Styers, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Theme: Negotiating the Legal Boundaries of Religion
Annalise Glauz-Todrank, University of California, Santa Barbara
Religion and Race: Navigating Legal Categories to Claim Civil Rights Protection
Isaac Weiner, Georgia State University
Religion and Noise: Demarcating the Limits of Toleration
Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, University of California, Santa Barbara
Religion and Crime: Snake Handling and the Negotiation of Authority
Responding:
Winnifred Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo
Business Meeting:
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding

A7-215

Daoist Studies Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513C
Robin Yates, McGill University, Presiding
Theme: What’s a Nice Ru Like You Doing in a Place Like This? Confucian Thought and the Putative Daoist Philosophy of the Huainanzi
Panelists:
Judson Murray, Wright State University
John Major, New York, NY
Sarah Queen, Connecticut College
Andrew Meyer, Brooklyn College
Harold D. Roth, Brown University
Responding:
Sarah Allan, Dartmouth College
**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group and Reformed Theology and History Group**

*1:00 pm–3:30 pm*  
PDC-513A

Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding  
Theme: *Encounters Between Reformed and Orthodox Theologies and Practice*

- David Barbee, University of Pennsylvania  
  *William Perkins's Use of Greek Fathers*
- Michael Pahls, Saint Louis University  
  *Apophasis and Kataphasis: John Calvin's Theology of the Eucharist as Mystical Theology*
- John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
  *Do the Reformed Need Monasteries? A Reevaluation in Light of Orthodox Practice*
- Brock Bingaman, Wesleyan College  
  *Toward Reformed–Orthodox Dialogue: Exploring Jürgen Moltmann’s Conversation with Orthodox Creation Theology*

**Business Meeting:**  
Eve Tibbs, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Paul Gavrilyuk, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

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**Ecclesiological Investigations Group**

*1:00 pm–3:30 pm*  
PDC-520CF

Julie Clague, University of Glasgow, Presiding  
Theme: *The Church in Post-Christian Society*

- Thomas Hughson, Marquette University  
  *Is Prophecy Enough? "Deprivatized" Churches in a Secular Society*
- Mark Chapman, Ripon College, Cuddesdon  
  *Christianity as a Minority Religion: The English Example*
- Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, Fuller Theological Seminary  
  *The Church in the Post-Christian Society Between Modernity and Late Modernity: L. Newbigin’s Postcritical Missional Ecclesiology*

David Anderman, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Waterville, ME  
*Conversation, Friendship, and Hospitality: A "Weak" Ecclesiology*

Steffen Lösel, Emory University  
*The Kirchenkampf of the Countercultural Colony: A Critical Response*

**Responding:**  
Gilles Routhier, Université Laval

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**Hinduism Group**

*1:00 pm–3:30 pm*  
PDC-517C

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College, Presiding  
Theme: *Dalit Religious Practice and the Topography of Domination: Rethinking Connections among Caste, Religion, and Conversion*

Panelists:  
- Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington  
- Chad Bauman, Butler University  
- Rupa Viswanath, University of Pennsylvania  
- Joel Lee, Columbia University  
- Lucinda Ramberg, San Francisco, CA  
- Gajendran Ayyathurai, Columbia University
**A7-219**

**Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group**

1:00 pm–3:30 pm  
PDC-516E

Benjamin Valentin, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding

Theme: *Taking "La Lucha" to Heart*

Panelists:
- Lara Medina, California State University, Northridge
- Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University
- Laurel C. Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Rachel A. R. Bundang, College of Saint Catherine
- Rodolfo Hernández-Díaz, Denver University and Iliff School of Theology

Responding:
- Ada Maria Isasi-Díaz, Drew University

**A7-220**

**Practical Theology Group**

1:00 pm–3:30 pm  
PDC-510D

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Women in Pastoral Leadership: New Theological Research*

Anne Hardison-Moody, Emory University

*Bounded Openness? Creating Feminist Community at a Domestic Violence Organization*  
AnneMarie Mingo, Emory University

*The Tedious Journey Towards Justice: Black Churchwomen’s Lived Theology and Moral Faith Expressions in the United States Civil Rights Movement*  
HiRho Park, Boston University, and Susan Willhauck, Wesley Theological Seminary

*Cracks in the Stained Glass Ceiling: The Lead Women Pastors Project*

Responding:
- Barbara Holmes, Memphis Theological Seminary

**A7-221**

**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group**

1:00 pm–3:30 pm  
PDC-524A

Hetty Zock, University of Gröningen, Presiding

Theme: *100 Years of Psychoanalysis in North America*

Philip Browning Helsel, Princeton University

*Beyond Perversion: The Religious Implications of Freud’s Deconstruction of Homosexuality*  
Felicity Brock Kelcourse, Christian Theological Seminary

*Dangerous Dreams: Freud, Jung, and the Problem of God the Father*  
Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary

*Freud, Jung, and Pastoral Psychotherapy: Uneasy Bedfellows (Or: “What’s a Nice Freudian Like You Doing in a Counseling Modality Like This?”)*  
Michael D. Oppenheim, Concordia University

*Of Meaning and Meetings in Psycho-analysis and Religion*  
Ann Gleig, Rice University

*The Return of the Repressed: Psychoanalysis as Spirituality*
A7-222

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-520AD
Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding
Theme: Power, Patriotism, and the Military
Justin Latterell, Emory University
In God We Trust: Lincoln and America’s Deathbed Repentance
Gabriella Lettini, Graduate Theological Union
Filming Moral Deliberation in War: The Case of Soldiers of Conscience
Steven Moore, Department of National Defence
Military Chaplains as Agents of Peace: Seeding Reconciliation in Theaters of War
Charlotte Hunter, Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute
Strategies of Power and Patriotism: Public Prayer in the Military Setting
Business Meeting:
Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and Marla J. Selvidge, University of Central Missouri, Presiding

A7-223

Roman Catholic Studies Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-524B
Brenna Moore, Fordham University, Presiding
Theme: Extreme Spirituality
Emma J. Anderson, University of Ottawa
The Odd Couple: Mère Catherine de Saint-Augustine, Jean de Brébeuf, and the Gendering of Expiatory Suffering in Early Modern Québec
Jack Downey, Fordham University
“The Bread of the Strong”: Onésime Lacouture, S. J., John Hugo, and Self-mortification in the Catholic Worker Movement
Nicholas Rademacher, Cabrini College
Coincidences of “Catholic Extremism”: Pre-Vatican II Social Initiatives by North American Women
Business Meeting:
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University, and Daniel Speed Thompson, Saint Mary’s University, Presiding

A7-224

Schleiermacher Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-516B
Terry Godlove, Hofstra University, Presiding
Theme: New Work on Schleiermacher
Clive Marsh, University of Leicester
The Arts, Learning, and the Cultivation of Piety: Contemporary Theological Reflections on Schleiermacher’s Approach to Pedagogy and Person-formation
Steven Jungkeit, Yale University
Specters of Theological Dissent: Schleiermacher, Systems Theory, and Global Ecclesial Bodies
Emily Gravett, University of Virginia
A Christmas Eve Dialogue: Friedrich Schleiermacher and Judith Butler on Gender
Julia A. Lamm, Georgetown University
Schleiermacher’s Christmas Dialogue as Platonic Dialogue
Business Meeting:
Andrew Dole, Amherst College, Presiding
A7-225

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-515B
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Theology, Continental Philosophy, and Spiritual Practices
Jason Smick, Santa Clara University
The Difficulty of Breaking Waves: Spiritual Exercises in Husserl and Italo Calvino's Mr. Palomar
Joseph Rivera, Saint Louis University
Liturgy or Death? Authentic Existence in Lacoste and Heidegger
Jeremy Vecchi, Syracuse University
How Do You Make Yourself a Sufi Body without Organs?
Business Meeting:
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A7-226

Wesleyan Studies Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-516D
Kristina LaCelle-Peterson, Houghton College, Presiding
Theme: Methodism and Wesleyan Traditions in Canada
Michael Turner, Vanderbilt University
Nathan Bangs and the "Canada Fire"
Patti Dikes, Claremont Graduate University
"Exhorting" the Gospel: Wesleyan Holiness Manifested in Canadian Women
Martin Wellings, Oxford, United Kingdom
"Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love": George Jackson (1864–1945) and the Transatlantic Connections of Methodism in Canada, the United States, and Great Britain
Responding:
Rex D. Matthews, Emory University
Business Meeting:
Kristina LaCelle-Peterson, Houghton College, Presiding

A7-227

Christianity and Academia Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-514C
C. Hannah Schell, Monmouth College, Presiding
Theme: Theology in the Sacculus of the University
Paul Macdonald, Bucknell University
Theology as Knowledge: Finding a Place for the Study of Christian Theology in the Secular University
Lake Lambert, Wartburg College
Spirituality in the Business Curriculum
Christopher Rodkey, Lebanon Valley College
The Last Public Theologian: Thomas Altizer at Emory University
James Pitts, University of Edinburgh
Theologians in Exile: Student Perceptions of the School of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh
Business Meeting:
Daniel Sack, University of Chicago, Presiding
A7-228

Mormon Studies Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513D
Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding
Theme: The Significance of Recent Mormon–Evangelical Dialogues
Panelists:
Robert L. Millet, Brigham Young University
Craig Blomberg, Denver Seminary
Edwin Zehner, Cornell University
John-Charles Duffy, University of North Carolina
Responding:
Grant Wacker, Duke University
Business Meeting:
Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University, Presiding

A7-229

Religion and Sexuality Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-514A
Monique Moultrie, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Embodiment, Identity, and Transgressive Sexuality
Elizabeth Young Barstow, Harvard University
June McDaniel, College of Charleston
Mystical Sex with Radha and Krishna: The Manjari Sadhana as a Question of Identity, Body, and Tradition
Stefanie Knauss, Fondazione Bruno Kessler
Transcendental Relationships? A Theological Reflection on Cybersex and Cyberrelationships
Megan Goodwin, University of North Carolina
Queer, Not Gay: Limits of Acceptable Sexual Transgressions in New Religious Movements Discourse
Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara
Ex-Gay Ministries through the Lenses of Parody and Sincerity
Business Meeting:
R. Marie Griffith, Harvard University, Presiding

A7-230

Religion Education in Public Schools: International Perspectives Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-515A
Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico, Presiding
Theme: Religion Education, Citizenship, and Teacher Education in Disparate National Settings
Wolfram Weisse, University of Hamburg
Religion in Education: A Contribution to Dialogue or a Factor of Conflict in Transforming Societies of European Countries?
Jeffrey Thibert, University of Illinois
The Ambiguous Relationship between Public Religion Education and the Promotion of Religious Freedom
Satoko Fujisawa, Taisho University
What School Textbooks Tell about Religion Teaching Practiced Around the World: A Comparative Study of Religious Education in the Public Sphere
Shahram Nahidi, Wilfrid Laurier University and Sharon Gubbay Helfer, Université de Montréal
Teaching Teachers of Québec’s New Ethics and Religious Culture Curriculum
Beth Katz, Project Interfaith
Making the Grade: Ways the Academy Can Support the Needs of Educators in Teaching about Religion and Working with Religiously Diverse Students
Business Meeting:
A7-231

Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-510B
Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: The World House: Considering the "Beloved Community" as a Global Ethic of Justice and Inclusivity
Stephen G. Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Quest for the Beloved Community: The Goodness of God and the Persistence of Social Evil in Global Society
Ronald E. Peters, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
The Urban God: The City as the Beloved Community and Theological Symbol of a Just Society
Charlene Sinclair, Union Theological Seminary
Toward a Theology of Resistance and Praxis: A Gramscian Analysis of Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement
Vincent Lloyd, Georgia State University
Beyond Love and Justice: Natural Law in King's "Beloved Community"
Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University
World House: Martin Luther King Jr.'s Definition of Globalization
Business Meeting:
Johnny B. Hill, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

A7-232

Western Esotericism Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-516A

NEW DATE/TIME (was A8-329)
Allison P. Coudert, University of California, Davis, Presiding
Theme: Intersections of Science and Esotericism
Benjamin Brochstein, Rice University
Viewing Healing Miracles through an Alchemical Lens
Melvyn Draper, University of California, Davis
Vibratory Force and the Occult Science of Ernest Loomis
Egil Asprem, University of Amsterdam
Unity of Knowledge? Theoretical Reflections on the Study of Esotericism and Science in the Modern Period
John Zandler, University of Exeter
Chaos Magic: Science and Sorcery on the Frontier of Contemporary Esotericism
George Young, University of New England
Thaumaturgy in Russian Cosmism

The business meeting of the Western Esotericism Group will be held on Saturday, November 7 from 6:30 pm–8:00 pm in the Program Unit Chairs’ Lounge (PDC-512H). All are welcome.
A7-233

Transhumanism and Religion Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-510C
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding
Theme: Perspectives on Human Enhancement
Jeffrey Bishop, Vanderbilt University
Ontotheology and the Post-human God
Brian Green, Graduate Theological Union
Would Aristotle Be a Transhumanist?
Stephen Garner, University of Auckland
Image-bearing Cyborgs? Hybridity and Hope in the Landscapes of Transhumanism
Robert Ross, Graduate Theological Union
Singularities: Crypto-Religious Models of Human Transformation through Technology
Business Meeting:
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding

A7-234

Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-518B
Johannes Bronkhorst has withdrawn from the session.
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University, Presiding
Theme: Contextualizing the History of Yoga in Geoffrey Samuel’s The Origins of Yoga and Tantra
Panelists:
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
Gerald J. Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Indiana University
Vesna Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara
Daniel R. Gold, Cornell University
Responding:
Geoffrey B. Samuel, Cardiff University
Business Meeting:
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University, and Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
M7-200

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-517B
Bernie A. Van De Walle, Ambrose University College, Presiding
Theme: The Shack: A Panel Discussion Exploring the Goal and Controversial Theology of the New York Times Bestseller with Author William P. Young
This session will welcome William Paul Young, New York Times bestselling author of The Shack, to interact with panelists and the audience on the goal and theology of his wildly popular novel, which has sold millions of copies worldwide and will soon be available in over thirty languages.
Panelists:
Estrelda Alexander, Regent University
John Sanders, Hendrix College
Christopher Hall, Eastern University
Responding:
William Paul Young, Happy Valley, OR
Business Meeting:
Bernie A. Van De Walle, Ambrose University College, Presiding

M7-201

Art/s of Interpretation Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
FQE-Bersimis
Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Theme: Anteriority
Shelly Carmen Colette, University of Ottawa
*The Garden, the Serpent, and Eve: Narrative Characterization in Popular Biblical Reconstructions of Garden of Eden Myths*
Rick Talbott, California State University, Northridge
*Resisting the Reinscription of Colonial-Patriarchal Powers and Violence in Modern Biblical Interpretation*
Pia Altieri, DePaul University
*Bordering Anteriorities, Scholars, and Plateaus: Mining Trickster(s)—Incongruities*
Eglute Trinkauske, Hamilton College
*The Swarming Dead: The Haunting of Indigenous Anteriority in Lithuania*
Responding:
Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University

M7-203

Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-518C
Theme: Research Forum I
Joseph Bulbulia, Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand
*Neuroeconomics and Religious Culture*
Jonathan Lanman, University of Oxford
*A Secular Mind: Towards a Cognitive Science of Atheism*
David Bell, Georgia State University
*Rethinking Religious Identity: The Evolutionary Psychology of a Sociocultural Phenomenon*
The Promise of Scripture and Phenomenology
1:00 pm–4:00 pm
LCS-Hémon
Kevin Hart, University of Virginia, Presiding
How does scripture give itself? What would it mean to treat scripture as a phenomenon? Is anything lost by thinking of scripture as an historical or literary object? This panel will explore the possibility of a phenomenological approach to scripture. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Chris Hackett, University of Virginia
The Saturated Transcendental: The Crisis of Exegesis and Transcendental Phenomenology

Petra Turner Harvey, University of Virginia
Ye Must Have Faith: A Phenomenology of the Reception of Revelation

Adam Wells, University of Virginia
Kenosis as Transcendental Reduction

H. Peter Kang, University of Virginia
Reading (Un)familiar Texts: Phenomenology and the Practice of Scriptural Reasoning

Responding:
Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh

College Theology Society
1:00 pm–6:00 pm
PDC-512C
Theme: Board Meeting
A7-300

**Plenary Panel**

**4:00 pm–6:30 pm**

PDC-517A

Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

**Theme: Islam and Modernity**

Islamic thinkers and activists are facing the great social changes associated with modernity that other religious traditions have and are facing. Cultural diaspora; the context of pluralism; the breakdown of traditional family and social patterns; changing cultural values including the shifting gender roles and sexual attitudes; and the intersection of political and spiritual ideas — all these are elements of modernity that have confronted all religious traditions. Are the Islamic responses any different? Are they diverse and changing? Are there internal disputes as well as external pressures? And what is the future of Islamic ideas and culture in a postmodern world? These and similar questions will be addressed by a distinguished panel of observers of the contemporary Islamic world, exploring the changing character of Islamic modernity in all of its geographic and cultural diversity.

**Panelists:**

- Tariq Ramadan, University of Oxford
- Nilüfer Göle, L'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
- Robin Wright, United States Institute for Peace

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A7-301

**Special Topics Forum**

**4:00 pm–6:30 pm**

PDC-517C

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding

**Theme: “Our Home and Native Land”: Colonial Encounters and the History of Religion, Spirituality, and the Secular**

Sponsored by the American Lectures in the History of Religion

Seeking both to recognize and interrogate the history of our discipline, the History of Religions Jury, under the auspices of the American Lectures in the History of Religions, has convened the Centennial Scholars Panel. Four distinguished scholars and artists will discuss how their work explores some of the ways that colonialism has shaped categories of religion, spirituality, and the secular, especially within the Americas. With increasing awareness of the legacies of colonialism for the study of religion, scholars have gained perspective on the discipline’s contributions both to naturalizing colonialism and to confronting colonial and postcolonial uses of religion for identity creation and domination. The title, taken from the Canadian anthem, points to the unavoidable ambivalence of being “at home” in postcolonial worlds. Gathering together such creative and interdisciplinary conversation partners, the panel offers an extraordinary chance to rethink what it is to be at home in the study of religion.

**Panelists:**

- Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Nelson Maldonado-Torres, University of California, Berkeley
- George Elliott Clarke, University of Toronto
- Alanis Obomsawin, National Film Board of Canada
Special Topics Forum  
4:00 pm–6:30 pm  
PDC-513D  
Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida, Presiding  
Theme: Diasporas of Religion and Religions of Diaspora  
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee  

Globalization and diaspora have become closely related terms and concepts. Religion, in a sense, has always had a tendency to go global; this happened, for example, way before our current globalization when Christians, under a missionary impulse and with missionary zeal, worked tirelessly to take the Christian traditions to other peoples and other lands. The late Jacques Derrida has, of course, famously called capitalist globalization, or the continuation of the religiously implicated imperial project that started from the old Roman Empire, "globalatinization." During this capitalist globalization, people moving across borders to study, work, and live also bring their religions with them wherever they go. Panelists in this forum will interpret and further nuance the relations between diaspora and religion from various traditions.

Panelists:  
Cynthia M. Baker, Bates College  
Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University  
Khyati Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Thomas A. Tweed, University of Texas  
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

Buddhism Section  
4:00 pm–6:30 pm  
PDC-511E  
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, Presiding  
Theme: New Perspectives in Buddhist Studies  
Abraham Zablacki, Agnes Scott College  
Tibetan Buddhism in Taiwan: Political, Economic, and Religious Implications  
Ryan Bongseok Joo, Hampshire College  
Countercurrents from the West: Blue-eyed Zen Masters, Vipassana Meditation, and Buddhist Psychotherapy in Contemporary Korea  
Daniel Kent, University of Virginia  
Killing with Compassion: Buddhist Justifications of War and Intentional Killing in Sri Lanka's Civil War  
Ruth Gamble, Australian National University  
"Look Over at the Mountains": Sense of Place in the Third Karmapa's Songs of Experience  
D. Neil Schmid, North Carolina State University  
Both Five and Six Paths: Revising the Realms of Rebirth in Medieval China  
Kristin Scheible, Bard College  
Deśawarṇa and the Emanation of Power  
Business Meeting:  
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, and Charles Hallisey, Harvard University, Presiding
A7-304

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511B
K. Gandhar Chakravarty, Université de Montréal, Presiding
Theme: Multiculturalism and Religion in Québec: Negotiating Religious Pluralism
In this panel, papers engage in comparative explorations of how Canadians and Québécois in particular have developed a full range of strategies for negotiating religious pluralism in an increasingly multicultural context. The first paper compares profiles of formal interfaith activities in urban centers across the country, activities that are often shaped by distinct religious populations and regional social/political concerns. The second paper engages in a discussion of how distinctions between the concepts of multiculturalism and interculturalism are interpreted in approaches to religious pluralism. The third paper offers a case study discussion that considers the eighty-year history of dialogue with members of the Québec Jewish community and the larger Christian and more recent non-Christian communities. The final paper highlights the recent study of adolescents whose negotiation with diverse religious expressions found in the multicultural environments of four Montréal high schools and beyond contribute to the ongoing development of distinct religious identities.

Laurie Lamoureux Scholes, Concordia University
Making the Mosaic Work? Interfaith Initiatives in Canada and Québec
Sharon Gubbay Helfer, Université de Montréal
Eighty Years of Dialogue in Québec: Who Talked to Whom, When, Why, What Did They Talk About and What Good Did It Do?
Marie-Paule Martel-Reny, Concordia University
Québec Adolescents and Religious Diversity

A7-305

North American Religions Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510A
Amy Koehlinger, Florida State University, Presiding
Theme: Saints, Cities, and Scandals: Directions in Catholic Studies
Katie Oxx, Saint Joseph's University
"The Center of My Immaculate Heart": Emmitsburg, Maryland, and Competing Catholic Narrative Visions
Hillary Kaell, Harvard University
Encounters Abroad: Evangelicals, Catholics, and Orthodox at Jerusalem's Holy Sepulchre
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Boston University
Mystic Saint and Fallen Woman: The Rhetoric of Anti-Catholicism in the Beecher-Tilton Scandal
Responding:
Paula Kane, University of Pittsburgh

A7-306

Philosophy of Religion Section and Religion and Humanism Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-520BE
W. David Hall, Centre College, Presiding
Theme: Religion and the Human Future: An Essay on Theological Humanism
Panelists:
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles, and University of Chicago
Abdulaziz Sachedina, University of Virginia
Dale S. Wright, Occidental College
Responding:
David E. Klemm, University of Iowa
William Schweiker, University of Chicago
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A7-307

Religion in South Asia Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513E
John E. Cort, Denison University, Presiding
Theme: New Directions in the Study of Religion in South Asia
Peter Valdina, Emory University
Rajendralal Mitra and Modern Yoga
J. Barton Scott, Duke University
“Pope-Lila”: Religious Fraud in Dayananda Saraswati’s Satyarth Prakash
James P. Hare, Columbia University
Print and Proliferation: Nabhadas’s Bhaktamal in the Colonial Context
Gil Ben-Herut, Emory University
Reconstruction of Religious Identities in the Virashaiva Movement
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa
Performing Gendered Religious Narratives through Household Puja: Canadian Examples
Responding:
Neelima Shukla-Bhatt, Wellesley College
Brian A. Hatcher, Illinois Wesleyan University
Business Meeting:
Robin Rinehart, Lafayette College, Presiding

A7-308

Teaching Religion Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513B
Karen Derris, University of Redlands, Presiding
Theme: Turning Pro: From Teaching Assistant to Professor
Kelly Arora, University of Denver
Making the Transition from TA to Teacher
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College, and Kathryn Blanchard, Alma College
Transitions and Transformations: Talking about Teaching from Graduate School TA to Liberal Arts College Professor
Laura K. Simmons, George Fox Seminary
From TA to Teacher: How I Made (or Plan to Make!) the Transition
Jeffrey Thibert, University of Illinois
Making the Transition from TA to Teacher: Why TAs Need Teaching Mentors and Why Faculty Should Serve as Teaching Mentors for TAs
Mary Veeneman, North Park University
Will the Real Scholar Stand Up? Imposter Syndrome among Female Undergraduate Students and Its Implications for Pedagogy in Religious Studies
A7-309

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-524C
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Theme: Rereading Marx for Theology and Religious Reflection
Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
Seeing Red in the Black Church: Marxist Thought and African American Christianity
Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion
Simone Weil’s Marxism: A Move Toward a More Incarnational Christianity
Ian Pattenden, McGill University
Christ, Capitalism, Communism. . . Holy Spirit and Hope? Marx and Žižek on Christ and Money
Mara Willard, Harvard University
Hannah Arendt on Self-idolatry: The False Gods of Ethnic Nationalism
Business Meeting:
Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

A7-310

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-515C
Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School, Presiding
Theme: They Were All Together in One Place? Toward Minority Biblical Criticism (SBL, 2009) — Volume Review
Panelists:
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary

A7-311

Black Theology Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-520CF
Dianne Stewart, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Fortieth Retrospective of Cone’s Black Theology and Black Power: The Next Forty Years
Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
A Black Theology of Liberation or Legitimation? A Neo-Washingtonian Critique of Cone’s Black Theology
Kevin Patrick Considine, Loyola University
Ralph Watkins, Fuller Theological Seminary
From Black Theology and Black Power to Afrocentric Theology and Hip-Hop Power: An Extension and Socio-re-theological-conceptualization of Cone’s Theology in Conversation with the Hip Hop Generation
Andre Johnson, Memphis Theological Seminary
The Prophetic Persona of James Cone and the Rhetorical Construction of Black Theology
Responding:
James H. Cone, Union Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
**A7-312**

**Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group and Comparative Theology Group**

*4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

PDC-511C

Kristin Beise Kiblinger, Winthrop University, Presiding

Theme: *Atonement Reconsidered: A Christian–Buddhist Conversation*

Panelists:
- S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School
- Mark Unno, University of Oregon
- John J. Makransky, Boston College
- Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University, Presiding

**A7-313**

**Chinese Religions Group and Confucian Traditions Group**

*4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

PDC-524A

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *Absent Sons, Filial Laywomen, and Accidental Cannibals: Filial Piety during the Tang/Song Transition*

Keith Knapp, The Citadel
*Finding a New Audience: The Tang Popularization of Filial Piety Narratives*

Ping Yao, California State University, Los Angeles
*Coming to Terms with Buddhist Filiality: Epitaph Records from Tang China (618–907)*

Winston Kyan, Macalester College
*The Body That Binds: Mothers and Filial Flesh Offerings in Medieval China*

Cong Zhang, University of Virginia
*In the Place of a Caring Son: Filial Piety and Changes in the Family in Song (960–1279) China*

Responding:
Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis

**A7-314**

**Christian Spirituality Group**

*4:00 pm–6:30 pm*

PDC-516C

Bernadette Flanagan, All Hallows College, Dublin, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritual Traditions: Dead or Alive?*

Panelists:
- Douglas Burton-Christie, Loyola Marymount University
- Donna Freitas, Boston University
- Mark S. Burrows, Andover Newton Theological School
- Hosffman Ospino, Boston College

Responding:
Phil F. Sheldrake, University of Durham

Business Meeting:
Wendy Wright, Creighton University, Presiding
Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and the North American Association for the Study of Religion
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-517D
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University, Presiding
Theme: Roundtable on Theoretical–Critical Issues in the Study of Religion
The North American Association for the Study of Religion and the Critical Theory and Discourses in Religion Group are holding a joint session, the general purpose of which is the consideration of theoretical–critical issues surrounding the study of religion. The specific intention of the session is to reflect on the current state of methodological and theoretical activity with regard to: 1) Reconciling our fields’ origins with contemporary practices; 2) Diversifying the people engaged in and the perspectives brought to bear upon the analysis of religious phenomena; and 3) Identifying potential new modes of collaboration between the academic study of religion and other disciplines. A significant element in our collective goal is to begin an initial conversation that will exert some influence on how future research in religion is conducted.
Panelists:
Hans G. Kippenberg, Jacobs University, Bremen
Bryan S. Rennie, Westminster College
Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside
Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Gröningen
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Robert A. Yelle, University of Memphis

Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511A
Paul J. Gorrell, Stockton, NJ, Presiding
Theme: Marriage, Civil Unions, Domestic Partnerships, and Political Progress and/or Setbacks
Craig Canfield, Yale University
Why Same-Sex Civil Marriage Belongs in the Kingdom of the World: Extending the Teachings of Martin Luther
Patrick Califia, San Francisco, CA
The Sadomasochistic Challenge to the Gay Marriage Paradigm
Randall H. Miller, Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund
Jumping Whose Broom? Same-Sex Marriage, Black Middle Class Respectability, and Social Conflict
John Reardon, Stonehill College
The Knights of Columbus and Proposition 8: Reflections of a Guilty Bystander
Responding:
Mark Jordan, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University, Presiding
New Religious Movements Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511F

Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University, Presiding

Theme: *Québec's New Religions: Inside, Outside, or Parallel to the Catholic Church*

This panel will describe and analyze some of Québec’s indigenous new religious movements that have been shaped by the rapidly changing relationship between the province’s ultramontane Catholic Church and an increasingly secular society. A typology of intégriste/fonndamentaliste (integral/traditional) formulated by Québec sociologists will be utilized to analyze four apocalyptic new religions in terms of their orientations towards the Church, Vatican II, and secularization resulting from the "Quiet Revolution"). The groups in our study feature a mystical pope, a Marian Incarnation, a Holy Spirit Incarnate, and a Catholic "compound" promoting the Social Credit system. Our sociological analysis of these fundamentalisms/heresies will focus on religious responses to the declining power of the Catholic Church and the forces of secularization, feminism, "language wars," urbanization, and other corrosive influences on the Québécois lineage, family, and rural society that have remained virtually intact from the seventeenth century up until the early twentieth century.

Jean-Guy Vaillancourt, University of Montréal

*Radical Conservative Catholic Movements in Québec: A Typology of Integraliste (Integralist) Versus Fondamentaliste (Traditionalist) New Religious Movements Located Inside, Outside, or Parallel to the Catholic Church*

Susan Palmer, Dawson College


Martin Geoffroy, Collège Universitaire de Saint-Boniface

*The Pilgrims of Saint Michael: Charisma at the Crossroads*

Paul Gareau, Concordia University

*The Army of Mary, from Mariology to Marianism: A New Paradigm of the Feminine within a Conservative Catholic New Religious Movement*

Responding:

Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religion

Business Meeting:

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516D

Russell C. Kleckley, Augsburg College, Presiding

Theme: *Theology and the Culture of War, Part I*

Paul Rasor, Virginia Wesleyan College

*The War Discourses of William Ellery Channing: Pacifism and Just War in Antebellum American Religious Liberalism*

Annie Liss, University of Iowa

"Friendly Ideas, American Institutions": Isaac Sharpless’s Quaker Histories and Advocacy for Peace Policies in Late Nineteenth Century America

Mark Chapman, Ripon College, Cuddesdon

Theological Responses in England to the South African War (1899–1902)

Betsy Perabo, Western Illinois University

*The Army of God and the Army of the Buddha: Russian Theological Perspectives on the Russo-Japanese War*

The business meeting for the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group will be held on Sunday, November 8, from 7:00 am–8:30 am in the Program Unit Chairs’ Lounge (PDC-512H). All are welcome. Coffee is provided.
A7-319

Reformed Theology and History Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513A

Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University, Presiding
Theme: Calvin and His Legacy
Bryan J. Lee, Knox College
Searching for an Ecological Calvin: An Alternative Perspective on John Calvin's Theology of Nature
Rodney Petersen, Boston Theological Institute
The Spirit, the Church, and the Decade to Overcome Violence: Trajectories in Reformed and Orthodox Theology
Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University
Whatever Became of Calvinist Revivals?: Preparationism, Immediatism, and the Shape of the North American Revival Tradition

Business Meeting:
Katherine Donderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding

A7-320

Religion and Popular Culture Group and Western Esotericism Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-514B

Allison P. Coudert, University of California, Davis, Presiding
Theme: From Esoteric to Exoteric: Supernatural and Demonic Manifestations in Popular Culture
Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College
"Three Dead Men and a Gangster's Shoe": Ethnicity, Ritual, and "Cell-Block Sorcery" in the American Popular Press
Titus Hjelm, University College, London
From Demonic to Genetic: The Rise and Fall of Religion in Vampire Film
Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College
Muscle Cars and Holy Water: Portraying the Supernatural in Prime Time
Geoffrey McVey, Miami University
Televised Esotericism, Esoteric Television

The business meeting of the Western Esotericism Group will be held Saturday, November 7 from 6:30 pm–8:00 pm in the Program Unit Chairs’ Lounge (PDC-512H). All are welcome.

A7-321

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-524B

Katharina von Kellenbach, Saint Mary's College of Maryland, Presiding
Theme: Critical and/or Theological Reflections on Melissa Raphael’s The Female Face of God at Auschwitz
Alana Vincent, University of Glasgow
Seeking the Female Face of God: A Feminist Liturgical Reading of Melissa Raphael
Ellen Umansky, Fairfield University
Kenotic Power in an Ethics of Care: A Christian Feminist Theological Response to Melissa Raphael
Isabel Wollaston, University of Birmingham
Swimming against the Tide? Melissa Raphael’s Contribution to the Study of Jewish Religious Responses to the Holocaust

Responding:
Melissa Raphael, University of Gloucestershire
Ritual Studies Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516B
Grant H. Potts, Austin Community College, Presiding
Theme: The Denial of Ritual
Panelists:
Donna Lynne Seamone, Acadia University
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico
Björn Kromdorfer, Saint Mary’s College of Maryland
Ute Huesken, University of Oslo
Richard E. DeMaris, Valparaiso University
Responding:
Don Handelman, Hebrew University

Sacred Space in Asia Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510C
Francois Thibeault has withdrawn from the session.
Sujata Ghosh, McGill University, Presiding
Theme: Pilgrimage and Globalization: Affirming and Contesting Boundaries through Movement and Performance
Marc des Jardins, Concordia University
The “Reopening” of the White Cliffs Mountains in Nyag-rong (Eastern Tibet) or New Bön Reinventing Tradition: The Case of Sang Nga Ling Pa
Kory Goldberg, Université du Québec, Montréal, and Champlain College
Buddhists Without Borders: Intersecting Boundaries in Bodhgaya’s Global Religioscape
Mark McGuire, John Abbott College
From the Mountain to the City and Back Again: The Creative Reinvention of a Japanese Ascetic Tradition (Shugendo) for Diverse Urban Pilgrims
Responding:
Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, McGill University
Business Meeting:
Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510B
Ronald Numbers has withdrawn from the session.
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding
Theme: Darwin and Religion: Commemorating the Darwinian Anniversaries
Panelists:
Ted Davis, Messiah College
Responding:
Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary
Sarah Coakley, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding
### A7-326

**Tantric Studies Group**  
**4:00 pm–6:30 pm**  
PDC-515B  
Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding  
Theme: *Translation in the Context of Medieval Tantric Materials*  
Panelists:  
- Alberta Ferrario, University of Pennsylvania  
- Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Boulder  
- Shaman Hatley, Concordia University  
- John Nemec, University of Virginia  
Responding:  
- David Gray, Santa Clara University  
Business Meeting:  
- Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding

### A7-327

**Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group**  
**4:00 pm–6:30 pm**  
PDC-516A  
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University, Presiding  
Theme: *Third-Wave Womanism*  
Panelists:  
- Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University  
- Deborah Buchanan, Collin County Community College District  
- Candace Shields, Fuller Theological Seminary  
- Reggie Williams, Fuller Theological Seminary  
- Malinda Berry, Goshen College  
- Layli Phillips, Georgia State University  
- Jennifer Leath, Yale University

### A7-328

**World Christianity Group**  
**4:00 pm–6:30 pm**  
PDC-513F  
Elaine Padilla, Drew University, Presiding  
Theme: *Global and Local Perspectives and Patterns in World Christianity*  
Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo  
"Get Your Hummus Away from My Borscht": Patterns of Convergence and Isolation among American Eastern Orthodox Christian Diasporic Communities  
Janice McLean, University of Edinburgh  
Revitalizing Christianity? The Role of Immigrant Young People within the "Reverse Missions" Discourse  
Dyron Daughrity, Pepperdine University  
Christianity Is Moving from North to South . . . So What about the East?  
J. Jeff Fugitt, University of Missouri, Kansas City  
Haitian Protestants in South Florida: Identities across Multiple Boundaries  
Responding:  
- Jane Carol Redmont, Guilford College  
Business Meeting:  
- Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University, and Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding
A7-329

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-514C
Stjerna Kirs Irmeli, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Presiding
Theme: New Visions for the Lutheran Tradition
Andrea M. Ng'weshemi, Thiel College
Lutheranism Goes Global: Understanding Lutheran Theology in the Context of Africa
Jennifer Snow, Chicago, IL
Making One Flesh: Walter Trobisch, the Lutheran World Federation, and Missionary Theologies of Sexuality in Africa
Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Lutheran Doctrine of Justification in the Global Context
Arnaldo Érico Huff, Mackenzie Presbyterian University
Confessional Lutheranism, Luther, and Politics in Brazil: Dynamics in Theology Politics in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil (Twentieth Century)
Business Meeting:
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University, Presiding

A7-330

Music and Religion Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513C
Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding
Theme: Explorations in Music and Religion
Shannon Berry, Catholic University of America
A Bridge between the Sacred and the Secular: Igor Stravinsky's Symphony of Psalms and the Concept of Theosis
Samuel Laurent, Drew University
A Riff on A Love Supreme: A Model for Theological Engagement Based on the Improvisation of John Coltrane
Iljea Lee, Yale University
Resonance and Attunement: Musical Concepts in Religious Poetry
Kris Oster, Pacifica Graduate Institute
Oxum and Yansan: Candomblé Trickster Archetypal Models for Female Drummers
Clive Marsh, University of Leicester, and Vaughan Roberts, Collegiate Church of Saint Mary, Warwick
Scriptures, Soundtracks, and the Acrobatic Self: Reception and Use of the Music of U2 in the Contemporary Process of Identity Formation
Business Meeting:
Philip Stoltzfus, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

A7-331

Religion in Europe Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-515A
Andrii Krawchuk, University of Sudbury, Presiding
Theme: Religion and the Meaning, Identity, and Limits of Modern Europe
Stephen A. Wilson, Hood College
Wilberforce's Africa: Replicating, Contesting, and Recalibrating British "Liberal Religion" in Sierra Leone
Wendy Wiseman, Ozyegin University, Istanbul
The "Enemy" Within? Turkey, the Armenian Genocide, and the Idea of Europe
Michael F. Strmiska, Orange County Community College, Middletown, NY
Eastern Religions in Eastern Europe
Andrew Salzmann, Boston College
The Dehellenization of Islam at Regensburg: Implications of Europe's Exclusivist Self-Identification with Greek Culture
Responding:
Slavica Jakelic, University of Virginia
**A7-332**

**Religion, Memory, History Consultation**

4:00 pm–6:30 pm  
PDC-511D

David Reinhart, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Presiding  
Theme: *Cultivations of Memory: Religious and Other Communities in the Truths and Traumas of the Past*

Alain P. Durocher, Dillard University  
*The Ethics and Politics of Collective Memory: For a Renewed Theoretical Approach*

Anne B. Wills, Davidson College  
"May God Forget Me if I Forget": *Memory and Tradition in African-American Religion*

Gereon Kopf, Luther College  
*Humanistic Discourses and Nationalistic Ideology: Distinguishing between Ethics of Memory and Politics of Commemoration*

Jorunn Jacobsen Buckley, Bowdoin College  
*Mandaean Colophons as Ethnic Memory*

Jesseka Batteau, Utrecht University  
*Literature and the Cultural Remembrance of the Religious Past in the Netherlands*

Responding:  
Elizabeth Castelli, Columbia University

Business Meeting:  
Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington, Presiding

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**A7-333**

**Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Consultation**

4:00 pm–6:30 pm  
PDC-514A

Glen Stassen, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Theme: *Conversing with the Enemy?*

Elizabeth Phillips, University of Cambridge  
*Destroy Thy Enemy? The Ethics of Jesus's Second Coming*

Thomas Finger, Bethany Theological Seminary  
*Who Is the "First Horseman of the Apocalypse?"*

Business Meeting:  
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

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**A7-334**

**Theology and the Political Consultation**

4:00 pm–6:30 pm  
PDC-510D

Corey D. B. Walker, Brown University, Presiding  
Theme: *Aesthetics, Ethics, and the Politics of Theology*

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University  
*Theology, Democracy, and Virtue: Emerson and the Journey's End*

Stephanie Frank, University of Chicago  
*Retrieving "Representation": Carl Schmitt, Emmanuel Sieyès, and the Ambiguous Relationship between the Aesthetic and the Political*

Devin Singh, Yale University  
*Money and the Theopolitics of Incarnation*

Ronald F. Thiemann, Harvard University  
*Sacramental Realism: Literary Art as Social Critique*

Business Meeting:
Evangelical Theology Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-520AD
Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University, Presiding
Theme: Evangelicals, Barack Obama, and the 2008 Election
Corwin Smidt, Calvin College
Evangelicals, Barack Obama, and the 2008 Election
Melissa Deckman, Washington College
Evangelical Women and the 2008 Election
Gaston Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College
"Righteousness and Justice": Latino Evangelicals, Obama, and Political Change
Jonathan L. Walton, University of California, Riverside
Stationed in the King’s Court: African-American Evangelicals in the Year of Obama
Business Meeting:
Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University, and Wyndy Corbin Reuschling, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding

The Fund for Theological Education Reception Honoring 2009–2010 Doctoral Fellows
4:45 pm–6:30 pm
FQE-Mackenzie
A7-336

Beyond the Boundaries: Public Lecture Series I
6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Pharoaon Lounge
139 Rue Saint-Paul West

Theme: My Reservations: Theo-poetic Reflections on Indigenous Canada
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

Reverend Carmen Lansdowne’s poetry is a personal reflection of her interdisciplinary inquiries into indigenous epistemologies and Christian missiology. As a member of the Heiltsuk First Nation on the central West Coast of British Columbia, Lansdowne holds a particular perspective on the relationship between the church and aboriginal peoples in Canada; one that is ambivalent in some senses because prior to residential schools her community converted whole-heartedly to Methodism, but has not escaped the trauma of residential schools or the ever-present systemic racism in Canada. Like many other aboriginal communities in Canada, Lansdowne’s village is economically depressed and has many of the typical dynamics of native life in Canada. This evening will offer some poetic reflections on being aboriginal and a Christian theologian.

Panelist:
Carmen Lansdowne, Graduate Theological Union

M7-304

Wiley-Blackwell Journals Reception Celebrating Our Authors and Editors
6:00 pm–7:30 pm
FQE-Marquette

M7-305

Harvard University Reception
6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Faculty Club of McGill University
3450 McTavish Street

M7-422

A Celebration of the Life and Work of Professor Hew McLeod
6:00 pm–8:00 pm
LCS-Lamartine

A7-401

Friends of the Academy Reception
6:30 pm–7:30 pm
PDC-519AB

Members of the Sterling Circle, AAR leadership, and others whose generosity make AAR programs possible are invited to a reception hosted by the AAR Board of Directors. By invitation only.
M7-400

Explorations in Theology and Apocalyptic
6:30 pm–9:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 5
Charlie Collier, Cascade Books, Presiding
Sponsored by Cascade Books/Wipf and Stock Publishers
Panelists:
Douglas Harink, King’s University College, Edmonton
Travis Kroeker, McMaster University
Cyril O’Regan, University of Notre Dame
Responding:
Nathan R. Kerr, Trevecca Nazarene University
This is one of two additional meetings whose purpose is to explore the possibility of setting up a consultation on “Theology and Apocalyptic” at future meetings of the AAR. Those interested are encouraged to attend and to contact Nate Kerr, NKerr@trevecca.edu, or Philip Ziegler, p.ziegler@abdn.ac.uk, for further information.

A7-402

JAAR Editorial Board Meeting
6:45 pm–7:30 pm
PDC-515C
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding

M7-401

North American Association for the Study of Religion
6:45 pm–8:30 pm
PDC-517D
Theme: *Working Group on the Implementation of Theory*

M7-402

Brigham Young University and Friends Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
LCS-Kafka

M7-403

Georgetown University Theology Department Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Harricana

M7-404
Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
LCS-Salon A

M7-405

Korean North American Systematic Theology
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Chaudière
Sang Hyun Lee, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity
Soong-Chan Rah, North Park Theological Seminary, will discuss his new book *The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity*.

M7-406

Society for Pentecostal Studies and the Wesleyan Theological Society Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
LCS-Salon B

M7-407

European Society of Women in Theological Research
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Saint-Maurice
Theme: Appreciation and Assessment of Seventeen Years of the ESWTR Journal: A Panel Discussion

M7-408

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Discussion
7:00 pm–9:30 pm
PDC-524C
Elaine Peresluha, University of Tilburg, Presiding
Theme: Multifaith Religious Liberalism
Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Harvard Divinity School, and UUA Panel on Theological Education.
Our annual discussion will explore the challenges and opportunities that arise when liberal religious congregations (within and beyond Unitarian Universalism) include members who identify with multiple faith traditions. How does liberal religion retain its liberal identity while also supporting the desire of individuals to embrace an eclectic set of religious beliefs? Have multifaith commitments become the core of liberal religion? How should religious liberals distinguish respectful appropriation from misappropriation of other traditions?
Panelists:
Mike Altman, Emory University
Samira Mehta, Emory University
Rebecca Parker, Starr King School for the Ministry
Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo
Responding:
Diane Rollert, Unitarian Church of Montréal
M7-409

Science and Religion Hospitality Event Sponsored by IRAS, ZCRS, and CTNS
7:00 pm–10:00 pm
LCS-Hémon

The Institute on Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS), an open membership organization, holds annual summer conferences, and copublishes the peer-reviewed journal *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* (www.iras.org).

The ZYGON Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), a partnership of the Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago and CASIRAS, offers seminary courses, academic conferences and public lectures, and shares offices with the staff of *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science* (zygoncenter.org).

The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) supports research, provides MDiv and doctoral courses through the Ian G. Barbour Chair at the Graduate Theological Union, and publishes the peer-reviewed journal *Theology and Science* (www.ctns.org).

M7-420

Bahá’í Studies Colloquy
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 4

Robert H. Stockman, DePaul University, Presiding
Mina Yazdani, University of Toronto

*Islamic Revival and Anti-Bahá’ ísm in 1960s Iran*

Omid Ghaemmaghami, University of Toronto

*The World Born Anew: A Comparison of Early Ismá ’ílí, Bábí, and Bahá’ í Thought vis-à-vis the Qá ’ím, Paradise, and Sacred History*

B. Todd Lawson, University of Toronto

*The Apocalyptic Motifs of the Qur’án and the Spiritualized Interpretations of the Báb and Bahá’ u’lláh*

Robert H. Stockman, DePaul University

*Cycles of Membership Growth in the American Bahá’ í Community, 1894–2009*

For additional information about the Bahá’í Studies Colloquy, contact Robert Stockman at rstockman@usbnc.org or 1-847-337-7750 (cell).

M7-421

Princeton Theological Seminary Reception
7:00 pm–10:00 pm
FQE-Mackenzie

A7-403

JAAR Reception for Authors and Board Members
7:30 pm–8:30 pm
PDC-516A

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

M7-423

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI)
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Kamouraska

Theme: Board Meeting
A7-404

Presidential Address
8:00 pm-9:00 pm
PDC-517A
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: Beyond Words and War: The Global Future of Religion
In a global era new forms of religion will require the invention of new forms of religious studies. The central themes in the study of religion have changed in the last hundred years — from texts, to myth and ritual, to social conflict — and in the global culture of the twenty-first century the study of religion will continue to evolve. The old approaches will endure, but will increasingly be put to new purposes, such as understanding the encounters among cultures and probing the strata of spirituality that underlie religious diversity. Among the novel approaches will be new syntheses, such as the emerging field of sociotheology, which utilizes the insights of theology and cultural studies, and the methods of interpretive social sciences, in order to construct the internal logic of religious world views. Rather than being at the periphery of the academy, increasingly religious studies will be seen at the center of understanding our contemporary global world.
Panelist:
Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara

A7-405

LGBTIQ Scholars and Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception
8:00 pm–10:00 pm
FQE-Bersimis
Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force
LGBTIQ scholars of religion, scholars of LGBTIQ studies in religion, and friends are invited to a reception. Come network, see old friends, make new ones, and celebrate the growth of our community and our subfield within the AAR!

M7-411

Graduate Theological Union Annual Alumni Reception
8:00 pm–9:30 pm
FQE-Richelieu

M7-412

Vanderbilt University Alumni and Friends Reception
8:00 pm–9:30 pm
FQE-Duluth

M7-413

Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion (MAR-AAR) Reception
8:00 pm–10:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 6
The Mid-Atlantic Region of the Academy welcomes its membership to this gathering.
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Reception
8:30 pm–10:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 1
A reception for all past and future participants in Wabash Center workshops, colloquies, consultations, and grants. Come and learn about our programs and opportunities.

Film: Jésus of Montréal
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 2
James Thrall, University of Bridgeport, Presiding
Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Jésus of Montréal traffics in multiple meanings of “gospel,” including the texts of the New Testament, cultural interpretations of those texts, and Arcand’s own filmic revisionings of both. A band of actors performs a critically acclaimed and updated rendition of the Passion Play, only to come into conflict with the Roman Catholic hierarchy that hired them. As events in the actors’ lives begin to follow the Passion narrative they are dramatizing, questions of what is real and what is imagined emerge, along with issues of artistic integrity and the commercialization of art. The biblical stories, the revamped Passion Play, and the lives of the actors who perform it thus intertwine in mutual reflection to establish meaning that hovers among, rather than rests solely in, any one of them. Featuring Lothaire Bluteau and Catherine Wilkening.
1989, written and directed by Denys Arcand. 120 minutes.

Film: Me and the Mosque
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 3
Zarqa Nawaz, Regina, Saskatchewan, Presiding
Sponsored by the Religion and Arts Award Jury

In this film, journalist and filmmaker Zarqa Nawaz visits mosques throughout Canada and talks to scholars, colleagues, friends, and neighbors about equal access for women. Discussions about the historical role of women in the Islamic faith, the current state of mosques in Canada, and personal stories of anger, fear, acceptance, and defiance punctuate the film. Nawaz herself speaks of the spiritual longing that comes from belonging to an institution that doesn’t want you. With original animation, archival footage, and deeply personal interviews, Me and the Mosque is a smart, self-aware, and whimsical story that documents the debates and presents the personalities on all sides of the issue.
2005, directed by Zarqa Nawaz. 53 minutes.

AAR Centennial Celebration
9:00 pm-11:00 pm
PDC-710
Sponsored by Edwin Mellen Press and the American Theological Library Association
You’re invited to a dessert reception to celebrate the kickoff of the AAR’s Centennial Anniversary. From a base of four founding members in 1909, the AAR has grown to 11,000 members today. Spend the evening with colleagues and friends to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and imagine the future of the AAR. Don’t forget your free drink ticket!
Asbury Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
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M7-416

Fortress Press Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Jolliet

All AAR members are welcome at the Fortress Press reception to enjoy something to eat, something to drink, and lots of good conversation!
Please visit www.fortresspress.com for additional information.

M7-417

Hispanic Theological Initiative/Hispanic Summer Program Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Péribonka

M7-418

New Religious Movements Group Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
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University of California, Santa Barbara, Department of Religious Studies Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Marquette
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Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting
7:30 am–8:45 am
PDC-512G
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College, Presiding
Plenary Panel
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-517A
Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: Rethinking Secularism
The emergence of strident new forms of religion in the twenty-first century challenge the domain of secular ideas and institutions in the public sphere — and encourage a rethinking of what secularism is, as an ideology and as a way of life. This panel brings together some of the most articulate social theorists writing on the subject, scholars associated with a major project on rethinking secularism sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, a think-tank supported by the professional academic associations of the social sciences. They explore the roots of the secular ideal in eighteenth century European Enlightenment thought, the way it is diversely reconceived in the present day around the world, and how the concept is changing. They raise the question of whether we are moving into a new moment of history marked by resurgent religion in public life — a post-secular age.
Panelists:
Charles Taylor, McGill University
José Casanova, Georgetown University
Saba Mahmood, University of California, Berkeley
Craig Calhoun, New York University

Special Topics Forum
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511C
Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and Job Placement Task Force
Theme: The Big Lie: The Mismatch of Job Expectations and Placement Reality
Results from the 2008 AAR Survey of Graduate Students and data from the AAR Job Center reveal a growing gap between the placement expectations of students and their advisors, on the one hand, and the reality of the job market, on the other. While the vast majority of doctoral candidates expect to secure tenure-track positions in the field, statistics show that most are unable to do so. Meanwhile, the nature of the field of religion has undergone major shifts in recent years, but graduate programs continue to graduate large numbers of students prepared to teach in subfields for which openings are scarce. This panel will bring together leadership from major doctoral granting programs, recent graduates who have navigated the job market, and members of the Job Placement Task Force and Academic Relations Committee to discuss “the big lie” regarding the job market in the academic study of religion.
Panelists:
Richard A. Rosengarten, University of Chicago
Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University
Chester Gillis, Georgetown University
Steve Young, McHenry County College
Fareeha Khan, Willamette University
A8-102

Wildcard Session
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511F
Jesse Palsetia, University of Guelph, Presiding
Theme: Priestly and Lay Dimensions of Zoroastrianism
Panelists:
Yuhan Vevaina, Irvine, CA
Michael Stausberg, Bergen University
Jennifer Rose, Claremont Graduate University and Stanford University
Enrico Giuseppe Raffaelli, University of Toronto
Jamsheed K. Choksy, Indiana University

A8-103

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-517B
Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding
Theme: Jewish Poets of Montréal
This panel examines the bearing of religion upon the lives and writings of four of the most prominent twentieth and early twenty-first century Jewish poets of Montréal — A. M. Klein, Irving Layton, Leonard Cohen, and Chava Rosenfarb, a Holocaust survivor who writes in Yiddish. Norman Ravvin explores a turning point in postwar literature by examining the unpublished material of Klein and Kerouac and what it reflects about their attachments to literary and religious tradition. Kenneth Sherman considers Layton’s exhortation to Jews to reclaim Jesus as a Hebrew prophet. Goldie Morgentaler focuses upon Rosenfarb’s early poem “I Would Enter a Prayer House,” considering the religious themes in her poetry — such as how the longing for God is nullified by the Holocaust. Alexandra Pleshoyano analogizes Cohen’s life to one single, uninterrupted poem for God, and concludes by questioning the central role of poetry for contemporary interfaith dialogue.
Norman Ravvin, Concordia University
On Being Published in Heaven: The Case of Klein and Kerouac
Ken Sherman, Sheridan College
Irving Layton and His Brother Jesus
Goldie Morgentaler, University of Lethbridge
The Prayer House of Chava Rosenfarb: Poetry and the Shadow of the Holocaust
Alexandra Pleshoyano, University of Sherbrooke
Leonard Cohen: A Lifelong Poem for G-d!
A8-104

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-517D
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding
Theme: Ways of Looking at Jesus of Montréal: From the Streets of St-Denis to Mont-Royal
The aim of this panel is two-fold. The first is to offer examinations of a film that has been popular in religion and film circles. Panelists here will offer several takes on the film from various perspectives: sort of a Wallace Stevens’s “Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird” mixed with a John Berger “Ways of Seeing” approach. But instead of simply piling on more commentary to the film, our further aim is to stimulate a metacritical dialogue on religion and film research. That is, in and through the multiple approaches to a specific film, we make clear that there are myriad ways to view a singular film religiously. These “ways of looking at a Jesus film” confront perennial issues such as adaptation, authorial intention, communal reception, ethical implications, and religion in a global context, all of which are abiding themes for both scholars of religious studies and film studies.
Panelists:
Melanie Jane Wright, Open University
Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston
Antonio D. Sison, Catholic Theological Union
Stephenson Humphries-Brooks, Hamilton College
Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University

A8-105

Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513D
James C. Dobbins, Oberlin College, Presiding
Theme: Points of View on the History of Kōshiki: Discourse and Performativity of a Liturgical Genre
David Quinter, University of Alberta
Invoking the Mother of Awakening: Mañjuśrī Ceremonials and Medieval Nara Buddhism
Lori Meeks, University of Southern California
Kōshiki (Chanted Lectures) in the Ritual Lives of Buddhist Nuns
Hank Glassman, Haverford College
Written on the Body: Jizō Images and Kōshiki
Michaela Mross, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich
The Vocal Performance of Kōshiki: A Study of the Shiza Kōshiki in the Shingon Schools
Responding:
James L. Ford, Wake Forest University

A8-106

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510A
D. Michael Lindsay, Rice University, Presiding
Theme: Authors Meet Critics: Two Books on Religion and Presidential Leadership
Panelists:
Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University
Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary
Ebrahim Patel, Interfaith Youth Core
Responding:
Shaun Allen Casey, Wesley Theological Seminary
Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond
A8-107

Afro-American Religious History Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-520BE
David W. Wills, Amherst College, Presiding
Theme: Following the North Star: Charting New Directions for African American Religious History
Panelists:
Barbara D. Savage, University of Pennsylvania
Laurie Maffly-Kipp, University of North Carolina
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Curtis Evans, University of Chicago
Business Meeting:
Julius Bailey, University of Redlands, and Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

A8-108

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515C
Valerie Bridgeman, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Minority Biblical Interpretation in Canada
Panelists:
Paulette Brown, Knox College and University of Toronto
Ronald Charles, University of Toronto
Alison Hari-Singh, Wycliffe College and University of Toronto
Alcris Limongi, Emmanuel College
Lily Vuong, McMaster University
Gosnell Yorke, Northern Caribbean University
Néstor Medina, University of Toronto
Business Meeting:
Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A8-109

Bioethics and Religion Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-524B
Laura Kicklighter, Lynchburg College, Presiding
Theme: Regulating Reproductive Choices: Individual, Governmental, and Religious Responses
Responsible Genetics: Examining Responsibility in Light of Genetic Technologies
Aline Kalbian, Florida State University
Condoms, Global Public Health, and the Catholic Church: A Methodological Analysis
Suzanne Holland, University of Puget Sound
Octuplets, Age, Gender, and Class: Justice and the Need for an International Regulatory Framework
Michael De Lashmutt, University of Exeter
From Bioethics to Biolaws: The Varied Influence of National and Majority Churches on the Laws Concerning Biotechnologies in the European Union
Business Meeting:
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, and Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding
A8-110

Comparative Religious Ethics Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-524A
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Styles of Moral Discourse
G. Scott Davis, University of Richmond
_Humanist Authority and the Subversion of Virtue: Reading Grotius's Mare Liberum_
Elizabeth Bucar, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
_The Ethics of Discursive Ambiguity: Iranian Ta'aruf as Ritual Politeness_
Richard Miller, Indiana University
_Religion, Policy Discourse, and Public Reason_
Kelly E. Hayes, Indiana University and Purdue University
_Pomba Gira: Figurations of the Immoral Feminine in Afro-Brazilian Religions_
Responding:
Maria Heim, Amherst College
Business Meeting:
Jonathan Schofer, Harvard University, Presiding

A8-111

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-518C
Karen Pechilis, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Menacing Spirits: Critical Comparative Study of Spirit Encounters in Hinduism and Judaism
Luke Whitmore, Emory University
_Haunting, Helicopter Pilgrimage, and Development in the Himalayan Shrine of Kedarnath_
Amy L. Allocco, Emory University
_"With Drums We Call Him and with Our Tears We Keep Him": Transforming Restless Spirits into Household Deities_
Marla Segol, Skidmore College
_Who's Menacing Whom: The Daughter of Raphael Anav, Revisited_
Zohar Raviv, Oberlin College
_Negotiating Forces of Malevolence En Route to Redemption_
Responding:
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa
Business Meeting:
Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College, Presiding

A8-112

Comparative Theology Group and Contemporary Islam Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516C
Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding
Theme: The Question of Muslim and Christian Theologies of Religious Pluralism
Panelists:
F. LeRon Shults, Agder University
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University
Jerusha Lamptey, Georgetown University
H. Chad Hillier, University of Toronto
Vincent J. Cornell, Emory University
Responding:
A8-113

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group and Indigenous Religious Traditions Group

9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513C

Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Theme: Common Ground/Differences: Pagan and Indigenous Studies in Religion

Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity
Indigenous Religious Expressions? Mi’kmaq Tradition and British Druidry

Dennis Kelley, Iowa State University
Negotiating Indigeneity Via Contemporary Cultural Practice: Traditional Native Basket Weavers, Sacred Places, and Modern Resource Management

Michael F. Strmiska, Orange County Community College, Middletown, NY
Houses for the Holy? A Reconstructionist Debate among Modern Norse Pagans

Amy Whitehead, Open University
The Goddess and the Virgin: Examining the Role of Statue Devotion in Western Europe

Responding:
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia

A8-114

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group

9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510B

William T. Cavanaugh, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

Theme: Author Meets Critics: Timothy Fitzgerald’s Discourse on Civility and Barbarity

Panelists:
Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Robert A. Segal, University of Aberdeen

Responding:
Timothy Fitzgerald, University of Stirling

Business Meeting:
Tisa Wenger, Yale University, Presiding

A8-115

Daoist Studies Group

9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515A

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: Seeking Daoist Self-Cultivation Lineages in Traditions of Inner Alchemy

Lowell Skar, University of Michigan, Dearborn
Toward a Cultural Geography of Inner Alchemy: Tracing Thirteenth Century Traditions in Fujian

Paul Crowe, Simon Fraser University
Where is Lineage in the Qingan Yingchan Zi Yulu?

Clarke Hudson, University of Virginia
Identifying Sexual–Alchemical Writings in the Ming Daoist Canon

Daniel Burton-Rose, Princeton University
"Side Doors and Inferior Arts": Inner Alchemical Denunciations of Heterodoxy

Responding:
David Ownby, Université de Montréal

Business Meeting:
A8-116

Evangelical Theology Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510C
Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding
Theme: Religious Persecution and Martyrdom in Contemporary and Historical Perspective
Gavril Andreicuț, Marquette University
The Donatists: Politically and Religiously Unfit
Ruben Rosario-Rodríguez, Saint Louis University
Evangelicalism and Empire: Reclaiming Martyrdom for a Christian Counterculture
Priscilla Pope-Levison, Seattle Pacific University
Hospitality amidst Hostility: An Exhortation to the Persecuted Church
Benjamin Bach, Danish European Mission
The Cost of Discipleship Revisited: A Report on Christians in Pakistan and Central Asia

A8-117

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510D
Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College, Presiding
Theme: Political Subjectivity and Praxis: Feminist Theoretical Approaches to Public/Political Theology
Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Sexing the Prayer: The Politics of Ritual Leadership and Feminist Activism in Indonesia
Kirsten Gerdes, Claremont Graduate University
Religion and a(n) (Embodied) Politics of Process
Rachel Muers, University of Leeds
How Public Is Feminist Theology?
Laurel Zwissler, University of Toronto
Cosmologies of Interconnection: Self, Community, and Social Justice in Toronto, Canada

A8-118

Hinduism Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511D
Davesh Soneji, McGill University, Presiding
Theme: Srivaisnava Modernities and the Rhetoric of Reform
Katherine K. Young, McGill University
Religious Change in Colonial Tamilnadu: Non-Brahmin Srivaisnava Reformers
Erin McCann, McGill University
Responses to Reform: K. Rangachari’s The Sri Vaishnava Brahmans
Srilata Raman, University of Toronto
The Only Real Tamil Religion: Srivaisnavism and Tamil Modernity
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Reforming Ritual, Transforming Tradition in “Srivaisnava” Temples
Business Meeting:
Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding
A8-119

Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516B
Patricia Huntington, Arizona State University, Presiding
Theme: Irony, Authorial Intention, and Point of View in Kierkegaard's Writing
Mark Tietjen, University of West Georgia
To Believe or Not to Believe: Reading The Point of View
Carl Hughes, Emory University
Writing Repentance and Communicating Earnestness in The Point of View
Martin Beck Matustik, Arizona State University
Reading "Kierkegaard" as a Drama
Joseph Westfall, University of Houston
Reimagining the Author: Kierkegaard between Intentionalism and Anti-Intentionalism
W. Glenn Kirkconnell, Santa Fe Community College
The Elegant Unity of Kierkegaard's Authorship
Business Meeting:
Andrew J. Burgess, University of New Mexico, and Marilyn Piety, Drexel University, Presiding

A8-120

Law, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513A
Winnifred Sullivan, State University of New York, Buffalo, Presiding
Theme: Blasphemy in Comparative Cultural Contexts
Dana Hollander, McMaster University
Debating the Criminalization of Blasphemy and the "Protection" of Minority Religions: Section 166 of the German Criminal Code
Richard Moon, University of Windsor
The Legal Regulation of Religious Criticism
Jeremy Patrick, Osgoode Hall Law School
Blasphemy and Multiculturalism in Canadian Law
Laura Tomes, Georgetown University
The Long and Winding Road to the Abolition of the United Kingdom's Blasphemy Prohibition
Responding:
Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark

A8-121

Practical Theology Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511B
Joyce Ann Mercer, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Problematizing Race and Culture in Theological Practices
Michael Raposa, Lehigh University
Theology, Racial Privilege, and the Practice of Resistance
Barbara Jo McClure, Vanderbilt University
Emotions: The Royal Road to Social Critique and Active Engagement
Jeremy Posadas, Emory University
A Racial Abnormality: Practical Theology and the Logic of Race and Racism
Responding:
Lee Hayward Butler, Chicago Theological Seminary
A8-122

Qur'an Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511E
Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College, Presiding
Theme: Understanding the Qur'an
Sarah Dille, Gustavus Adolphus College
The Qur'an for the People of the Book: Biblical Texts as a Pedagogical Tool
Daniel A. Madigan, Georgetown University
Blurring the Edges of the Text: The Role of Tafsīr in Negotiating Authority among Competing Canons
Isra Yazicioglu, Saint Joseph’s University
Said Nursi’s Existential Hermeneutics of the Qur’an
Travis Zadeh, Haverford College
Misreading the Qur'an: On Variants, Mistakes, and Early Translations
Anne-Sylvie Boisliveau
The Qur’an’s Negative Argumentation over its Own Origin: A Study in Qur’anic Polemics
Responding:
Anna M. Gade, Victoria University, New Zealand

Business Meeting:
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, and Frederick M. Denny, University of Colorado, Presiding

A8-123

Religion and Popular Culture Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513B
Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College, Presiding
Theme: Beyond Human: Technology, Transhumanism, and Aliens
Alexander Darius Ornella, Graz University
A Technological Narrative of Religion, A Religious Narrative of Technology
Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
Between Evangelism and Education: Transhumanist Religion in Pop Science and Science Fiction
J. Sage Elwell, West Virginia Wesleyan College
On Being Your Own Prosthesis: Or on Being Analog in a Digital Age
Kenny Smith, Georgia State University
The Appropriation of Barack Obama in Two UFO-Based Religious Communities

Business Meeting:
Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College, and Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Presiding

A8-124

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-524C
John Schwaller and Lindsay Hale have withdrawn from the session.
Lee M. Penyak, University of Scranton, Presiding
Theme: Five Centuries of Christian Presence in Latin America: Recent Interpretations
Panelists:
Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Jacqueline Holler, University of Northern British Colombia
A8-125

Religion, Media, and Culture Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-520AD
Gordon Lynch, University of London, Presiding
Theme: Media and the Transformation of Religion: Exploring the Mediatization Thesis
Panelists:
Stij Hjarvard, University of Copenhagen
Alexandra Boutros, New York University
Lynn Schofield Clark, University of Denver
Mia Lövheim, Uppsala University
David Morgan, Duke University
Business Meeting:
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and Gordon Lynch, University of London, Presiding

A8-126

Roman Catholic Studies Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514A
William Buhrman, Saint Mary’s University, Presiding
Theme: Catholic Identity: Theory, Language, and Practice
Raymond A. Patterson, Saint Michael’s College
Catholic Identity and "Patriotic Ecumenism" at the 1909 Tercentenary Celebration of Lake Champlain
Louise M. Doire, College of Charleston
Dwelling and Inhabiting: La Survivance of French-Canadian Woonsocket, RI
Maria Guarino, University of Virginia
Sing a New Song, Sing an Old Song: Musical Performance and Contemporary Benedictine Identity across the Vermont-Québec Border
Wolfgang Grassl, Saint Norbert College
Is There Really a Catholic Intellectual Tradition?

A8-127

Scriptural Reasoning Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-512B
Nicholas Adams, University of Cambridge, Presiding
Theme: Judging God, Judging Persons: An Examination of the Meaning of Judgment in the Qu’ran, Hebrew Scriptures, and New Testament
Panelists:
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University
Mike Higton, University of Exeter
Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University
Willie Young, Endicott College
Business Meeting:
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University, Presiding
A8-128

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514B
Andrew H. Quintman, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: Strategies of Buddhist Knowledge Transmission: Texts, Techniques, and Technologies in Tibet

Antonio Terrone, New School and Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center
Buddhist Teachings from Cyberspace: Reflections on Internet Technology and the Apparitions of Tibetan Visionaries’ Websites in China

Nicole Willock, Indiana University
Deconstructing Aspects of the Secular and Religious in the Transmission of Knowledge: A Glimpse into the Life of a Tibetan Buddhist Scholar in Modern China

Michael R. Sheehy, New School and Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center
Life After Tāranātha: Priorities and Strategies for the Survival of Esoteric Knowledge Transmission among Jonangpa in Post-seventeenth Century Tibet

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
All in the Dudjom (Bdud 'joms) Family: Overlapping Modes of Authority and Transmission in the Golok Treasure Scene

Responding:
Leonard W. J. Van Der Kuijp, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
Andrew H. Quintman, Yale University, Presiding

A8-129

Religion, Food, and Eating Seminar
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-512C

Elizabeth Perez has withdrawn from the session.

Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

Theme: Religion, Food, and Eating in North America

Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo
Mindful Eating: American Buddhists and Worldly Benefits

David Grumett, University of Exeter
Dynamics of Christian Dietary Abstinence

Norma Baume Joseph, Concordia University
From Baghdad to Montréal: Food, Gender, and Ethnic Identity

Samira Mehta, Emory University
Food as Boundary Marker and Bridge in the Christian/Jewish Interfaith Family

Business Meeting:
Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College, Presiding

A8-130

Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511A

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: The Evolution of Religion: Adaptation or Byproduct?

Richard Sosis, University of Connecticut
The Adaptationist–Byproduct Debate on the Evolution of Religion: Clarifying Misunderstandings of the Adaptationist Program

Ara Norenzayan, University of British Columbia
Religion’s Evolutionary Landscape

Lee Kirkpatrick, College of William and Mary
Religion Is an Evolutionary Byproduct, Not an Adaptation

Responding:
North American Hinduism Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514C
Kathleen M. Erndl, Florida State University, Presiding
Theme: American Gurus
Ann Gleig, Rice University
What Is Enlightenment? From Advaita Vedanta to Evolutionary Enlightenment in the Life and Teachings of Andrew Cohen
James Roger Lewis, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
After the Avatar’s Passing
Helen Crovetto, Littleton, CO
Building Tantric Mystical Infrastructure in North America: Rudi’s Kashmir Saivism
Lola L. Williamson, Millsaps College
American Models of the Guru–Disciple Relationship
Richard Mann, Carleton University
Hagiography and Mythology in an American Guru Lineage: The Case of Sivaya Subramuniyaswami
Responding:
Cynthia Ann Humes, Claremont McKenna College
Business Meeting:
Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

Open and Relational Theologies Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-517C
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
Theme: Relations and Freedom for God and Creation
Kristine Suna-Koro, Emory University
Relationality in Counterpoint: God and World from Postcolonial Hybridity to Chalcedonian Christology
Elizabeth Lee, Graduate Theological Union
Trinitarian Virtues of Relationality
Derek Malone-France, George Washington University
Creaturally Freedom and Divine Anxiety
Bruce G. Epperly, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Infinite Freedom, Infinite Creativity, and Infinite Love: The Adventures of a Noncompetitive God
Responding:
Catherine Keller, Drew University
John Sanders, Hendrix College
Business Meeting:
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
A8-133

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

*9:00 am–11:30 am*

PDC-516A

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

**Theme: Queer Religious Bodies**

Lynne Gerber, University of California, Berkeley  
*Excessive Bodies, Excessive Desires: The Construction of Sin in Two Parachurch Ministries*

Ali Altaf Mian, Duke University  
*Gender Trouble in Islamicate Texts and Contexts: Ashraf 'Ali Thanawi on the Body, Gender, and Sexuality*

Cameron Partridge, Harvard University  
*Narrating Out of the Ordinary*

Margaret Robinson, Toronto School of Theology  
*Postcolonial Outrage(ous): Marcella Althaus-Reid’s Critical Bisexuality*

Responding:

Mark Jordan, Harvard University

**Business Meeting:**

Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, and Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

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A8-134

**Religion and Cities Consultation**

*9:00 am–11:30 am*

PDC-513F

Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

**Theme: Religion in the Urban Ecology: Mutual Transformation?**

Alyson Dickson, Vanderbilt University  
*The Power of Cities: How Urbanization Helped Transform the Southern Baptist Convention at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

Esther-Maria Guggenmos, Universiteit Gent, Belgium  
*(Re)conversion to Buddhism in the Urban Areas of Taiwan*

Irene Stroud, Lutheran Theological Seminary  
*Urban Religious Pathways: Mapping Storefront Congregations on Germantown Avenue*

Monica Miller, Chicago Theological Seminary and University of Pennsylvania  
*The Declining Significance of the Black Church: Does the Church Still Matter for Black Youth?*

Responding:

Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

**Business Meeting:**

Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding

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A8-135

**Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Consultation**

*9:00 am–11:30 am*

PDC-518B

Mary C. Churchill, Sonoma State University, Presiding

**Theme: Beyond Multiculturalism and Identity Politics: Unexpected Allies, Unexpected Opponents**

Panelists:

Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University

Nami Kim, Spelman College

Natalie Avalos Cisneros, University of California, Santa Barbara

Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside

Traci C. West, Drew University
Special Topics Forum
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516D
Matthew Williams, Fund for Theological Education, Presiding
Theme: Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars Workshop
Sponsored by the AAR and The Fund for Theological Education
This workshop is designed for students from underrepresented racial/ethnic groups who are considering the pursuit of a PhD or ThD in religion, theology, or biblical studies. In addition to receiving information about the field of religious studies from scholars in the guild, participants will also gain insight into the doctoral application process. Students who participate in this workshop have been preselected from an applicant pool.

Theta Alpha Kappa
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Chambly
Theme: Board of Directors Meeting

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
9:00 am–12:00 pm
PDC-Exhibit Hall Table 1
Theme: Grant Writing Consultations
Look for our institutional table in the exhibit hall of the convention center. Drop in or make an appointment to have a conversation about your grant ideas or get help with grant writing. Appointments may be made in advance at the Wabash Center webpage, www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/article.aspx?id=17472.
A8-136

Special Topics Forum
11:45 am–12:45 pm
PDC-519AB

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College, and Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

Theme: Women's Mentoring Lunch

We invite women who are graduate students and new scholars to a luncheon with over thirty womanist, feminist, and LGBTIQ midcareer and senior scholars. Women will have the opportunity to mentor and be mentored in a context where every question is valued. The lunch costs $10 per person; sorry, no refunds. Registration is limited to 100.

Panelists:
Susan Abraham, Harvard University
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
Deborah Schoenfeld, St. Mary’s College of Maryland
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College
Traci C. West, Drew University
Hyun-Kyung Chung, Union Theological Seminary
Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University
Julie Byrne, Hofstra University
Karen Pechilis, Drew University
Anne Joh, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

A8-137

Teaching Religion Section and Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
11:45 am–12:45 pm
PDC-518A

Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, and Paul Myhre, Wabash Center, Presiding

Theme: Teaching Roundtable Luncheon

Eve Mullen, Emory University
Teaching “Lesser-known” Traditions in the World Religions Classroom

Kristi Upson-Saia, Occidental College
The Capstone Experience for the Religious Studies Major

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University
Teaching Monasticism

Arthur Sutherland, Loyola College, Maryland
Keep, Add, Delete, Change, Move: Using Killgallon’s Method of Revision in Undergraduate Writing on Religion

Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College
The Stories We Play: Video Games in the Religious Studies Classroom

Sally Stamper, University of Chicago
When the Heathen Rage: Strategies for Introducing Religious Studies to the Skeptical and Misinformed

Reid Locklin, University of Toronto
Teaching for Civic Engagement

Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College
Plenary Address
11:45 am-12:45 pm
PDC-517A
Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Theme: Tariq Ramadan: Contemporary Islam: The Meaning and the Need of a Radical Reform
Named by *Time* magazine as one of the 100 most important innovators of the twenty-first century, Tariq Ramadan occupies a unique place among leading Islamic thinkers. A Swiss national, he is a professor of theology at the University of Oxford. Ramadan has explored the difficult issues of reinterpretation and reform within Islam itself and between the Islamic world and its neighbors around the globe. Ramadan serves as an expert in various commissions linked to the Brussels Parliament, and is a member of several working parties concerned with Islam in the world and on the continent.
Panelists:
Tariq Ramadan, Oxford University

M8-103

North American Paul Tillich Society
11:45 am–12:45 pm
PDC-513E
Theme: Annual Business Meeting

M8-104

North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies
11:45 am–12:45 pm
PDC-515B
Katherine K. Young, McGill University, Presiding
Theme: The Relationship between Hinduism and Hindutva
Panelists:
Jeffrey Long, Elizabethtown College
Rita Sherma, Binghampton College
Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin University
Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i
Arvind Sharma, McGill University
For additional information, please contact Arvind.Sharma@McGill.ca.

M8-105

Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses Editorial Board Meeting
11:45 am–12:45 pm
PDC-512B

M8-106

Dempster Scholar Selection Committee
11:45 am–3:30 pm
FQE-Bellechasse
Catholics and Cultures — Initiative on World Catholicism
11:45 am-12:45 pm
LCS-Musset
A8-200

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-524C
Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Theme: Transnationalism and Pedagogy: Teaching and Learning Beyond Borders
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee

“Globalization of Religion in North America” means, among other things, an increasing diversity in our classrooms for religious/theological studies. Not only does this diversity need to be understood in terms of race/ethnicity and religion, as well as national origin and world region, but it also takes place on both sides of the dais. Students who come to North America to study may become faculty members “here” or “back home.” Likewise, students from North America also cross borders and/or oceans to study and/or teach. What implications do these transnational movements have for our pedagogical reflections and practices? Panelists in this forum will address issues and conflicts that have arisen in their transnational experiences as students and/or faculty members, and suggest how we may teach in a way that helps bring about a greater global consciousness and transnational competence among students.

Panelists:
Edward Phillip Antonio, Iliff School of Theology
Richard Foltz, Concordia University
Gemma Cruz, DePaul University
Arvind Sharma, McGill University

A8-201

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-520BE
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding
Theme: Conversation with Zarqa Nawaz, 2009 AAR Religion and the Arts Award Winner
Sponsored by the Religion and the Arts Award Jury

Zarqa Nawaz is the driving force behind Fundamentalist Films and the creator of Little Mosque on the Prairie, which debuted to large audiences and tremendous acclaim in 2007. Nawaz, born in Liverpool and raised in Toronto, had a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Toronto in her hands when she realized that staying out of medical school would be her greatest contribution to Canada’s health care system. Unfazed, she coolly switched career plans and received a Bachelor of Applied Arts in Journalism from Ryerson in 1992. Nawaz worked as a freelance writer/broadcaster with CBC radio, and in various capacities with CBC Newsworld, CTV’s Canada Am, and CBC’s The National. She was an associate producer with a number of CBC radio programs, including Morningside, and her radio documentary The Changing Rituals of Death won first prize in the Radio Long Documentary category and the Chairman’s Award in Radio Production at the Ontario Telefest Awards. Bored with journalism, Nawaz took a summer film workshop at the Ontario College for Art and made BBQ Muslims, a short film that premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 1996. Her next short film, Death Threat, also premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival in 1998. Other short-film credits include Fred’s Burqa and Random Check. In 2005, Nawaz’s documentary entitled Me and the Mosque, a coproduction with the National Film Board and the CBC, was broadcast on CBC’s Rough Cuts.

Panelists:
Zarqa Nawaz, Regina, Saskatchewan
Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado
Zareena Grewal, Yale University
A8-202

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-515C
Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Theme: How to Propose a New Program Unit
Sponsored by the Program Committee
Join the Director of Meetings for an informal chat about upcoming Annual Meeting initiatives as well as the guidelines and policies for proposing a new program unit.

A8-203

Special Topics Forum
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-517A
Lawrence Mamiya, Vassar College, Presiding
Theme: The Marty Forum: James H. Cone
Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee
The recipient of the 2009 Martin Marty Award for contributions to the public understanding of religion is James H. Cone, the Charles A. Briggs distinguished professor of systematic theology at Union Theological Seminary. Cone is the author of eleven books, including Black Theology and Black Power (1969) and A Black Theology of Liberation (1970). He is also the author of the highly acclaimed God of the Oppressed (1975) and Martin and Malcolm and America: A Dream or a Nightmare? (1991). His most recent publication is Risks of Faith (1999). He has also published over 150 articles and has lectured at more than 1,000 universities and community organizations throughout the United States, Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean. The Marty Forum provides an informal setting in which Cone will talk about his work with Cornel West, the Class of 1943 professor at Princeton University.
Panelists:
James H. Cone, Union Theological Seminary
Cornel West, Princeton University

A8-204

Wildcard Session
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-513A
Amy Johnson Frykholm, The Christian Century, Presiding
Theme: International Christian Perspectives on Christian Zionism
Panelists:
Robert O. Smith, Baylor University
Goran Gunner, Church of Sweden Research Department
Paul Merkley, Carleton University
Responding:
Donald E. Wagner, North Park University
**Buddhism Section**
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-510A

Hiroko Kawanami, Lancaster University, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhism and International Relief Work*

Panelists:
Elizabeth Harris, Liverpool Hope University
Monica Lindberg Falk, Lund University
Derek Maher, East Carolina University
Wang Jung-Chang, Aletheia University

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**Ethics Section**
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-516B

Suzanne Holland, University of Puget Sound, Presiding

Theme: *Biomedical Ethics: Current Issues*

M. Therese Lysaught, Marquette University

*Corporations, CROs, and Globalized Biomedical Research: Is Belmont Obsolete?*

Dena S. Davis, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

*Can There Be a Liberal Eugenics?*

James McBride, New York University

*Tommy Douglas, the Social Gospel, and the Struggle for Canadian Universal Healthcare: Lessons for American Organizers*

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**History of Christianity Section**
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-516D

Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *One Hundred Years of Church History: Looking Back, Looking Forward*

Panelists:
Anne Clark, University of Vermont
John Corrigan, Florida State University
Richard P. Heitzenrater, Duke University
Hans J. Hillerbrand, Duke University
Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University
**Philosophy of Religion Section**

1:00 pm–2:30 pm  
PDC-510D

Phyllis Granoff, Yale University, Presiding  
Theme: Non-Duality

David L. Smith, Central Michigan University  
*Emerson’s Performative Nondualism*

Daniel Regnier, Saint Thomas More College and University of Saskatchewan  
*The Simple Soul: Nonduality at the Level of Soul in Plotinus and Shankara*

Catherine Prueitt, Emory University  
*Maxed Metaphors: Rhetorical and Ontological Metaphor in the Tenth Discourse of the Bhagavad Gītā*

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**Religion and Politics Section**

1:00 pm–2:30 pm  
PDC-511F

Tapiwa Mucherera, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Theme: Religion and Politics in Africa

Samuel K. Olila, Emmanuel School of Religion  
*Religion, Ethnicity, and Democracy: The Theory and Practice of Religion in Kenya’s 2007 Post Election Clashes*

Comfort Max-Wirth, Florida International University  
*Pentecostalism and Politics in Ghana: Reflecting on the Manipulation of Pentecostal Symbols for Political Gains*

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**Study of Islam Section and Women and Religion Section**

1:00 pm–2:30 pm  
PDC-510C

Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria, Presiding  
Theme: Shariah Courts in Canada: Islam, Gender, and Public Policy in Family Law Arbitration

Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University  
*Construing Secularism: Islam and Gender Politics in the Ontario Shariah Debate*

Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University  
*Negotiating Religion and the Secular State: Muslim Women and Shariah Law Tribunals in Ontario, Canada*

Christopher Cutting, University of Waterloo  
*Problematizing Public and Private Spheres: Ongoing Faith-based Practices in Ontario Family Law*

Anna Korteweg, University of Toronto  
*Debating Shariah in Ontario: Representations of Muslim Women’s Agency*

Responding:  
Jocelyne Cesari, Harvard University
A8-211

Study of Judaism Section
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-524A
Aubrey L. Glazer, Jewish Community Center of Harrison, Presiding

Theme: Teaching Judaism in Contemporary Contexts
Sheldon Kopperl, Grand Valley State University
*Teaching an Introduction to Judaism Course in a Center of Midwestern Calvinism*
Marcus Benayon, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education
*Teaching for Wisdom in Toronto’s Jewish Day School*
Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute
*Teaching the Theological Introduction to Judaism*

A8-212

Anthropology of Religion Group
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-513D
Steven Engler, Mount Royal College, Presiding

Theme: The Anthropology of Religious Pluralism in Canada
Deirdre Meintel, Université de Montréal
Religious Perspectives on Ethnic and Religious Pluralism
Yannick Boucher, Université de Montréal, and Serge Maynard, Université de Montréal
Islam "Made in Quebec": Religious Concepts of "Integration"
Géraldine Mossière, Université de Montréal
Recognizing Local Diversity and Working for Pentecostal Universalism in a Congolese Congregation
Responding:
Janet Gunn, University of Ottawa

A8-213

Buddhist Philosophy Group
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-510B

Carl Bielefeldt has withdrawn from the session.
Dale S. Wright, Occidental College, Presiding

Theme: Intercultural Dialogues on Language in Thirteenth-Century Chan, Seon, and Zen Buddhism
Panelists:
Jin Y. Park, American University
Steven Heine, Florida International University
Takushi Odagiri, Stanford University
Responding:
A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo
A8-214

Chinese Religions Group
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-514C

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: One from Column A, Two from Column B: Religion, Modernization, and the Commingling of Sino-Western Ideas

Ni Zhange, University of Chicago
Transfigurations of Jesus in Modern Chinese Fiction

Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University
The Mysterious Mr. Wang: Searching for Martin Buber’s Confucian Ghostwriter

Scott Pacey, Australian National University
The Golden Calf and the Tyrant: Yinshun, Shengyan, and Their Use of Biblical Criticism to Legitimize the Dharma

A8-215

Christian Spirituality Group and the Colloquium on Religion and Violence
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-518B

Bruce H. Lescher, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: The Interface between Christian Spirituality and Girardian Theory

John Roedel, Graduate Theological Union
An Argument in Support of the Effectiveness of Principled Nonviolence Using Girardian Mimetic Theory

Gregory W. Love, San Francisco Theological Seminary
Trauma, the Cross, and the Christian “Virtue of Self-Sacrificial Love”: Is Girard a Help, or a Problem?

Denise Starkey, College of Saint Scholastica
Towards a Spirituality of Natality: Transforming Trauma for Survivors of Violence

Responding:
Ann W. Astell, University of Notre Dame

A8-216

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-513B

Graham Harvey, Open University
Materiality and Spirituality Aren’t Opposites (Necessarily): Paganism and Objects

Bron Taylor, University of Florida
Terrapolitan Earth Religion or Eco-totalitarianism? Assessing the Peril and Promise of Nature Religion in Environmental Governance

Michael York, Academy for Cultural and Educational Studies, London
Idolatry, Ecology, and the Sacred as Tangible

Business Meeting:
Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, and Michael York, Academy for Cultural and Educational Studies, London, Presiding
**A8-217**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group**  
1:00 pm–2:30 pm  
PDC-513C

Hans G. Kippenberg, Jacobs University, Bremen, Presiding  
Theme: *Atheism and Secularism*

Thomas Fabisiak, Emory University  
*The Atheistic Visio Dei in Bruno Bauer and Karl Marx’s Descriptions of the Criticism of Religion*

Rebekka King, University of Toronto  
*When the Sacred Courts the Secular: Representation, Identity, and Deconversion Among Atheist Christians*

Ovamir Anjum, University of Wisconsin  
*Genealogies of Secularism and Progenies of Islamism: How to Evaluate Islam’s Public Engagements?*

Responding:  
Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College

**A8-218**

**Ecclesiological Investigations Group and Evangelical Theology Group**  
1:00 pm–2:30 pm  
PDC-513F

Michael Attridge, University of Saint Michael’s College, Presiding  
Theme: *Ecclesial Being and Belonging: Ecumenical, Evangelical, and Interdisciplinary Perspectives Today*

Timothy Lim Teck Ngern, Regent University  
*Ecumenism and Evangelical Ecclesiology: Friend or Foe?*

Erica Olson, Fordham University  
*The De-Churching and Re-Churching of Young Evangelicals: Rethinking Evangelical Ecclesiology*

Michael Montgomery, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*Finding the Right Direction: Ecclesiology from Below*

Peter Ward, King’s College, London  
*Mediation, Post-Christian Society, and the Liquid Church*

**A8-219**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**  
1:00 pm–2:30 pm  
PDC-516C

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University, Presiding  
Theme: *Theological Interventions: Love and Kenosis*

Jodi Belcher, Vanderbilt University  
*Subversion through Subjection: A Feminist Reconsideration of Kenosis in Christology and Christian Discipleship*

Dennis King Keenan, Fairfield University  
*On the Genealogy of Love*
A8-220

Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group and Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Consultation
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-514A
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard, Violence, and the Sacred: Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Interpretations of the Near Sacrifice of Abraham’s Son
Yvonne Sherwood, University of Glasgow
"Acts" of Violence: Performing Abraham’s Sacrifice in Kierkegaard’s Fear and Trembling and Early Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Interpretation
Jonathan Malesic, King’s College, PA
Bound by the Word: Reason across Time in the Story of Abraham and Isaac
Timothy Dairymple, Harvard University
A Tale of Two Abrahams

A8-221

Mysticism Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Consultation
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-515A
Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne, Presiding
Theme: Spiritual Biographies in Modern Yoga: India, Europe, and America
Suzanne Newcombe, London School of Economics and Political Science
Yoga Resumes and "Hidden" Autobiographies: The Transmission of the Yoga Tradition in the Twentieth Century
Elliott Goldberg, New York, NY
Transforming Surya Namaskar into an Elixir for Women: The Role of Louise Morgan in the Formation of Modern Hatha Yoga
Ellen Goldberg, Queen’s University
Swami Kripalvananda: Biography and Autobiography
Responding:
June McDaniel, College of Charleston

A8-222

Native Traditions in the Americas Group
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-514B
Kenneth Mello, Southwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Issues for Canada’s First Nations Peoples
Mark F. Ruml, University of Winnipeg
Respectful Methodology: Ethical and Procedural Guidelines for Aboriginal Research
David Walsh, Arizona State University
Canada’s Traditional Knowledge Policy and Problems of Intercultural Dialogue
Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity
Sources of Contemporary Mi’kmaq Spirituality
Responding:
Michael Doxtater, McGill University
A8-223

Religion and Popular Culture Group
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-524B
Shanny Luft, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Theme: Reading Communities: American Popular Print Culture in Historical Perspective
Shenandoah Nieuwsma, University of North Carolina
Elesha Coffman, Waynesburg University
Mapping the Mainline Community: A Cultural Approach to The Christian Century
Jeremy Rapport, Indiana University
Printing a Community: Magazine Publishing and the Formation of the Unity School of Christianity

A8-224

Sacred Space in Asia Group
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-511D
Eve Mullen, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Power Spots of the Goddess: Transforming Physical Impurity and the Feminized Landscape in India
Perundevi Srinivasan, George Washington University
Body as Sacred Space: When the Goddess Arrives as Poxes
Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University, Columbus
Matrix of Power: Sacred Space, Physical Impurity, and Political Power in Assamese Tantra
Responding:
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago

A8-225

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-511C
Tracey Hucks, Haverford College, Presiding
Theme: Decoding Embodiment: Womanist Thought, Identity, and the Engagement of Culture
Panelists:
Andrea C. White, University of Chicago
Dianne Stewart, Emory University
Rhon Manigault-Bryant, Wake Forest University
Responding:
M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
Business Meeting:
Evelyn L. Parker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
A8-226

World Christianity Group
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-511B

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Texas, Presiding

Theme: Recent Research on Immigrant Christianity in North America

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

Margarita Mooney, University of North Carolina
Faith Makes Us Live: Surviving and Thriving in the Haitian Diaspora

Terry Rey, Temple University
Indigenous Haitian Christianity in Miami: The Religious Capital of Solomon Sevère Joseph

Responding:
Gerardo Marti, Davidson College
Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida

A8-227

Animals and Religion Consultation
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-516A

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: Thinking Animals, Rethinking Religion: How Taking Animals Seriously is Reshaping the Study of Religion

William Gruen, Muhlenberg College
Domesticity/Liminality/Wildness: Christological Animal Symbolism and the Meaning of Sacrifice

Michael R. Bathgate, Saint Xavier University
Significant Others: Buddhist Images of Animals and Moral Community in Premodern Japan

Donovan Schaefer, Syracuse University
Love/FOXP2: Language, Genetics, and the Ethical Relation in Levinas

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College
The Problem: If Subjects, Then Themselves Religious?

Responding:
Jonathan Schofer, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding

A8-228

Liberal Theologies Consultation
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-511A

Peter C. Hodgson, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: Aesthetic Pragmatism, Rawls, and Obama: Resurgent Liberalisms Today

Sharon D. Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School
Aesthetic Pragmatism and a Third Wave of Radical Politics

Elizabeth Barre, Emory University
A Rawls by Any Other Name: Religious Pluralism and Public Reason in the Political Vision of Barack Obama

Business Meeting:
Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding
Religion and Colonialism Consultation
1:00 pm–2:30 pm
PDC-511E
Mark Elmore, University of California, Davis, Presiding
Theme: Colonialism and Empire
Caleb Elfenbein, New York University
Governing the Hajj: Differentiation and the Character of Empire
R. M. Keelan Downton, Somerset Christian College
Conversionist Ecclesiologies and the Production of Desire: Differentiating Religious Aspirations from Globalized Empire
Tiffany Puett, University of Waterloo
Religion and Citizenship: Navigating Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion
Business Meeting:
Mark Elmore, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513E
Theme: Research Forum II and Business Meeting

1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-516E
Donald K. McKim, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding
Panelists:
Charles M. Wood, Southern Methodist University
Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary
Joy A. McDougall, Emory University
Miroslav Volf, Yale University
Responding:
David H. Kelsey, Yale University
**A8-250**

**Special Topics Forum**

*3:00 pm–4:30 pm*  
PDC-517B

Dennis Trudeau, Montréal, Québec, Presiding

Theme: *The Commission on Reasonable Accommodation in Québec: Reflections with Cochairs Charles Taylor and Gerard Bouchard*

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee

In February 2007, Premier Jean Charest called upon Charles Taylor and Gerard Bouchard to head up a commission on the question of Reasonable Accommodation. The commission was in response to a series of highly publicized events in which non-Christian immigrant minority groups were seen to be making “unreasonable” demands upon the people of Quebec to accommodate their religious requirements. The commission was unique in that it included twenty-one regional citizen’s forums in which individuals were given 90 seconds to voice their opinion, concerns, and desires for the future of interreligious relations in Québec. The final report delivered in May 2008 has had mixed reviews from politicians, religious, and nonreligious interest groups. This forum provides the opportunity for the cochairs to offer their reflections on the process, the issues raised, and the future of interreligious relations in Québec and beyond.

The 90-minute session will be moderated by Montréal broadcaster, Dennis Trudeau, and includes a brief introduction to the history of the commission with a ten-minute film clip of highlights from the commission, a thirty-minute moderated reflective discussion with both Taylor and Bouchard followed by an open question and answer period with members of the audience.

Panelists:

Charles Taylor, McGill University  
Gerard Bouchard, Université du Québec, Chicoutimi

**A8-251**

**Wildcard Session**

*3:00 pm–4:30 pm*  
PDC-513A

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Paul Ricoeur and Theology: The Hermeneutics of Texts and the Phenomenology of Experiences*

Panelists:

Michael De Lashmutt, University of Exeter  
David E. Klemm, University of Iowa  
Dan Stiver, Hardin-Simmons University

**A8-252**

**Wildcard Session**

*3:00 pm–4:30 pm*  
PDC-517A

Lissa McCullough, Los Angeles, CA, Presiding

Theme: *Whither the “Death of God”: A Continuing Currency?*

This session features a conversation between prominent radical theologian Thomas Altizer and well-known cultural critic Slavoj Žižek on the continuing and changing currency of the “death of God” idea within theology, religious studies, philosophy, the arts, and the trajectory of global culture in general. How has the notion of the death of God evolved as the secularization thesis has declined? Has the phrase become passé or is it alive, current, and still significant? Must we understand this phrase in new senses in the present globalizing world? What are the most important resources and thinkers for contending with its meaning? Around the core exchange of the two panelists, some thirty or more scholars, junior and senior, who have been closely engaged with the death of God idea have been invited to participate actively from the audience, with the intent to catalyze a lively, multifaceted conversation on these issues.

Panelists:

Thomas Altizer, Mount Pocono, PA  
Slavoj Žižek, University of Ljubljana
Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-520AD
Jacqueline A. Bussie, Capital University, Presiding
Theme: Varieties of the Catholic Novel
Jeffrey Marlett, College of Saint Rose
Evenday Otherness: Literature, Apparitions, and Barrett’s The Empty Shrine
Spencer Dew, University of Chicago
Devotion to Solipsism: Religious Thought and Practice in Jack Kerouac’s Tristessa

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-513B
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Trees, Goddesses, and Conflict in Myth and Theology
Patrizia Granziera, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos
The Tree, the Cross, and the Body of the Goddess in Pre-Hispanic and Colonial Mexico
Brian Collins, University of Chicago
Barking Up the Wrong Tree: Arboreal Themes in the Parashurama–Renuka Myth Cycle
Margaret Withgott, Harvard University
Theology Taught by Trees: Sacred Time in the Work of Linda Hogan and Annie Dillard
Responding:
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

Ethics Section
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-516B
Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding
Theme: Ethics of Eastern Religious Experience
John Adams, University of California, Santa Barbara
Falun Gong: Cultivating Moral Character
Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama
His Father’s Keeper: Ethics, Ambiguity, and Responsibility in the Life of Tibetan Buddhist Teacher Se Phagchog Dorje (1893–1943)
Responding:
Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University
History of Christianity Section

3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-516D
Arun W. Jones, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Historicity and Storytelling: The Great Adventures of Jesus, Mary, Thomas, and Xavier in India (and Eastward)
Panelists:
Lee Siegel, Honolulu, HI
Mathew N. Schmalz, College of the Holy Cross
Kristin Bloomer, University of Hawai’i
James Frankel, University of Hawai’i
Responding:
Chad Bauman, Butler University

Religion and Politics Section

3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-511F
Andrew William Getz, Saint Mary’s University, Presiding
Theme: Political Theology: Public and Private, Culture and Counterculture
Danielle Dubois, Johns Hopkins University
Charles Taylor’s Concept of Fullness: Recognizing Religious Identity in the Public Sphere
Robert Virdis, McMaster University
Arendt and Voegelin on Totalitarian Methods of Organization
Andrea Parliament, Burlington, ON
Secularizing the Parable of Hope

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-517C
Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding
Theme: Multiculturalism and Pluralism in Canada, the United States, and Europe
Panelists:
Patrice Claude Brodeur, Connecticut College
Diana L. Eck, Harvard University
Tariq Ramadan, Oxford University
A8-259

Study of Judaism Section
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-524A
Devorah Schoenfeld, Saint Mary’s College of Maryland, Presiding
Theme: Rabbinics, Philosophy, and Rhetoric
Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Making Law to Add Benches: Reading the Rabbis as Neopragmatists
Azzan Yadin, Rutgers University
Literary and Theological Categories in Early Rabbinic Midrash
Serguei Dolgopolskii, University of Kansas, Lawrence
In/Of: Rhetorical-Ontological Positioning of the Talmud's Redactors
Responding:
Aaron W. Hughes, State University of New York, Buffalo

A8-260

Teaching Religion Section
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-515A
Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, Presiding
Theme: Pedagogy as Integrative Cultivation
Panelist:
Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University

A8-261

Women and Religion Section
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-510D
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Reimagining Representations of Women in Religious Literature
Harry Fox, University of Toronto
A Judeo-German Ms., Querelle des Femmes, and the Power of Women Topos in 1504 Northern Italy
David Fiordalis, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Buddhism, Gender, and the Miraculous Role of Gender in the Buddhist Discourse on the Miraculous
April Armstrong, Princeton University
Irreconcilable Paradoxes: Gender Messages in Southern Baptist Children’s Literature on Female Role Models
Tirzah Meacham, University of Toronto
Changing the Valance of Impurity through Spiritualization
African Religions Group
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-518C
Akintunde Ebanolu Akinade, Georgetown University, Presiding
Theme: *Religion and Power in Africa and the Diaspora: Conversations with Jacob Olupona*
Panelists:
Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University
Laura Grillo, Pacifica Graduate Institute
Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee
Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University
Responding:
Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University

Afro-American Religious History Group and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-513C
Brandi Hughes has withdrawn from the session.
Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan, Presiding
Theme: *Race as Analytical Category in the Study of Religion*
Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania
*In the Absence of the Theoretical: Positing a Direction for African American Religious History*
Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University
*Racial Destiny at Home and Abroad: African Methodist Episcopal Church Women and Agency*
Stephen Selka, Tulane University
*Diasporic Dialogues: African American Cultural Tourism and the Afro-Catholic Festival of Our Lady of Good Death in Brazil*
Responding:
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

Bioethics and Religion Group and Religion and Ecology Group
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-514B
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, Presiding
Theme: *Frankenfood, Bridges, and Hazards: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Social Justice and Sustainability in a Global Context*
George D. Randels, University of the Pacific
*Think Globally, Act Locally? Justice, Sustainability, and Bioethics*
A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida
*Social Justice, Playing God, and Food Democracy: The Narrative Realms of GMOs*
Hillel Gray, University of Chicago
*Preserving the Simple: How Jewish Ethics Can Use an Interreligious Societal Definition of Risk to Tackle Low-threshold Threats to Sustainability*
**A8-265**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group**

3:00 pm–4:30 pm  
PDC-511C

Lisa Dahill, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Bonhoeffer as a Resource for Feminist Thought: Problems and Possibilities*

Christiane Tietz, University of Mainz  
*A Feminist and Gender Theorist Rereading of Bonhoeffer*

Willie J. Jennings, Duke University  
*In the Form of the Aryan: Bonhoeffer and the Dilemmas of Global Imperial Masculinity*

Karen Guth, University of Virginia  
*Making the Connections: Dietrich Bonhoeffer as Feminist Ethicist*

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**A8-266**

**Confucian Traditions Group**

3:00 pm–4:30 pm  
PDC-515C

Pauline Lee, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: *American Confucianism*

Panelists:  
John Berthrong, Boston University  
Robert C. Neville, Boston University  
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

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**A8-267**

**Contemporary Islam Group**

3:00 pm–4:30 pm  
PDC-513D

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding

Theme: *Islamic Authorities: Forming and Reforming Contemporary Islam*

Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside  
*Constructing and Contesting Progressive Islam: Islam Hadhari in Malaysia*

Mojan Membrado, INALCO Paris and LEM-CNRS  
*Malak jan Ne'mati (1906–1993) and Her Vision of the Position of Women in a Mystical Tradition of Kurdistan and Beyond*

Zahra Ayubi, University of North Carolina  
*Studying American Muslim Gender Debates in the Context of American Religious History and Islamic Studies*

Responding:  
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University

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**A8-268**

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**

3:00 pm–4:30 pm  
PDC-510B

Eve Tibbs, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Relationship between the Contemporary Orthodox Church and the State*

Daniel Payne, Baylor University  
*Political Hesychasm and the Modern State: Two Competing Orthodox Ideologies*

Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University  
*The Russian Orthodox Church, State, and Society in Post-Communist Russia*

Lucian Turcescu, Concordia University
## A8-269

**Law, Religion, and Culture Group**  
3:00 pm–4:30 pm  
PDC-514C  
Ruth Mas, University of Colorado, Presiding  
Theme: *First Nations, Islam, and Secularism: Religion and Law in the Canadian Context*  
Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa  
*Just Work It Out amongst Yourselves: Implications of the Private Mediation of Religious Freedom*  
Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Waterloo  
*First Nations’ Sacred Sites and the Legal Parameters of Religion*  
Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University  
*Native Sovereignty, Usufructuary Rights, Law, and Cosmopolitan Norms of Justice*  
Sevak Manjikian, Vanier College  
*Islamic Law in Canada: Organizational Challenges*

## A8-270

**New Religious Movements Group**  
3:00 pm–4:30 pm  
PDC-524C  
J. Gordon Melton, Institute for the Study of American Religion, Presiding  
Theme: *The Turn East Revisited: New Religions from Asian Traditions*  
Lola L. Williamson, Millsaps College  
*Creation of Social and Religious Meaning in Hindu-Inspired Meditation Movements*  
Edward A. Irons, Hong Kong Institute  
*Church of Zion–Hong Kong: Indigenous Religious Development in a Pluralistic Environment*  
Juliana Finucane, Syracuse University  
*Winning Victories for Sensei: Pluralism and Proselytizing among Members of Soka Gakkai International*  
Chandra Alexandre, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology  
*Crafting Puja for Maa: Understanding Ritual and the Devotional Experience in the Sha‘can Tradition of Western Shakta Tantra*

## A8-271

**Qur'an Group**  
3:00 pm–4:30 pm  
PDC-518B  
Shafique Virani has withdrawn from the session.  
Jamal Elias, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding  
Theme: *Tafsir and Islamic Intellectual History*  
Walid Saleh, University of Toronto  
*A History of Tafsir: Challenges and Prospects*  
Younus Y. Mirza, Georgetown University  
*Ibn Kathir: Modern Reception and Medieval Hermeneutics*  
Aisha Geissinger, Michigan State University  
*“Someone Who Is Brought Up amongst Trinkets”: Interpretive Authority and the (Re)production of Gender in Medieval Qur’an Commentaries*  
Stephen Sours, Duke University  
*Binding and Unbinding the Qur’an: Qur’anic Interpretation and Political Theory in Sayyid Qutb and Maulana Azad*  
Responding:  
Todd Lawson, University of Toronto
A8-273

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group and Liberation Theologies Consultation
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-516A
Hugo Córdova Quero, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: Despedida: Futures of Sexual Theology after Marcella Althaus-Reid
Panelists:
Mario I. Aguilar, University of Saint Andrews
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual

A8-274

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-511E
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding
Theme: Issues in World Cinema and World Religion
Marwood Larson-Harris, Roanoke College
Buddhist Form and Buddhist Content: Towards a Theory of Zen Documentary Filmmaking
Alexandra Brown, McMaster University
Fitna’s Futures: Constructions of Islam in the Netherlands
Rachel Gordan, Harvard University
Judaism at the Movies: America Versus Antisemitism

A8-275

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-511B
Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
Theme: Resistance, Peacemaking, and Restorative Justice
Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame
Burning Flags, Banning Scarves, and Patriotism as National Cult: Post-September 11 France and the United States Compared
Kristen Tobey, University of Chicago
"Transferring Reality": Violence and Nonviolence in the Plowshares Anti-Nuclear Movement
Nathan Funk, University of Waterloo
Engaging Islamic Perspectives on Restorative Justice
Joshua Thomas, Emory University
We Can Do It Better: Children as Interfaith Peacebuilders

A8-276

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-513F
Nathan J. Hallanger, Augsburg College, Presiding
Theme: Ted Peters on Science and Theology: Following Where the Horizon Leads
Panelists:
Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Responding:
A8-277

Tantric Studies Group
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-514A
John Nemec, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: Recent Research in Tantric Studies
Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University
"The Source of the Tantric Corruption": Assam and the "Otherness" of Tantra in the South Asian Imagination
Istvan Keul, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim
Who Speaks for the Yoginis? Imagined Continuities and Discursive Overlaps at Tantrapithas in Central India
Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
Interface between Real and Projected Spaces: The Mandala of Nepal as a Shaktta Pitha and the Buddhist Shrine
Responding:
Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

A8-278

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group and Buddhism in the West Consultation
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-511D
Sara L. McClintock, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Translating Tibetan Buddhism: Language, Transmission, and Transformation
Thomas Doctor, University of Lausanne
On Sources, Targets, and the Middle Way: Is Madhyamaka Translatable?
Martijn van Beek, Aarhus University
Translating the Great Perfection: Anthropological Reflections on Authority and Authenticity
Andreas Doctor, Kathmandu University
Translating Esoteric Buddhism: Secrecy, Integrity, and the Role of the Translator
Responding:
Anne C. Klein, Rice University

A8-279

Special Topics Forum
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-510C
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College, Presiding
Theme: Cracks in the Tower: Barriers to a Career in Religion
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and Job Placement Task Force
This Special Topics Forum addresses many of the barriers that make navigating the academy a difficult process (for example, issues of race, class, gender, sexual orientation, language, physical mobility, etc.). Panelists will share strategies for negotiating many of these barriers and for maintaining human flourishing in the academy. Panelists will also address the current job market and the many challenges that graduate students may face in the job application and interviewing process.
Panelists:
Josie Hendrickson, Whitman College
Kate Ott, Religious Institute on Sexual Morality, Justice, and Healing
Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary
Planning Session for Implicit Religion Consultation
3:00 pm–4:30 pm
PDC-511A
Edward Ian Bailey, Centre for the Study of Implicit Religion and Contemporary Spirituality, Presiding

Eastern Religious Sites of Montréal Tour: Putting Down Roots
3:00 pm–7:30 pm
Meet at PDC-Place Riopelle Bus Terminal
Mark Bradley, Université du Québec, Montréal, and Laurie Lamoureux Scholes, Concordia University, Presiding
This bus tour will take us to the west island suburbs of Montréal where several Eastern religious communities have taken root. The tour will include stops at the Tibetan Buddhist Temple Gaden Chang Chub Chöling. This temple, like many sites used by “new” non-Christian traditions in Canada, has converted a bank building into a temple space. Founded in 1980 and established in 1986, the center offers a range of religious ritual practices and cultural development activities at the center. For more information, visit www.khenrab.org.

The second stop will take us to the “most beautiful Gurdwara in Montréal.” Following the trend of other religious communities, this Gurdwara is built in a semi-industrial neighborhood in a suburb twice removed from the city center where land and zoning bylaws are easier to negotiate. The space includes an impressive example of traditional Gurdwara construction with a community that is ready to answer our questions.

The last stop on the tour will take us further down the island of Montréal into the suburb of Dollard Des Ameaux, where we will visit the Thiru Murugan Temple, a Sri Lankan Tamil Saivite Temple constructed in the traditional style of South Indian architecture, clearly the most beautiful example of its kind in the region. Our timing should coincide with a puja service, giving us the opportunity to share an experience with this most welcoming community. For more information, visit www.montrealmurugantemple.faithweb.com.

Separate registration required. See page 26 for details.

Champlain College Core Division Roundtable and Reception
3:00 pm–5:00 pm
PDC-518A
Theme: Integrating the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion into a Professionally-focused Education
You are cordially invited to join Champlain College faculty and students for afternoon refreshments and a lively discussion of the role played by religious studies in the College’s new interdisciplinary core curriculum.
We’ll be exploring successes, challenges, “best practices,” and pedagogical strategies. Guests will have the opportunity to talk with student representatives of Champlain’s various professional programs and discuss the innovative ways our students have made meaningful connections between sacred and secular worlds. All are welcome!

North American Levinas Society
4:00 pm–6:00 pm
PDC-515B

Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
FQE-Péribonka
M8-302

Colloquium on Violence and Religion
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513E
Ann Astell, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Theme: René Girard’s Achiever Clausewitz
Panelists:
Paul Dumouchel, Ritsumeikan University
Stephen Gardner, University of Tulsa
Sandor Goodhart, Purdue University
William Johnsen, Michigan State University
Charles Mabee, Oakland University

M8-303

Theta Alpha Kappa
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 2
Theme: Annual Members’ Meeting and Reception
All chapter moderators, members, and those interested in learning more about establishing a chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa are invited to join the Board of Directors at this annual meeting and reception. The Kathleen Connolly-Weinert Leader of the Year Award will be presented and new officers will be elected.

M8-307

Ecclesiological Investigations Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-524B
Phyllis Zagano, Hofstra University, Presiding
Theme: Ecclesiology’s Emerging Scholarship
A platform for emerging and ongoing scholarship in the discipline of ecclesiology. Sponsored by Peter De Mey and the Centre for Ecumenical Research, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven.
Karen Guth, University of Virginia
Constructing a Feminist Public Theology for the Church in a Pluralistic Society
Jeremy M. Bergen, University of Waterloo
The Apologies of Church and State: Thinking Theologically about Canada’s Apology for Indian Residential Schools in Light of Previous Church Statements
Mark Godin, University of Glasgow
Sacramental Hermeneutics, Québec, and the Presbyterian Church in Canada: A Congregational Case Study
Carlos Bedoya, Trinity College, Dublin
"Belonging in Unity" or "Unity in Belonging"? The Postmodern Challenge of Difference to Ecumenical Ecclesiology
Coleman Fannin, Baptist Theological Seminary, Richmond
What Sort of Community? The Catholic Vision of the Church after Toleration
Jeffrey Conklin-Miller, Duke University
Theory in Search of a People: Contextualization and the Missional Church

M8-304

A Conversation on Public Theology in the Emerging Landscape with Harvey Cox and Philip Clayton
4:45 pm–7:15 pm
PDC-520BE
Theology of Food
4:45 pm–6:15 pm
PDC-514B

A8-300

Special Topics Forum
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513A
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Presiding
Theme: Conversation with Kwok Pui Lan, 2009 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner
Sponsored by the Teaching and Learning Committee
Join us for a conversation about teaching with this year’s AAR Excellence in Teaching Award winner, Kwok Pui Lan.
Panelists:
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

A8-301

Special Topics Forum
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516B
James Logan, Earlham College, Presiding
Theme: Queering Communities of Color
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
The session will explore the tensions existing within religious communities of color over issues relating to LGBTIQ.
Panelists:
Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside
Luis Leon, University of Denver
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Traci C. West, Drew University
Ghazala Anwar, Christchurch, New Zealand

A8-303

Wildcard Session
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511F
Shaun Allen Casey, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Building a Successful Academic Center: Religion, Politics, and Public Engagement
Panelists:
Michael Kessler, Georgetown University
Erik Owens, Boston College
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
A8-304

Wildcard Session
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513D
Patrice Claude Brodeur, Connecticut College, Presiding
Theme: Studying Religion and International Development: Affinities, Intersections, and Potentials
Nathan R. B. Loewen, McGill University
Reciprocal Ambivalence: The Study of Religion within International Development Studies
Scott T. Kline, University of Waterloo
Religion: The Missing Dimension of Development?
Kristin Norget, McGill University
"Development" and the Indigenous Moral Ecology: Some Lessons from Oaxaca, Mexico
Responding:
Gregory Baum, McGill University

A8-305

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-520AD
John D. Barbour, Saint Olaf College, Presiding
Theme: Crossing the Boundaries of Art and Religion in Nineteenth-Century America and Britain
Malcolm Young, Mountain View, CA
Henry David Thoreau and the Religious Roots of Environmental Literature and Art
Nicholas Jackson, University of Cambridge
Spirituality in Time: J. W. Waterhouse and Christina Rossetti
Ernest Rubinstein, Drew University
Secularization in a Pre-Raphaelite Spirituality: The Case of Henry Holiday and His Stained Glass Tribute to Theology at Drew University

A8-306

Christian Systematic Theology Section
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516A
John E. Thiel, Fairfield University, Presiding
Theme: At the End of All Things
Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College
Sex in Heaven? Eros, Abjection, and "Spiritual" Bodies
Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
A Realized Eschatology of Religions: Expanding the Doctrine from the Experience of Interfaith Dialogue
Elizabeth Phillips, University of Cambridge
Seeking a Normative Apocalypse
History of Christianity Section  
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516D
Ellen Aitken, McGill University, Presiding
Theme: *Monastic Reflections in Contemporary Québec*

Although monasticism is seen to be out of place in contemporary Quebec, it has importance both socially and intellectually. Indeed, it continues to develop socially taking on new forms and in new physical locations, but also intellectually, helping to address some of the most pressing questions of modern society. This panel is dedicated to papers addressing the changing “place” of monasticism in the province.

Cory Andrew Labrecque, McGill University  
*Benedict, Francis, and Monastic Environmentalism*

Joshua Hollmann, McGill University  
*Nicholas of Cusa and the Contemporary Endeavor for Christian–Muslim Dialogue*

Jason Zuidema, McGill University  
*Monks on the Move: The Effects of Relocation on a Cistercian Monastic Community in Québec*

North American Religions Section  
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510B
Khyati Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Presiding
Theme: *Re(de)fining Religious Identities East to West*

Matthew Hedstrom, Roger Williams University  
*Mahatma Gandhi as Liberal Protestant: E. Stanley Jones and Howard Thurman*

Nicole Libin, University of Calgary  
*The Choosing People: Constructing Jewish Buddhist Identity in America*

Fatimah Fanusie, Johns Hopkins University  
*Fard Muhammad in Historical Context: An Islamic Thread in the American Religious and Cultural Quilt*

Responding:
James B. Bennett, Santa Clara University

Philosophy of Religion Section  
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-517B
Ludger Viefhues, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: *Philosophy and Liturgy*

Josh Reeves, Boston University  
*Towards a Philosophy of Liturgy*

Joseph Ballan, University of Chicago  
*Mallarmé on Liturgical Logic*

Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University  
*A Philosophy of Ritual Embodiment*

Cyrus Olsen, University of Scranton  
*Embodyed Hermeneutics: Liturgical Enactment in Blondel and Feminist Philosophy of Religion*
A8-310

Religion in South Asia Section and Hinduism Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511D
Charles Hallisey, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Bhāgavata-Purāṇa, All in Seven Days: Text and Performance in the Saptāh
John Hawley, Barnard College
*Performing the Bhāgavata: The Great Prescription*
Shrivatsa Goswami, Radha Raman Temple
*The Bhāgavata in Performance: Celebrating Krishna as Text*
Sangeeta Desai, University of Wisconsin
*Audience Is King: Audience as Performers in Seven-day Ritual Narrations of the Bhāgavata-Purāṇa*
Responding:
Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

A8-311

Study of Islam Section
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-517A
Omid Safi, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Theme: Abdul Karim Soroush and Tariq Ramadan in Conversation
Panelists:
Abdul Karim Soroush, Princeton University
Tariq Ramadan, Oxford University

A8-312

Study of Judaism Section
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-524A
Louis Rousseau, Université du Québec, Montréal, Presiding
Theme: Yiddish Montréal: From the Political Left to the Religious Right
Although seemingly distinct, the political left and religious right were both significant and interdependent in Yiddish Montréal of the twentieth century. Not only did they share common educational and social antecedents, they often shared strategies, where rabbis used tactics of the labor movement to ameliorate their situation. As well, the major communal structure of Jewish Montréal in the prewar years was the Jewish Community Council (Vaad Ha’ir) wherein not only were all political positions represented, but the Council funded all Jewish schools, including the socialist and communist as well as the traditional yeshivas. Although each presentation focuses on very different periods and milieus — the Yiddish secular schools at the time of World War I, the Jewish Labor movement of the thirties, and the issue of traditionalism in the fifties — they all bring to the fore two crucial issues in understanding the evolution of Yiddish-speaking Montréal: religion and politics.
Pierre Anctil, University of Ottawa
"They Who Sow in Tears Shall Reap with Songs of Joy": Religion and Religiosity in the Secular Yiddish Schools of Montréal (1910–1920)
Ira Robinson, Concordia University
"A Strike in Heaven": The Rabbinic Community and the Jewish Labor Movement in 1930s Montréal
Steven Lapidus, Concordia University
"The Pearl Harbor of the Vaad Ha’ir of Montréal": Rabbinic Strife in the 1950s and 1960s
A8-313

Teaching Religion Section
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-515A
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Theme: Globalization and Pedagogy: Practical and Theoretical Approaches
Panelists:
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University
Martha J. Reineke, University of Northern Iowa
Suzanne Ross, Raven Foundation
Responding:
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia

A8-314

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510D
Susan Abraham, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Dissent, Tradition, and Modernity
Daniel Campana, University of La Verne
Domesticating the Revolutionary: A Case Study in the Role of the Dissenting Voice in the Christian Community
Brenna Moore, Fordham University
Modernity and European Catholicism: A Typological Approach
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University
The Polyvalent Politics of the Modern Turn to Tradition

A8-315

African Religions Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-518C
Tapiwa Mucherera, Asbury Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Permutations of West African Healing Traditions: Amisari Indigenous Healers in Nigeria, Santeria Practitioners in the United States, and Umbanda Practitioners of Paris
Elijah Obinna, University of Edinburgh
"Life Is Superior to Wealth": Indigenous Healers in a Contemporary African Community (Amasiri), Southeastern Nigeria
Viola Teisenhoffer, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense
The Role of Healing in the Appropriation of Brazilian Umbanda in Paris
Aisha Beliso-De Jesus, Harvard University
Dangerous Spirituality: A Latinization of Santeria
Responding:
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University
A8-316

Afro-American Religious History Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513C
Quinton H. Dixie, Indiana University-Purdue University, Presiding
Theme: African-American Women, Interracial Cooperation, and Social Engagement in the Nineteenth Century
Priscilla Pope-Levison, Seattle Pacific University
African-American Women and Interracial Cooperation
Harry Rissetto, Catholic University of America and Gonzaga College High School
An Auxiliary’s Rising: The Achievements of African-American Catholic Lay Women within the Christ Child Society
Responding:
Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania

A8-317

Black Theology Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-524C
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University, Presiding
Theme: Black Theology across Borders
Brett Esaki, University of California, Santa Barbara
Yellow Hip Hop Soul, from Cone to Matsuoka
Anthony G. Reddie, Queens Theological Foundation
Living at the Border Lines of the Cultural Divide: An Experiential Black Theological Heuristic for Affirming Black Selfhood and Critiquing White Normativity
Brandi Hughes, University of Virginia
Gospel Tracts, Diaspora Routes, and Black Folk: Rehistoricizing Christian Theology in Theories of the Black Atlantic

A8-318

Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-515C
Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University, Presiding
Theme: Activating Compassion: Educating the Buddhist Chaplain
Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Alfred University
Meditation Is Not Enough: Chaplaincy Training for Buddhists
Daijaku Judith Kinst, Institute for Buddhist Studies
Service, Particularity, and Emptiness: Theological and Practice Roots of Buddhist Interfaith Chaplaincy
Willa Miller, Harvard University
“Thus I Have Listened”: A Reflection on Buddhist Approaches to Pastoral Counseling
Angela Lutzenberger, Veterans Affairs Puget Sound Health Care System
Assessment from the Field: Paradigms of Chaplaincy Internship and Residency
A8-319

Comparative Theology Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511B
Arun W. Jones, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Revisiting Middle Grounds: Early Historical Christian Encounters with Religious Others as Comparative Theological Resources
Panelists:
Anthony James Watson, Cambridge University
Garry Sparks, University of Chicago
Naoko Frances Hioki, Graduate Theological Union
Bernard Dorsey, University of Chicago
Responding:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

A8-320

Daoist Studies Group and Korean Religions Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-514A
Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Presiding
Theme: Daoism in Korea
Se-Woong Koo, Stanford University
Reaching for the Sky: The Daoist Rite of Ch’oje and Early Chosŏn Political Order
John I. Goulde, Sweet Briar College
Chosŏn Period Internal Alchemy Techniques: Where Did They Come From?
Don Baker, University of British Columbia
Tan’gun, Dahn World, and the Revival of Internal Alchemy in Contemporary Korea
Responding:
Thomas Michael, Boston University

A8-321

Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511A
Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University, Presiding
Theme: The Work of Roman Catholic Theologian James Alison
Andy Buechel, Emory University
Redeemed Subjectivity: James Alison as Political Theologian
Aaron Klink, Duke University
Being, Grace, and Truth: James Allison and a New Way for Christian Sexual Ethics
Donald L. Boisvert, Concordia University
Transcribing the Pink Triangle: A James Alison and Renee Girardian Perspective on the Contemporary Assault on Gay Men
Bryce Rich, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Eucharist, Prayer, and Positive Mimesis in the Thought of James Alison
Responding:
John J. Ranieri, Seton Hall University
A8-322

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513B
Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University, Presiding
Theme: Matters of Method: How Do We Study Indigenous Traditions Today?
Eva Garroutte, Boston College
Patterns of Spiritual Practice in Two American Indian Communities
Seth Schermerhorn, Arizona State University
Secularization by the "Sacred"? Discourses of "Religion" and the San Francisco Peaks
Sonya Maria Johnson, Michigan State University
Spirits and Sites of Sacrality: Indigenous Religious Production within the African Diaspora
Tisa Wenger, Yale University
The Ironies of Religious Freedom in Native American History
Responding:
Stephen Selka, Indiana University

A8-323

Japanese Religions Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-517C
Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding
Theme: Roman Catholicism in Japan: Ethnicity, Identity, and Gender in the Age of Globalization
Terada Takefumi, Sophia University
Changing Faces of the Catholic Church in Japan: A Study of Filipino Communities in the Tokyo Archdiocese
Hisako Omori, McMaster University
Women as Priestesses? Gendered and Negotiated Identities in Japanese Catholic Communities in Tokyo
Hugo Córdova Quero, Graduate Theological Union and Sophia University
Trans-Pacific Affairs: Negotiating Gender, Faith, and Ethnicity among Japanese Brazilian Migrant Women in Japan
Responding:
Kevin Doak, Georgetown University

A8-324

Law, Religion, and Culture Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-514C
Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan, Presiding
Theme: Colonialism, Law, and the Construction of Religion
J. Barton Scott, Duke University
Libeling Religion: Heterodoxy and Secularism in Colonial Bombay
Rupa Viswanath, University of Pennsylvania
Conversion as Movement of the Soul: "Pariahs" and the Emergence of Authenticity Talk in Colonial India
Annie Leatt, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research
The Laws of Ambivalence: "Religion" and "Things African" in Post-Apartheid South Africa
Michael McNally, Carleton College
The San Francisco Peaks Sacred Lands Case: From a Burden on "Religious Exercise" to the "Diminishment of Spiritual Fulfillment"
Nineteenth-Century Theology Group and Société Internationale d'Études sur Alfred Loisy
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516C
Russell C. Kleckley, Augsburg College, Presiding
Theme: Theology and the Culture of War, Part II: The “Great War”
Charles J. T. Talar, University of Saint Thomas
The Mobilization of Intellect: Alfred Loisy’s Guerre et Religion
Richard Schaefer, State University of New York
Catholic Culture and the “Great War”
Paul Dafydd Jones, University of Virginia
The Rhetoric of War in Karl Barth’s Epistle to the Romans: A Theological Analysis
The business meeting for the Nineteenth-Century Theology Group will be held on Sunday, November 8, from 7:00 am–8:30 am in the Program Unit Chairs’ Lounge (PDC-512H). All are welcome. Coffee is provided.

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510C
Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee, Presiding
Theme: Hollywood Gets Religion? Historical and Critical Reflections on Religulous
Panelists:
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College
Gregory Spinner, Skidmore College
John Corrigan, Florida State University

Ritual Studies Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513F
Sarah Haynes, Western Illinois University, Presiding
Theme: Looking Again: Shifting Perspectives on Rites and Ritual Theory
Janet Helen Tulloch, Carleton University
Ritual-centered Visuality and Funerary Monuments in the Roman World
Magnus Echtler, University of Bayreuth
Sacred Dance on DVD: Filmed Rituals in the Nazareth Baptist Church, South Africa
Colleen D. Hartung, Chicago Theological Seminary
Seeing Children Doing: Theoretical Implications of the Actions of Children in Rites
Wilburn Hansen, San Diego State University
Ritual Versus Scholarship: The Use of Possession Rituals and Teenage Mediums in Edo Japan
Responding:
Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études
A8-328

Scriptural Reasoning Group
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511C

Mehdi Aminrazavi has withdrawn from the session.
Stacy Johnson, Minneapolis, MN, Presiding
Theme: The Other Within and Without: In Loving Memory of Michael Signer
Panelists:
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia
Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University
R. Kendall Soulen, Wesley Theological Seminary
Responding:
Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University

A8-329

Western Esotericism Group
NEW DATE/TIME
Now A7-232, Saturday, 1:00 pm–3:30 pm

A8-330

Sociology of Religion Consultation
5:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511E

Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Sociological Perspectives on Contemporary American Religion
Kerry Mitchell, Long Island University
Embracing the Blindness of our Theories: A Paradoxical Revision of Durkheim’s Collective Consciousness within the Context of Modernity
David Ogungbile, Obafemi Awolowo University
Faith without Borders: Culture, Identity, and Nigerian Immigrant Spirituality in a Multicultural American Community
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
“This Was Your Life”: Jack Chick and the Dissemination of Political Religion
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Interstitial Subjectivities and Religious Change: Circumscribing Giddens for the Study of Contemporary American Religion
Responding:
Eileen Barker, London School of Economics

M8-305

Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought
5:45 pm–6:15 pm
PDC-518B
Theme: Business Meeting
Beyond the Boundaries: Public Lecture Series II
6:00 pm–8:00 pm
Le Pèlerin-Magellan
330 Rue Ontario East
Theme: *We Said We Were Sorry: Apologies and First Nations*
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee
In 1986 the United Church of Canada (UCC) offered an apology to First Nations peoples for the UCC's role in residential schooling. The UCC's apology is unique in that their 1986 apology was acknowledged by the First Nations community, but was not accepted. In 1998 another formal apology was presented and accepted. Barbara Greenberg will examine the 1986 and 1998 apologies using the psychoanalytic theories of Melanie Klein in order to gain an understanding of the important role apologies play in making amends for past injustices. It is Greenberg's belief that Klein's theories will provide a new theoretical lens to discuss and understand the interaction between the UCC and the First Nations peoples. She will discuss how her thesis work has potential beyond the “ivory tower” by discussing the pros and cons of political apologies which may have the potential to mend relations between First Nations and the UCC in Canada.
Panelist:
Barbara Greenberg, University of Toronto

Racial and Ethnic Minorities Reception
6:30 pm–8:00 pm
PDC-510A
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Task Force
Reception for racial and ethnic minorities in the profession.

*American Journal of Theology and Philosophy*
6:30 pm–8:00 pm
PDC-516E
Michael L. Raposa, Lehigh University, Presiding
Theme: *Deism, Christianity, and the Age of Reason*
Donald Wayne Viney, Pittsburgh State University
*Deism, Christianity, and the Age of Reason*
Join us for an engaging discussion of the impact of Enlightenment thinkers on contemporary religious dialogue. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Jennifer Jesse at jgjesse@truman.edu.
M8-401

Explorations in Theology and Apocalyptic
6:30 pm–9:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 5
Douglas Harink, King’s University College, Edmonton, Presiding
Theme: The Apocalyptic Gospel: Theological Responses to the Work of J. Louis Martyn
Sponsored by the University of Aberdeen
Panelists:
Joshua Davis, Vanderbilt University
Walter Lowe, Emory University
Benjamin Myers, Charles Sturt University
Philip G. Ziegler, University of Aberdeen
This is one of two additional meetings whose purpose is to explore the possibility of setting up a consultation on “Theology and Apocalyptic” at future meetings of the AAR. Those interested are encouraged to attend and to contact Nate Kerr, NKerr@trevecca.edu, or Philip Ziegler, p.ziegler@abdn.ac.uk, for further information.

M8-402

North American Association for the Study of Religion
6:45 pm–8:45 pm
PDC-512B
Theme: Working Group on the Semiotics of Religion
Awards Ceremony and Reception
7:00 pm–8:00 pm
FQE- Le Grand Salon
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Celebrate the achievements of the 2009 AAR award winners at the ceremony and reception held in their honor.

Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion
James Cone, Union Theological Seminary

Excellence in Teaching Award
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

Religion and the Arts Award
Zarqa Nawaz, Regina, Saskatchewan

2009 Best In-depth Reporting on Religion Awards
News Outlets with Circulations over 100,000:
First Place: Laurie Goodstein, New York Times
Second Place: Barbara Bradley Hagerty, National Public Radio
Third Place: Michael Paulson, Boston Globe

News Outlets with Circulations under 100,000:
First Place: Tracy Simmons, Waterbury Republican-American
Second Place: Brad A. Greenberg, Jewish Journal of Greater Los Angeles
Third Place: Brett Buckner, Anniston Star

Opinion Writing:
First Place: David Gibson, articles published in the Star-Ledger and Wall Street Journal
Second Place: Douglas Todd, Vancouver Sun
Third Place: Tom Krattenmaker, articles published in USA Today

2009 Excellence in the Study of Religion Book Awards
Analytical-Descriptive Studies:

Constructive-Reflective Studies:

Historical Studies:

Textual Studies:

2009 Best First Book Award in the History of Religions
M8-403

Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
LCS-Joyce

Members are invited to a reception hosted by the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis.

M8-404

Denver University and Iliff School of Theology Joint PhD Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
LCS-Kafka

M8-405

Durham University Department of Theology and Religion Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Saint-Maurice

The Durham University Department of Theology and Religion warmly invites colleagues from other institutions, friends, and alumni/ae to this reception. Staff from Durham will be present to meet guests and share information on recent developments in the department, its research, and strategic plans.

M8-406

Forum on Sports and Religion
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Saguenay

Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Spirituality in Sports Films

Sponsored by Mercer University Press

The Forum on Sports and Religion focuses this year on the role of religion and spirituality in sports films. Papers will respond to the following questions: How is the intersection of religion and sports treated in contemporary popular film or in a specific film? How has the treatment of sports in popular film changed historically? How does a specific film or film in general depict the spiritual dimensions of sports? What theoretical perspectives provide insights into the place of religion and spirituality in sports films?

Panelists:
Joseph Price, Whittier College
Marc A. Jolley, Mercer University Press

M8-407

GBHEM Dempster Scholars Banquet
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Chaudière
M8-408

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
LCS-Salon C
Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Presiding
Theme: Steven Heine’s Zen Skin, Zen Marrow in Debate
Dale Wright, Occidental College
Zen Writes
Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University
Zen Rites
Victor Forte, Albright College
Zen Rights
Responding:
Steve Heine, Florida International University

M8-409

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
PDC-515B

M8-410

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Saint-Charles
Sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Harvard Divinity School, and UUA Panel on Theological Education
Persons connected to the Unitarian Universalist tradition are invited to gather for conversation and to plan next year’s events.

M8-411

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
LCS-Lamartine

M8-412

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Matapédia
Theme: New Teachers’ Dinner
Annual gathering of new teachers for dinner and directed table conversations about the first years of teaching. Nomination of new teachers for participation is required. Contact Paul Myhre at myhrep@wabash.edu.

M8-413
Yale Divinity School Alumni Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 1

M8-414

Religion Editorial Board Meeting
7:00 pm–9:00 pm
FQE-Chambly

M8-415

Association of Theological Schools Presentation and Reception
7:00 pm–9:00 pm
LCS-Salon A and B

M8-416

Duke University Reception
7:00 pm–9:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 4

M8-417

The Dead Sea Scrolls in Canada: An Untold Story
7:00 pm–9:00 pm
Faculty of Religious Studies
McGill University
Birks Building
3520 University Street
In light of the ongoing exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls in Toronto, Ontario, and the first public display of fragments from the collection of McGill University, McGill’s faculty of Religious Studies invites AAR members to a special session celebrating the role that McGill University and Canadian scholars have played in acquiring (McGill purchased 500 Cave 4 fragments in the 1950s), preserving, and studying the Dead Sea Scrolls. For further information, contact Professor Jason Kalman at jkalman@huc.edu.

M8-433

Oxford University Reception
7:00 pm–8:30 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 6

M8-418

Society of Christian Philosophers
7:30 pm–9:30 pm
FQE-Richelieu
Andrew Chignell, Cornell University, Presiding
Theme: In Defense of Kant’s Religion: Authors Meet Critics
Panelists:
George Di Giovanni, McGill University
Pamela Anderson, University of Oxford
M8-419

University of Iowa Alumni and Friends Reception
7:30 pm–9:30 pm
LCS-Musset

M8-420

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University Friends and Alumni/ae Reception
8:00 pm–10:00 pm
LCS-Hémon

M8-421

Princeton University Department of Religion Reception
8:00 pm–10:00 pm
LCS-Jarry

M8-422

Synousia Symposium
8:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Péribonka
Theme: Daimonion Photi and Reflexive Academic Critique
An organizational and celebratory event involving spiritual practices based on classical and contemporary philosophical texts. All members of Synousia and interested nonmembers are welcome to attend. Bring a pen and relevant theurgic materials. For more information, contact Rocco Gangle, rgangle@endicott.edu, or Jason Smick, jsmick@scu.edu.

M8-425

Center for Process Studies Reception
8:00 pm–10:00 pm
PDC-518A
Join us for wine, cheese, and conversation. Greet Philip Clayton, Monica Coleman, and Roland Faber. Friends and members of CPS and anyone interested in process-relational approaches to religious studies, theology, biblical hermeneutics, and philosophy of religion are invited. Network, discuss, and schmooze. Informal, fun!

A8-402

Arts Series Performance: Sweetgrass Singers
8:30 pm–9:30 pm
FQE-Marquette
The Sweetgrass Singers are a group of Kanienkehaka (Mohawk) women from the community of Kahnawake. The singers are a nonprofit singing society that supports Mohawk language and cultural initiatives. The women are a group of mothers who are raising their children with the language, culture, and traditions of the Kanienkehaka people. They are part of the six-nations Haudenasaunee confederacy and are known throughout the confederacy for their songs. The women have traveled throughout Eastern Canada and the United States sharing their stories, songs, and dances with both First Nations and nonindigenous people.
The Sweetgrass Singers always encourage audience members to participate in the songs and dances that celebrate Kanienkehaka culture and look forward to the opportunity to share their stories, songs, and dances with members of the AAR.
A8-403

Arts Series Performance: Bharatanatyam by Hari Krishnan and inDANCE
8:30 pm–9:30 pm
FQE-Duluth
Bharatanatyam is a dance form traditionally performed by courtesans and temple-women known as devadasis or bhogamvallu in South India. When their lifestyles were criminalized by the state in 1947, their practices were reinvented, “classicized,” and reinterpreted by upper-caste elites. Hari Krishnan, Artist-in-Residence at Wesleyan University and Artistic Director of inDANCE, has studied dance with women from over ten different devadasi lineages, and this session will offer excerpts from their very rare repertoire. It presents a counterpoint to the universalized and reinvented forms of “classical Indian dance” seen elsewhere. Commentary on the pieces will be provided by Davesh Soneji, McGill University, and will be accompanied by live music.

A8-404

Film: Pray the Devil Back to Hell
8:30 pm–10:30 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 2
Thomas Simpson, Phillips Exeter Academy, Presiding
This film offers an arresting account of Liberian women’s nonviolent, interreligious resistance to Charles Taylor and the warlords who sought to overthrow him. In the face of brutal civil wars, which began in 1989, these women reached across an entrenched Muslim–Christian divide to start a grassroots movement for peace. Desperately ingenious, their strategies helped put an end to the rape, forced conscription of children, and political corruption that had decimated their country. Only now is their struggle beginning to garner the international attention it deserves. Pray the Devil Back to Hell has received numerous awards, including best documentary at the 2008 Tribeca Film Festival, and the women featured in the film recently received the 2009 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. For those exploring the connections between religion and gender, violence, politics, and human rights, this film is an extraordinary resource. Following the screening, panelists from the sponsoring groups will facilitate a discussion with the audience.
2008, directed by Gini Reticker. 72 minutes.

A8-405

Film: Eve and the Fire Horse
8:30 pm–10:30 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 3
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California, Presiding
Sponsored by the Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Nominated for five Genie (Canadian Oscar) Awards and winner of the Sundance Film Festival’s Special Jury Prize, this film traces the life of nine-year-old Eve and her Chinese Canadian immigrant family. Especially featured are Eve’s attempts to make sense of her frenetic religious environment: her father’s traditional ways, her mother’s embrace of Buddhism, and her sister’s conversion to Catholicism. Amidst this spiritual chaos, Eve maintains ties to her Chinese religious roots and comes to her own religious synthesis. Director Kwan’s eclectic vision allows for nuanced reflection in a number of areas: Asian North American religious identity, Canadian multiculturalism, immigrant spirituality, and the portrayal of (Asian) religion in popular film.
2005, directed by Julia Kwan. 92 minutes.

M8-423

Boston University Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
LCS-Joyce
M8-424

Brown University Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Matapédia

M8-426

Columbia University Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
LCS-Salon C

M8-427

Drew University Alumni and Friends Gathering
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Harricana

M8-428

Emory’s Graduate Division of Religion Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 6

M8-429

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Saint-Charles

M8-430

Union Theological Seminary, NYC Alumni/ae Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 1

M8-431

University of Chicago Divinity School Alumni Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Le Grand Salon

M8-432

Florida State University Department of Religion Reception
9:00 pm–11:45 pm
FQE-Saint-Maurice
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Job Placement Task Force Meeting
7:00 am–8:30 am
FQE-Chambly
Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University, Presiding

A9-2

Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force Meeting
7:00 am–8:30 am
FQE-Bellechasse
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

A9-3

International Connections Committee Meeting
7:00 am–8:30 am
FQE-Youville
Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

A9-4

Nominations Committee Meeting
7:00 am–8:45 am
FQE-Kamouraska
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University, Presiding

A9-7

Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting
7:00 am–8:30 am
FQE-Cap-Chat
Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

A9-5

Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfast
7:15 am–8:45 am
PDC-519AB
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Program unit chairs are invited to a continental breakfast featuring information on upcoming program initiatives.
Walking Tour of Old Longueuil and a Visit to the Archives of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary
8:30 am–1:00 pm
Meet at PDC-Place Riopelle Bus Terminal
Susan M. Maloney, University of Redlands, Presiding

The study of the religion, history, and culture of French Canada is not complete without an understanding of the role of Catholic religious orders of women. In the second half of the nineteenth century, numerous religious communities of women were started in Québec. The social influence of their lives and institutions is of particular interest to historians and scholars of religion. The Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary (SNJM) is one example of the historical contribution Catholic sisters made to French Canada. Founded in Longueuil, Québec, in 1843 by Eulalie Durocher (Mother Marie Rose), the SNJM order is the first congregation of women to be founded by a French Canadian woman. Prior to Durocher’s initiative, orders of Catholic sisters in Canada belonged to congregations from France or were founded by sisters who came from France. In less than 150 years, Durocher’s followers grew to over 7,000 members in 277 institutions around the world. This session will begin with a walking tour of some of the historical sites of Old Longueuil followed by a visit to the nineteenth century foundation house of the SNJM sisters and a presentation by the archivists of significant documents and artifacts. Lunch is included.

Separate registration required. See page 26 for details. SOLD OUT
A9-100

Special Topics Forum
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514C
Gilya Gerda Schmidt, University of Tennessee, Presiding
Theme: Global Economies of the Sacred
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee
For many, globalization means, first and foremost, what Mary Elizabeth Gallagher calls “contagious capitalism.” What then might be the relations between the global market and the globalization of religion? In this forum, our panelists will address not only how economic factors might be influencing the spread and exchange of religions, but also how religions themselves might function as goods and services for transactions in a globalized world.
Panelists:
Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside
Amos Yong, Regent University
David Chidester, University of Cape Town
Ginette Ishimatsu, University of Denver
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

A9-101

Special Topics Forum
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-517B
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding
Theme: Got Life Yet? A Structural Analysis
Sponsored by the Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Many faculty members find themselves struggling to work out a reasonable balance between the demands of work and their other commitments. While the solutions that people find for themselves may be very creative, they are generally highly individualized and are often achieved at great personal cost. This Special Topics Forum begins from the premise that problems of work/life balance are structural and demand structural responses. Participants will place what are often experienced as individual difficulties in a larger context and reflect on policy changes that might allow and encourage people to be productive and committed teachers and scholars and still live sane and well-rounded lives.
Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University
Are We Productive Yet? Living as Educators within a Capitalist World
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Freeing the Mother-Lode from Mother-(over)Load: The Difference Institutions Can Make
Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary
Faculty Diversity and Sanity: How an AAUP Chapter Helps
Emilie M. Townes, Yale University
Flesh that Weeps, Laughs, and Dances
Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University
Structural Defiance: Resisting Neoliberalism in the Academy
A9-102

Special Topics Forum
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515C
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University, 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 final 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 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:
Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University
D. Keith Naylors, Occidental College
Ellen Aitken, McGill University

A9-103

Buddhism Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515A
Victor Sogen Hori, McGill University, Presiding
Theme: Buddhism in Québec
The growth of Buddhism in Québec resembles that of the growth of Buddhism across Canada and across North America. Québec now has dozens of Buddhist temples and meditation centers, of which about half cater to a Western-born membership. Still, because Québec is a francophone region, Buddhism in Québec has some unique accents. Researchers in this session have been studying these features. Because Vietnam was long a colony of France, many Vietnamese immigrants settled in Québec, giving Québec Buddhism a very strong Vietnamese cast. Montréal has the only branch in Canada of the Association Zen Internationale (AZI), the school of Zen founded by Taisen Deshimaru in France in 1970. Québec has its own tulku (recognized reincarnation of a deceased teacher). Montréal Chinese Buddhist groups are ethnically heterogeneous and have a pluralist religious identity, and Montréal groups participate in pilgrimages to Bodh Gaya marked by modern global adaptations.
Alexander Soucy, Saint Mary's University
From Bodhi to Birch Tree: The Great Pine Forest Monastery and the Nativization of Vietnamese Buddhism to Canada
Brigitte Robert, McMaster University
Lineage as an Approach to the Study of Zen Buddhism in Québec
Elijah Ary, Harvard University
Inside-Out: Reflections on the Education and Experience of a Canadian Tulku
Manuel Litalien, McGill University
Montréal Chinese Buddhist Communities in Context
**A9-104**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

**9:00 am–11:30 am**

PDC-511A

Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

**Theme:** Parodies and Participations

Carl Hughes, Emory University  
*Parodies of Creation, and Parody as Creation, in Catherine Keller’s Face of the Deep*

Andreas Nordlander, Lund University  
*Original Grace: Creatio Ex Nihilo and the Challenge of Phenomenological Ontology*

Elizabeth Groppe, Xavier University  
*Creation as Participation in God*

Brian Robinette, Saint Louis University  
*The Resurrection in Retrospect: A Response to Recent Criticisms of Creatio Ex Nihilo*

**Business Meeting:**

Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

**A9-105**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Death, Dying, and Beyond Consultation**

**9:00 am–11:30 am**

PDC-520CF

Harold G. Coward, University of Victoria, Presiding

**Theme:** Religious Understandings of a “Good Death” in Hospice Care from the Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Hindu Traditions

Panelists:

Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

Earle H. Waugh, University of Alberta

Norman Ravvin, Concordia University

Janet Martin Soskice, University of Cambridge

Responding:

Kamala Nayar, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

**A9-106**

**Ethics Section**

**9:00 am–11:30 am**

PDC-510D

Ben Sanders, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

**Theme:** Comedy and Ethics: Television, Film, Stand-up, and Literature

Jana Bennett, University of Dayton  
*About a Family: Nick Hornby's Novels and Sexual Ethics*

Jeffrey Israel, University of Chicago  
*Lenny Bruce and the Misrecognition of Civility*

David Feltmate, University of Waterloo  
*The Challenge of Ambiguity: The Sociology of Comedy and Its Challenges for Ethical Reflection on the Content of Contemporary Adult Cartoons*

Donna Yarri, Alvernia University  
*Ethics in the Work of Woody Allen*

Will Williams, Baylor University  
*The Comic as Ethical Force in Kierkegaard’s Concluding Unscientific Postscript*
North American Religions Section and Native Traditions in the Americas Group

9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513F
Casey Koons, Syracuse University, Presiding
Theme: The Doctrine of Discovery and Indigenous Peoples
Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University
Challenging the Doctrine of Discovery for Survival
Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Farmington
The Doctrine of Discovery in Canadian Law
Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College
Land and Religion: The Case of Indigenous Peoples and Settlers
Robert J. Miller, Lewis and Clark Law School
Christianity, the Doctrine of Discovery, and Indigenous People
Steve Newcomb, Education Department, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation
The Myth of Christian Discovery in Federal Indian Law
Responding:
Lisa J. M. Poirier, Miami University

Religion and Politics Section

9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511B
Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary’s College, California, Presiding
Theme: Religion, Politics, and Law in Canada
Brian Carwana, University of Toronto
Secularizing Conservative Christians in Canada
Rosemary Hale, Brock University
The Fourth Solitude: Religious Motivation as an Inconvenient Truth in Canadian Environmental Policy and Legislation
Chris Durante, McGill University
Interculturalism and the Accommodation of Religion
Alain Tremblay, Institut de Pastorale des Dominicains
Civic Theology in Canada and Québec: Its Creation and Its Impacts

Religion and the Social Sciences Section

9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-518B
Marla Frederick, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: Ethnographies of Religion: Practice, Problems, and Possibilities
Panelists:
Kersten Priest, Loyola University
Tracey Hucks, Haverford College
R. Marie Griffith, Harvard University
John L. Jackson, University of Pennsylvania
Business Meeting:
Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University, and Douglas A. Hicks, University of Richmond, Presiding
A9-110

Study of Islam Section and Qur’an Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-520AD
Travis Zadeh, Haverford College, Presiding
Theme: Interpretive Plurality in the Qur’an
Sara Omar, Harvard University
Tracing the Status of the Basmala in Early Tafasir: From the First to the Fifth Hijri Centuries
Ludmila Zamah, University of Pennsylvania
Master of the Obvious: Understanding Zahir Interpretations in Qur’anic Exegesis
Martin Nguyen, Harvard University
Equivocality and the Mysterious Letters of the Qur’an
Mohammad Khalil, University of Illinois
Qur’an 17:15 and the Plurality of Soteriological Inclusivisms
Timur Yuskaev, University of North Carolina
America’s Qur’an: Redemption and Nature in Warith Deen Mohammed’s Spoken Tafsir
Responding:
Walid Saleh, University of Toronto

A9-111

Study of Judaism Section and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513A
Ronald Green, Dartmouth College, Presiding
Theme: Kierkegaard and Judaism
Dustin Feddon, Florida State University
Encountering Kierkegaard, Countering Kierkegaard: The Reception of Søren Kierkegaard in Early Twentieth Century Jewish Thought
Heather C. Ohaneson, Columbia University
Star of Love and Works of Redemption: Cross-reading Elements of Language and Scripture Usage in Kierkegaard and Rosenzweig
Daniel Weiss, University of Virginia
On Suspensions of the Ethical and of Ethics: Correlations between Søren Kierkegaard and Hermann Cohen
Responding:
Jerome Gellman, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

A9-112

Teaching Religion Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511E
William Chapman has withdrawn from the session.
Theme: Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching “Faith and Globalization”
Panelists:
Miroslav Volf, Yale University
Neil Arner, Yale University
Charlotte Keenan, Tony Blair Faith Foundation
Business Meeting:
Joseph A. Favazza, Stonehill College, and Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding
A9-113

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516D
Derek Simon, Saint Thomas University, Presiding
Theme: Rethinking Identity Politics
Wesley Barker, Emory University
Identity and Ethics: From Irigaray to Incarnation and the Horizon of Identities
Dhawn Martin, Drew University
Resurrections, Insurrections, and How Identities Might “Get a Life”
Susan Abraham, Harvard University
Exhausting Difference: Aporias in Postcolonial and Religious Identity
Deena Lin, Claremont Graduate University
Reflecting on the Limit: Problematizing Positivity and Going Beyond the Mystical

A9-114

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-524C
Clifford Green, Hartford Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Forming a Theologian and Shaping a Legacy: Bonhoeffer at 27 and Bethge at 100
Michael DeJonge, Emory University
The Presence of Christ in Bonhoeffer, von Hase, and Hildebrandt
Andreas Pangritz, Universität Bonn
Wilhelm Vischer’s Contribution to the Bethel Confession
Eva Harasta, University of Bamberg
“The Hidden Christ among Us”: Bonhoeffer’s Ecclesiological Anthropology as a Basis for Responding to Religious Pluralism
Hans Pfeifer, International Bonhoeffer Society
Eberhard Bethge’s Service to Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Heritage: A Reappraisal of a Lifelong Purpose
Business Meeting:
Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Presiding

A9-115

Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516B
David Robert Loy, Xavier University, Presiding
Theme: Applying Modern Academic Findings to Help Inform Buddhist Understandings Today
José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
Toward a Buddhist Sexual Ethics for Our Time
Rita M. Gross, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Buddhist History for Buddhist Practitioners
Christopher Ives, Stonehill College
Reconstructing Zen Social Ethics in the Aftermath of Wartime Buddhist Nationalism: A Critical Appraisal and Suggestion
Leah Weiss Ekstrom, Boston College
Effective Pedagogy of Tibetan Buddhism in Contemporary North America: Drawing on the Example of Milarepa
David Gardiner, Colorado College
Reevaluating the Centrality of Faith in Buddhism
Business Meeting:
John J. Makransky, Boston College, Presiding
Confucian Traditions Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-520BE
Keith Knapp, The Citadel, Presiding
Theme: Ritual Act, Confucian Moment: Past and Present
Catherine Hudak, Boston University
Confucian Ritual: Sincere Participation in an As-Is Universe
Miwha Choi, University of North Carolina, Pembroke
Debates on Ritual Theory and Constructing Northern Song Society
Alison R. Marshall, Brandon University
Esta Ungar, University of Western Australia
The Confucian Ethic of Hsien Yu in Comparative Perspective: A Matter of Life and Death in Vietnam
Responding:
Michael Puett, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, Presiding

Contemporary Islam Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510B
Angelique Koumouzelis, Concordia University, Presiding
Theme: Attraction and Repulsion: Muslim Alterity in Contemporary Québec
This panel explores fear of and fascination with the “other” by examining interreligious and secular–religious encounters of Muslims and non-Muslims in Québec, where anxieties arising from conquest, language, and accelerated immigration have led to striking instances of “attraction” and “repulsion.” The first paper considers the transformation of a Sufi order as it migrated to the West, and its apparent success in attracting followers in the multicultural context of Montréal. The second paper addresses the perception and practice of Islamic law in Montréal’s Shi’ite Muslim community and explores tensions between observant laypersons and traditional scholars in distant Iraq, Iran, and Lebanon. The final paper examines a dramatic instance of non-Muslim “repulsion” towards Muslims in small-town Québec, focusing on the construction of the voiceless subaltern. All of the papers work with, and advance, theoretical models that enhance our understanding of how Muslims and non-Muslims navigate tensions around religious identity in multicultural society.
Eliza Tasbihi, Concordia University
The Ni’matullāhī Sufi Order in Montréal: Strategies of Integration
Linda Darwish, Concordia University
Decision-making Practices of Shi'ite Muslims in Montréal: Negotiating Legal Observance and Adaptation
Dragos Stoica, Concordia University
Saving "Exotic" Women from "Exotic" Men: The Construction of the Subaltern in the Light of the Herouxville Incident
Meena Sharify-Funk, Wilfrid Laurier University
Muslim Women and the Politics of “Reasonable Accommodation”: Analyzing the Bouchard–Taylor Report and Its Impact on Canada
Responding:
Lynda Clarke, Concordia University
Business Meeting:
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding
A9-118

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513B

Steve Blamires has withdrawn from the session.

Wendy Griffin, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Theme: The Book and the Practice: The Relationship between Literature and Contemporary Paganism

Chas S. Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo
Before Stranger: Twentieth Century Paganism as a Literary Response to Texts

Christine Kraemer, Austin, TX
Contemporary Paganism, Utopian Reading Communities, and Sacred Nonmonogamy: The Religious Impact of Heinlein and Starhawk’s Fiction

Adrian Ivakhiv, University of Vermont
Journeys Upstream and Encounters Across Time: Reading the Pagan and Indigenous through Cinema

Megan Goodwin, University of North Carolina
Open Source Religions Versus Citationality: The Function of Literature in Contemporary Pagan Praxis

A9-119

Hinduism Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511D

Deepak Shimkhada, Claremont McKenna College, Presiding

Theme: Online Puja and Darshan: Cyber Sites and Sights

Natalie R. Marsh, Denison University
Online Puja and Virtual Shrine Architectures: New Media Objects, Their Spatial Constructions, and the Digital Interface

Christopher Helland, Dalhousie University
(Virtually) Been There, (Virtually) Done That: Ritual Practice of the Hip and Wired in the Hindu Tradition

Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge
Seeing the Divine through Windows: Online Puja and Virtual Religious Experience

Nicole Karapanagiotis, Indiana University
Making Offerings to the Cyber-feet of Vishnu: The Framing and Protocol of Vaishnava Virtual-Puja

Responding:
Cynthia Ann Humes, Claremont McKenna College

A9-120

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510C

Joan M. Martin, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: Hidden and Invisible in Plain Sight: Queer and Lesbian in the Black Church and Community

Malu Fairley, Emory University
We Are in Need of Healing: A Theology of Sensuous Reawakening

Pamela Lightsey, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Inner Dictum: A Womanist Reflection from the Queer Realm

Raedorah Stewart, Pasadena, CA
Grapes, Watermelon, and Women: Theopoetics and Lesbian/Womanist Erotica

Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology
Alice Walker as a Theological, Methodological, and Political Problem for Womanist and Black Theologies

Thelathia Young, Emory University
Out of Our Own Mouths: Towards a Black Queer Theological Ethics

Responding:
Mysticism Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514B
Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology, Berkeley, Presiding
Theme: *Liminal Conjunctions: Exploring Emotions at the Edge*
Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University
*Liminality and Ambiguity: Christina the Astonishing as Co-Redemptrix, Healer, and Alternative Model of Authority*
Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
*Embodying Darkness: Negative Emotions in Tantric Non-Dualism*
David Fekete, Church of the Holy City
*Gender Imagery as a Metaphor for God-Human Conjunction: A Comparison Between Tantric Hindu Shakta Yoga and Emanuel Swedenborg’s Theology of Mystical Marriage*
Jennifer Awes Freeman, Yale University
*Penetration and Liminal Space in the Rothschild Canticles*
Business Meeting:
June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516C
Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge, Presiding
Theme: *Phantasia and Aesthesis*
Gregory Shaw, Stonehill College
*The Role of Aesthesis in Theurgy*
Natalie Carnes, Duke University
*A Body like Christ’s and Eyes Like God’s: The Role of Phantasia and Aesthesis in Constructing a Christian Mimesis in Vita Antonii*
Business Meeting:
Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge and John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael’s College, Presiding

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510A
Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Presiding
Theme: *On the Usefulness of Pragmatism: Diversity, Democracy, and Historical Belief*
Nathaniel Barrett, Boston University
*The Challenge of Diversity: Pragmatist and Confucian Perspectives on Social Harmony and Its Limits*
Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame
*Thinking Beyond the Limits of Democracy? Religious Intolerance as a Tool for Peacebuilding*
Curtis Hutt, University of the Holy Land
*Van Harvey’s Ethics of Historical Belief: A Pragmatic Reappraisal*
Business Meeting:
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding
Religion and Disability Studies Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-518C
Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Theme: Disability and Global Traditions
Yoshiya Makita, Boston University
Disabled Gospel: Missionary Transmission of American Ideas on Mental Retardation to Japan at the Turn of the Twentieth Century
Myroslaw Tataryn, Saint Jerome’s University
Inclusive Initiation: The Lima Document
Devan Stahl, Vanderbilt University
Spiritual Practice for Disabled Bodies: Engaging Eastern Ascetic Practice in the Protestant West
Vardit Rispler-Chaim, University of Haifa
Attitudes to People with Disabilities in Islamic Law: Examples for Tolerance (Al-din Yusr)
Responding:
Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University
Business Meeting:
Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Religion and Ecology Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-524B
Richard Bohannon, Drew University, Presiding
Theme: Re-placing Epistemology: Thinking that Matters to the Earth
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
Slippery Slopes, Common Grounds, and Uncharted Territories: A Nomadic Understanding of Religion and Ecology
Lucas Johnston, University of Florida
Selling Sustainability as a Sacred Duty: Cognitive Tools for Cultivating Alliances
Tovis Page, Redwood City, CA
Religious Practice and Ecological Subjectivity: Lessons from Grailville
Business Meeting:
A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida, and David L. Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Presiding
A9-126

Religion and Popular Culture Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514A
Richard J. Callahan, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: Folklore in Québec: Intangible, Essential, Cultural, and Religious Knowledge

The linguistic and religious particularity of Québec and the complex politics that emerged from centuries of isolation from the metropolitan states (France and England) have created an environment extremely sensible to the specifics of its different communities. While recent history has given us examples of a society trying to define its own identity, scholars are going back to the roots of Québec’s culture, hoping to get a better understanding of the contributions made by the people. Spreading through time, cultures, languages, and religious beliefs, the papers of this panel explain how, in a given milieu, the motives and figures of the oral tradition and religious influences can help us learn about what Québec was and is becoming. Above individual researches, the Canada research chair in Cultural Heritage’s project highlights a great interest in learning more about the intangible heritage that Québec is made of.

Geneviève Pigeon, Université du Québec, Montréal
Honourable Beauchamp’s Devil in La Chasse-Galerie: An Anti-establishment Figure or the Incarnation of Québec’s Clergy?

Louis-Etienne Pigeon, Université Laval
Religion and Folklore as Relational Elements of the Milieu in Contemporary Québec

John Bilodeau, Concordia University
Durkheim, Beauchamp, and Québec’s Werewolves

Laurier Turgeon, Université Laval
The Intangible Heritage of Religious Congregations in Québec: Conservation and Communication

A9-127

Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513D

Thomas A. Tweed has withdrawn from the session.

Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: Assessing the Study of Cuban Religions Fifty Years after the Revolution

Anthony M. Stevens-Arroyo, City University of New York, and Adan Stevens-Díaz, City University of New York
Catholicism, the Catholic Church, and Cuban Identity: Questiones Disputatae

Todd Ramon Ochoa, University of North Carolina

Theron Corse, Tennessee State University
Changing Protestant Identity and the Cuban Revolution

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami
Ecclesial Catholics, Orishas, and La Virgen: Theological Developments in Cuban-American Religions

Responding:
Joseph Murphy, Georgetown University

Business Meeting:
Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco, and Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Religion, Media, and Culture Group and Ritual Studies Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-524A
Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee, Presiding
Theme: Exploring Ritual in Contemporary Media and Culture
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College
What Is this Ritual–Game–Story Thing?
Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University
Liminoid Meandering: Ritual and Wes Anderson’s The Darjeeling Limited
Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, Institute for Religious Studies
Performing Religion in Virtual Worlds: A Contested Field
Responding:
Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado
Lee Gilmore, California State University, Northridge

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511F
William Stoeger, Vatican Observatory Research Group, Presiding
Theme: Scientific Perspectives on Natural Evil
Panelists:
Robert J. Russell, Graduate Theological Union
Niels Christian Hvidt, University of Southern Denmark
Responding:
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
Panelists:
Wesley Wildman, Boston University
Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
Christopher Southgate, University of Exeter

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511C
Julia A. Lamm, Georgetown University, Presiding
Theme: God above God: Tillich, Taylor, and the New Atheism
Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University
“Yes Richard, Theology is a Subject”: Tillich’s System of the Sciences Versus the Disciplinary Encroachments of the New Atheism
Richard Grigg, Sacred Heart University
The New Atheism, the God Beyond God, and the Phenomenology of Wonder
David H. Nikkel, University of North Carolina, Pembroke
Tillich’s God above God after Mark Taylor’s After God
Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa
What God is Ultimate? Contrasting Tillich’s Different “Gods” in Terms of Faith
A9-132

Comparative Philosophy and Religion Seminar
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-516A
Tinu Ruparell, University of Calgary, Presiding
Theme: Beyond Incorporation: Alternative Approaches to Non-Western Philosophical Systems, Categories, and Ideas
Tsingsong Vincent Shen, University of Toronto
The Concepts of the “Other” and “Border Crossing”: A Comparative Study of the Yijing, Postmodern Philosophy, and Globalization
Katrin Froese, University of Calgary
Laughing through Philosophy: Some Chinese and Western Perspectives
Ahmad F. Yousif, University of Winnipeg
Fundamentalism and Fanaticism: A Comparative Analysis
Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne
Toward Non-Western (Subaltern) Inclusive Categories for Comparative Philosophy and Religion
Business Meeting:
Morny Joy, University of Calgary, Presiding

A9-133

Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Consultation and Religion and Migration Consultation
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513C
David Bains, Samford University, Presiding
Theme: Sacralizing Space in Exile and Diaspora
Jennifer Graber, College of Wooster
Memorials on the Move: Theorizing the Mankato 38 + 2 Ride
Laura Feldt, Aarhus University
Locus Transformations or “On the Edge in the Wilderness”: The Desert as a Cultural Space in Exodus–Numbers
Annette Wilke, University of Münster
Reversing Host and Guest Society: Dynamics in a New Hindu Pilgrimage Place of Continental Europe
Responding:
Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter’s College

M9-100

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-518A
James K. A. Smith, Calvin College, Presiding
This session will consider the merits of Graham Ward’s new book in Baker’s Church and Postmodern Culture series, The Politics of Discipleship: Becoming Postmaterial Citizens.
Panelists:
Luke Bretherton, King’s College, London
Ron Kuipers, Institute for Christian Studies, Toronto
Responding:
Graham Ward, University of Manchester
Monday, 11:30 am-1:00 pm

A9-136

Career Services Advisory Committee Meeting
11:30 am–1:00 pm
PDC-512C
Jessica B. Davenport, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

A9-135

AAR Annual Business Meeting
11:45 am-12:45 pm
PDC-518C
Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

A9-137

Special Topics Forum
11:45 am–12:45 pm
PDC-519AB
Nicole Phillips, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Wabash Luncheon for Graduate Students
Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee and the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Join our table conversations on common issues faced by “newly” minted faculty. Discussions will be led by faculty hosts to explore questions and concerns emerging in the first years of teaching. Delicious box lunches will be provided. Advance registration is required.

A9-138

Meet the Religious Studies Departments and Institutions
11:30 am–1:00 pm
Come by Aisle 600 in the Exhibit Hall to meet representatives from religious studies departments, seminaries, and institutions. Explore the possibilities of your future and training within the Academy! Free coffee is available while supplies last.

M9-101

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
11:45 am–12:45 pm
PDC-512B
Theme: Teaching the Tough Questions: Holocaust and Genocide Studies in Contemporary Theological Education
Study of the Holocaust is being incorporated into a wide range of courses, from biblical studies, to contemporary theology, ethics, and modern church history, social analysis, and peace and conflict studies. We invite all interested colleagues to brainstorm and compare notes on new resources and teaching models. In particular, we will discuss new technological and distance learning tools that make the Holocaust Museum’s resources available to classes around the country. For further information, contact Victoria Barnett, Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies, 1-202-488-0469 or vbarnett@ushmm.org.
**M9-102**

*Religion and Ethics Newsweekly*

11:45 am–12:45 pm  
PDC-515B  
Theme: *Starting the Dialogue*

An introduction to the PBS program *Religion and Ethics Newsweekly* and a tour of educational materials designed to bring it into classrooms and communities.

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**M9-103**

*Women’s Caucus Meeting*

11:45 am-12:45 pm  
PDC-512G

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**A9-201**

*Special Topics Forum*

1:00 pm–3:30 pm  
PDC-517B  
Shaun Allen Casey, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Theme: *Religion Scholars and National Governments: Should They Be Partners?*

Sponsored by the Public Understanding of Religion Committee  
National governments come and go, reflecting a wide variety of political and normative positions. In an era when national governments wage international wars on terror, establish government funded faith-based initiatives, and launch public diplomacy programs aimed at countries that are not majority Christian, new opportunities and new perils await scholars of religion. Do scholars have a positive duty to serve their national governments when asked to contribute their insights? What criteria should scholars employ when weighing whether or not to respond to government solicitations? Do scholars have a moral duty to resist cooperation with national governments under contemporary conditions? Is it desirable to serve parts of the national government even when objecting to policies elsewhere in the administration? This international panel will take up these questions and others against the background of relatively new national governments in Canada and in the United States.

Panelists:  
John L. Esposito, Georgetown University  
Elizabeth Prodromou, Boston University  
David Little, Harvard University  
Arvind Sharma, McGill University

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**A9-200**

*Plenary Panel*

1:00 pm-3:30 pm  
PDC-517A  
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida, Presiding  
Theme: *Global Perspectives on Religious Studies*

The modern field of religious studies is arguably a European and American invention and yet it flourishes around the world. Are there differences between the European and American paradigms of religious studies, and is the field of religious studies conceived differently in India, Indonesia, Mexico, and elsewhere? Is there resentment over what may be regarded as the intellectual colonialism of transported analytic frameworks from the West around the world, and are there new currents of intellectual creativity in disparate parts of the world that may be appropriated by Western scholars? This panel of distinguished scholars of religious studies from around the world will describe how religious studies as a field fares within their own regions, how it is changing and becoming innovative, and how it interacts with the scholarship from the European and American academic community.

Panelists:  
Azyumardi Azra, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University  
Shrivatsa Goswami, Radha Raman Temple  
Koichi Mori, Doshisha University
A9-202

Wildcard Session
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513D
Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding
Theme: Approaches to the Study of African Diaspora Religions
Panelists:
Angela Castaneda, DePauw University
Yvonne Daniel, Smith College
Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University
Maha Marouan, University of Alabama
Responding:
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia

A9-203

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Christian Systematic Theology Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-517C
Steffen Lösel, Emory University, Presiding
Theme: Creation and Destruction
Jennifer Schuberth, Portland State University
Creative Annihilation: Porete’s Medieval Mirror as Artistic Production
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Creation, Imperialism, and the Aesthetic Imagination: Radical Orthodoxy’s Postcolonial Melancholy
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary
Neither Mysticism nor Metaphysics: Calvin’s (and Robinson’s) Rigorous Passion for the Grandeur of God
Joel Harter, Spring Arbor University
Negative Theology and Creative Destruction in Kubla Khan
Business Meeting:
Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, and Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding

A9-204

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511B
Francis V. Tiso has withdrawn from the session.
John P. Keenan, Middlebury College, Presiding
Theme: Buddhist and Non-Buddhist Meditation Exercises: Comparative Perspectives
Jared Lindahl, University of California, Santa Barbara
Illuminating Awareness: Meditations on Consciousness as Light in Tibetan Buddhism and Greek Orthodox Christianity
Stuart W. Smithers, University of Puget Sound
Windless Breathing: Speculations on Prana-related Practices in Hindu and Buddhist Meditations
Todd Pereira, University of California, Santa Barbara
Dying Before Dying: Death Meditation in Buddhism and Islam
Justin Whitaker, University of London
Meditation’s Ethics: Ignatian’s Spiritual Exercises and the Buddhist Metta-Bhavana
Responding:
Bradley S. Clough, University of Montana
A9-205

History of Christianity Section and Religion in Europe Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-515C

Magali della Sudda and Vincent Viaene have withdrawn from the session.

Paula Kane, University of Pittsburgh, Presiding

Theme: Local Identities, Trans-Atlantic Christianities: European and American Perspectives on Christianity and Society, 1880–1930

Panelists:
- Thomas Allen, University of Ottawa
- Elizabeth Hayes Alvarez, University of Chicago
- Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois
- James McCartin, Seton Hall
- Michael O’Sullivan, Marist College

A9-206

Philosophy of Religion Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-520CF

Jeffrey Kosky, Washington and Lee University, Presiding

Theme: Negotiating the Analytic–Continental Divide in Philosophy of Religion

Dustin Atlas, Rice University
Religion Within the Bounds of Categories Alone: On the Intimate Relation between Peirce and Husserl's Phenomenologies as Regards the Philosophical Interrogation of Religion

Jacob Sherman, Cambridge University
Philosophical Mystics and Mad Scientists: Philosophy of Religion and the Analytic–Continental Divide

Susannah Laramée Kidd, Emory University
Revelation as Self-Knowledge from Outside the Self: Linda Martin Alcoff and Kelly Oliver’s Theories of the Social Self as Models of Women's Religious Subjectivity

Adam Graves, Metropolitan State College, Denver
Kant's Liminal Lord: Ignorance, Freedom, and Moral Faith

Business Meeting:
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles, and University of Chicago, and Ludger Viefhues, Yale University, Presiding

A9-207

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-514C

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, Presiding

Theme: Religion, Economy, and Politics

Amy Reynolds, Princeton University
Liberating the Economy: A North American Religious Response to Globalization

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College
How Conservative is “Conservative”? The Labor Struggles of Working Class Evangelicals and Fundamentalists

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research
Beyond the Quiet Hand of God: New Insights from the 2008 Mainline Protestant Clergy Voices Survey

Melissa Spas, Duke University
Two Nations Under God: Political Behavior and Theological Conservatism
Religion in South Asia Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513C
A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida, Presiding
Theme: Vriksha-Dharma: Trees and Plants in Hindu Thought and Practice
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa
Healing Mantras, Healing Plants, Healing Rituals
Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University
On Talking to Plants: The Unique Instance of Loving Madness in the Vraja Gopikas
Amy L. Allocco, Emory University
"The Neem Tree is Parvati and the Peepal Tree is Shiva": Tree Marriage as Ritual Remedy
Pankaj Jain, North Carolina State University
Tree Temples and the Dharmic Ecology of Swadhyaya Practitioners
David Haberman, Indiana University
Faces in the Trees
Responding:
Laurie Louise Patton, Emory University

Study of Judaism Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-520BE
Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, Presiding
Theme: Judaisms in Contemporary America
Ellen LeVee, Spertus College
Fractured Imaginaries: Jewish Secularities in a Postmodern America
Sarah Imhoff, University of Chicago
Gender, Race Science, and “the Jew” in Progressive Era America
Joseph Gindi, University of North Carolina
Textual Practice in Jewish Social Justice Communities
Emily Filler, University of Virginia
Caught between Progress and Preservation: Mordecai Kaplan’s “Contentless” Construction of Judaism
Responding:
Shaul Magid, Indiana University

Teaching Religion Section and Queer Theory and LGBT Studies in Religion Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-510B
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, Presiding
Theme: Queer Pedagogy and/or Religious Studies
Panelists:
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College
Frederick S. Roden, University of Connecticut
Juan A. Herrero Brasas, California State University, Northridge
Andrea Tucker, Vanderbilt University
Katharine Lassiter, Vanderbilt University
Thelathia Young, Emory University
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University
A9-211

Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Native Traditions in the Americas Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-510A
Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Theme: Iroquois Spirituality and Culture
Panelists:
Rick Monture, McMaster University
Vera B. Palmer, Dartmouth College
Ellen Gabriel, Québec Native Women’s Association
Responding:
Mary C. Churchill, Sonoma State University

A9-212

Women and Religion Section
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513A
Deirdre Meintel, Université de Montréal, Presiding
Theme: New Ways of Being Muslim: Women and Religious Experience in a Crosscultural Perspective
Panelists:
Marie-Nathalie LeBlanc, Université du Québec, Montréal
Diahara Traoré, Université du Québec, Montréal
Géraldine Mossière, Université de Montréal
Josiane Le Gall, Université du Québec, Montréal

Business Meeting:
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

A9-213

Anthropology of Religion Group and Religion, Media, and Culture Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-520AD
Angela Zito, New York University, Presiding
Theme: Sacred Circuits: Interfaces of Technology, Religion, and the Body
Jeremy Stolow, Concordia University, and Carly Machado, Rio de Janeiro State University
The Séance Table in Transatlantic Perspective: The Material Culture of Spiritualism in America, France, and Brazil
Marleen De Witte, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
The Electric Touch Machine Miracle Scam: Body, Technology, and the (Dis)authentication of the Pentecostal Supernatural
Birgit Meyer, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Immediate Mediations: Interfaces of Technology and Spiritual Power in Africa
Maria Jose De Abreu, University of Lisbon and Concordia University
Breath Circuits: On the Origins of Inspiration
Responding:
David Chidester, University of Cape Town

Business Meeting:
J. Shawn Landres, Jumpstart, and Margarita M. W. Suarez, Meredith College, Presiding
A9-214

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group and Theology and the Political Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-516D
Luke Bretherton, King's College, Presiding
Theme: Augustine and Democratic Politics
Panelists:
David Novak, University of Toronto
Jean Bethke Elshtain, University of Chicago
James K. A. Smith, Calvin College
Responding:
Eric Gregory, Princeton University

A9-215

Chinese Religions Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513B
John R. McRae, Presiding
Theme: Buddhist Cultures of the Five Dynasties and Ten Kingdoms
Benjamin Brose, Stanford University
The Rise of Chan in the Kingdom of Min
Daniel A. Getz, Bradley University
Uï’t’ong and the Wuyue Tiantai Revival
Albert F. Welter, University of Winnipeg
Yongming Yanshou and the Development of Chan: An Examination of Chan Fragments in the Zongjing Lu (Records of the Mirror of Truth)
Zhaohua Yang, Stanford University
The Cult of Ucchusma in Dunhuang During the Return to Allegiance Army Period (851–1006)
Responding:
James Robson, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, and James Robson, Harvard University, Presiding

A9-216

Christian Spirituality Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511A
Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Sonia Waters, Princeton Theological Seminary
Desiring the Image: Contemplative Prayer with Icons and Sacred Images as a Healing Practice for Trauma Survivors
Elizabeth Gordon, Graduate Theological Union
Trouble the Water: Spirituality and Healing from Slavery to Katrina and the White House
Matthew Moser, Baylor University
Open Heavens but Greedy Graves: Kingdom Theology, the Prayer of Healing, and the Question of Bodily Suffering in the Modern Power–Evangelism Charismatic Movement
Kevin Mongrain, University of Notre Dame
Valentin Tomberg and the Rhetoric of Spirit and Spirituality
Wolfgang Vondey, Regent University
What S/spirit? The Impact of Scientific Paradigm Shifts on Christian Spirituality
Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-514A
Jorunn Jacobsen Buckley, Bowdoin College, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Revolution
Arthur McCalla, Mount Saint Vincent University
Religion, Politics, and the French Revolution: Benjamin Constant and His Critics
Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University
Revolutionary Religion and the "Social Question": An Arendtian Analysis of the United Farm Worker's Movement
Jeremy Posadas, Emory University
Political Spirituality: Revolution and the Limits of Politics and Subjectivity
Responding:
Michel Despland, Concordia University
Business Meeting:
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding

Ecclesiological Investigations Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-516C
Peter De Mey, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, Presiding
Theme: The Society of Christ: Perspectives on Calvin's Ecclesiology
Amy Plantinga Pauw, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Calvin's Practical Ecclesiology and the Question of Clerical Celibacy
John Wood, Saint Louis University
The French Revolution as a Theological Crisis: Abraham Kuyper and the Reformation of the Netherlands Reformed Church
Sandra Arenas, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
Merely Quantifiable Realities? The "Vestigia Ecclesiae" in the Thought of Calvin and Its Twentieth Century Reception
Stanley Maclean, Concordia University
Regnum Christi: Thomas Torrance's Appropriation of Calvin's Ecclesiology
Joshua Ralston, Emory University
Preaching Makes the Church: Recovering a Missing Ecclesial Mark
Responding:
Eduardus Van der Borght, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Business Meeting:
Michael A. Fahey, Boston College, Presiding
A9-220

Islamic Mysticism Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-510D
Barbara R. von Schlegell, Ursinus College, Presiding
Theme: New Formations and Transformations of Sufism
Parveen Hasanali, Guilford College
The Eye of Certitude and Modes of New Media Mysticism
Melinda Krokus, Boston University
The Poetic Body: Sociospiritual Organization of a Transnational Sufi Order
Kathleen O’Connor, University of South Florida
Islamic Religious Pluralism in America: Universal Sufism of the Sufi Ruhaniyat International
Michael Pittman, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
G. I. Gurdjieff and Sufism in America: Contribution, Confluence, and Controversy
Responding:
Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University
Business Meeting:
Vincent J. Cornell, Emory University, Presiding

A9-221

Men’s Studies in Religion Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-514B
Garth Kasimu Baker-Fletcher, Texas College, Presiding
Theme: Beyond Essentializing Masculinity: Contextual Studies of the Construction of Masculinities
Jeffrey Marlett, College of Saint Rose
Winning at All Costs: Professional Sports and Catholic Contributions to America’s Competitive Culture
Eddie L. Kornegay, Chicago Theological Seminary
Beyond Heterosexuality(?): Towards a Prolegomenon of Representing Black Masculinity at the Beginning of the Post-Civil Rights/Post-Liberation(?) Era
Adriaan van Klinken, Utrecht University
Raising Responsible Men: Redefining Masculinities in the Context of HIV and AIDS
Amanullah De Sondy, University of Glasgow
A Qur’anic Masculinity or Masculinities: Challenging the Parameters of Islamic Theology, Faith, and Practice Through an Exploration of the Social Constructions of Gender and Submission to God
Gabriella V. Smith, University of Kansas
Gender Politics and the Construction of Masculinity in Evangelical Christian and Contemporary Pagan Men’s Advice Literature
Business Meeting:
Robert A. Atkins, Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL, Presiding
A9-222

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-510C
Kirk A. Bingaman, Fordham University, Presiding
Theme: French Psychoanalytic Reflections on Religion and Culture
Bonnie de Bruijn, University of Toronto
Kristeva, Religion, and Revolt Culture
Elizabeth Welsh, Fuller Theological Seminary
Confronting Abjection in Religion: Kristeva Speaks
Sharon Adams, University of Denver
Return of the Divine Mother: Kristeva, Cixous, and Irigaray on the Recovery of the Lost Feminine
David Goodman, Boston University
From Individual Subject to Subjected Individual: Levinas and Egoistical Psychologies
Aron Dunlap, Temple University
Lacan and Theology: Getting Past the Deadlocks of Post-Modernism

A9-223

Religion and Ecology Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511C
Gretel Van Wieren, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Exploring Ecological Discourse in Global Contexts: Tensions and tropes rooted in local soils
Tiffany Hacker, National University of Singapore
Elephant Tails and a Mother’s Good Deeds: Local Expressions of Mother Earth Inspire Engaged Buddhism in Southeast Asia
Karyna Do Monte, Florida International University
Terapanth Jain Missionaries in the West: The Role of Ecology in Jeevan Vigyan
Jea Oh, Drew University
Donghak and Ecotheology: A High Regard for Life
Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University
Religion, Ecology, and Globalization (Colonialism, Imperialism, Population, Pronatalism, Political Holism, and Food)
Eglute Trinkauske, Hamilton College
Grow Bees Grow: Of the Sacred and of Human Affinity with Bees

A9-224

Religion and Popular Culture Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511F
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Theme: Science Fictional Asia: Utopias, Alternate Futures, Illusory Time, Monks, and Dreaming Realities
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University
Fluid Personhood, Human and Otherwise: Hindu and Buddhist Worldviews in Recent Science Fiction
Mary Gibson, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Technology, Religion, Nation: Futurist Fictions in Nineteenth Century British India
John Lyden, Dana College
Taoism and Utopianism in Ursula LeGuin’s Lathe of Heaven and Philip K. Dick’s Man in the High Castle
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Ancient Oriental Voodoo! Asian (American) Oriental Monks Save the Cheerleader and the World in the Telefantasy Heroes
Susan L. Schwartz, Muhlenberg College
Time is of the Essence: Hindu Cosmology in Science Fiction
Responding:
A9-225

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group and Religion, Memory, History Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511E
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding
Theme: Ethics of Memory: Religious Commemorations and Myth Construction
David Reinhart, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Remembering the Forgotten: Ravensbrück and Beyond
Harjeet Grewal, University of Michigan
Sikh Art as an Aftermath: Ontical Censure of the Psyche
Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University
Memory of Violence Made Sacred: Yasukuni, Hiroshima, and Nanjing
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Wounded Knee Memorial: A Monument to Lakota Sovereignty or a Bulwark for American Nationalism?
David Shneer, University of Colorado
From Wartime Photojournalism to Icons of Memory: Soviet Jewish Photographers and Images of the Holocaust
Responding:
Björn Krondorfer, Saint Mary’s College of Maryland
Business Meeting:
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding

A9-226

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-511D
Heidi Ann Campbell, Texas A&M University, Presiding
Theme: Considering Scientific and Theological Approaches to Human Nature in Light of the “New Atheism”
Panelists:
Craig Boyd, Azusa Pacific University
Nicola Hoggard-Creegan, Laidlaw College
Heather Looy, King’s University College
Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University
Responding:
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University

A9-227

Religion in the American West Seminar
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-512B
Tisa Wenger, Yale University, Presiding
Theme: Imagining Territories: Land and Regional Identity in Colorado and Kansas
Cara Burnidge, Florida State University
Conquest, Freedom, and Redemption: Kansans’ Identity as the Nation’s “Spiritual Tuning Fork”
Brandi Denison, University of North Carolina
Ponies, Plows, and Possibilities: Land in American Religious History
Responding:
Roberto R. Lint-Sagarena, Middlebury College
Kathleen Holscher, Villanova University
Teaching “Religion Along the American Frontier”
A9-228

Buddhism in the West Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-524B
Victor Sogen Hori, McGill University, Presiding
Theme: Buddhism in the West: A Canadian Focus
Mavis Lillian Fenn, Saint Paul United College
Buddhism in a Canadian Multicultural Context
Mauro Peressini, Canadian Museum of Civilization
Uses and Specificities of the Life Stories of Buddhist Practitioners: Some Questions
John Harding, University of Lethbridge
Buddhism, Canada, and the Western Frontier
Lina Verchery, Harvard University
The Anomaly of Gampo Abbey: A Case Study on Canadian Buddhist Monasticism
Barbra R. Clayton, Mount Allison University
Buddha’s Maritime Nature: Shambhala Buddhist Environmentalism in Atlantic Canada

Business Meeting:
Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo, Presiding

A9-229

Jain Studies Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-516A
Christoph Emmrich, University of Toronto, Presiding
Theme: The State of Jain Studies and Prospects for the Future
Panelists:
Lawrence Alan Babb, Amherst College
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
Paul Dundas, University of Edinburgh
Phyllis Granoff, Yale University
Leslie C. Orr, Concordia University
Lisa Owen, University of North Texas
Anne Vallely, University of Ottawa
Steven Vose, University of Pennsylvania

Business Meeting:
Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding

A9-230

Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-515A
Lara Medina, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Theme: Latina/o Religious Traversals: Sexual and Cultural Travesuras
Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion
From Other Shores: Postcolonial Theology and the Caribbean
Daniel Ramirez, Arizona State University
Migrating Faith: A Social and Cultural History of Pentecostalism in the United States and Mexico (1906–1966)
Darryl Victor Caterine, Le Moyne College

Remembering Kateri Tekakwitha: Hagiography, Historiography, and the Northern Borderlands
Responding:
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley

Business Meeting:
Luis Leon, University of Denver, Presiding

A9-231

Middle Eastern Christianity Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-513F

Kevin Casey, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: Middle Eastern Christians: Identity and Discourse
Robert J. Morehouse, Catholic University of America
A Rose by Any Other Name: Apostolic Succession, the Title "Christian," and Contested Christian Identity in Ephraem of Nisibis's Heresiography
Matthew Stiffler, University of Michigan
Nelli Sargsyan-Pittman, State University of New York, Albany
Spaces and Scales of Armenian Diasporic Identity Representation: A Study of an Upstate New York Armenian Apostolic Church Community
Carolyn Ramzy, University of Toronto
Defining Copticity: Coptic Music and Cultural Revival in the Twentieth Century
David Grafion, Lutheran Theological Seminary
Jihad in the Arabic New Testament: Contemporary Arabic Christian Commentary on the Utilization and Application of the Term
Responding:
Akram Khater, North Carolina State University

Business Meeting:
Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University, and Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Presiding

A9-232

Religious Conversions Consultation
1:00 pm–3:30 pm
PDC-518C

Marc Pugliese, Brescia University, Presiding

Theme: Religious Conversion: Social Sites, Cultural Contexts, and Critical Reflections
Miriam Michelle Robinson, Boston University
Christian Science and Labor Radicalism in Lynn, Massachusetts
Layne Jacobs, Yale University
Conversion and Confession in the Torture Chamber
Chaviva Levin, Yeshiva University
Herman (Judah) of Cologne’s Opusculum de Conversione Sua: A Medieval Jewish Narrative of Conversion to Christianity Constructed and Deconstructed
Eric Reinders, Emory University
The Economic Implications of Converting to Christianity for Chinese Temple Women
Hephzibah Israel, Essex, United Kingdom
The Poetics of Conversion: Protestant Converts and Devotional Poetry in Colonial South India

Business Meeting:
Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding
A9-233

**Yogācāra Studies Consultation**

1:00 pm–3:30 pm  
PDC-524A

Robert M. Gimello, University of Notre Dame, Presiding  
Theme: *The Confluence and Conflicts between Yogācāra and Tathāgatagarbha in East Asia*

Ching Keng, Harvard University  
*On the Different Senses of Tathāgatagarbha in Paramārtha and in the Awakening of Faith*

A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo  
*Wonhyo’s Approach to Reconciling Yogācāra and Tathāgatagarbha*

Eyal Aviv, George Washington University  
*Turning a Deaf Ear to Dharma? The Theory of Śrutavāsanā and the Debate about the Nature of the Hearing and Mind in Twentieth Century China*

Lin Chen-Kuo, National Chench University  
*Truth and Consciousness in the Polemics of the Yogācāra–Tathāgatagarbha Controversy: A Comparative Approach*

Responding:  
Nobuyoshi Yamabe, Tokyo University of Agriculture

Business Meeting:  
Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, Presiding

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A9-234

**Sacred and Religious Sites of Montréal Bus Tour: *Tradition in Transition***

1:00 pm–5:00 pm  
Meet at PDC-Place Riopelle Bus Terminal

Laurie Lamoureux Scholes, Concordia University, Paula Kane, University of Pittsburgh, Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, and Peter W. Williams, Miami University, Ohio, Presiding

This religious sites tour will explore several encounters between the old and the new. Beginning with a stop at Saint Joseph’s Oratory, we will have the opportunity to explore the world’s largest Catholic site dedicated to Saint Joseph. This ten-story building, with an impressive footprint on the Montréal landscape, attracts millions of pilgrims (and tourists) the world over. Recently, the site has embraced its status as a pilgrimage site for non-Christians too. For more information, see [www.saint-joseph.org/en_1007_index.asp](http://www.saint-joseph.org/en_1007_index.asp).

The second stop will highlight the ongoing transformation of religious sites in the city center with tour guides from Mile End Memories leading us on a forty-five minute walk that explores the impressive architectural and religious diversity of a dozen places of worship. Collectively, the sites offer testimony to the passage of several different cultural communities through the multicultural neighborhood of Mile End. This part of the tour will be outdoors, so please dress warmly.

Separate registration required. See page 27 for details.
A9-300

Special Topics Forum
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-517B
Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College, Presiding
Theme: The Turn to Spirituality: Enlightenment after the Enlightenment?
Sponsored by the Theological Education Steering Committee
That there is a widespread cultural turn to discourses about “spirituality” over the last several decades is incontestable. Interest in spiritual disciplines is high and the descriptor “spiritual but not religious” has become commonplace. This interest in spirituality is also deeply-rooted among seminary and divinity school students; students in a variety of institutions are calling for curricular attention to spirituality. Nonetheless, much remains unclear. What do we mean by “spirituality?” Can spirituality be taught? What accounts for the cultural turn toward spirituality? Is this interest in “enlightenment” a sign of the end of the Enlightenment? Are we in a postmodern moment wherein it becomes credible once more to think again about the relationship between knowing and the formation of the knower? If philosophers can speak without blushing of “philosophy as a way of life” (Hadot), what then about theologians? What might this turn to spirituality mean for theological education?
Panelists:
Thomas Beaudoin, Fordham University
Paul Lim, Vanderbilt University
John J. Makransky, Boston College
Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge

A9-302

Christian Systematic Theology Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-517C
Damon McGraw, National Institute for Newman Studies, Presiding
Theme: The Apocalyptic Turn in Theology
Panelists:
Thomas Altizer, Mount Pocono, PA
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Graham Ward, University of Manchester
Responding:
Cyril J. O’Regan, University of Notre Dame

A9-303

Ethics Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511A
Keri Day, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Theme: Ethical Contributions of Marginalized Communities in the United States: New Ethical Methodologies, Critiques, and Approaches to Moral Reason
Pia Altheri, DePaul University
Reconciling Memories and Histories: Turning Old Bulls into New Hopes
Sharon Tan, United Theological Seminary
Complex Integrity: An Approach to Moral Agency for Asian-Americans
Rodolfo Hernández-Díaz, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
Methodologies in Womanist and Mujerista Theologies: Implications for Social Ethics
Tammerie Day, Southern Methodist University
Decolonizing the White Mind and Soul: A Liberative Epistemology
Responding:
A9-304

History of Christianity Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-515A

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University, Presiding
Theme: *L’histoire du Christianisme: Francophone Christianity in a Global Age*
Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University
*Killing Missionaries and Killing Savages: Martyrdom, Retribution, and Religious Violence in French Colonial Louisiana*
Christophe Chalamet, Fordham University
*André Trocmé and “le Christianisme Social”*
Daniel Hayward, Queen's Theological College
*“The French Work”: French Language Evangelism in the United Church of Canada, 1925–1975*
Jay Carney, Catholic University of America
*A Grave Offense to God” or “A Gift to Be Welcomed with Joy and Gratitude”? Mgr. Andre Perraudin, the Catholic Church, and the Rwandan Revolution, 1959–1962*
Emma J. Anderson, University of Ottawa
*The Shadow of Brébeuf: The Evolving Cult of Canada’s Patron Saint*

A9-305

North American Religions Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516D

R. Marie Griffith, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: A "New" Evangelical History?
Margaret Lamberts Bendroth, American Congregational Association and Library
John Lardas Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
Daniel Ramírez, Arizona State University
Timothy Tseng, Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity
Daisy L. Machado, Union Theological Seminary
Randall Stephens, Eastern Nazarene College
Johari Jabir, University of California, Santa Barbara

A9-306

Philosophy of Religion Section and Study of Judaism Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-520CF

Randi Rashkover, George Mason University, Presiding
Theme: *The Mosaic Distinction: Judaism After Political Theology*
Gregory Kaplan, Rice University
Sarah Hammerschlag, Williams College
Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University
Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Responding:
Jerome E. Copulsky, Goucher College
Business Meeting:
Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, and Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Presiding
A9-307

Religion and Politics Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516C
Andrew Murphy, Rutgers University, Presiding
Theme: History, Religion, and Memory in the United States and Canada
Laura Hawthorne, University of Virginia
Speaking of Evil: Presidents, Politics, and Religion
David Wilmington, Baylor University
From “Slave Hound” to War Martyr: Frederick Douglass and the Civil Baptism of Abraham Lincoln
Melissa Matthes, Yale University
Pearl Harbor Sermons: Constructing American Christian Patriotism
Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Waterloo
The Limits of the Deliberative Democratic Process: Negotiating First Nations’ Sacred Space

A9-308

Religion in South Asia Section and North American Hinduism Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513D
Pankaj Jain, North Carolina State University, Presiding
Theme: Cultural Transformations of Hinduism
Elaine Fisher, Columbia University
The Implied Krishna: Cultural Bilingualism and the Krishna Narrative in Jayasi’s Kanhavat
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Transforming Narratives: The Churning Story in India and Cambodia
Michele Verma, Rice University
Ethnomethods of Reconstituting Caribbean Hinduism in the United States
Nancy M. Martin, Chapman University
Mirabai Comes to America: The Transformation of a Sixteenth Century Hindu Woman into a Global Saint
Daniel Cheifer, Syracuse University
Virgin Comics: Marketing Hindu Narrative Traditions as Global Popular Culture
Responding:
Chandra Alexandre, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology

A9-309

Study of Islam Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-524A
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University Chicago, Presiding
Theme: Conceptualizing Difference in the Study of Islam: Theoretical and Methodological Challenges
Robert Langer, University of Heidelberg
Yezidism between Scholarly Literature and Actual Practice: From “Heterodox” Islam and “Syncretism” to the Formation of a Yezidi “Orthodoxy” in Transnational Space
Janina Karolewski, University of Heidelberg
Turkish Alevism and the Question of How to Label It: Reflections on Terminology
Markus Dressler, Istanbul Technical University
Conceptualizing “Popular” Turkish Islam as “Heterodox” and “Syncretistic”: A Critical Perspective on the Work of Mehmet F. Köprülü
Paula Schrode, University of Heidelberg
Can Concepts of “Orthodoxy” and “Heterodoxy” Be Useful for the Study of Islam? Examples from Uyghur and German Fields
Michael Nijhawan, York University
From Heretic to Islamist? Reconfigurations of Diasporic Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama’ats
A9-310

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510A
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: What are the Criteria for Comparative Theological Thinking in Light of Contemporary Studies of Interreligious Dialogue and Religious Pluralism?
Panelists:
Catherine Cornille, Boston College
Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary
Responding:
Sheila McDonough, Concordia University
Joseph Prabhu, University of California, Los Angeles, and University of Chicago
Arvind Sharma, McGill University
C. Peter Slater, Trinity College

A9-311

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513A
Yvonne Sherwood, University of Glasgow, Presiding
Theme: Trauma in Scripture
Danielle Elizabeth Tumminio, Boston University
"The Man Seized His Concubine": Understanding Identity Construction, Autonomy, and Voice in Judges 19
Tamsin Jones, Harvard University
The Trauma of Revelation: Jean-Luc Marion's "Saturated" Reading of the Crisis of Christ's Resurrected Body
Jennifer Heckart, Union Theological Seminary
Fasting After the Bridegroom: Anorexia, Sacrifice, and the Gospel of Mark
Kevin Minister, Southern Methodist University
Jesus's Ministry of Economic Healing: Economic Injustice as the Trauma of the World
Craig Scandrett-Leatherman, Saint Louis, MO
Aesthetics of Black Biblical Hermeneutics: From Violence through the Cross to Rap
Business Meeting:
Jon L. Berquist, Westminster John Knox Press, Presiding

A9-312

Black Theology Group and Religion and Cities Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511F
Stephen G. Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theme: Urban Poverty and the Challenge to Black Theology
Marie W. Dallam, Temple University
Religious Patronage of the "Submerged Tenth" of Saint Mary Street
Kimberleigh Jordan, New York University
Moving Bodies in the Intersection: Dance, Hip Hop, and Black Religiosity
Charles Howard, University of Pennsylvania
Black Stars and Black Poverty: Critical Reflections Upon Black Theology from a Garveyite and Hip Hop Perspective
A9-313

Buddhist Philosophy Group and Yogācāra Studies Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510D
Dale S. Wright, Occidental College, Presiding
Theme: Levels of Description in Buddhist Philosophy
Martin Adam, McGill University
Buddhism and Compatibilism
Douglas S. Duckworth, East Tennessee State University
Two Models of the Two Truths: Ontological and Phenomenological Approaches
Roy Tzohar, Columbia University and Tel Aviv University
Upacāra in Early Yogācāra: Towards a Philosophical Reconstruction of a Buddhist Theory of Metaphor
Jonathan Gold, Columbia University and Tel Aviv University
Taking Up the Burden: Carrying Vasubandhu from the Treasury to the Three Natures
Business Meeting:
Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago, Presiding

A9-314

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516B
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding
Theme: Theoretical Engagements with Self, Other, and God
Kyle Green, University of Ottawa
An Extricable Other? Buber’s "I–Thou" and the Redeployment of the Other in Irigaray's Sharing the World
Tamura Lomax, Vanderbilt University
Towards a Religiocultural Theory of Representation: Rereading the Black Female Body Through a Less Pornotropic Lens
Holly White, Syracuse University
Approaching a Castrated God: The Feminine Divine Dis/refigured
Anthony Petro, Princeton University
Writing Herculine Barbin: Religion, Autobiography, and the Body
Business Meeting:
Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, Grinnell College, Presiding

A9-315

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513F
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding
Theme: Contact and Dialogue
Carmen Lansdowne, Graduate Theological Union
"It is a Strict Law Which Bids Us Dance...": Kwakwaka'wakw and Heiltsuk Traditions Transforming Christian Mission by Receiving the "Other"
Sarah King, Wilfrid Laurier University
"Thankful" for Relationships? Religion and Politics in an Encounter Between Mi'kmaq and Settler Activists on Canada's East Coast
Christopher Roberts, Reed College
Recovering an Iroquois–Catholic Sense of Self and Family in the Borderlands of New England and New France
Business Meeting:
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding
A9-316

Japanese Religions Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511D
Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University, Presiding
Theme: Religious Initiatives and Social Activism in Contemporary Japan
Ranjana Mukhopadhyaya, University of Delhi
From “Funeral Buddhism” to “Engaged Buddhism”: Understanding Engaged Buddhist Movements in the Japanese Context
John Nelson, University of San Francisco
Global and Domestic Challenges Confronting Religious Institutions in Japan
Sakurai Yoshihide, Hokkaido University
Management Crisis and Social Activities of Local Buddhist Temples in Japan
Inaba Keishin, Kobe University
How Buddhist NGO Networks Bring Religion to Society
Okuyama Michiaki, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture
Soka Gakkai as a Challenge to Japanese Society and Politics
Responding:
Stephen G. Covell, Western Michigan University
Business Meeting:
James L. Ford, Wake Forest University, Presiding

A9-317

Korean Religions Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513B
Theme: Life, Otherworld, and History in Korean Religions
Franklin Rausch, University of British Columbia
Dying for Heaven: Anti-Catholic Persecution and the Afterlife in Late Chosŏn Dynasty Korea
Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School
Fiction as “Creative History”: An Evangelical Revision of Ancient Korean Past
Jea Oh, Drew University
Decolonization of Life: A Postcolonial Reading of Korean Concept of Life in Donghak
Chu Song-ok, Seoul National University
The Idea of Silla as Buddha Land and the Meaning of Wonhyo’s Interpretation on the Pure Land
Responding:
Sebastian Kim, York Saint John University
Eun-su Cho, Seoul National University
Business Meeting:
Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School, and Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding

A9-318

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-514A
Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: Religion and Transnationalism: Migrating Identities
Panelists:
Rebecca Davis, Graduate Theological Union
Jonathan Tan, Xavier University
Jean-Pierre Ruiz, Saint John’s University
Business Meeting:
A9-319

Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-520AD

Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Theme: Intersectional Analytics: Race, Class, and Sexual Orientation

Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
*Are All the Queers White and All the Blacks Heterosexual (Still)? Race and Sexual Orientation in Proposition 8*

Sara Rosenau, University of Denver
*Nickel and Dimed: Religion, Welfare, and Queer Politics*

Gayle Baldwin, University of North Dakota
*Where Church Ain’t No Drag*

Responding:
Christine Libby, Episcopal Divinity School

Business Meeting:

Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

A9-320

Religion and Disability Studies Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511E

Julia Watts Belser, Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: Disability and Theological Accessibility

Elizabeth Gordon, Seattle, WA
*Seeking Wisdom in Human Variation: A Spirituality of Paradox, Ingenuity, and Variable Pace*

Molly Haslam, Nashville, TN
*Dethroning Rationality: Reconciling God in Light of Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities*

Mark Davidson, University of Aberdeen
*Shameless Community: Ecclesiastical Responses to Toxic Shame in the Lives of Persons with Cognitive Impairments*

James Estes, Catholic University of America
*The Word Made Flesh: Christ as Sign (Language) of God in Deaf Theology*

Devorah Greenstein, Boston, MA
*Honoring Eiesland’s The Disabled God: Interrogating Metaphors and Ableist Assumptions in Contemporary Theology*

Responding:
Jason Hays, Brite Divinity School

A9-321

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-514C

John Lyden, Dana College, Presiding

Theme: Issues in Film Theory and Production

Thomas Lynch, Shizuoka, Japan
*Cinema and Subjectivity: On the Possibility of Theological Films*

Joanne Mercer, Queen’s College
*Theology and Film Form in the Work of Norman McLaren*

Ryan Parker, Graduate Theological Union
*Life After Death? Independent Christian Filmmaking in a Post-Passion World*

Ken Derry, University of Toronto, and Tony S. L. Michael, York University
*“Holy Christ-figures, Batman!” Zealous Nationalism and Prophetic Realism in Iron Man and The Dark Knight*
A9-322

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group

4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-514B

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Commodifications and Appropriations: Prayer, Meditation, and First Nation Sacred Knowledge*

Patricia O'Rourke, Concordia University and McGill University

*Religious Healing as Commodity: Benefits and Dangers of Prayer in the Health Care Marketplace*

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Alfred University

*Meditation as Medicine: A Critique*

Brenda Appleby, Saint Francis Xavier University, and Rose M. Tekel, Saint Francis Xavier University

*Exploitation of Sacred Knowledge?*

Responding:

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina

Business Meeting:

Lance D. Laird, Boston University, Presiding

A9-323

Ritual Studies Group

4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-516A

Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études, Presiding

Theme: *Reframing Naven: Bateson’s Early Ethnography and Its Impact on Ritual Theory*

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

*Reframing Batesonian Frames: Theorizing Naven through Moebius Frames and Fractal Dynamics*

Steven Engler, Mount Royal College

*Remapping Bateson’s Frame*

Eddy Plasquy, University of Leuven

*Pressured Frames: Probing the Transformational Dynamics within a Spanish Pilgrimage*

Katja Neves, Concordia University

*The Sacredness of Human–Cetacean Unities: Towards a Nonmechanical Nontranscendental Ethnographic Approach*

Responding:

Don Handelman, Hebrew University

Business Meeting:

Ute Huesken, University of Oslo, Presiding

A9-324

Roman Catholic Studies Group

4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-518C

Mary Doak, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: *Theological Investigations*

Patrick Clark, University of Notre Dame

*The End of an Era? How Benedict XVI’s Theology of History Problematizes the Modern Tradition of Catholic Social Teaching*

Erin Michele Brigham, Graduate Theological Union

*Can the Catholic Church Have a Universal Voice in a Post-Metaphysical Age? Philosophical and Theological Methodologies of Catholic Social Thought and the Challenge of Jürgen Habermas*

Edward R. Sunshine, Barry University

*The Curious Concept of Intrinsic Evil: From Stoic Philosophy to Catholic Church Rhetoric on Sexual Morality, Presidential Politics, and the Avoidance of Cancer*
A9-325

Tantric Studies Group and Cognitive Science of Religion Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-513C
Charles D. Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
Theme: Tantric Studies and the Cognitive Science of Religion: Conversation and Collaboration
Ellen Goldberg, Queen’s University
What Can Cognitive Science Tell Us about Tantra?
Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College
Conceptual Blending Theory, “Reverse Amnesia,” and the Study of Tantra
Chris Hatchell, University of Virginia
Seeing Emptiness: Visionary Philosophy in Kālacakra and the Great Perfection
Annette Wilke, University of Münster
Tantric Imaginations of the Erotic and the Horrific in Late Hindu Kaula
Responding:
Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union

A9-326

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511C
Claire Katz, Texas A&M University, Presiding
Theme: Creation, Nature, and Flesh
Francis James Sanzaro, Syracuse University
Using the Flesh to Avoid Transcendence in Contemporary and Late Antique Christology; or, How to Make Yourself a Being of Univocity
Lissa McCullough, Los Angeles, CA
Derrida in the Flesh
Daniel Whistler, University of Oxford
God in Language in Nature: Schelling’s Physics of Divine Names

A9-327

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-515C
Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Theme: Tillich in Dialogue with New Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture
Christopher C. Brittain, University of Aberdeen
Tillich and Adorno: Two Versions of a Theology of Correlation
Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Graduate Theological Union
The (Dis)Integration of Judaism in Tillich’s Theology of Universal Salvation
Peter Heltzel, New York Theological Seminary
Economic Democracy after Empire: Paul Tillich, Evangelical Socialism, and the Global Crisis
Devan Stahl, Vanderbilt University
Health, Wholeness, and Normalization: A Dialogue Between Disability Theology and Paul Tillich
Business Meeting:
Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University, and Russell Re Manning, University of Cambridge, Presiding
A9-328

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510C
Bernie A. Van De Walle, Ambrose University College, Presiding
Theme: Origins and Identity of Canadian Pentecostalism
Panelists:
Michael Wilkinson, Trinity Western University
Adam Stewart, University of Waterloo
Peter Althouse, Southeastern University
Responding:
Steven Studebaker, Emmanuel College
Business Meeting:
James K. A. Smith, Calvin College, and Amos Yong, Regent University, Presiding

A9-329

Religion and Migration Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-524B
Morny Joy, University of Calgary, Presiding
Theme: Religion, Ethnicity, and Identity in the Greater Montréal Area
This panel will present the results of the four years of research of the GRIMER [Groupe de Recherche sur le Montréal Ethno-Religieux], an interdisciplinary research group affiliated with the religious studies and geography departments of the Université du Québec, Montréal. Funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the group’s general goal is to analyze the role of religion and its various expressions amongst different ethnocultural minorities that established themselves in the Greater Montréal area after about 1970.

The primary objective, more precisely, is to examine the function of the religious factor in the construction of “ethnic identity” and “consciousness,” as defined by the Belgian sociologist Albert Bastenier (2004).
Panelists:
Louis Rousseau, Université du Québec, Montréal
Jean-René Milot, Université du Québec, Montréal
Anne Létourneau, Université du Québec, Montréal
Mathieu Boisvert, Université du Québec, Montréal
Marie-Andrée Roy, Université du Québec, Montréal
Joanie Bolduc, Université du Québec, Montréal
Responding:
Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria
A9-330

Religion in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500–1650 CE Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-520BE
Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

Theme: Monasteries, Madrasahs, and Metivtas: Centers of Religious Learning in Medieval Christianity, Islam, and Judaism
Heather Empey, McGill University
North African “Schools” in the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries: Some Pre-Madrasah Institutions of Learning in the Western Mediterranean
Robert Moore, Emory University
Professionalizing the Professorate: Exclusionary Practices in Madrasahs of Mamluk Cairo (1250–1517)
Hartley Lachter, Muhlenberg College
Brotherhoods of Secrecy: Jewish Mystical Fraternities and Esoteric Discourse in Medieval Spain
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri
Slipping Off the Wedding Ring: Mystical Authority and Women Teachers in Late Medieval Convents
Marjorie S. Lehman, Jewish Theological Seminary of America

Responding:
Constance Furey, Indiana University

Business Meeting:
Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

A9-331

Religion in Southeast Asia Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-511B
Christoph Emmrich, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: The Buddha's Stand-ins: Living Saints and the Powerful Dead in Buddhist Southeast Asia
Justin McDaniel, University of California, Riverside
In the World and of It: The Patron Saint of Thai Buddhism
Erik Davis, University of Chicago
Fertility, Adoption, Power: Moral and Immoral Practices in Cambodia
Rachelle Scott, University of Tennessee
Stories of Miraculous Nuns: Rethinking Religion, Power, and Gender in Southeast Asia
Patrick Pranke, University of Louisville
The Corpse of Kassapa: The Burmese Recension of a Sanskrit Buddhist Legend

Responding:
Randall G. Styers, University of North Carolina

Business Meeting:
Sor-Ching Low, Muhlenberg College, and Jason Carbine, Whittier College, Presiding

A9-332

Sex, Gender, and Sexuality in Premodern Christianity Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-524C
Ben Dunning, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: The Use of Scripture in Constructions of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality
Joseph A. Marchal, Ball State University
Making History Queerly with the Bible: A Third Way between Brooten and a Halperin Place
Bradley Onishi, University of California, Santa Barbara
Origen and the Impossible: Exploring the Erotic Logic of the Song of Songs
A9-333

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-518B
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, New York, Presiding
Theme: *Issei Buddhism in the Americas: The Japanese-American Buddhist Diaspora*
Panelists:
Duncan Williams, University of California, Berkeley
Tomoe Moriya, Hannan University
Michihiro Ama, University of California, Irvine
Responding:
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of Southern California
Michael Masatsugu, Towson University
Business Meeting:
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, New York, and Nami Kim, Spelman College, Presiding

A9-334

Scriptural Reasoning Group and Childhood Studies and Religion Consultation
4:00 pm–6:30 pm
PDC-510B
Ayesha Chaudhry, Colgate University, Presiding
Theme: *Children of Another God: Child–Parent Communication in the Abrahamic Scriptures*
Panelists:
Lauren F. Winner, Duke University
Rachel Muers, University of Leeds
Emily Filler, University of Virginia
Rumee Ahmed, Colgate University
Business Meeting:
Karen-Marie Yust, Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Presiding
A9-335

**Beyond the Boundaries: Public Lecture Series III**

6:00 pm–8:00 pm  
La Grande Gueule  
5615A ch. de la Côte-des-Neiges  
Theme: *Oh, The Stories We Could Tell: Religious Narratives in Popular Culture*

Sponsored by the Graduate Student Committee

We see religion all around us every day — from shrines in Chinese food restaurants to our standard cuss words to *The Da Vinci Code*. Religious narrative is so everpresent in our daily lives that, often, it doesn’t even register as “religious.” Where does the line between secular and religious lie in our cultural environment? Can we actually make such a clear distinction between what is religious and what is not? In this talk, Shelly Colette will discuss the ways in which biblical myths and stories are reconstructed in such popular media as film, television, popular literature, and even fashion magazines, and explore the impact that these “remakes” have on our secular society.

Panelist:  
Shelly Carmen Colette, University of Ottawa

M9-400

**Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group Reception**

7:00 pm–8:00 pm  
FQE-Matapédia

M9-401

**Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy**

7:00 pm–8:30 pm  
FQE-Richelieu  
Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Presiding  
Theme: *Reflections on The Heart Sutra*

Yansheng He, Koriyama University  
The Heart Sutra in *Dogen’s Shobogenzo*  
Ralf Mueller, Humboldt Universität, Berlin  
The Heart Sutra in *the Kyoto School*  
John Krummel, Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
*The Prajñaparamita Logic of Soku-hi in Nishida Kitaro*  
Naoko Sasaki, Ohio Northern University  
The Heart Sutra in *Kukai*  
Linda Wang, University of Hong Kong  
*Understanding the Term “Sanyata” in The Heart Sutra: Teaching the Doctrine of Emptiness to Secondary School Children*

M9-402

**Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality**

7:00 pm–8:30 pm  
FQE-Hochelaga 5  
Theme: *Governing Board Meeting*
**Film: Bonjour Shalom**  
8:00 pm–10:00 pm  
FQE-Hochelaga 2  
Steven Lapidus, Concordia University, Presiding  
Sponsored by the Study of Judaism Section and the Montréal Venue Committee  
This award-winning film explores the relationship between Hassidic Jews in Montréal’s Outremont district and their predominantly French-Québécois neighbors. The film allows us to enter the intimacy of the Hassidic world where we discover not only what is unique to their way of life, but what they share in common with other residents. The film will be followed by a conversation with the filmmaker and a member of the Hassidic community. To view more information about this and other films by Garry Beitel please visit the Reframe Films website at www.reframe-films.com.  
1991, directed by Gary Beitel. 52 minutes.

**Film: Religulous**  
8:00 pm–10:00 pm  
FQE-Hochelaga 3  
Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa, Presiding  
Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group  
Bill Maher’s film *Religulous* is a carefully orchestrated tour through some of the most controversial arenas of modern Christian, Jewish, and Muslim practices today. Scholars interested in the film have found themselves challenged to either defend the carefully selected religious views ridiculed by Maher or acquiesce to his charge that all of religion is setting the world on the path to man-made apocalyptic doom. A third option remains: to critique the film’s often lopsided and incomplete portrayals of belief, and to open the door to deep conversations about what “religion” really means for people today, an option not offered by Maher. Despite its limited portrayal of religion, however, the film does raise pertinent questions about what makes religious beliefs legitimate, and what exactly constitutes a “rational critique” of religion today.  
2008, directed by Larry Charles. 101 minutes.

**Program Unit Chair and Steering Committee Reception**  
8:00 pm–10:00 pm  
FQE-AAR Suite  
Program unit chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

**Arts Series Performance: The Red Box**  
8:00 pm–10:30 pm  
FQE-Le Grand Salon  
Frederick S. Roden, University of Connecticut, Presiding  
Sponsored by the Gay Men’s Issues in Religion Group and the Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group  
*The Red Box* is a love story that begins in modern-day with Victor, who has never before told his story. Barbara, with a hidden agenda of her own, gets Victor to confront his complicated past as a Holocaust survivor. As the play travels through his memory, Victor relives falling in love for the first time with a non-Jewish boy, coming to terms with his sexuality, and examining his own family’s dysfunction, all while the Nazi party is rising to power. He then lays out the series of mistakes he made from thinking with his heart, including running away to decadent Berlin, until he finds himself as a prisoner in a concentration camp. Victor is persecuted for being both gay and Jewish. It is Victor’s detailed path of survival and the people he meets along the way that cause him to question relationships, spirituality, and the unfathomable atrocity he was forced into.
Pro Ecclesia Reception
9:00 pm–11:00 pm
FQE-Hochelaga 6
A10-100

Wildcard Session
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511B
Mark F. Ruml, University of Winnipeg, Presiding
Theme: The Revitalization of Aboriginal Spirituality in Canada
Panelists:
Earle H. Waugh, University of Alberta
Cheryl Gaver, University of Ottawa
Marc V. Fonda, University of Ottawa

A10-101

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511E
James Thrall, University of Bridgeport, Presiding
Theme: Poetry, Religion, and the Environment
Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University
Environmental Jermiads, Religious Ecologies, and the Joy Of Being Alive in Gary Snyder’s danger on peaks
Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University
The Creative Crossing of Art and Nature: Finding the Intersection between a Theology of Culture and a Theology of Nature
Paul Corrigan, North Carolina State University
Orthodox Christian Imagery and Eco-Spirituality in Mary Oliver’s Thirst
Christina Hutchins, Pacific School of Religion
Affective Translations: Ten Poems of Nature, Culture, and the Temporality of the Sacred

A10-102

Buddhism Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510B
Peter N. Gregory, Smith College, Presiding
Theme: The Lasting Impact of the Mahāyāna Mahāparinirvāṇa Sūtra
Luis O. Gomez, University of Michigan
The Viparyasas in the Mahayana Sutras
Hiromi Habata, University of Munich
Buddha’s Existence after His Death: The Meaning of “Nitya” in Mahāparinirvāṇa Sūtra
Naomi Sato, Center for Information on Religion
Features of the Phu Brag Tibetan Kanjur Edition in the Mahāparinirvāṇa Sūtra
Mark L. Blum, State University of New York, Albany
Burning the Lotus at Both Ends: The Mahāparinirvāṇa Sūtra’s Relationship to the Saddharmapundarika Sutra
Jan Nattier, Indiana University
Recent Research on the Mahāparinirvāṇa Sūtra: A Critical Assessment
**A10-103**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

9:00 am–11:30 am

PDC-511D

David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Stories of Nature*

David Clough, University of Chester

*Animals and the End of Creation: A Question for Systematic Theology*

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

*The Fire Each Time: Dark Energy and the Breath of Creation*

Richard Floyd, Emory University

*The Problem of Perpetual Perishing: A Challenge to Ecotheology*

Willie J. Jennings, Duke University

*Mapping Nature: Reading the World in the Thought of Jose de Acosta, Felipe Guaman Poma, and Karl Barth*

**A10-104**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

9:00 am–11:30 am

PDC-513B

Neil Dalal, University of Texas, Austin, Presiding

Theme: *Ancestors, Rituals, and Change: Crossing Space and Time*

Jason Danely, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

*Repetition and Return in Life and in Death*

Michael Roemer, Ball State University

*Venerating Ancestors (and Others) at Japanese Household Altars*

Matthew Sayers, University of Texas

*Claiming Modes of Mediation in Ancient Hindu and Buddhist Ancestor Worship*

David Sena, University of Texas

*Ancestor Worship and the Construction of Lineage in Ancient China*

Responding:

John Traphagan, University of Texas

**A10-105**

**History of Christianity Section**

9:00 am–11:30 am

PDC-515A

Karen Bruhn, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Us and Them: Inclusions and Exclusions in the History of Christianity*

Patti Dikes, Claremont Graduate University

*Condemnation of Spiritual Marriage as a Means to Establish Orthodoxy in Early Christianity*

Horace E. Six-Means, Hood Theological Seminary

*Mimic or Hybrid? A Postcolonial Interpretation of Augustine’s Use of Punic and Latin in Light of Franz Fanon’s Black Skin White Masks*

Kevin Minister, Southern Methodist University

*Seeing God in the Midst of Empire: Hildegard’s Vision of Christ*

Jason Larson, Syracuse University

*The Imperial Origins of Christian Sites of Memory in the Fourth and Fifth Centuries CE*

Oh Arnold Sang-Woo, Duke University

*Pastoral Power in the Birth of Europe*

Responding:

Philip Tite, Willamette University
North American Religions Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514C
Davesh Soneji, McGill University, Presiding

Theme: Managing Religious Diversity and Articulating Identity in Québec

The papers on this panel explore the recent efflorescence of debate over the proper management of religious diversity in Québec. In response to several high-profile legal cases involving the notion of reasonable accommodation of minority religious practices, many Québec communities, politicians, government agencies, and private citizens have sought to weigh in on this issue. While there is a clear thematic coherence to the papers on the panel, they are also diverse in that they consider issues of religious pluralism, secularism, gender, race, memory, and historic preservation in both rural and urban settings. Furthermore, taken together, the papers move from an examination of discussions by the majority about minorities to an examination of how minorities see themselves as stake-holders and participants in Québécois and Canadian society. Collectively, the papers strike a balance between abstract theoretical discussion and descriptive analysis of actual religious agents.

Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University
No Head Covering Allowed: Conflating Religion, Culture, and Race in the Reasonable Accommodation of Multiculturalism

Dragos Stoica, Concordia University
Between the Reified Québécité and the Manufactured Fear of Religious Otherness: An Analysis of the Herouxville Incident Beyond and Above the Reasonable Accommodation Debate

Gada Mahrouse, Concordia University
The Threat of Muslim Immigrants on the Secular National Identity of Québec

Valerie Stoker, Wright State University
Other Accommodations: One Sikh Temple’s Efforts to Preserve Québec’s Religious Heritage

Responding:
Michel Despland, Concordia University

Philosophy of Religion Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511C
Ingolf Dalferth, University of Zurich, Presiding

Theme: Explorations of the Secular

Eric Bugyis, Yale University
A New Kind of Settlement: Towards an Aesthetic Understanding of Democratic Solidarity

Bruce K. Ward, Laurentian University
Transcendence and Immanence in a Subtler Language: The Presence of Dostoevsky in Charles Taylor’s Philosophy of the Secular

Asja (Joanna) Szafraniec, University of Amsterdam
A Quarrel with God

Annika Thiem, Villanova University
The Politics of Skeletal Eschatology: Walter Benjamin, Secularization, and the Intractability of the Theological–Political

Religion and Politics Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510A
Robert F. Shedinger, Luther College, Presiding

Theme: Global Issues in the Study of Religion and Politics

Rosemary Blackburn-Smith Kellison, Florida State University
Finding a Space for Religious Minorities in Modern Europe: A Comparison of Tariq Ramadan and Moses Mendelssohn

Kathleen Foody, University of North Carolina
The Secular and the State in Contemporary Muslim Discourse: Negotiating Islamic Authenticity and Juridical Authority

Charles Selengut, County College of Morris
Messianic Zionism, Martyrdom, and the Transformation of Traditional Jewish Theology: A Case Study of the Emergence of Radical Religious Nationalism

Lauve H. Steenhuisen, Georgetown University
Laicite Versus Separation of Church and State: Voile, Veil, and the Performative Inevitability of French and United States Responses to Islam as Outsider Within

A10-109

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514B

Paul Freston, Wilfrid Laurier University and Balsillie School of International Affairs, Presiding

Theme: Avoiding Disciplinary Amnesia: Recovering Twentieth Century Social Scientists of Religion

Robert C. Fuller, Bradley University
Unrepentant Reductionist: James Leuba's Pioneering Study of Religion

Ibrahim Abraham, University of Bristol
Religion as Counterculture: The Sociology of J. Milton Yinger

Raymond Ward, Boston College
Social Science Perspectives on Collective Moral Agency

Nichole Phillips, Vanderbilt University
Reconstructing Knowledge from Marginalized Perspectives

A10-110

Religion in South Asia Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513D

Leslie C. Orr, Concordia University, Presiding

Theme: Singing, Burning, Healing, Meditating: Women in Contemporary South Asian Religions

Jennifer B. Saunders, Delaware, OH

Kay K. Jordan, Radford University
Sati or Suicide? Reports of Widow Burnings in Contemporary India

Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College
The Widow and the Politician: Women's Status and the Pilgrimage Economy of Uttarkashi

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama
The Legacy of a Female Sikkimese Buddhist Teacher: The Lineage of Pelling Ani Wangdzin and Gendered Religious Experience in Modern Sikkim

Responding:
Kathleen M. Erndl, Florida State University

A10-111

Study of Islam Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511F

Nargis Virani, The New School, Presiding

Theme: Negotiating Boundaries

Aisha Geissinger, Michigan State University
Subversive Bodies: Representations of Early Muslim Women and Qur’an Recitation

Kate Holbrook, Boston University
Culinary Ideology in the Nation of Islam

Ayesha Irani, University of Pennsylvania
Krishna the Failed Prophet: The Muslim–Vaishnava Encounter in Saiyad Sultan’s Nabivamsha

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of North Carolina
Hagiography, History, and Architecture: An Examination of the Construction of Sacred Space at the Ajmer Sharif

Amin Venjara, Princeton University
How Could the Prophet Pray Over 'Abdullah ibn Ubayy? Some Options for Developing a Consistency Solution in Classical Sunni Scholarship

Responding:
Juliane Hammer, George Mason University
A10-112

Study of Judaism Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Chaudière

Theme: Critical Theories in the Study of Classical Judaism
Matthew LaGrone, University of Delaware
Critical Theories and Methods in the Study of Judaism
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Church Divinity School of the Pacific
“Death-bound Subjects”: Looking Again at Jewish Memories of Christian Violence
Naftali Cohn, Concordia University
Temple Ritual as Performance: The New Rabbinic Conception of Ritual
Ellen Haskell, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
The Death of Rachel and the Kingdom of Heaven: Jewish Appropriation of Christian Themes in Sefer haZohar

A10-113

Teaching Religion Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513A

Kenny Smith, Georgia State University, Presiding
Theme: Online Learning? An Oxymoron?
Heather Hartel, Lockport, NY
“Being There”: A Model for Building Online Learning Communities in the Virtual Religious Studies Classroom
Brent Hege, Butler University
Creating an Online Theology Classroom: Strategies for Creating and Sustaining a Community of Distance Learners
Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College
Documentaries and Films in the Online Course
Julie Lytle, Episcopal Divinity School
Message, Method, then Media: High Tech/High Touch Meets Religious Studies and Theological Education
Richard Pruitt, Columbia College
The Application of Cognitive-Developmental or Mediated Cognitive Learning Strategies in Online College Coursework

A10-114

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513E

Mayra Rivera, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Theme: Living on the Margins of Empire
Jyoti Raghu, Columbia University
Constructing, Deconstructing, and Reconstructing Hinduism: Rethinking Hinduism in a Postcolonial Context
Devin Singh, Yale University
Alternative Modernities and the Fragile Secular: The Decolonial Difference
Carson Webb, Syracuse University
The Heavenly Multitude: The Angelic Body in Early Medieval Imperialism and in the Age of Empire
Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union
“Her Father’s Staff”: Harriette Colenso, the Zulu, and the Crown
Women and Religion Section
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-514A
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding
Theme: Reclaiming Women’s Experiences of the 1893 World’s Parliament of Religions
Sarah Imhoff, University of Chicago
After the Parliament: Jewish Women and the Maxwell Street Settlement
Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College
From Practice to Scandal: The Introduction of Raja Yoga and the “Protecting” of Women’s Bodies after the World’s Parliament of Religions
Allison Stokes, University of Rochester
Taking Inspiration from Our Foremothers: Women and the World’s Parliament of Religions, Chicago 1893
Nicole Goulet, University of Manitoba
West Meets East: Vivekananda’s Sarada at the World’s Parliament of Religions
Responding:
Arvind Sharma, McGill University

Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513C
Gregory Spinner, Skidmore College, Presiding
Theme: Framing Mumbai: Rhetoric, Representation, and Geopolitical Realities among Hindus, Jews, and Muslims
Danielle Widmann Abraham, Harvard University
Affecting Violence: Indian Muslims and the Possibilities of Religious Identity
Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University
Bodies of Evidence
Shana Lisa Sippy, Columbia University
Mourning Mumbai: Sentiment and Solidarity Among Hindus and Jews in the Wake of the 2008 Terrorist Attacks

Islamic Mysticism Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-511A
Ruediger Seesemann, Northwestern University, Presiding
Theme: Inside and Outside the Mystic Text
Cyrus Zargar, Augustana College
The Imam in the Text: Fayḍ al-Kāshānī and the Reclamation of Shi‘i ’Irfān
Umberto Cicchetti, Concordia University
The Dream Interpreter and Authority in Islam: A Comparison of the Discourse on the Dream Interpreter in Dinawari’s (d.1020) Dream Manual and Ibn ’Arabi’s (d.1240) Futuhat al-Makkiyya
Sa’diya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
Gender and Epistemology in Sufism: Feminist Friendships with Muḥyī al-Dīn Ibn ’Arabī
Rose Aslan, University of North Carolina
Healing Through Poetry: The Poem of the Burdah as a Spiritual Relic
Sarwar Alam, Emory University
Making the Case for Sainthood in Modern Bangladesh: Narrative Strategies and the Presentation of Holiness in the Life of Ziaul Haque Maizbhandari
A10-119

New Religious Movements Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515C

David Dunn has withdrawn from the session.

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo, Presiding
Theme: Everyday Innovations: New Religious Experiments in Established Religious Traditions
Julie Chamberlain, Duke University
Carving a Black Hole: New Monasticism, Racial Reconciliation, and the Search for Legitimation
Craig Prentiss, Rockhurst University
Garland Anderson, Race, and the Limits of New Thought, 1925–1939
Glenn Young, Rockhurst University
What’s New in a New Religion? A Christian Contemplative Movement as Case Study

A10-120

Nineteenth-Century Theology Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-515B

Arthur McCalla, Mount Saint Vincent University, Presiding
Theme: J. S. Mill and the Utility of Religion
Linda Raeder, Palm Beach Atlantic University
Utility of Religion and the Religion of Humanity
Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University
The Religious Travails of a “Conscientious and Cultivated Mind” in “an Age of Weak Beliefs”
Edward J. Enright, Merrimack College
According to John Stuart Mill, “[R]eligion May be Morally Useful Without Being Intellectually Sustainable”: What Would Dr. Newman Think?
Mark Hadley, University of Virginia
Mill and James on Religion’s Utility

The business meeting for Nineteenth-Century Theology Group will be held on Sunday, November 8, from 7:00 am–8:30 am in the Program Unit Chairs’ Lounge (PDC-512H). All are welcome. Coffee is provided.

A10-121

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-510C

John Peter Kenney, Saint Michael’s College, Presiding
Theme: Sacrificial Theories in Later Platonism
Todd Krulak, University of Pennsylvania
Sacrificial Theory from Iamblichus to the Fifth Century Athenian Academy
Heidi Marx-Wolf, University of California, Santa Barbara
Porphyry’s Demonization of Animal Sacrifice: Echos of Galenic Humoral Theory and the Platonic Tripartite Soul
Ilincu Tanaseanu-Doebler, Ohio State University
Noera Thysia: A Contradiction in Terms?
Shannon Grimes, Meredith College
Late Ancient Philosophies of Sacrifice in the Alchemical Visions of Zosimus of Panopolis
A10-122

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Harriçana
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding
Theme: The Challenge(s) of Richard Rorty: A Tribute
Scott Holland, Bethany Theological Seminary
Pragmatic Public Theologies: Richard Rorty’s Polytheism and His Grandfather Rauschenbusch’s Social Gospel
Jacob Goodson, University of Virginia
Richard Rorty and Scriptural Reasoning
David O’Hara, Augustana College
Rorty’s Religion

A10-123

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
PDC-513F
Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding
Theme: New Approaches to Tibetan Historiography
Brenton Sullivan, University of Virginia
Tibetan Buddhist Blueprints for Reviving Chinese Buddhism: Fazun’s (1901–1980) Xizang Minzu Zhengjiao Shi (Political and Religious History of the Tibetan People)
Christopher Bell, University of Virginia
Dorjé Shukden: The Conflicting Narratives and Constructed Histories of a Tibetan Protector Deity
Jann Ronis, University of Virginia
Buddhist Discussions of State Violence: A Case Study of Multiple Local Histories of a Medieval Tibetan Kingdom
Benjamin Wood, University of Toronto
Divine Rule in the History of Zhwa Lu
Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College
The Problem of the Age of Naxi Pictographs and the Parallel Oral Tradition of Ritual Recitation in Yunnan

A10-124

Wesleyan Studies Group
9:00 am–11:30 am
FQE-Matapédia
Douglas M. Strong, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding
Theme: Discussion of John H. Wigger, American Saint: Francis Asbury and the Methodists (Oxford University Press, 2009)
Panelists:
Russell E. Richey, Emory University
Ian B. Straker, Howard University
Jane Donovan, West Virginia University
Richard P. Heitzenrater, Duke University
Responding:
John Wigger, University of Missouri
Beliefs and religious practices are just part of what could be called youth religion or religiosity. Many studies show that spiritualities, religiosities, and religious orthodoxies often adopt the diversified ways or styles of youth subcultures. In this regard, one could ask if it is really relevant to conclude that adolescents and young adults have truly distanced themselves from religion, or are adolescents and young adults forging new relations to their religious heritage that is notably founded on a dynamic of choice that typifies the globalized world they negotiate.

In this panel, the presenters will communicate recent research results on adolescent and young adult religion in Quebec and the rest of Canada that suggests new theoretical ways to reflect on the religion or religiosity of youth in the global context.

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University
*What Religion Are You? Understanding How Second Generation Immigrant Youth Negotiate and Construct Their Own Religious Identity*

Reginald Bibby, University of Lethbridge
*Freshly Fragmented Gods: The Selective Consumption of Religion Among Teenagers in Québec and the Rest of Canada*

Josiane Le Gall, Université du Québec, Montréal
*New Forms of Religious Transmission among Young Muslims in Québec*

Jean-Guy Nadeau, Université de Montréal
*Rock Music as Witness to Québec Youth Relations with God and Religion*

François Gauthier, Université du Québec, Montréal
*Youth and Religion: Assessment and Prospective*

Responding:
Marie-Paule Martel-Reny, Concordia University

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**Pedagogies for Civic Engagement**

12:00 pm–8:00 pm
FQE-Richelieu
M11-100

Pedagogies for Civic Engagement
8:00 am–12:00 pm
FQE-Richelieu
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The Colloquium on Violence and Religion is an international association of scholars founded in 1990. It is dedicated to the exploration, criticism, and development of René Girard’s mimetic model of the relationship between violence and religion in the genesis and maintenance of culture. In promoting research in mimetic theory, COVandR welcomes scholars and others from diverse fields and theoretical orientations who are interested in the foundational role of imitation in individual human lives and cultures. In addition to gathering at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, the Colloquium meets each summer, alternating between North American and European venues. COVandR’s publications include a website ([www.uibk.ac.at/theol/cover/](http://www.uibk.ac.at/theol/cover/)); a book series, Studies in Violence, Mimesis, and Culture, published by Michigan State University Press; the journal Contagion; and a biannual newsletter, Bulletin of the Colloquium on Violence and Religion. The coordinator of COVandR at the AAR is Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa (martha.reineke@uni.edu). COVandR membership information can be found at [www.uibk.ac.at/theol/cover/membership/](http://www.uibk.ac.at/theol/cover/membership/).

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**Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought**  
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The Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought is a community of productive scholars, with diverse theological and philosophical perspectives. The Institute contributes to the academic study of religion and philosophy through interpretive, critical, and constructive reflections whose principal focus is distinctively American religious and philosophical thought. It fosters broad discussion of relevant options through its sponsorship of conferences, seminars, workshops, and publications. The work of the Institute emphasizes: 1) Theological and philosophical reflections, especially where these efforts have utilized the American philosophical and religious traditions; 2) The history and development of liberal religious thought in America; 3) Themes pertinent to the “Chicago School” of theology; and 4) Naturalism in American theology and philosophy.

**International Bonhoeffer Society — English Language Section**  
John W. Matthews, Apple Valley, MN

The International Bonhoeffer Society — English Language Section is an interfaith scholarly organization. It was founded in 1971 to promote research in the theology, ethics, and life of the German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906–1945). The English Language Section has members in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, and other lands. It is governed by an elected board and society officers. Society membership is open to all persons interested in the theology, life, and spiritual influence of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and in constructive theological and pastoral studies inspired by his legacy.

**International Institute for Field-Being**  
Lik Kuen Tong, Fairfield University

The IIFB is a nonprofit research-oriented international educational association of scholars, professionals, organizations, and interested individuals in any field or discipline who study and promote the Field-Being modes of thought. More specifically, the Institute centers its research projects on the following topics or areas: 1) Philosophical implications of the Field-Being worldview; 2) Non-Substantialism versus Substantialism East and West; and 3) The Non-Substantialistic Turn in twentieth century thought and philosophy. Since its inception in 1996, the IIFB has sponsored three international symposia on Field-Being and the Non-Substantialistic Turn.
International Society for Chinese Philosophy
Vincent Shen, University of Toronto

The International Society for Chinese Philosophy (ISCP) is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of uniting persons affiliated with the study and research of Chinese philosophy or interested in promoting the study and research of Chinese philosophy in both academic and nonacademic circles. By "Chinese philosophy," it is meant the whole philosophical tradition and heritage within the span of Chinese history and the spectrum of Chinese civilization. The term "Chinese philosophy" also connotes the areas of logical, metaphysical, ethical, aesthetic, and epistemological thinking and reflection in reference to the Chinese philosophical tradition and heritage, Chinese language, Chinese society, and Chinese civilization. The society organizes and sponsors conferences and conference panels on Chinese philosophy. Its official journal is the Journal of Chinese Philosophy (Blackwell Publishers, Inc.). ISCP also sponsors and cosponsors philosophical, educational, cultural, or scientific activities in cooperation with educational, cultural, philosophical, or scientific institutions or organizations associated with the study and research of Chinese philosophy.

Karl Barth Society of North America
George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary

The Society’s membership is open to all interested parties: scholars, students, pastors, and laypersons. A newsletter is published twice a year, edited by Paul D. Molnar, Division of Humanities, Saint John’s University, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439. Annual dues are $15 (students $10). A website is posted by the Center for Barth Studies at Princeton Theological Seminary and the contact is Clifford B. Anderson at barth.studies@ptsem.edu. The website contains substantial articles as well as information about events. Two sessions are held each year as Additional Meetings at the AAR Annual Meeting: one on Friday afternoon, the other on Saturday morning. As perhaps is only appropriate, the Society is always more of an event than an institution, whose irregular activities have earned it the well-known Barthian motto, “providentia dei, confusione hominum.”

La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars
Gastón Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College

La Comunidad is an ecumenical association of Hispanic scholars of religion. La Comunidad proactively advances the interests and scholarship of Latinos and Latinos in biblical, theological, and religious studies. For more information, please contact Gastón Espinosa, gaston.espinosa@claremontmckenna.edu, or Efrain Agosto, eagosto@hartsem.edu.

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Robert Yelle, University of Memphis

The North American Association for the Study of Religion was initially formed in 1985 to encourage the historical, comparative, structural, theoretical, and cognitive study of religion among North American scholars; to represent North American scholars of religion at the international level; and to sustain communication between North American scholars and their international colleagues engaged in the study of religion. In order to achieve these goals, NAASR is affiliated with the the Council of Societies for the Study of Religion and has annual meetings together with the American Academy of Religion on the one hand, and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion on the other. NAASR has affiliated with the International Association for the History of Religions, and is the only organization from the United States that enjoys such affiliation. NAASR’s official peer-review journal, Method and Theory in the Study of Religion is published quarterly by E. J. Brill of The Netherlands. NAASR also sponsors a book series, “Key Thinkers in the Study of Religion,” published by Equinox Publishers of the United Kingdom.

North American Paul Tillich Society
Frederick J. Parrella, Santa Clara University

Founded in 1975, the 250-member NAPTS is concerned with Paul Tillich’s (1886–1965) philosophical-theological thought, with its analysis, critique, and revision, with the implications and the use of this thought in political, social, psychotherapeutic, scientific, artistic, and ethico-religious spheres, and with the impact and the creative extension of Tillich’s legacy. The Society meets annually in conjunction with AAR, organizes international conferences, collaborates with the German, French, and other Tillich societies, awards an annual student paper prize, and sponsors publications. The quarterly newsletter carries papers from meetings. Dues are $35/year. Membership contact is Frederick Parrella, Religious Studies, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, 95053-0335, or fparrella@scu.edu.

Polanyi Society
Walter B. Galick, Montana State University, Billings

The Polanyi Society, formed in 1972, includes in its membership scholars and students who, inspired by the thought of Michael Polanyi (1891–1976), seek to explore and expand upon his seminal ideas. A Hungarian by birth, Polanyi began his distinguished career as a physical chemist in Germany and England, but it is his later work in economics, social thought, and especially philosophy that continues to be influential today. Polanyi’s Gifford Lectures, Personal Knowledge, was a pioneer work demonstrating the contextual, theory-laden, faith-shaped, and passionate character of all human endeavors, including theology and religious practice as well as science and the arts. The Polanyi Society holds its Annual Meeting Friday evening and Saturday morning at the beginning of the AAR Annual Meeting. Papers to be discussed are posted prior to the meeting on the Society website, www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/polanyi/. Archived copies and current issues of the Polanyi Society’s peer-reviewed journal, Tradition and Discovery (three issues a year), information about joining the Society, upcoming meetings, and links to Polanyi essays will be found on the website. Personal Knowledge is subtitled “Towards a Post-Critical Philosophy,” and the Society invites all those who are interested in exploring postfoundational versions of epistemology, philosophy of religion, ethics, and theology to join with us. Polanyi’s notions of tacit knowing, heuristic passion, and conviviality are among the many contributions he makes to this ongoing venture.
**Psychology, Culture, and Religion**
Kirk Bingaman, Fordham University, and Hetty Zock, University of Groningen

The Person, Culture, and Religion Group is an informal association of scholars and practitioners in the fields of religion and psychology broadly defined, who share common interests in the relationship between religion, psychology, and contemporary cultures. Working at the intersections of religion and psychology, the group enables participants to contextualize religious studies in relationship to the theory and practice of psychotherapy and pastoral counseling. PCR’s location on the boundary of academic study and applied professions like clinical psychology and pastoral psychotherapy results in rich, varied, and stimulating interdisciplinary conversations of a kind uncommon in the AAR generally. Elements of the dialogue have included modern and postmodern developments in psychology, counseling, cultural and social anthropology, sociology, feminist studies, critical literary theory, and other forms of interpretive theory.

**Schleiermacher Society**
Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology, and Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology

Taking up the heritage of Schleiermacher’s liberating and inclusive vision, the international Schleiermacher Society seeks to engage in ongoing conversations in which well-formed and critical Schleiermacher scholarship is brought into dialogue with questions arising from life today so that mutual learning can occur among all participants — scholars, pastors, laypeople, and students — and so that all can be better equipped for work in the world, church, and academy. In service of these purposes, the Society also seeks to facilitate international cooperation among Schleiermacher scholars through conferences and other modes of communication and to nurture the emergence of young and marginalized scholars. Attendance is open. Send inquiries to Cathie Kelsey, ckelsey@iliff.edu, or Theodore Vial, tvial@iliff.edu.

**Société Internationale d’études sur Alfred Loisy**
C. J. T. Talar, University of Saint Thomas, Houston

The Société is a nonprofit association formed to foster study of the French exegete and scholar of religion, Alfred Loisy (1857–1940) and of the Roman Catholic Modernist movement in which he figured so prominently. It was formed to foster international communication and contact among scholars from a variety of disciplines as well as other interested parties whose work and interests bear upon issues that surfaced in the latter decades of the nineteenth century and remain of enduring religious significance.

**Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy**
Gereon Kopf, Luther College

The SACP was established in 1967 as a nonprofit organization aimed at advancing the development of the disciplines of Asian and comparative philosophy in the international academic arena, and bringing together Asian and Western philosophers for a mutually beneficial exchange of ideas. It holds panels in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association, the Association of Asian Studies, and the American Academy of Religion. Annual individual membership dues for the SACP are $35 ($20 for students and professors emeriti) and include a subscription to the SACP Forum. The Society also sponsors a monograph series on specialized topics published by the University of Hawai’i Press. For more information about the SACP and about the journal, *Philosophy East and West*, please see our website at www.sacpweb.org.

**Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies**
Harry Wells, Humboldt State University

The Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies was founded in 1987 to provide an ongoing organization for those committed to study, reflection, interchange, and practice arising out of Buddhist–Christian encounters. The purposes of the Society are: 1) To serve as a coordinating body supporting activities related to the comparative study of, and the practical interaction between, Buddhism and Christianity, by groups and individuals; 2) To encourage those who report on Buddhist–Christian dialogue and comparative study to employ analytical and theoretical tools and to set their discussion within the framework of our larger human history; and 3) To be as inclusive as possible in all its activities, seeking a balance with regard to geography, ethnicity, age, sex, denomination or lineage, cultural tradition, and leadership in both academic and religion institutions, and in the public and private sectors. The Society meets annually in conjunction with the national AAR meeting, having board meetings and a program session one day prior (Friday) to the start of the AAR schedule (Saturday).

There is a second program session on Saturday morning. International conferences lasting approximately five days are held every four years, usually in the summer. The Society publishes a scholarly journal, *The Journal for Buddhist–Christian Studies* (University of Hawai’i) and a biannual newsletter. The Society’s website, www.society-buddhist-christian-studies.org, includes membership information, upcoming dialogue events, conference summaries, newsletters, and links, including one to the newly launched Buddhist–Christian Studies Database housed at Boston College.

**Society for Hindu–Christian Studies**
Corinne Dempsey, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

The Society for Hindu–Christian Studies was founded in November 1994 as a logical extension to the dialogue and scholarship being carried on in the *Hindu–Christian Studies Bulletin* (now the *Journal of Hindu Christian Studies*), which first appeared in 1988 under its founding editor, Harold Coward. The Society is dedicated to the study of Hinduism and Christianity and their interrelationships. It seeks to create a forum for the presentation of historical research and studies of contemporary practice for the fostering of dialogue and interreligious conversation carried forward in a spirit of openness, respect, and true inquiry. Committed to scholarly interchange according to accepted traditional and contemporary methods, the Society understands its scope broadly, so as to include issues related to religious practice, spirituality, and education; it is interested in supporting activities related to the comparative study of Hinduism and Christianity. Our membership includes Christians interested in the study of Hinduism, Hindus interested in the study of Christianity, and scholars — Hindu, Christian, and other — interested in the historical and contemporary interactions of Hinduism and Christianity.
Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
Robin Jensen, Vanderbilt University

The Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies was organized to provide a forum for scholars and artists interested in the intersections among theology, religion, and the arts. The Society wishes to advance the discipline in theological and religious studies curricula. The goal of the Society is to attract consistent participation of a core group of artists and scholars of theology and religion in order to have dialogue about the theological and religious meaning of the arts and the artistic/aesthetic dimension of theological and religious inquiry.

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions
James Robson, Harvard University

The annual membership dues for the Society are $30 ($15 for students and retired). In order to become a new member of SSCR, send a check payable in U.S. dollars to the SSCR treasurer: Jonathan R. Herman, Department of Philosophy, Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA 30302-4089; TEL: 404-651-0714; jherman2@gsu.edu. The membership fee pays for the receipt of the annually produced Journal of Chinese Religions. Make sure to include your full address and your e-mail address with the payment. Additional information on published works (books or articles), recently read papers or presentations, and work in progress is also useful and welcome.

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
Anita Houck, Saint Mary’s College

The Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality promotes research and dialogue within the growing community of people interested in spirituality. Formed in 1991, the SSCS is ecumenical and strives to be inclusive of the widest possible range of expressions of Christian spirituality. It is interdisciplinary and welcomes the application of diverse disciplines to the study of spirituality. While the emphasis of the SSCS is clearly on Christian spirituality, it seeks to foster creative dialogue with other traditions of spirituality. Although the Society is comprised of people from diverse, academically-oriented communities, the SSCS also appeals to nonscholars, such as pastors, practitioners, and those in the helping professions. For more information, please contact Anita Houck at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.

Society of Christian Philosophers
Kelly James Clark, Calvin College

The Society of Christian Philosophers was organized in 1978 to promote fellowship among Christian Philosophers and to stimulate study and discussion of issues which arise from their Christian and philosophical commitments. One of its chief aims is to go beyond the usual philosophy of religion sessions at the American Philosophical Association and to stimulate thinking about the nature and role of Christian commitment in philosophy. Informal discussion among several Christian philosophers led them to believe that it was possible to form a group designed to promote philosophizing and fellowship among philosophers who shared a commitment to Christianity. Past Presidents include William Alston, Robert Merrihew Adams, Alvin Plantinga, Marilyn McCord Adams, George Mavrodes, Nicholas Wolterstorff, Eleonore Stump, C. Stephen Evans, and Robert Audi. Linda Zagzebski, University of Oklahoma, is the current President and Kelly James Clark is Executive Director of SCP. The Society is open to anyone interested in philosophy who considers himself or herself a Christian. Membership is not restricted to any particular “school” of philosophy or to any branch of Christianity, nor to professional philosophers.

Søren Kierkegaard Society
Lee Barrett, Lancaster Seminary

Founded by Robert L. Perkins in 1979, the Søren Kierkegaard Society (SKS) exists to encourage study and discussion of the thought of Søren Kierkegaard in all its dimensions and ramifications, including its sources and influences. SKS is affiliated with the American Academy of Religion and the American Philosophical Association and alternates its annual business meeting between the AAR and APA conventions. At times, dinner meetings with guest speakers are coordinated with these conventions. The Society encourages scholarship on Kierkegaard at, or in connection with, the national and regional meetings of the AAR and APA through an executive committee that includes members of both organizations. Membership in SKS is open to all interested in Kierkegaard. A newsletter informs members of calls for papers and upcoming programs. The current president of SKS is Lee Barrett, Lancaster Seminary, lbarrett@lancasterseminary.edu.

Theta Alpha Kappa
Vivian-Lee Nyitray, University of California, Riverside

Founded in 1976 at Manhattan College, Theta Alpha Kappa is the only national honor society for religious and/or theological studies to be accredited by the Association of College Honor Societies. Governed by a national Board of Directors, Theta Alpha Kappa currently comprises more than 200 chapters in diverse institutions around the country. Theta Alpha Kappa’s dedication to the recognition of excellence is manifest in programs including the publication of a journal, an annual fellowship competition, and annual award programs for outstanding undergraduates. For more information, please write to the current president, Vivian-Lee Nyitray, at ThetaAlphaKappa@ucr.edu.
Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship
Paul D. Molnar, Saint John’s University

This distinctively Christian research organization is devoted to the exploration, development, and dissemination of the theology of Thomas F. Torrance and other theologians contributing to "this" endeavor. The society exists to promote and sustain fellowship and truth-seeking (fides quaerens intellectum) in theological reflection upon the Christian faith, within the mainstream of the Christian Church and tradition in light of the theological legacy of Thomas F. Torrance. We are a Christian Fellowship serving the Christian faith and the renewal of the Church of Jesus Christ. Membership is open to all scholars, pastors, and laypersons who are interested in research in Christian theology and related disciplines, and are in accord with the above mentioned mission statement. We support free inquiry and critical examination of the many facets of theology and religion, especially as these relate to issues that concerned Torrance himself, such as the relationship between science and religion and how to interpret specific Christian doctrines and their implications for today. We seek to bring Torrance’s important thinking into conversation with other significant theologians in an academic way so as to advance a better understanding of the nature of and meaning of contemporary Christian theology. Our website, www.tftorrance.org, contains information about membership, meetings, the Board of Directors and about Thomas F. Torrance himself. At present we are planning to meet as an Additional Meeting at the AAR on Friday afternoon. Please check our website for the most up-to-date information.
AAR MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

With more than 10,000 members, the American Academy of Religion (AAR) is the world’s largest organization serving teachers, scholars, and other professionals in the field of religion. AAR members are affiliated with institutions of higher education, and are also media and publishing professionals, clergy, independent scholars, high school teachers, and nonprofit community workers. The professional diversity of the AAR’s membership reflects the substantial and growing role religion plays in the lives of individuals and communities as well as social, political, and economic events worldwide. Through academic conferences and meetings, publications, and a variety of programs and membership services, the Academy fosters excellence in the scholarship and teaching of religion.

The AAR holds a seat on the American Council of Learned Societies and works cooperatively with other associations in promoting the academic study of religion. Membership is open to all who share an interest in this field and in supporting the work of the Academy. AAR members receive the quarterly Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR); Religious Studies News, an online news publication; the Annual Meeting Program Planner; and E-Bulletins. All members receive discounts on Annual Meeting registration fees and on subscriptions to various publications. Additionally, members have access to Job Postings, a web-based employment information service.

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Religion Education in Public Schools: International Perspectives
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Religion in Southeast Asia
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A9-332 Mon 4:00 pm-6:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-524C

Sikh Studies
A7-132 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am ................................................................. PDC-516A

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Space, Place, and Religious Meaning
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Theology and the Political
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Theology of Martin Luther King Jr.
A7-127 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am ................................................................. PDC-513A
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Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy
A7-135 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am ................................................................. PDC-516D

Transhumanism and Religion
A7-233 Sat 1:00 pm-3:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-510C

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“Our Home and Native Land”: Colonial Encounters and the History of Religion, Spirituality, and the Secular
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(In)formation: Religious Studies and Theological Studies
A7-200 Sat 1:00 pm-3:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-513E

A Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the AAR Excellence in Teaching Award: A Participatory Workshop with the Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients
A7-102 Sat 9:00 am-12:45 pm ................................................................. PDC-518A

AAR Guidelines for Teaching About Religion in K–12 Schools
A9-102 Mon 9:00 am-11:30 am ................................................................. PDC-515C

Beyond the Boundaries: Public Lecture Series I
A7-336 Sat 6:00 pm-8:00 pm ................................................................. Offsite

Beyond the Boundaries: Public Lecture Series II
A8-331 Sun 6:00 pm-8:00 pm ................................................................. Offsite

Beyond the Boundaries: Public Lecture Series III
A9-335 Mon 6:00 pm-8:00 pm ................................................................. Offsite

Conversation with Kwok Pui Lan, 2009 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner
A8-300 Sun 5:00 pm-6:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-513A

Conversation with Zarqa Nawaz, 2009 AAR Religion and the Arts Award Winner
A8-201 Sun 1:00 pm-2:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-520BE

Cracks in the Tower: Barriers to a Career in Religion
A8-279 Sun 3:00 pm-4:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-510C

Diasporas of Religion and Religions of Diaspora
A7-302 Sat 4:00 pm-6:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-513D

Global Economies of the Sacred
A9-100 Mon 9:00 am-11:30 am ................................................................. PDC-514C

Got Life Yet? A Structural Analysis
A9-101 Mon 9:00 am-11:30 am ................................................................. PDC-517B

How to Propose a New Program Unit
A8-202 Sun 1:00 pm-2:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-515C

Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars Workshop
A8-139 Sun 9:00 am-11:30 am ................................................................. PDC-516D

Publishing Your Book: Thoughts from Oxford University Press and from the Editors of the AAR Book Series and JAAR
A7-201 Sat 1:00 pm-3:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-511C

Queer Careers
A7-101 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am ................................................................. PDC-510A

Queering Communities of Color
A8-301 Sun 5:00 pm-6:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-516B

Religion Scholars and National Governments: Should They Be Partners?
A9-201 Mon 1:00 pm-3:30 pm ................................................................. PDC-517B
**Student Town Hall Meeting: “Yes We Can!” The Future of Students in the AAR**
A7-100  Sat  9:00 am-11:30 am  ................................................................. PDC-517C

**The Big Lie: The Mismatch of Job Expectations and Placement Reality**
A8-101  Sun  9:00 am-11:30 am  ........................................................................... PDC-511C

**The Commission on Reasonable Accommodation in Québec: Reflections with Cochairs Charles Taylor and Gérard Bouchard**
A8-250  Sun  3:00 pm-4:30 pm................................................................. PDC-517B

**The Marty Forum: James H. Cone**
A8-203  Sun  1:00 pm-2:30 pm................................................................. PDC-517A

**The Turn to Spirituality: Enlightenment after the Enlightenment?**
A9-300  Mon  4:00 pm-6:30 pm................................................................. PDC-517B

**To Sustain and Renew: AAR, NativeEnergy, and Building Supportive Partnerships between Academia and First Nations/First Peoples**
A7-202  Sat  1:00 pm-3:30 pm................................................................. PDC-511F

**Transnationalism and Pedagogy: Teaching and Learning Beyond Borders**
A8-200  Sun  1:00 pm-2:30 pm................................................................. PDC-524C

**Wabash Luncheon for Graduate Students**
A9-137  Mon  11:45 am-12:45 pm................................................................. PDC-519AB

**Women’s Mentoring Lunch**
A8-136  Sun  11:45 am-12:45 pm................................................................. PDC-519AB

**Plenary Address and Panels**

**Global Perspectives on Religious Studies**
A9-200  Mon  1:00 pm-3:30 pm................................................................. PDC-517A

**Islam and Modernity**
A7-300  Sat  4:00 pm-6:30 pm................................................................. PDC-517A

**Presidential Address: Beyond Words and War: The Global Future of Religion**
A7-404  Sat  8:00 pm-9:00 pm................................................................. PDC-517A

**Rethinking Secularism**
A8-100  Sun  9:00 am-11:30 am................................................................. PDC-517A

**Tariq Ramadan: Contemporary Islam: The Meaning and the Need of a Radical Reform**
A8-138  Sun  11:45 am-12:45 pm................................................................. PDC-517A

**Business and Committee Meetings**

**AAR Annual Business Meeting**
A9-135  Mon  11:45 am-12:45 pm................................................................. PDC-518C

**Academic Relations Committee Meeting**
A8-2  Sun  7:00 am-8:30 am................................................................. FQE-Bellechasse

**Board of Directors Meeting**
A6-101  Fri  9:00 am-5:00 pm................................................................. FQE-Péribonka

**Career Services Advisory Committee Meeting**
A9-136  Mon  11:30 am-1:00 pm................................................................. PDC-512C

**Graduate Student Committee Meeting**
A7-3  Sat  7:00 am-8:30 am................................................................. FQE-Cap-Chat
History of Religions Jury Meeting
A8-4 Sun 7:00 am-8:30 am................................................................. FQE-Kamouraska

International Connections Committee Meeting
A9-3 Mon 7:00 am-8:30 am............................................................... FQE-Youville

JAAR Editorial Board Meeting
A7-402 Sat 6:45 pm-7:30 pm............................................................. PDC-515C

Job Placement Task Force Meeting
A9-1 Mon 7:00 am-8:30 am............................................................... FQE-Chambly

Nominations Committee Meeting
A9-4 Mon 7:00 am-8:45 am............................................................... FQE-Kamouraska

Planning Session for Implicit Religion Consultation
A8-280 Sun 3:00 pm-4:30 pm............................................................. PDC-511A

Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting
A9-7 Mon 7:00 am-8:30 am............................................................... FQE-Cap-Chat

Publications Committee Meeting
A7-7 Sat 8:30 am-11:45 am.............................................................. FQE-Youville

Regionally Elected Directors Meeting
A5-301 Thu 4:00 pm-9:00 pm......................................................... FQE-Chaudière

Religion in the Schools Task Force Meeting
A7-1 Sat 7:00 am-8:30 am.............................................................. FQE-Chambly

Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Task Force Meeting
A9-2 Mon 7:00 am-8:30 am............................................................... FQE-Bellechasse

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
A8-1 Sun 7:00 am-8:30 am.............................................................. FQE-Chambly

Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting
A8-5 Sun 7:30 am-8:45 am.............................................................. PDC-512G

Sustainability Task Force Meeting
A5-300 Thu 3:00 pm-6:00 pm......................................................... FQE-Harricana

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
A8-3 Sun 7:00 am-8:30 am.............................................................. FQE-Youville

Theological Education Steering Committee Meeting
A7-2 Sat 7:00 am-8:30 am.............................................................. FQE-Bellechasse

Films

Bonjour Shalom
A9-400 Mon 8:00 pm-10:00 pm...................................................... FQE-Hochelaga 2

Eve and the Fire Horse
A8-405 Sun 8:30 pm-10:30 pm....................................................... FQE-Hochelaga 3

Jésus de Montréal
A7-406 Sat 9:00 pm-11:00 pm....................................................... FQE-Hochelaga 2

Malls R Us
A6-403 Fri 9:00 pm-11:00 pm....................................................... FQE-Hochelaga 2

Me and the Mosque
A7-407 Sat 9:00 pm-11:00 pm....................................................... FQE-Hochelaga 3

Pray the Devil Back to Hell
A8-404 Sun 8:30 pm-10:30 pm...................................................... FQE-Hochelaga 2
## Art Series Performances

**Bharatanatyam by Hari Krishnan and inDANCE**  
A8-403  
Sun  
8:30 pm-9:30 pm  
FQE-Duluth

**Sweetgrass Singers**  
A8-402  
Sun  
8:30 pm-9:30 pm  
FQE-Marquette

**The Red Box**  
A9-403  
Mon  
8:00 pm-10:30 pm  
FQE-Le Grand Salon

## Receptions and Breakfasts

**AAR Awards Ceremony and Reception**  
A8-400  
Sun  
7:00 pm-8:00 pm  
FQE-Le Grand Salon

**AAR Centennial Celebration**  
A7-408  
Sat  
9:00 pm-11:00 pm  
PDC-710

**Friends of the Academy Reception**  
A7-401  
Sat  
6:30 pm-7:30 pm  
PDC-519AB

**International Members’ Breakfast**  
A7-4  
Sat  
7:30 am-8:45 am  
PDC-519AB

**JAAR Reception for Authors and Board Members**  
A7-403  
Sat  
7:30 pm-8:30 pm  
PDC-516A

**LGBTIQ Scholars and Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception**  
A7-405  
Sat  
8:00 pm-10:00 pm  
PQE-Bersimis

**New Members’ Breakfast**  
A7-6  
Sat  
7:30 am-8:45 am  
PDC-518A

**Program Unit Chair and Steering Committee Reception**  
A9-402  
Mon  
8:00 pm-10:00 pm  
PQE-AAR Suite

**Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfast**  
A9-5  
Mon  
7:15 am-8:45 am  
PDC-519AB

**Racial and Ethnic Minorities Reception**  
A8-401  
Sun  
6:30 pm-8:00 pm  
PDC-510A

**Regional Officers Breakfast**  
A7-5  
Sat  
7:30 am-8:45 am  
PDC-512C

**Welcome Reception**  
A6-401  
Fri  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
PDC-517D

## Preconference Workshops

**Job Center Orientation**  
A6-400  
Fri  
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  
PDC-220A
**Leadership Workshop: Three Religion Majors Meet in a Café: What Do They Have in Common?**
A6-100 Fri 9:00 am-4:00 pm ............................................................ LCS-Joyce

**Luce Seminars on Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology**
A6-102 Fri 9:00 am-5:00 pm ............................................................ FQE-Hochelaga 4

**Religion and Media Workshop: Texts, Scripts, Codes: How Religions and Media Make the World We Live In**
A6-103 Fri 9:30 am-5:00 pm ............................................................ FQE-Hochelaga 6

**Teaching Strategies Workshop: Space, Place, and Religious Meaning in the Classroom**
A6-105 Fri 12:00 pm-6:00 pm ............................................................ FQE-Jolliet

**Sustainability Workshop: Religious Studies in an Age of Global Warming: Transforming Ourselves, Our Students, and Our Universities**
A6-200 Fri 1:30 pm-5:00 pm ............................................................ FQE-Hochelaga 2

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**Tours**

**Eastern Religious Sites of Montréal Tour: Putting Down Roots**
A8-281 Sun 3:00 pm-7:30 pm ............................................................ Meet at PDC-Place Riopelle Bus Terminal

**Ghost Hunt Tour of Old Montréal for Graduate Students**
A6-402 Fri 8:00 pm-12:00 am ............................................................ Meet at PDC-Registration

**Sacred and Religious Sites of Montréal Bus Tour: Tradition in Transition**
A9-234 Mon 1:00 pm-5:00 pm ............................................................ Meet at PDC-Place Riopelle Bus Terminal

**Walking Tour of Old Longueuil and a Visit to the Archives of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary**
A9-6 Mon 8:30 am-1:00 pm ............................................................ Meet at PDC-Place Riopelle Bus Terminal

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**Wildcard Sessions**

**Approaches to the Study of African Diaspora Religions**
A9-202 Mon 1:00 pm-3:30 pm ............................................................ PDC-513D

**Building a Successful Academic Center: Religion, Politics, and Public Engagement**
A8-303 Sun 5:00 pm-6:30 pm ............................................................ PDC-511F

**International Christian Perspectives on Christian Zionism**
A8-204 Sun 1:00 pm-2:30 pm ............................................................ PDC-513A

**Paul Ricoeur and Theology: The Hermeneutics of Texts and the Phenomenology of Experiences**
A8-251 Sun 3:00 pm-4:30 pm ............................................................ PDC-513A

**Priestly and Lay Dimensions of Zoroastrianism**
A8-102 Sun 9:00 am-11:30 am ............................................................ PDC-511F

**Studying Religion and International Development: Affinities, Intersections, and Potentials**
A8-304 Sun 5:00 pm-6:30 pm ............................................................ PDC-513D

**The Revitalization of Aboriginal Spirituality in Canada**
A10-100 Tue 9:00 am-11:30 am ............................................................ PDC-511B

**Whither the “Death of God”: A Continuing Currency?**
A8-252 Sun 3:00 pm-4:30 pm ............................................................ PDC-517A

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**Related Scholarly Organizations**

**African Association for the Study of Religion**
M7-102 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am ............................................................ FQE-Duluth
American Journal of Theology and Philosophy
M8-400 Sun 6:30 pm-8:00 pm ............................................................... PDC-516E

Association for Practical Theology
M7-103 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am .......................................................... FQE-Jolliet

Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies
M9-101 Mon 11:45 am-12:45 pm ....................................................... PDC-512B

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
M6-111 Fri 11:45 am-12:45 pm ........................................................ PDC-515C
M7-200 Sat 1:00 pm-3:30 pm ......................................................... PDC-517B
M9-100 Mon 9:00 am-11:30 am ....................................................... PDC-518A

Colloquium on Violence and Religion
M7-106 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am ......................................................... LCS-Musset
A8-215 Sun 1:00 pm-2:30 pm ......................................................... PDC-518B
M8-302 Sun 4:00 pm-6:30 pm ......................................................... PDC-513E

European Society of Women in Theological Research
M7-407 Sat 7:00 pm-8:30 pm ........................................................ LCS-Saint Maurice

Highlands Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought
M8-305 Sun 5:45 pm-6:15 pm ........................................................ PDC-518B

International Bonhoeffer Society
M6-204 Fri 1:00 pm-6:00 pm .......................................................... LCS-Jarry

Karl Barth Society of North America
M6-304 Fri 4:00 pm-6:30 pm ........................................................ PDC-514C
M7-107 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am ....................................................... PDC-520CF

La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion
M7-108 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am ....................................................... LCS-Lamartine

North American Association for the Study of Religion
M6-103 Fri 9:00 am-12:00 pm ........................................................ PDC-512C
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North American Paul Tillich Society
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M7-2 Sat 7:00 am-8:45 am .......................................................... FQE-Saint-Charles
M7-111 Sat 9:00 am-11:30 am ....................................................... FQE-Périfonbka
M8-103 Sun 11:45 am-12:45 pm ................................................... PDC-513E

Polanyi Society
M6-409 Fri 9:00 pm-11:00 pm ....................................................... FQE-Chaudière
M7-6 Sat 8:00 am-11:30 am ........................................................ LCS-Hemon

Société Internationale sur l'Étude de Loisy
M6-402 Fri 7:00 pm-8:30 pm ......................................................... PDC-515A

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
M8-408 Sun 7:00 pm-8:30 pm ......................................................... LCS-Salon C
M9-401 Mon 7:00 pm-8:30 pm ....................................................... FQE-Richelieu
Additonal Meetings

_A Celebration of the Life and Work of Professor Hew McLeod_
M7-422 Sat 6:00 pm-8:00 pm.................................................................LCS-Lamartine

_A Conversation on Public Theology in the Emerging Landscape with Harvey Cox and Philip Clayton_
M8-304 Sun 4:45 pm-7:15 pm..............................................................PDC-520BE

_Art/s of Interpretation Group_
M6-301 Fri 4:00 pm-6:30 pm...............................................................PDC-513B
M7-201 Sat 1:00 pm-3:30 pm...............................................................FQE-Bersimis

_Asbury Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University Reception_
M7-415 Sat 9:00 pm-11:00 pm............................................................LCS-Jarry

_Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative (APARRI)_
M7-423 Sat 7:00 pm-8:30 pm............................................................FQE-Kamouraska

_Association of Theological Schools Presentation and Reception_
M8-415 Sun 7:00 pm-9:00 pm...............................................................LCS-Salon A&B

_Bahá’í Studies Colloquy_
M7-420 Sat 7:00 pm-8:30 pm...............................................................FQE-Hochelaga 4
Boston University Reception
M8-423  Sun  9:00 pm-11:00 pm.................................................................LCS-Joyce

Brigham Young University and Friends Reception
M7-402  Sat  7:00 pm-8:30 pm.................................................................LCS-Kafka

Brill Publishers/de Gruyter Publishers Reception
M8-435  Sun  9:00 pm-11:00 pm.............................................................FQE-Bersimis

Brown University Reception
M8-424  Sun  9:00 pm-11:00 pm.............................................................FQE-Matapédia

Catholics and Cultures - Initiative on World Catholicism
M8-107  Sun  11:45 am-12:45 pm.........................................................LCS-Musset

Center for Process Studies Reception
M8-425  Sun  8:00 pm-10:00 pm..............................................................PDC-518A

Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Reception
M8-403  Sun  7:00 pm-8:30 pm.................................................................LCS-Joyce

Center of Theological Inquiry Breakfast Reception
M8-1    Sun  7:00 am-8:45 am.................................................................FQE-Saint-Charles

Champlain College Core Division Roundtable and Reception
M8-202  Sun  3:00 pm-5:00 pm.................................................................PDC-518A

Claremont Reception
M8-436  Sun  9:00 pm-11:00 pm..............................................................PDC-519AB

College Theology Society
M7-300  Sat  1:00 pm-6:00 pm.................................................................PDC-512C

Columbia University Reception
M8-426  Sun  9:00 pm-11:00 pm..............................................................LCS-Salon C

Council of Societies for the Study of Religion
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