**PROGRAM SESSIONS**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**A15-300**

*Sustainability Task Force Meeting*
Thursday, 5:00 PM–7:00 PM
HC–4C
Bobbi Patterson, Emory University, Presiding

**A15-301**

*AAR Regional Coordinators’ Dinner*
Thursday, 6:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC–Grand Tradition

**P15-401**

*Adventist Society for Religious Studies*

Theme: **Ordination Session I**
Thursday 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC–Marquette
7:00 PM Registration
8:00 PM Keynote Address:
Trisha Famisaran, La Sierra University, Presiding
   Darius Janklewicz, Andrews University
   *A Short History of Ordination*
9:00 PM Business Meeting:
Carl Cosaert, Walla Walla University, Presiding

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**P16-103**

*Adventist Society for Religious Studies*

Theme: **Ordination Session II**
Friday, 8:30 AM–12:00 PM
MPN–426B
Ruben Muñoz-Larrondo, Andrews University, Presiding
   Alden Thompson, Walla Walla University
   *Scripture Reading and Prayer*
8:45 AM Business Meeting:
Carl Cosaert, Walla Walla University, Presiding

**P16-102**

*North American Paul Tillich Society*

Theme: **Tillich at the University of Chicago**
Friday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
MPE–259
Frederick J. Parrella, Santa Clara University, Presiding
   Peter Slater, University of Toronto
   *Tillich’s Political Theology and Global Religious Outlook*
   Christian Danz, Universität Wien
   *Paul Tillich and the Non-Christian Religions*
   Jean Richard, University of Laval
   *An Ontologization of History in Tillich’s Systematic Theology?*

**P16-105**

*Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies Board Meeting*
Friday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
HC–Lake Ontario

**Location Key:**
HC–Hilton Chicago • HM–Hyatt Regency McCormick Place • MPE–McCormick Place East • MPN–McCormick Place North
MPS–McCormick Place South • MPW–McCormick Place West • PH–Palmer House Hilton

L. Jean Sheldon, Pacific Union College
*Images of Power, the Image of God, and a Kingdom of Priests*
Leo Ranzolin, Pacific Union College
*The Case for Women’s Ordination: The Trajectory of an Egalitarian Ethic in the Pauline Letters*
John Brunt, Azure Hills Seventh-day Adventist Church
*Does the New Testament Contain a Clear Practice of Ordination for Ministry?*

Break

10:40 AM Session III
Theme: **Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary’s Statement on Ordination**
Edwin Reynolds, Southern Adventist University, Presiding
Panelists:
   Denis Fortin, Andrews University
   Nick Miller, Andrews University
   Teresa Reeve, Andrews University
   Kendra Haloviak Valentine, Loma Linda University
   Zdravko Plantak, Washington Adventist University
11:50 AM Business Meeting:
Carl Cosaert, Walla Walla University, Presiding
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A16-100
Luce Seminars on Theologies of Religious Pluralism and Comparative Theology Fellows: Cohort Three Workshop
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPN-131
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
This all-day seminar will be the second meeting of the third cohort of the American Academy of Religion/Henry Luce Foundation Summer Seminar Fellows. By invitation only.
Panelists:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School
Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College
Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

A16-102
Graduate Student Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
MPS-103A
Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University, Presiding

A16-103
History of Religions Jury Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-103BC
Louis A. Ruprecht, Georgia State University, Presiding

A16-104
International Connections Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-103D

A16-105
Nominations Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-104A
Jonathan L. Walton, Harvard University, Presiding

A16-106
Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-104B
Shaun Allen Casey, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding

A16-107
Regional Coordinators’ Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-105A
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding

A16-108
Status of LGBTQ Persons in the Profession Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-105BC
Melissa Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

A16-109
Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-105D
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University, Presiding

A16-110
Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-106A
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College, Presiding

A16-111
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-106B
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College, Presiding

Symbol Key:

AAR Award Winners
Arts Series
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A16-101
Religion and Media Workshop
Theme: Feeling Political: Religion, Media, and the Politics of Emotion
Friday, 9:30 AM–4:15 PM
MPN-129
Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, University of North Carolina, and J. Barton Scott, Montana State University, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University
  - Ann Pellegrini, New York University
  - Christian Lundberg, University of North Carolina
  - Matthew Day, Florida State University
  - Robert Pérez, Fenton Communications
  - Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University
  - Bonnie Turner, Writer and Producer
  - Amy Simon, Goodwin Simon Strategic Research

The cost for the workshop is $60, which includes the entire day of sessions and lunch. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants. See page 212 for registration form and more information.

P16-106
African Association for the Study of Religions
Theme: Author(s)-Meet-Critics Session: African Traditions in the Study of Religion in Africa and the New African Diaspora
Saturday, 9:30 AM–11:30 AM
MPN-135

These two books present a unique multidisciplinary exploration of African traditions in the study of religion in Africa and the new African diaspora. Contributors drawn from diverse African and global contexts situate current scholarly traditions of the study of African religions within the purview of academic encounters and exchanges with non-African scholars and non-African contexts. African scholars enrich the study of religions from their respective academic and methodological orientations. Jacob Kehinde Olupona stands out as a pioneer in the socioscientific interpretation of African indigenous religion and religions in Africa. These books are to his honor and mark his immense contribution to an emerging field of study and research. Panelists will critically discuss the books and their themes and demonstrate whether, how, and to what extent the contributions to the books represent African traditions in the study of religion in Africa and the African diaspora.

Panelists:
  - Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary
  - Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee
  - Elias Bongomba, Rice University
  - Laura Grillo, Pacifica Graduate Institute
  - Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University
  - Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University

Responding:
  - Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh
  - Ezra Chitando, University of Zimbabwe
  - Bolaji Bateye, Obafemi Awolowo University

A16-112
AAR Leadership Luncheon
Friday, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM
MPS-101B
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Members of AAR’s Board of Directors, Committees, and Task Forces are invited to this luncheon to recognize their service to and leadership within the Academy.

A16-113
Leadership Workshop
Theme: More Time, Less Budget: The Role of the Department Chair in a New Economic Context
Friday, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM
MPN-140
Steve Young, McHenry County College, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Joseph Favazza, Stonehill College
  - Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
  - Edwin David Aponte, New York Theological Seminary
  - Courtney Bender, Columbia University
  - Ted Trost, University of Alabama
  - Rosetta Ross, Spelman College

The cost for the workshop is $60, which includes lunch and the entire afternoon of sessions. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants. See page 213 for registration form and more information.
A16-114
Women's Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Networking Introduction
Friday, 12:00 PM–2:00 PM
MPN-230B
All women of the AAR and SBL are invited to join us for conversation around this year's Women's Caucus theme “Networking.” We will introduce our roundtable discussion leadership team and topics. This year's topics are:
Friday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM — Traditional Networking, the Basics: cultivating and maximizing relationships at AAR/SBL and through the Women's Caucus (A16-300)
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM — Networking: The session will focus on maximizing the resources of the internet to build a professional web presence for oneself (A17-201)
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM — Networking: Working on the Internet: Teaching and learning in the digital realm (A18-202)
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM — Net Worth /Networking and Intersectionality: Examining and maximizing the intersectionality of women's lives (A19-102)
Interested individuals are encouraged to email aar.sbl.womens.caucus@gmail.com for additional details.

P16-202
North American Paul Tillich Society
Theme: Tillich and Pedagogy
Friday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
MPN-227A
Echol Nix, Furman University, Presiding
Jari Ristiniemi, University of Gävle
Tillichian Pedagogy and New Learning Situations: Information Learning, Integral Learning, and Self-determination
David H. Nikkel, University of North Carolina, Pembroke
Teaching Two Classics in Religion/Theology and Culture
Donald W. Musser, Stetson University
Teaching Tillich to Undergraduates

P16-208
North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: “If Ever a Wiz There Was”: The Wizard of Oz and the Study of Religion
Friday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
MPE-259
The impact of the 1939 film The Wizard of Oz on American culture has been enormous. According to the Library of Congress, it is the most-watched film in history. In a People Magazine poll taken in 1999, it was voted the favorite movie of the twentieth century. The Wizard of Oz has been examined extensively by film scholars, critics, and historians, but rarely — despite the depth and breadth of its otherworldly content — by those engaged in the academic study of religion. This panel aims to redress this omission by considering the film in terms of several methodologies often applied to religious data, including philosophy, history, postcolonialism, and hermeneutics.
By doing so we aim not only to demonstrate the richness and diversity of the film's theological possibilities, but also to disclose various workings of a cultural product that has, Wizard-like, been pulling, punching, and prodding the levers of the American mythic imagination for over seventy years.
Panelists:
Michael Ostling, Queensland University
Tony Michael, York University
David Smith, Central Michigan University
Ken Derry, University of Toronto

P16-209
Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies Board Meeting
Friday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
HC-Lake Ontario

Symbol Key:
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A16-200

Rethinking Islamic Studies Workshop
Theme: Performance and Practice in Muslim Experience
Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
MPN-136
Gordon Newby, Emory University, and Kristian Petersen, University of Washington, Presiding

Leor Halevi, Vanderbilt University
Ritual, Gender, and Law: The Performance of Funerary Laments and the Rite of Islamic Practices
Karen Ruffle, University of Toronto, and Vernon Schubel, Kenyon College
Let the Margins Be the Center: Recentering Marginalized Practices
Vincent Cornell, Emory University
Reading Performative Texts: What We Can Learn from Invocations (Dhikr) and Litanies (Wird)
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago
Islam, Nation, Modernity: Reading, Viewing, and Theorizing Elements of Muslim Religious Rituals and Islamicate Cultural Performances
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University
Space, Place, and Performance
Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union
Exhibiting Islam/Muslims: Aesthetics, Politics, and Religion
Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University
Preaching: Hybrid Messages, Diffusing Authorities, and New Media
Scott Kugle, Emory University
Sufi Musical Performance and Ritual Space

Instructional experts will present and lead discussion. Because one’s teaching philosophy is a crucial element to any job interview, graduate students involved in teaching will surely not want to miss this opportunity.

Panelists:
Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University
Eugene Gallagher, Connecticut College
Rolf Jacobson, Luther Seminary

A16-201 (=P16-207)

Wabash Center Workshop for Graduate Students
Theme: Teaching Philosophy and Syllabi Preparation
Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
MPN-139
Paul Myhre, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Presiding

Cosponsored by the Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, the AAR Graduate Student Committee, and the SBL Student Advisory Board.

Open to graduate students who are teaching or may in the near future teach, this workshop focuses turning one’s teaching philosophy into effective lesson planning and design. Participants will submit by October 1 a one-page teaching philosophy statement and a sample syllabi from a course they have taught, want to teach, or that has been taught in their department. Intentional reflection on the context of teaching and the student learners at its core will lead to practical classroom strategies for the participants’ own contexts.

The cost for the workshop is $30, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants. See page 214 for registration form and more information.

A16-202

Chicago City and Architectural Tour
Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
MPS-Gate 2

See the city and experience it! You will see the best of Chicago — magnificent outdoor art by world-renowned twentieth century sculptors, the Water Tower and its elegant relative Water Tower Place, Lake Shore Drive, Millennium Park, and the Magnificent Mile. Drive past three of the five tallest buildings in the Western hemisphere as well as Soldier Field, the Art Institute of Chicago, Marina City, State Street and the “Loop,” Gold Coast high-rises, and the Museum Campus. While we tour the city’s highlights, learn about its great history and architecture.

If time permits, we will also take you into three of the city’s most sumptuous interiors: the palatial Second Empire-style lobby of the Palmer House Hilton, the Tiffany glass-crowned arcade of Marshall Field and Company on State Street, and the mosaic-embellished Chicago Cultural Center.

P16-205

International Bonhoeffer Society
Theme: Editorial Board and Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, 1:00 PM–6:00 PM
MPS-503A

P16-206

Consortium of Christian Study Centers Annual Meeting
Friday, 1:30 PM–4:30 PM
MPN-230A
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### A16-203

**Sustainability Workshop**

**Theme:** Global Perspectives on (In)equality and Ethics in Ecological Issues  
**Friday, 1:45 PM–5:00 PM**  
HC-Williford B

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University, Presiding  
Sponsored by the Sustainability Task Force and the Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group.

**Panelists:**  
- Prairie Rose Seminole, Fargo, ND  
- Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University  
- Tyson-Lord Gray, Vanderbilt University  
- Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School  
- Kurt Kuhwald, Starr King School for the Ministry  
- Ivone Gebara, Tabatinga, Brazil

The cost for the workshop is $40, which includes the entire afternoon of sessions and a coffee break. Registration is limited to the first 75 participants.

See page 215 for registration form and more information.

### A16-205

**Envisioning Alternative Academic Careers Workshop**  
**Friday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM**  
MPE-353B

Christine Kraemer, Cherry Hill Seminary, Presiding  
Panelist:  
- Amy Hale, Saint Petersburg College

The cost for the workshop is $25. Registration is limited to the first 30 participants.

See page 216 for registration form and more information.

### P16-297

**Adventist Society for Religious Studies**

**Theme:** Ordination, Session IV  
**Friday, 2:00 PM–5:30 PM**  
MPN-426B

Tarsee Li, Oakwood University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Bev Beem, Walla Walla University, and Ginger Harwood, La Sierra University  
- Theodore Levterov, Loma Linda University  
- Kessia Reyne Bennett, Andrews University  
- Gilbert Valentine, La Sierra University  
- Martin Hanna, Andrews University, Presiding  
- Kurt Kuhwald, Starr King School for the Ministry  
- Ivone Gebara, Tabatinga, Brazil

The Anglican Journey to Equality in Ministry  
**Discussion**  
3:30 PM Session V

**Theme:** Sectional Meetings

- **Christian Ethics**  
  Charles Scriven, Kettering College of Medical Arts, Presiding

- **Christian Theology and History**  
  Martin Hanna, Andrews University, Presiding

- **New Testament**  
  Agnies Samson, Oakwood University, Presiding

- **Old Testament**  
  Jacques Doukhan, Andrews University, Presiding

- **Philosophy**  
  Abigail Doukhan, Queens College, Presiding

- **Practical Theology**  
  Ernie Furness, Southeastern California Conference, Presiding

- **Religion and Culture**  
  Carla Gober, Loma Linda University, Presiding

- **World Religions/Missiology**  
  Ernie Bursey, Florida Hospital College, Presiding

**4:30 PM Special Meetings**

- **Black Theology Group**  
  Finbar S. Benjamin, Oakwood University, Presiding

- **Women in Theology Group**  
  Ginger Harwood, La Sierra University, and Trisha Famisaran, La Sierra University, Presiding

**A16-204**

**The Study of Religion as an Analytical Discipline Workshop**

**Theme:** The Analytical Handling of Norms and Values in the Study of Religion  
**Friday, 2:00 PM–6:00 PM**  
MPE-353A

Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, and Katja Rakow, University of Heidelberg  
- Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, and Monica Miller, Lewis and Clark College

**The Problem of “Genuine Religion” and Dominant Normative Claims**

**Analytical Research in the Eye of a Normative Claims Storm**
Jorunn Buckley, Bowdoin College, and Robert Baum, University of Missouri
*Human Rights and Researcher Responsibilities toward Threatened or Minority Populations*

Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama, and Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University
*Falsifiability, Objectivity, Method, Theory, and Norms*

Open Debate among Attendees:
*A Research Ethics Policy in the Analytical Study of Religion*

Business Meeting:
Randall Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding

The cost for the workshop is $25, which includes five sessions and afternoon tea. Thanks to Equinox Publishing, we have limited funds for subsidies for graduate students and adjunct instructors; please contact ipsita.chatterjea@vanderbilt.edu.

See page 217 for registration form and more information.

**P16-210**

**Karl Barth Society of North America**

Friday, 3:15 PM–6:15 PM
MPE-258

*Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary*

*The Attributes of God*

*Paul Dafydd Jones, University of Virginia*

*Divine and Human Patience*

Time for questions will follow each presentation.

**A16-300**

**Women’s Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Traditional Networking, the Basics*

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
MPW-193B

This session will address cultivating and maximizing relationships at the AAR and SBL. How can you make the AAR and SBL, the Women’s Caucus, and the AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee work for you?

**P16-309**

**North American Paul Tillich Society**

Theme: *Tillich on Being*

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
MPE-259

Duane Olson, McKendree University, Presiding

*Steven Jungkeit, Harvard University*

*Geographies of the New Being: Dislocation and Subcultural Life in Paul Tillich’s Theology*

*Devan Stahl, Saint Louis University*

*Paul Tillich, Liberal Protestantism, and the Future of Bioethics*

*Courtney Wilder, Midland University*

*Tillich and Intellectual Disability: Adequacy of Accounts of Faith*

**P16-311**

**Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies**

Theme: *Contemplative Pedagogy: Pitfalls and Potentials*

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
MPE-260

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Alfred University, Presiding

*John D. Copenhaver, Shenandoah University*

*Kristine T. Utterback, University of Wyoming*

*Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University*

*Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University*

Responding:
*William H. Green, Tougaloo College*

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P16-313
North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Politics, Religion, and the Possibility of Radical Political Theology after Liberalism: A Panel Discussion on the Recent Contributions of Jeffrey Robbins and Clayton Crockett
Friday, 4:30 PM–7:00 PM
MPN-137
Dan Miller, Mount Allison University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Catherine Keller, Drew University
  Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University
  Ian Ward, University of Maryland
Responding:
  Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College
  Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas

P16-312
Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion
Theme: Feminist Studies in Religion Boards Preconference
Friday, 6:00 PM–8:30 PM
HC-Pullman Boardroom

P16-390
Adventist Society for Religious Studies
Theme: Session VI — Presidential Addresses with the Adventist Theological Society
Friday, 6:30 PM–10:00 PM
HM-Regency Ballroom
Ranko Stefanovic, Andrews University, Presiding
Adventist Theological Society Presidential Address
  Stephen Bauer, Southern Adventist University
  Creation and Kenosis
Adventist Society for Religious Studies Presidential Address
  John Reeve, Andrews University
  Ordination and Priesthood: Mediating Forgiveness in the Early Church

P16-400
AAR Welcome Reception
Friday, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
HC-International Ballroom South
Join your friends and colleagues for conversation and fun at the AAR Welcome Reception. Light refreshments, a cash bar, and live jazz combine to make this a great way to catch up with friends old and new.

P16-400
Society for Hindu–Christian Studies
Theme: Discussion of Rajiv Malhotra’s Being Different: An Indian Challenge to Western Universalism (Harper Collins, 2011)
Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-Astoria
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College
  Jonathan B. Edelmann, Mississippi State University
  Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College
Responding:
  Rajiv Malhotra, Infinity Foundation

P16-403
Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
Theme: The Living News: SHELTER, A Staged Reading of a Play-in-Progress
Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Offsite, Stage Two, Columbia College Chicago, 618 S. Michigan Ave, Second Floor
The Living News: SHELTER gives voice to those hidden behind the headlines. A collaborative alliance of artists, journalists, and musicians is working with homeless men, women, and children at Cornerstone Community Outreach, a shelter in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago, to create a unique theatre production that shares their stories — stories reflecting the lives of over 90,000 people living homeless in Chicago this year. The Living News: SHELTER is a conversation-starter — a catalyst for community dialogue. Standing on the shoulders of the “Living Newspaper” productions of the 1930s, created by the WPA’s Federal Theater Project, The Living News: SHELTER mirrors their form, combining bold theatricality with a unique, collaborative, and creative process.
Sponsored by the Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies, this event is free and open to the public. A dialogue with Director/Editor-in-Chief Lisa DiFranza, cast, and writing team will follow the performance of this staged work-in-progress.
P16-404

**Søren Kierkegaard Society**

**Theme:** Kierkegaard Society Banquet  
**Friday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM**  
**Offsite**

The Kierkegaard Society will hold its traditional Friday night banquet at a restaurant within walking distance of the conference hotels. Eric Ziolkowski will give an after-dinner presentation on “The Literary Kierkegaard,” and Sheridan Hough will give a mid-dinner reading from her new Kierkegaard novel, *Deep Mirrors.*

Meal costs, time, and location will be found in the Fall *Kierkegaard Society Newsletter,* or from an inquiry to Ed Mooney, efmooney@syr.edu.

**Panelists:**  
Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College  
Sheridan Hough, College of Charleston

A16-401

**Film:** *Yoga, Inc.*  
**Friday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM**  
**HC-Lake Erie**

Stuart Sarbacker, Oregon State University, Presiding

*Yoga, Inc.* examines the commercialization and commodification of the contemporary practice of yoga. Competitions, franchises, and legal action have all marked the rise of a billion-dollar industry built around a phenomenon that has captured the imagination of millions around the world. A facilitated discussion will follow the film.

A16-402

**Film:** *Disaster, Film, and Souls of Zen*  
**Theme:** A Documentary and Discussion of Religious Responses to the 2011 Tsunami  
**Friday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM**  
**HC-Lake Huron**

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University, Presiding

This panel will present perspectives on Buddhism in the midst of Japan's recovery from the March 11, 2011, earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear disasters through the lens of a feature-length documentary film. *Souls of Zen* explores the role of Buddhism in care for the 3/11 bereaved and the dead, based on attention to the everyday lives of Buddhist professionals in the disaster zone and in other areas. Shot from March to December 2011, with a focus on Soto Zen and Jodoshu, the film captures Buddhist temples and local communities in their struggles to rebuild. By contextualizing the triple disaster within recent rapid transformations in Buddhism and Japan’s enduring tradition of ancestor veneration, this panel will reflect on the complex role of Buddhism in a society shaped by natural disasters, religious pluralism, and demographic change.

Panelists:  
Tim Graf, University of Heidelberg  
Inken Prohl, University of Heidelberg  
Mark Patrick McGuire, John Abbott College  
Steven Heine, Florida International University

A16-403

**Film:** *The Agony and the Ecstasy*  
**Friday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM**  
**HC-Lake Michigan**

Ken Derry, University of Toronto, Presiding

Religion and art are often understood to involve spiritual qualities of inspiration, creativity, and suffering. Recounting/imaging the events of the early sixteenth century that resulted in Michelangelo’s work on the Sistine Chapel, *The Agony and the Ecstasy* suggests that religion and art are also often bound up with the very material concerns of politics, money, and violence — and that these connections may at times be vital for achieving some forms of transcendence.

Commissioned by the ever-warring Pope Julius II (played by Rex Harrison) to decorate the ceiling of a favored place of worship, Charlton Heston’s Michelangelo encounters a variety of inner and outer obstacles that slowly, slowly, slowly lead him to painfully create what continues to be regarded as one of the most important artworks of any time, in any place. (Based on the novel by Irving Stone. Dir. Carol Reed, USA, 1965)

A16-404

**Luce Summer Seminars Reception**  
**Friday, 8:30 PM–10:00 PM**  
**HC-AAR Suite**

A gathering for alumni/ae of the AAR’s Luce Summer Seminars.

A16-405

**Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies**  
**Theme:** Film Preview: *Buddha and Jesus: Practicing Across Traditions*  
**Friday, 8:30 PM–10:00 PM**  
**HC-PDR 2**

Paul F. Knitter, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Can engagement with Buddhism deepen one’s understanding of Christian faith? This new documentary film (Old Dog Documentaries, 2012) explores this question in interviews with three leading figures in today’s Buddhist–Christian dialogue: Father Robert Kennedy, Chung Hyun Kyung, and Paul F. Knitter. A discussion will follow the film.

A16-402

**Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion Reception**  
**Friday, 8:30 PM–10:30 PM**  
**HC-4K**
P17-2

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion Board Meeting
Saturday, 7:00 AM–9:30 AM
HC-Boulevard B

A17-1

AAR New Members’ Breakfast
Saturday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM
MPW-175A
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
New (first-time) AAR members in 2012 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.

A17-2

Regional Officers’ Breakfast
Saturday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM
MPS-501D
Brian K. Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding
By invitation. The AAR is happy to provide this opportunity for officers in the AAR’s ten regions to network with one another and to hear reports from Regions Director Brian K. Pennington and AAR staff about AAR Board actions and deliberations and regional initiatives being undertaken by the AAR.

P17-3

La Communidad Breakfast Meeting
Saturday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM
MPN-427BC
Continental breakfast and networking followed by the annual business meeting.

A17-3

Passport to Chicago’s Neighborhoods and Lunch Tour
Saturday, 8:00 AM–1:00 PM
MPW-Tour Desk
Experience a potpourri of ethnic sights and sounds as you travel through three of Chicago’s distinctive neighborhoods. First we’ll visit Taylor Street, the port of call for Chicago’s Little Italy. There we'll explore two significant landmarks of Little Italy — the Catholic churches of Our Lady of Pompeii and Holy Guardian Angel. Then we’ll go to Greektown, a neighborhood in the Near West Side of Chicago.

Finally, we’ll explore Chinatown, located along Wentworth Avenue, with shopping and landmarks, including the Chinatown Gate. A group lunch in Chinatown is included with the tour.

P17-100

Consortium of Christian Study Centers Annual Meeting
Saturday, 8:30 AM–11:30 AM
MPS-403A

A17-100

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Out of Many: Teaching Religion in Entry-level Courses Across the Humanities
MPS-401D
Daniel Greene, Newberry Library, Presiding
Sponsored by the Academic Relations Committee and the Teaching and Learning Committee of the AAR and by the Newberry Library of Chicago.
Scholars who study religion can be found in nearly every department of the academy. Historians, philosophers, literary critics, and others are often positioned in departments where the primary focus of their teaching are entry-level courses that, on their surface, are not about religion. This roundtable proposes to inaugurate a conversation about the ways in which to integrate religion as a major theme in entry-level courses across the humanities. Scholars from various disciplines both inside and outside religious studies departments will share their experiences and perspectives on best practices, and the audience will encourage the roundtable’s comment by offering their own practices, stories, and questions.

Panelists:
Mark Norbeck, El Paso Community College
Sheldon Liebman, City Colleges of Chicago
Judi Cameron, McHenry County College
Steve Young, McHenry County College
Responding:
Christopher Cantwell, Newberry Library

A17-101

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Black Theology Group
Theme: Imagining a World: Dance, Music, Poetry, and Black Theology
MPN-130
Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding
Angela Yarber, Wake Forest University
Dancing Eschatological Imagination: Baby Suggs, Alvin Ailey, and KRUMP Theology
Jennifer Rapp, Deep Springs College
The Poetry of Ed Roberson and Theory of the Sacred: As at the Far Edge of Circling

James McLeod, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Something That the Preacher Don’t Preach: A Study of the Complicated Use of Religious Imagery in the Music of Kanye West

Responding:
Cheryl Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
Barbara Holmes, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

A17-102
Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group
Theme: Making Sense of Ambivalence: Women in Early Modern and Contemporary Japanese Buddhism
MPW-471A
Janine Sawada, Brown University, Presiding

Lori Meeks, University of Southern California
Preaching the Blood Bowl Sutra in Early Modern Japan

Jessica Starling, University of Virginia
Guardians of the Buddha’s Home: Domestic Religion in Early Modern Sermons for Bōmōri (Priests’ Wives)

Matt Mitchell, Duke University
Networks of Obligation: The Lives and Connections of Daibongan’s Nuns in Early Modern Japan

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
Gender Bending and Gender Affirmation: A Performance of the Anan Kōshiki at a Contemporary Sōtō Zen Convent

Responding:
Helen Hardacre, Harvard University

A17-103
Comparative Studies in Religion Section
Theme: Comparative Messianism: Extroversions and Introversionsof Eschatological Figuration
MPW-471B
Kimberley Patton, Harvard University, Presiding

Panelists:
Elliot Wolfson, New York University
Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University
Cyrus Zargar, Augustana College
Catherine Keller, Drew University

Responding:
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

A17-104
History of Christianity Section and Contemplative Studies Group
Theme: Slow Knowledge: Theorizing Contemplative Practice in a Digital Age
MPW-175C
Beverly Lanzetta, University of New Mexico, Presiding

Panelists:
Douglas E. Christie, Loyola Marymount University
Amy Hollywood, Harvard University
Columba Stewart, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University
Barbara Newman, Northwestern University

A17-105
North American Religions Section; Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group; Hinduism Group; North American Hinduism Group; Religion; Migration Group; and Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Group
Theme: E Pluribus Pluribus: Transnational Hinduism in North America
MPN-426B
Corinne Dempsey, Nazareth College, Presiding

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago
Constructing Locality at a North American Hindu Goddess Temple

Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University
A Call to Multiple Arms! A Call to Multiple Arms! Constructing Hindu Identity through the Discourse of Protest

Teruyuki Tsuji, Saint Louis University
Between ‘Indian’ and ‘West Indian’: Ethnoreligiosity and Social Capital Development of the Indo-Caribbean Immigrants in South Florida

Paul Younger, McMaster University
Transnational Hinduism in Canada

Luke Whitmore, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point
“Dance the Angry God of the Politicians”: Reimagining the Poetics of Possession in Toronto

Responding:
Jennifer B. Saunders, Stamford, CT

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A17-106
Philosophy of Religion Section
Theme: The Place of Metaphysics in Theology: A Symposium on Kevin Hector’s Theology Without Metaphysics (Cambridge University Press, 2011)
MPW-475A
Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Sameer Yadav, Duke University
Therapy for the Therapist: Brandom and McDowell in Kevin Hector’s Theology Without Metaphysics
Deena M. Lin, Claremont Graduate University
Saving Apophasitism: Reviewing Hector’s Antimetaphysics from Within
Ray Bitar, United States University
The Metaphysics of Antimetaphysics: On Kevin Hector and Combating Theological Violence
Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary
In Defence of Theological Essentialism: A Reply to Kevin Hector
Responding:
Kevin Hector, University of Chicago

A17-107
Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Mobilizing Religion for the Politics of Resistance
MPW-194A
Richard Amesbury, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Laurie Cozad, University of Mississippi
God on High: Defining Religion in the Marijuana Age
Sarah Azaransky, University of San Diego
Bayard Rustin and Nonviolent Direct Action, 1940–1948
Stephanie Gaskill, University of North Carolina
Resisting the “Politics of Respectability”: Michelle Alexander’s The New Jim Crow (New Press, 2010) and the Mobilization of Religious Leaders against Mass Incarceration
Melissa Borja, Columbia University
The Politics of Defining Hmong Religion

A17-108
Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Religion and Humanism Group
MPW-178A
Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Panelists:
Slavica Jakelic, University of Virginia
Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University
Aline Kalbian, Florida State University
David Gushee, Mercer University
Responding:
Christian Smith, University of Notre Dame

A17-109
Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Theme: Theorizing Maternality
MPW-176B
Rachel Smith, Villanova University, Presiding
Carolyn Roncolato, Chicago Theological Seminary
Mimetic Conception: Infertility Treatment as Deconstruction and Reinscription of Western Maternality and Heteronormativity
Emily Holmes, Christian Brothers University
Haderswijch and the Mother of Love: Writing the Incarnation through Maternality and Mysticism
Wesley Barker, Emory University
To Know the (M)other: Rethinking Maternality through Irigaray’s Deconstruction of Sexual Difference
Mara Willard, Harvard University
Creation Stories: Natality, Maternality, Divinity
Responding:
Tamsin Jones, University of Victoria

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- Exploratory Sessions
- Focus on Chicago
- Migrant’s Religions Under Imperial Duress
- Professional Practices and Institutional Location Sessions
- Receptions and Breakfasts
- Sustainability and Religion
- Tours
- Wildcard Sessions
A17-110

African Diaspora Religions Group
Theme: Islam in the African Diaspora
MPW-176A
Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding
Panelists:
  Yushau Sodiq, Texas Christian University
  Edward Curtis, Indiana University–Purdue University, Indianapolis
  Sylviane Diouf, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture
Responding:
  Elias Bongmba, Rice University
Business Meeting:
  Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding

A17-111

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group and Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group
Theme: Luther and Augustine as Biblical Interpreters
MPW-176C
Kari Kloos, Regis University, Presiding
  Jennifer Hockenbery, Mount Mary College
  God and Time: Augustine and Luther on Genesis 1 and 2
  Kenneth Oakes, Eberhard Karls Universität, Tübingen
  Luther, Augustine, and the Time of Creation
  Tyler Atkinson, University of Aberdeen
  The Relevance of Luther’s Notes on Ecclesiastes for Contextual–Theological Interpretation
  Karl Shuve, University of Virginia
  A Song of Peace: Augustine, Luther, and the Politics of the Song of Songs
Responding:
  Kirsi Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg

A17-112

Body and Religion Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
Theme: The Ideal/ized Body as Problem and Goal
MPN-128
Linda Barnes, Boston University, Presiding
  Mari Jyväsjärvi, Reed College
  Neglect of the Body Versus Care of the Body: Attitudes to Medicine and Healing in Jainism
  Brenda Llewellyn Ihssen, Pacific Lutheran University
  Curing and Enduring: Medical Care for Monks and the Multitudes in Byzantine Beneficial Tales

Perundevi Srinivasan, Siena College
Deity-making and Territory-making: Body, Poxes, and Healing in South India
Emily Wu, University of San Francisco
Pruning the Flower Shrub: Chinese Ritual Healing of Infertile Body
Responding:
  Ariel Glucklich, Georgetown University

A17-113

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
Theme: Exploring Bonhoeffer’s Volume 16: Prayer, Mission, Confession, and Natural Law
MPW-474B
Mark Brocker, Saint Andrew Lutheran Church, Presiding
  David Congdon, Princeton Theological Seminary
  The Missionary Situation of a World Come of Age: The Problem of the Missionsgemeinde and Volkskirche in Bonhoeffer
  Mark Knight, University of Cambridge
  “The Ordering of Life”: Prayer in Bonhoeffer’s Writings from DBWE 16
  Nicola Wilkes, University of Cambridge
  Life and Health: Bonhoeffer’s Normative and Divergent Accounts of Confession of Sin
  Anthony Bateza, Princeton Theological Seminary
  Bonhoeffer’s Challenge to and Re-envisioning of the Natural Law
Business Meeting:
  Jennifer McBride, Wartburg College, Presiding

A17-114

Comparative Religious Ethics Group and Confucian Traditions Group
Theme: New Directions in Confucian Ethics
MPN-227A
Alexus McLeod, University of Dayton, Presiding
  Cheryl Cottine, Indiana University
  Roles, Relationships, and Chinese Ethics: A Comparative Study
  Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University
  Mastery and Dependence in Early Confucianism
  Michael Ing, Indiana University
  A Tragic Theory of Confucian Ritual
Responding:
  Jung Lee, Northeastern University

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A17-115

Comparative Theology Group

Theme: The Perils and Promise of Translation in Comparative Theology

MPN-230A

Kristin Johnston Largen, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding
Edward Upton, Valparaiso University
Shalahudin Katrawi, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Tim Hartman, University of Virginia
Christopher Denny, Saint John's University, New York

Responding:
James Miller, Queen's University

Business Meeting:
S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding

A17-116

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group

Theme: Contemporary Pagan Theology and Praxology

MPN-140

Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University, Presiding
Michael York, Amersterdam, Netherlands
Christopher Chase, Iowa State University
Morgan Davis, Warren Wilson College
Michelle Mueller, Graduate Theological Union

Responding:
Nikki Bado, Iowa State University

Business Meeting:
Chas Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Presiding

A17-117

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Sociology of Religion Group

Theme: Theorizing Religion and Violence: Interdisciplinary Approaches, the Future of a Subfield

MPW-185A

Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Catherine Wessinger, Loyola University, New Orleans
Shalaludin Katrawi, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Tim Hartman, University of Virginia
Christopher Denny, Saint John's University, New York

Responding:
David Frankfurter, Boston University

A17-118

Ecclesiological Investigations Group

Theme: The Social Gospel in a Time of Economic Crisis: The Churches and Capitalism Today

MPW-187B

Bradford Hinze, Fordham University, Presiding
Michael York, Amersterdam, Netherlands
Christopher Chase, Iowa State University
Morgan Davis, Warren Wilson College
Michelle Mueller, Graduate Theological Union

Responding:
Nikki Bado, Iowa State University

Business Meeting:
Chas Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Presiding
A17-119

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
Theme: Cutting Edges in Islamic Feminism
MPW-178B
Katia Moles, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith College
Genealogy as a Method in Islamic Feminism
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina
Protective Patriarchy, Feminist Gender Justice: Researching Muslim Efforts against Domestic Violence
Ina Mordjanova, Sophia University, Bulgaria
Religion, Women, and Peacebuilding in the Balkans
Business Meeting:
Christine Gudorf, Florida International University, Presiding

A17-120

Gay Men and Religion Group
Theme: Behold the Book, the Author, and the Critics: Kent Brintnall’s Ecce Homo: The Male-Body-in-Pain as Redemptive Figure (University of Chicago Press, 2012)
MPN-131
Patrick Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding
Panelists:
Björn Krontorfer, Saint Mary’s College, Maryland
Aaron Klink, Duke University
Joseph A. Marchal, Ball State University
Karmen MacKendrick, Le Moyne College
Stephen Moore, Drew University
Responding:
Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Business Meeting:
J. Terry Todd, Drew University, and W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

A17-121

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Theme: New Directions in Latina/o Religious Thought and Scholarship of Religion
MPN-427D
Gastón Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College, Presiding
Panelists:
Carmelo Santos, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
Neomi DeAnda, Catholic Theological Union
Néstor Medina, Regent University
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College
Business Meeting:
Néstor Medina, Regent University, and Neomi De Anda, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

A17-122

Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Theme: International Law and Human Rights
MPW-185D
Cassie Adcock, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding
Catherine Scheer, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales
How to Be a Good Protestant and an “Indigenous” Bunong
William George, Dominican University
Vitoria, Weeramantry, and a Catholic Reconception of International Law
William Danaher, Huron University College
Re-membering: Responding to the Critical Turn in Transitional Justice
James McCarty III, Emory University
A Genealogy of Religion and Transitional Justice
Responding:
Douglas Cassel, University of Notre Dame
Business Meeting:
Kathleen Sands, University of Hawai‘i, and Tisa Wenger, Yale University, Presiding

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A17-123
Liberal Theologies Group
Theme: New Contexts for Liberal Theology
MPN-132
Dan McKanan, Harvard University, Presiding
Hans Gustafson, University of Saint Thomas
Multiple Religious Belonging and Interfaith Pentecostalism
Spirituality in the Liberal Theology of Nicholas Black Elk
Thomas Bohache, University of Exeter
Living into the Body of Christ
Junaid Jahangir, MacEwan University, and Hussein Abdul Latif, University of Alabama, Birmingham
Towards Muslim Same-sex Unions
Anita Bradshaw, United Church of Christ
The Emergent Church Movement: Liberal Innovation or Critique
Responding:
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee
Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Dan McKanan, Harvard University, and Krista Duttenhaver, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

A17-124
Mormon Studies Group
Theme: The Mormon Heritage Industry: Reading Mormon the Mormon Past in Popular Medias
MPW-184A
Grant Underwood, Brigham Young University, Presiding
Megan Goodwin, University of North Carolina
“Common Sense is No Match for the Voice of God”: Krakauer’s Misreading of Elizabeth Smart
David Newman, Syracuse University
As in Utah, So in Arabia: Orientalizing Mormonism in September Dawn (2007)
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah
Obsessed by History: The Heritage Industry and the Mormons
Responding:
Terryl Givens, University of Richmond
Business Meeting:
James McLachlan, Western Carolina University, Presiding

A17-125
Mysticism Group
Theme: The Ecstasy of the End: Mystical Death across Traditions
MPN-426C
Ann Gleig, Millsaps College, Presiding
Sonia Hazard, Duke University
The Ecstasy of the Deathbed: Women’s Authority and the Evangelical Sensorium in Antebellum America
Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
“This Bundle of Elements is Void of Self”: Porete, Molinos, and Parfit on Surviving Death
Lloyd Pfieger, Truman State University
Samaadhi as True Death in the Yogasutra
Jin Sook Kim, Graduate Theological Union
Jouissance, Beyond the Symbolic to the Real: Mystical Deconstruction of the Subject in the Structure of Jacques Lacan
Responding:
Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union
Business Meeting:
June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

A17-126
Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Group
Theme: Global Pentecostalisms: Local Cultures in a Globalized Movement
MPE-259
Katherine Attanasi, Regent University, Presiding
Paul Palma, Regent University
The Italian Evangelicals of Chicago: Jerusalem of the Italian Pentecostal Movement
Rose Caraway, Northern Arizona University
Why is the Fire Falling in Cuba? Explaining Pentecostal Growth
Sheila H. Gillams, City University of New York
Sociopolitical Aspects of Charismatic Renewal in Togo, West Africa
Annalisa Butticci, Harvard University
Nigerian and Ghanaian Pentecostals in Italy: Spiritual Power and Aesthetic Practices
Lydia Marie Reynolds, Biola University
The Curse of the Dragon: Theological Shifts in the Cosmology of a Modernizing Sikkimese Hill Tribe and the Ethnographic Study of Indigenous Christianity
Responding:
Katherine Attanasi, Regent University, and Michael McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding

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Saturday, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
A17-127 (=S17-126)

Qur'an Group and SBL Qur'an and Biblical Literature Group
Theme: Rhetorical and Formulaic Features of the Style and Structure of the Qur'an
MPE-256

Michael E. Pregill, Elon University, Presiding
Dalia Abo-Haggar, Harvard University
The Queen of Sheba, the Hoopoe, and the Ant: A Structural Analysis of the Role of the Solomon Story in Sūrat al-Naml
Raymond K. Farrin, American University of Kuwait
Framing the Qur'an: A Literary Analysis of Sūrat al-Fāṭiḥa and Sūrat al-Nāṣr
Sarra Tlili, University of Florida
Stone and Sound Motifs in Sūrat al-Hijr: A Rhetorical Analysis
Alford T. Welch, Michigan State University
Formulaic Features and the Chronology of the Qur'an

Responding:
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University

A17-128

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Theme: Rethinking Religion and Popular Culture in Medieval Christianity and Islam
MPW-175B

David Perry, Dominican University, Presiding
Kathleen Kennedy, Pennsylvania State University, Brandywine
The Wycliffite Bible, a Fifteenth Century Bestseller
Antone Minard, University of British Columbia
The Mystery of Saint Guthbert's Ducks: The Medieval Hagiographer as Cultural Mediator
Nathan Hofer, University of Missouri
The Production and Popularization of Sufi Culture in Medieval Cairo
Alaya Swann, Arizona State University
Childbirth and Causation in Vernacular Texts of Late Medieval England

Responding:
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri

A17-129

Schleiermacher Group
Theme: Schleiermacher and His Readers
MPW-190B

Steve Jungkeit, Harvard University, Presiding
Joshua Forrest, University of Oxford
Troeltsch, Schleiermacher, and the Continuation of the Radical Reformation
Justin Stratis, University of Aberdeen
Mysticism or the Word? Emil Brunner's Polemical Reading of Schleiermacher
Ben Fulford, University of Chester
Christocentric Theology and the Art of Correlation: Hans Frei on Friedrich Schleiermacher as a Church Dogmatic Theologian
Daryll Ward, Kettering College
Limning the Ambiguities of the Self: Reading Peter Grove on Schleiermacher's Philosophy of Religion

Business Meeting:
Andrew Dole, Amherst College, Presiding

A17-130

Sikh Studies Group
Theme: Sikh(ism) in Context(s): Text, Transnationalism, Sikh Dharma, and Film
MPN-126

Louis Fenech, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Philip Desilep, University of California, Santa Barbara
Gora Sikhs at the Golden Temple: Understanding 3HO's First Shift Toward Sikhism
Geetanjali Singh Chanda, Yale University
Representations of Sikhs in Indian Popular Culture
Charles Townsend, University of California, Riverside
The Practice of Sikhism in "Everyday Life?" Exploring "Lived Religion" Approaches to Sikh Studies
Pawan Rehill, University of California Santa Barbara
"Who Can Fathom the Wiles of Women?" The Text and Contexts of the Charitropakhyan

Business Meeting:
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding

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A17-131

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
Theme: Panel Discussion of Phillis Sheppard’s Self, Culture, and Others in Womanist Practical Theology (Palgrave Macmillan, 2011)
MPW-181B
Pamela R. Lightsey, Boston University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Lee H. Butler Jr., Chicago Theological Seminary
  Cheryl Giles, Harvard University
  Lallene Rector, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
  Evelyn Parker, Southern Methodist University
  Emmanuel Lartey, Emory University
Responding:
  Phillis Sheppard, Boston University
Business Meeting:
  Tracey Hucks, Haverford College, Presiding

A17-132

Global Perspectives on Religion and HIV/AIDS Seminar
MPS-401A
Anthony Petro, Boston University, Presiding
Zachary Rodriguez, Embrace It Africa, Inc.
Looking Past the Blood: A Need for Thoughtful Education Concerning HIV/AIDS in Uganda
Jenny Trinitapoli, Pennsylvania State University, and Alex Weinreb, University of Texas
HIV Transmission in Religiously Diverse Societies
Lydia Boyd, University of North Carolina
Saving One’s Self: Sexual Abstinence, Born-again Christianity, and Uganda’s Effort to Control HIV/AIDS
Debra Levine, New York University
Vectors and Loops: Architecting the History of AIDS Activism in Relation to the Inscription of Jewish Cultural Memory
Beverley Haddad, University of KwaZulu-Natal
Religion and HIV: Charting the Research Agenda in Africa
Melissa Browning, Loyola University, Chicago
A Faithful Pedagogy of Prevention: Understanding Christian Marriage as Both Risk and Hope
David King, Memphis Theological Seminary
How HIV/ AIDS Has Broadened the Global Response of American Evangelicals
Kimberly Vrudny, University of Saint Thomas
Picturing Beauty: Theological Aesthetics and HIV/AIDS
Kelley Frances Fenelon, Vanderbilt University
How Evangelicals Got AIDS
Christopher House, Ithaca College
Rhetorics of the Black Church: Sex, Religion, and HIV/AIDS Across the African Diaspora
Angelique Harris, Marquette University
Religion and Spirituality in AIDS Activism: A Black Feminist Analysis
Jonathan Garcia, Yale University
Afro-Brazilian Religions Transforming Power and Identities in the Face of AIDS
Business Meeting:
  Lynne Gerber, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

A17-133

Stand-alone MA Programs in Religion Seminar
Theme: Current Status and Future Goals: Program Development and Retention and Progression Issues
MPS-102D
Brian Wilson, Western Michigan University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Steve Berkowitz, Missouri State University
  Jarrod Whitaker, Wake Forest University
Business Meeting:
  Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

A17-136

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
Theme: Business Meeting and Works in Progress
MPN-426A
Eileen Campbell-Reed, Luther Seminary, Presiding
Business Meeting:
  Hetty Zock, University of Gröningen and Kirk Bingaman, Fordham University, Presiding

P17-105

North American Paul Tillich Society
Theme: Tillich and Culture
MPS-404BC
Robison B. James, University of Richmond, Presiding
Thomas G. Bandy, Thriving Church Consulting LLC
Religion and Culture
Verna Marina Ehret, Mercyhurst University
Stemming the Tide of Idolatrous Culture
Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
Alternative Spirituality, Alternative Theology: The Beliefs of the “Spiritual but Not Religious”
P17-106
Niebuhr Society
Theme: Reinhold Niebuhr and Feminist Thought
MPN-127
Mark Douglas, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
  Elizabeth Hasty-Hinson, Bellarmine University
  Robin Lovin, Southern Methodist University
  Traci West, Drew University
  Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
  Rebekah Miles, Southern Methodist University
Business Meeting:
  Kevin Carnahan, Central Methodist University, Presiding

P17-107
Polanyi Society
MPS-502B
Papers will be posted by early November on the Polanyi Society website, www.polanyisociety.org.
  Andrew Thomas Grosso, Trinity Episcopal Church
  Michael Polanyi Meets Abba Moses: Embodiment, Indwelling, and Interdisciplinarity
  David Stone, Northern Illinois University
  Realigning the Tacit and Indwelling
10:30 AM — SBCS Graduate Essay Award
  P. J. Johnson, University of Iowa
  Dharma Bums: The Beat Generation and the Making of Countercultural Pilgrimage
11:15 AM — Business Meeting

P17-108
Society for Buddhist–Christian Studies
Theme: The Ethics of Wealth in a World of Economic Inequality: Buddhist and Christian Perspectives
MPW-182
Alice A. Keefe, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Panelists:
  Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University
  Alan Jay Richard, Realistic Living, Inc.
  Carol S. Anderson, Kalamazoo College
Responding:
  Mark Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University
10:30 AM — Society for Buddhist–Christian Studied Graduate Essay Award
  P. J. Johnston, University of Iowa
  Dharma Bums: The Beat Generation and the Making of Countercultural Pilgrimage
11:00 AM — Business Meeting

P17-109
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
Theme: Presidential Address and Business Meeting
MPW-179A
Joseph D. Driskill, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Ann W. Astell, University of Notre Dame
  From Ugly Ducking to Swan: Education as Spiritual Transformation in the Thought of Edith Stein
Business Meeting:
  Joseph D. Driskill, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

P17-110
Christian Theological Research Fellowship
Theme: Theology of Work
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
MPW-196B
Paul Shrier, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
This session will view the new documentary entitled Why We Work, produced by Ralph Winter, who is a Christian producer of more than thirty Hollywood-type movies. Why We Work follows the lives of Christians in their workplaces to understand how they live out their faith at work. The documentary includes interviews with a range of people, including clients, pastors, professors, non-Christians, and people of other faiths who comment on their work and lives. The session is sponsored by the Kern Foundation, and refreshments will be served following the session.
Panelists:
  Ralph Winter, Movie Producer
  Kathleen Darby Ray, Millsaps College
  Darrell Cosden, Judson University
Business Meeting:
  Don Thorsen, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

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**P17-111**

**Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies**  
Theme: SARTS Fellow Presentations and Business Meeting  
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM  
MPW-474A

**P17-190**

**Søren Kierkegaard Society**  
Theme: Kierkegaard, Dante, Updike, Percy, and Others  
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM  
MPS-404D  
Carly Lane, University of Chicago, Presiding  
Kierkegaard’s cultural staying power is linked to the genius of his insights and to his literary skills and imagination. Speakers will address specific passages from Kierkegaard, Updike, Dante and others to provide readings that show resonance across decades. Handouts of passages will be provided to facilitate discussion.

- **Rick A. Furtak**, Colorado College  
  *Poetics and Method: Varieties of Literary Style and "Argument" in Kierkegaard's Writings*

- **Thomas Miles**, Boston University  
  *Kierkegaard and Dante’s Inferno*

- **Chris Boesel**, Drew University  
  *Jesus Christ: the Greatest Pro of Them All! Kierkegaard and Walker Percy*

- **David Crowe**, Augustana College  
  *Illustrations of Kierkegaard: Updike’s Maples Stories*

**P17-112**

**Karl Barth Society of North America**  
Saturday, 9:15 AM–12:15 PM  
MPW-183A

Two books will be discussed by their authors, with a respondent in each case.

- **David Haddorff**, Saint John’s University  
  *Christian Ethics as Witness: Barth’s Ethics for a World at Risk* (Wipf and Stock, 2011)

- **Gerald P. McKenny**, University of Notre Dame  

**P17-191**

**Adventist Society for Religious Studies**  
Theme: Ordination, Session VII  
Saturday, 10:00 AM–12:30 PM  
North Shore Seventh-day Adventist Church, 5220 N. California Ave., Zdravko Stefanovic, Adventist University of Health Studies, Presiding  
Bruce Boyd, Canadian University College  
*A Biblical Conciliation Consideration of the Seventh-day Adventist Ordination Conversation*

- **Mark F. Carr**, Loma Linda University  
  *Women’s Ordination as a Threat to Church Unity: An Ethical Analysis*

11:00 AM Worship
P17-113

Society of Christian Philosophers
Theme: Panel Discussion: David Brown’s Divine Humanity: Kenosis and the Construction of a Christian Theology (Baylor University Press, 2011)
Saturday, 10:30 AM–1:00 PM
MPS-101B

Although published almost thirty years ago, David Brown’s The Divine Trinity (Duckworth, 1985) continues to be a touchstone for discussions of the Social Trinity and kenotic Christology. His newest book, Divine Humanity, was commissioned for a French series and originally published as La tradition kénotique dans la théologie britannique (Mame-Desclée, 2010). It takes a more historical approach, than his previous book looking in particular at developments in Scotland and England, but concludes with a fresh defense of kenosis within both Trinitarian and Christological doctrine. This session will bring a philosopher (C. Stephen Evans) and a theologian (Kathryn Tanner) into critical conversation with Brown on the key themes of this volume and its implications for biblical studies, the history of Christian doctrine, and philosophical theology.

Panelists:
- C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University
- Kathryn Tanner, Yale University

Responding:
- David Brown, University of Saint Andrews

A17-135

LGBTIQ Mentoring Lunch
Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
MPW-175A

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College, Presiding

All students and junior scholars who identify outside of normative gender histories and/or sexualities are welcome to join us for an informal lunch. No fee or preregistration is required; please bring your own lunch. A cash-and-carry station will be near the room for those wishing to buy their lunches onsite.

Mentors:
- Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida
- Cameron Partridge, Harvard University
- Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
- Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Patrick Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School
- Horace Griffin, Pacific School of Religion
- W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
- Mark Jordan, Harvard University
- Laurel Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
- Heather White, New College of Florida

P17-114

North American Paul Tillich Society
Theme: Business Meeting
Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
MPS-104B

P17-116

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Business Meeting
Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
MPS-404A

A17-134

Plenary Address
Theme: Knowing the Human, Knowing the Divine for the Human: Perspectives from Vulnerable Corners of Today’s World
Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
MPW-375B

Otto Maduro, Drew University, Presiding

Theologians are people who often think about the world and do their work in a direction that they assume to be aimed at justice. However, thinking about a just world, even while taking injustices as its point of departure, presupposes the possibility of a world without injustice. This ideal tends to be a more or less abstract construction, given that the multiplicity of factors affecting the viability of a world without injustice is immense. The challenge of articulating for today’s world both a hope in the instauration of justice and the immediacy of the torments of injustice is a challenge theologians cannot avoid. Gebara’s reflections will attempt to articulate some facets of that complex and old quandary that reemerges with new contours in our contemporary world.

Panelists:
- Ivone Gebara, Tabatinga, Brazil

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Special Topics Forum
Theme: The Human Side of the Job Search
MPN-230A
Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Almeda Wright, Pfeiffer University, Presiding
Several AAR panels in recent years have addressed the disheartening state of the job market in religious studies, especially the statistical and logistical aspects. This panel will build off of those previous discussions by wrestling with the complex and difficult human issues that arise from looking for work in this atmosphere, what many of us experience but rarely discuss in open forums. The Graduate Student Committee is therefore dedicating this year’s Special Topics Forum to “The Human Side of the Job Search.” The event consists of three parts: 1) A former president of the AAR will offer her thoughts on the state of the job market; 2) A panel of graduate students looking for work, those who have recently found work in both academic and nonacademic settings, and professors who have overseen hiring will discuss this process through the lens of their personal experience. Panelists will touch upon the implications of the job search for relationships with colleagues and with mentors, the politics of the process from top-down and bottom-up, and so forth — in short, what does it mean to be human in this process? and 3) The group will break off into smaller, separate roundtable discussions led by the panelists so we can all discuss the human complexity that this job market entails and chart constructive pathways forward. Please join us for what promises to be an important and informative time!
Panelists:
Andrea Dickens, Ohio State University
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University
Mohammad Hassan Khalil, Michigan State University
Sharon Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Nathan Schneider, Religion Dispatches

A17-201

Women’s Lounge Roundtable
Theme: NETworking
MPW-193B
The session will focus on maximizing the resources of the internet to build a professional web presence for oneself.
Panelists:
Jamie Pitts, University of Edinburgh
Kymberly Pinder, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Sebastian Kim, York Saint John University
Theodora Hawksley, University of Edinburgh
Responding:
Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University
Jolyon Mitchell, University of Edinburgh
A17-204

Christian Systematic Theology Section, Theology and Religious Reflection Section, Liberal Theologies Group, and the Science, Technology, and Religion Group

Theme: In Face of Gordon D. Kaufman: A Legacy for Theology

MPW-192A

Sheila Davaney, Ford Foundation, Presiding

J. Patrick Woolley, Oxford University

Advancing Kaufman’s Dialogue with the Natural Sciences by Applying Lessons from Tillich on “Technical Reason”

Karl E. Peters, Rollins College

Towards a Naturalistic Christianity: Developing the Thinking of Gordon Kaufman

Jerome Soneson, University of Northern Iowa

The Theological Legacy of Gordon Kaufman: Theological Method and Its Pragmatic Norm

Myriam Renaud, University of Chicago

Lived Religion and the ‘Agent-God’: Making a Case for the Personalist/Theological Method of Gordon Kaufman

Thomas James, Union Presbyterian Seminary

The Immanentist Theocentrism of Gordon Kaufman: Does It Have a Future?

Responding:

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

A17-205

History of Christianity Section and World Christianity Group

Theme: Can The Native Christian Speak? Discerning the Voices of Indigenous Christians in Missionary and Colonial Archives

MPW-178A

Arun Jones, Emory University, Presiding

Paul Kollman, University of Notre Dame

Beyond Troublemakers and Collaborators: Overcoming Obstacles to an Historical Understanding of African Christians

Daisy Machado, Union Theological Seminary

Voices of the Invisible

Haruko Nawata Ward, Columbia Theological Seminary

Silenced but Not Silent Voices of Women Martyrs of Early Modern Japan

Adrian Hermann, University of Basel

Studying Transnational Networks of Indigenous Christianity: The Case of Isabelo de los Reyes and the Iglesia Filipina Independiente in the Early Twentieth Century

Responding:

Paul Courtright, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Jayachitra Lalitha, Tamilnadu Theological Seminary, Presiding

A17-206

Religion in South Asia Section and Jain Studies Group

Theme: Jains, Muslims, Christians: Interrogating Religious Borders in Sultanate, Mughal, and Colonial India

MPW-184A

Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University, Presiding

Steve Vose, University of Pennsylvania

Jain Encounters with the Delhi Sultanate in the Early Fourteenth Century: Jinaprabhasūri in the Court of Sultan Muhammad bin Tughluq

Audrey Truschke, Columbia University

Negotiating Religious Difference in the Mughal World: Jain Defenses Against the Charge of Atheism

Mitch Numark, California State University, Sacramento

The British “Discovery” of Jainism in the Nineteenth Century: Scottish Missionaries, “the Jain Religion,” and the Jains of Bombay

John E. Cort, Denison University

Defending Jainism against Christian Missionaries in Colonial Gujarat

Responding:

Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University

A17-207 (=P17-242a)

Teaching Religion Section, SBL Teaching the Bible in the Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Committee, and Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: Teaching the Bible in General Education

MPW-176C

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Panelists:

Jane S. Webster, Barton College

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

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Women and Religion Section
Theme: The Quest for Justice: Strategies and Resources for Women's Religious Activism
MPN-227A
Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Presiding
Sara Ann Swenson, Iliff School of Theology
The New Asceticism? Salvation Narratives of Self-denial in Feminist and Womanist Veganism
Jung Lee, Northeastern University
To Hold Up Half the Sky: Strategies of Resistance among the Dalit Women of Nepal
Cynthia Holder Rich, Village Presbyterian Church
Activism and White Privilege in Academy and Church
Karri Whipple, Union Theological Seminary
Envisioning Intimate Justice: The Resources and Limitations of Cross-racial Collaborations
Responding:
Debra Majeed, Beloit College

A17-209

African Diaspora Religions Group and African Religions Group
Theme: Teaching African and African Diaspora Religions
MPN-426A
Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding
Panelists:
Melissa Browning, Lexington Theological Seminary
Robert Baum, University of Missouri
Simon Aderibigbe, University of Georgia
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
Responding:
Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University

A17-210

Animals and Religion Group
Theme: Communicating across the Human–Animal Divide: Animals, Religion, and Language
MPW-175B
David Clough, University of Chester, Presiding
Michael Bathgate, Saint Xavier University
Wittgenstein’s Lion and the King’s Nine-colored Deer: Speaking with (and About) Animals in the Konjaku Monogatarishū
Justin Jaron Lewis, University of Manitoba
Thinking with Animals about Death
Ines Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Birds in Apache and Koyukon Cultures: What Are They Trying to Tell Us?
Ryan Brand-Neuroth, Vanderbilt University
What Gets to Count as Religious Behavior? Merleau-Ponty, Atran, and Instinct
Responding:
Sarra Tlili, University of Florida

A17-211

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
Theme: Agamben, Deleuze, and Classical Orthodoxy
MPN-126
Danielle Tumminio, Boston University, Presiding
Barbara Yuki Schwartz, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Shame on the Trinity: Agamben’s The Kingdom and the Glory (Stanford University Press, 2011) and The Theopolitics of Shame
Donnie Featherston, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
Nomadic Pneumatology: Agamben, Deleuze, and a Reorientation of the Holy Spirit
John Bechtold, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
The Simulacrum of Christ: A Theological Reading of Difference and Repetition
Simone Kotva, University of Cambridge
The Disappointment of the Man-God? Reading Pauline Recapitulation (Anakephalaiosis) with Deleuze
Business Meeting:
Shelly Rambo, Boston University, and Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

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Buddhism in the West Group
Theme: Buddhism and Psychotherapy: Methodological and Critical Analyses
MPN-127

Andrew Rotman, Smith College, Presiding
Mark Unno, University of Oregon
Discipleship, Fellowship, and the Therapeutic Alliance
William Waldron, Middlebury College
Is a "Science of Experience" Possible? Mindfulness and Psychotherapy as Modernist Abhidharma?
Ann Gleig, Millsaps College
Negotiating the Personal in Vipassana Buddhism: The Benefits of a Dialogical Approach between Buddhism and Psychotherapy
C. W. Huntington, Hartwick College
Buddhism, Psychotherapy, and the Margins of Desire
Responding:
Luis Gomez, El Colegio de Mexico
Business Meeting:
Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Alfred University, Presiding

Ilya Merlin, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Ecc Tupsa: Dead Bodies, Maternal Bodies, and the Sacred
Brett Esaki, University of California, Santa Barbara
Silence of Self and the Visionaries’ Multiracial and Multireligious Hip-Hop
Kimberleigh Jordan, New York University
"Where My Girls At?": The Dematerialization of Women’s Bodies in Holy Hip-Hop and Gospel Go-go
Responding:
Shayne Lee, Tulane University

A17-213

Cognitive Science of Religion Group
MPW-181B

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Panelists:
Jason Slone, Tiffin University
James Van Slyke, University of California, Irvine
Lee McCorkle, Masaryk University

Responding:
Robert McCauley, Emory University

A17-214

Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Group
MPW-471A

Christopher Driscoll, Rice University, Presiding

Business Meeting:
Monica Miller, Lewis and Clark College, Presiding
James Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

A17-215

Daoist Studies Group
Theme: The Transmission and Dissemination of Daoist Scriptures in Late Imperial and Republican China
MPW-176A

David Mozina, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding
Clarke Hudson, University of Virginia
The Alchemical Sciences of Lu Xixing (1520–ca. 1601)
Daniel Burton-Rose, Princeton University
Devotional Text Production among the Peng Lineage of Suzhou, 1710–1774
Elena Valussi, Loyola University, Chicago
Xiao Tianshi (1908–1986), the Daozang Jinghua, and the Transmission of Alchemical Knowledge from China to Taiwan
Responding:
Shin-yi Chao, Rutgers University
Business Meeting:
David Mozina, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

A17-216

Death, Dying, and Beyond Group
Theme: Digital Death
MPE-263

Alyson Prude, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Presiding
Erinn Staley, Yale University
Technospirituality and Theologies of Afterlife
Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen
Online Death and Death Online: The Construction of Dying and Afterlife in World of Warcraft
Ari Stillman, Vanderbilt University
How Mourning Through Facebook Has Transformed the Grieving Process
Erica Hurwitz Andrus, University of Vermont
Remembering Laura Roslin: Fictional Death and a Real Bereavement Community Online

Business Meeting:
Lucy Bregman, Temple University, Presiding

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Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
Theme: The Role of Reason in Eastern Orthodox Theology
MPN-132

Peter Galadza, Saint Paul University, Presiding
Christina Gschwandtner, University of Scranton
The Role of Reason in Human Choice: Nemestius of Emesa’s and John of Damascus’ Appropriations of Aristotelian Conceptions of the Will
Nathaniel Wood, Fordham University
Beyond the Fathers: Vladimir Saloviev and Sergei Bulgakov on Philosophy and Dogmatic Development
Brandon Gallaher, University of Oxford
A Common Theological Vision? Bulgakov and Lossky on Theological Antinomism and a Future Orthodox Systematic Theology
Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Volos Academy for Theological Studies
Theology as a Science and Doxology: Logocentrism, Apophaticism, and Mystical Theology in Some Contemporary Eastern Orthodox Theologians

Business Meeting:
Eve Tibbs, Saint Katherine College, and Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University, Presiding

A17-218

International Development and Religion Group and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group
Theme: Spiritual Capacities, Causes of Life, and Public Health: Religion as an Asset in the Context of Male Violence
MPW-175C

James R. Cochrane, University of Cape Town, Presiding
Panelists:
James R. Cochrane, University of Cape Town
Douglas McQaughey, Willamette University
Gary R. Gunderson, Wake Forest University
Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary

Responding:
Fred D. Smith, Wesley Theological Seminary
Robert A. Atkins, Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL

A17-219

Islamic Mysticism Group
Theme: Mystical Intersections: Cultural Expressions of Sufism in the Premodern Islamicate World
MPW-190B

Homayra Ziad, Trinity College, Presiding
Myriam Sabbaghi, University of Chicago
Introducing the Mystical Poems of Shaykh Bahā’i
Nathan Hofer, University of Missouri
Portraits in Palimpsest: Finding the Sufis of Fatimid Egypt
Shankar Nair, Harvard University
Sufism as Medium and Method of Translation: Mughal Translations of Hindu Texts Reconsidered
Fateme Montazeri, Graduate Theological Union
Mysticism in Persian Book Illustration

Responding:
Elizabeth Alexandrin, University of Manitoba
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

A17-220

Lesbian–Feminist Issues and Religion Group
Theme: Queering Women’s Religious History: Desire, Identity, and Religious Practice
MPE-256

Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
"From Father in Me": Celibacy and Same-sex Desire in Father Divine’s Peace Mission Movement
Emily L. Silverman, Graduate Theological Union
Out of Line: Sarah Ahmed’s “Queer Phenomenology” Applied to Edith Stein’s and Regina Jonas’ “Out of Place” Religious Identities
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, and Wendy Griffin, Cherry Hill Seminary
Herlands: Finding Goddess on Lesbian Land

Responding:
Heather White, New College of Florida
Melissa Wilcox, Whitman College

Business Meeting:
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group
Theme: Anticipating Luther 2017
MPW-179A
Kirsi Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Presiding
Bilal “Bill” Ozaslan, Melrose, MA
1817: A Reformation Year in New England
Troy Dahlke, Saint Andrew’s Episcopal School
Faith Worketh by Charity: Mitigating the Tension between Aquinas and Luther
Karen Bloomquist, Lutheran World Federation
Subversive Reformation Practices for the Sake of the World
William Russell, Saint Olaf College
Translating Luther: Anticipating 2017 and Beyond
Responding:
Deanna Thompson, Hamline University
Business Meeting:
Deanna Thompson, Hamline University, and Kirsi Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Presiding

New Religious Movements Group
Theme: New Religions in International Perspective
MPW-476
Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding
István Keul, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Going Global, Staying Local: Strategic Positionings of New Religious Movements in Asia
Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religions
The Vale do Amanhecer: A Global Spiritualist New Religious Movement from Brazil
Eileen Barker, London School of Economics and INFORM
Here, There, and Everywhere: What Difference Does it Make?
Constance Jones, California Institute of Integral Studies, and J. Gordon Melton, Baylor University
Spiritualism in the Twentieth Century: The Changing Face of a Nineteenth Century New Religion
Business Meeting:
Marie Dallam, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
Theme: The Philosophy of Evagrius
MPN-427A
Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding
Panelists:
Sara Ahbel-Rappe, University of Michigan
Robin Darling Young, University of Notre Dame
Joel Kalvesmaki, Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection
Responding:
Charles Stang, Harvard University

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Theme: Monsters among Us: Vampires, Ghosts, and Zombies in the Study of Religion
MPW-187B
Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
The Haunted Present: The Return of Repressed History and Ghost Hunting Reality TV
Anthony Santoro, Heidelberg University
Family, Violence, and Sacrifice in The Walking Dead: Robert Kirkman’s Girardian Meditation on Just Violence
Katja Ralow, University of Heidelberg
Vampire’s Conditional Immortality and the Negotiation of Citizenship, Personhood, and Moral Values in Popular Culture
Kelly Baker, University of Tennessee
“They’re Coming to Get You, Barbara!”: Zombie Apocalypses and the Study of American Religion
Business Meeting:
Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College, and Greg Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

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Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Group
Theme: Debating the Role of Religion Education in Public Schools: Quebec, Norway, and the United States
MPN-426C
Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding

John Stackhouse, Regent College
A Collision of Values: Why Canadian Evangelicals and Roman Catholics Cannot Agree — with Themselves, Each Other, or Canadian Society

Jamie Anne Read, University of Waterloo
Project Deconfessionaliser: Religious Reservations of Quebec’s "Ethics and Religious Culture" Compulsory Curriculum

Geir Afdal, Norwegian School of Theology, and Trine Anker, Østfold University College
Education for Respect and Tolerance: An Empirical–Philosophical Contribution

Brendan Randall, Harvard University
Is the Bible Sectarian? A Nineteenth Century Answer to a Twenty-first Century Question

Business Meeting:
Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico, Presiding

A17-226

Religion and Science Fiction Group
Theme: Resistance is Futile: Science Fiction’s Challenge to Everything You Know about Religion
MPE-259

Rudy Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

John Thompson, Christopher Newport University
Entering the Chronosynclastic Infundibulum: The Sirens of Titan in the Religious Studies Classroom

Matthew Zaro Fisher, Claremont Graduate University
Tron: An Analogy of the Incarnation for Our Digital Age

Hugh Urban, Ohio State University
Space Opera and Soldiers of Light: Science Fiction and the Early Church of Scientology in Cold War America

Beatrice Marovich, Drew University
Zebra is the "Repairman" and He is Here: Philip K. Dick and the Divine Creature

Responding:
Robert Geraci, Manhattan College

Business Meeting:
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University, Presiding

A17-227

Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Group
Theme: Xunzi from Classical Indian Perspectives: Complexity and Ambiguity
MPN-130

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University
Order: Nature, Society, and Self

Laurie Patton, Duke University
Reading Xunzi through Dharma and Nama

David Lawrence, University of North Dakota
Xunzi and Selected Indian Philosophers on the Purposes, Practices, and Limits of Argument

Alexus McLeod, University of Dayton
The Function and Source of Ritual Duty in the Xunzi and the Purva Mimamsa Sutra

Responding:
Michael Puett, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University and Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

A17-228

Religious Conversions Group
Theme: Dynamics of Conversion, Deconversion, and Marginalization
MPN-131

Marc Pugliese, Brescia University, Presiding

Roger Vanzila Munsu, Nanzan University
Conversion Experiences among the Kakure Kirishitan

Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina
Conversions and Deconversions during the Holocaust

Peter Vethanayagamony, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
When the Marginalizer is Marginalized: The State and Squirms of Telugu Sudra Converts to Lutheranism

Alexander Angelov, College of William and Mary
Where is Ethiopia? Byzantine Views on Ethiopia’s Conversion to Christianity

Responding:
Kristine Utterback, University of Wyoming

Business Meeting:
Linda Mercadante, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding

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Roman Catholic Studies Group
Theme: Disrupting Complementarity I: Women’s Work
MPN-128
Marian Ronan, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding
Lorraine Cuddeback, University of Notre Dame
“The Rising of the Women Means the Rising of the Race”: Women’s Work and Economics in Catholic Social Teaching Since Vatican II
Jill Peterfeso, Guilford College
Roman Catholic Studies through Excommunicants: Enlivening the Field with Roman Catholic Womenpriests
Elizabeth Pyne, Fordham University
Claire Wolfteich, Boston University
Spirituality and the Signs of the Times: Women’s Labor, Domestic Church, and Time Poverty
Responding:
Chris Tirres, DePaul University

P17-229a

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion
Theme: In Memory of Jane Schaberg
Saturday, 1:00 PM–2:45 PM
MPS-404D
Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Presiding
Panelists:
Gloria Albrecht, University of Detroit Mercy
Alice Bach, Case Western Reserve University
Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College
Holly Hearon, Christian Theological Seminary

A17-230 (=S17-225)

Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group and SBL Psychology and Biblical Studies Group
Theme: In Memory of Walter Wink
MPW-176B
Michael Willett Newheart, Howard University, Presiding
Panelists:
J. Harold Ellens, University of Michigan
Wayne Rollins, Assumption College
D. Andrew Kille, Interfaith Space
David Gushee, Mercer University

A17-231

Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Group
Theme: Rolling, Playing, Marketing, Evangelizing: Religious Architecture at Work
MPS-403A
Paul Ivey, University of Arizona, Presiding
Nicholas Denysenko, Loyola Marymount University
Windows into Community Identity: An Architectural Analysis of an American Orthodox Parish
Dana Logan, Indiana University
Mapping the Landscape of the Antebellum “Free-market” Religion
Ben Brazil, Emory University
Vehicles of Enlightenment: “Houserucks” as Material Spirituality in the 1960s and 1970s
Peter Schuurman, University of Waterloo
Disney-like Architecture and Ethos in a Megachurch: Pressing Towards the Playful Element in Religious Life
Responding:
Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University
Business Meeting:
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College and Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, Presiding

A17-232

Tantric Studies Group
Theme: Tantra Performance and Art
MPN-427D
David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding
Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin
Transforming Bhīma into Bhairava
David Gray, Santa Clara University
Portraying Secrets: On the Relationship between Art, Practice, and Texts in Tantric Buddhist Traditions
Graham Schweig, Christopher Newport University
The Rāsa Maṇḍala as Bhakti Yantra: The Bhagavata Drama and the Artistic Imagination
Ginni Ishimatsu, University of Denver
Śaivasiddhāntin Ritual in Temple Architectural Context
Responding:
Jeffrey Lidke, Berry College
Business Meeting:
Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado and Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University, Presiding

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A17-233

Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group and Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group

Theme: Contested Spaces: A Critical Engagement of Latina Spirituality

MPW-474B

Jennifer Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Jessica Delgado, Princeton University
Public Piety and Honestidad: Women’s Spiritual Status in Colonial Mexico
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley
Latina/o Feminist Spirituality and the Decolonial: (Non)violence and the (Non)Western
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami
What is Latina about Latina Spirituality?
Theresa Torres, University of Missouri, Kansas City
Latina Spirituality: Liberation or Repression

Responding:
Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego

Business Meeting:
Luis Leon, University of Denver, and Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

A17-234

Philosophy of Religion Section

Theme: Leibniz and His Legacy in the Philosophy of Religion

MPW-183B

Andrew Chignell, Cornell University, Presiding

Steven Nadler, University of Wisconsin
Leibniz, Spinoza, and God

Mark Larrimore, The New School
Posthumous Sins: Lessing and the Legacies of Leibniz

Douglas McGaughy, Willamette University
Thedicy, Skepticism, and Superstition in the Enlightenment

Jacqueline Mariña, Purdue University
The Leibnizian Metaphysics behind Schleiermacher’s Ethics

Responding:
Charles Lockwood, Harvard University

P17-200

Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: Book Session

MPW-182

COV&R is an international association founded in 1990 which 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.

1:00–2:10 PM Kelly Denton-Borhaug’s US War-Culture, Sacrifice, and Salvation (Equinox, 2011)

Panelists:
Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College

Responding:
S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School


Panelists:
Richard Beck, Abilene Christian University

P17-203

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: The Identity of NAASR and the Character of the Critical Study of Religion

MPW-192B

Panelists:
Donald Wiebe, Trinity College
William Arnal, University of Regina
Aaron Hughes, State University of New York, Buffalo
Julie Ingersol, University of North Florida
Nicole Kelley, Florida State University
Russell McCutcheon, University of Alabama
Society for Pentecostal Studies

Theme: Pentecostals and the Old Testament: A Decade of Research in Review

MPW-180

Scott Ellington, Emmanuel College, Presiding

Panelists:
- Robin Branch, Victory University
- Richard Israel, Vanguard University of Southern California
- Lee Martin, Pentecostal Theological Seminary
- William Raccah, Northwest University

Association of Practical Theology

Theme: Pressing Domains for Theological Field Education

Saturday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

MPW-183A

Evelyn Parker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Part I: Culture, Gender, and Sexuality in Ecclesial Contexts
- Diane Maloney, Loyola University, Chicago, Kate Lassiter, Loyola University, Chicago, and Mary Froehle, Loyola University, Chicago
  Encounters of a Sexual Nature: Theological Formation, Religious Diversity, and Field Education
- Seung Hae Yoo-Hess, Emory University
  Korean Women's Loss of Authentic Selves in the Church: Developing an Indigenous Practical Theology for Transformation

Part II: Seeing the "Field" Beyond the Local Congregation
- Mimi Kiser, Emory University, John Blevins, Emory University, and Esther Mombo, Saint Paul's University, Kenya
  Negotiating Differences: Why Theology is Important for Interdisciplinary Field Placements in Global Contexts
- Sabinus Oketchuken Iweadighi, University of Vienna
  Pastoral Migration and Its Cultural and Pastoral Challenges in the Contemporary Era

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Academic Employment is More Hopeful than It Seems

Saturday, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

MPW-195

At first glance, the prospect of finding academic jobs after graduate school seems bleak. Positions are few and competition is high. Yet there is reason to be hopeful. Most graduate students have numerous connections to multiple colleges and universities. Tapping into this network is easier than it seems. A large part of this discussion will revolve around learning how to locate and use one's network to get hired as an ABD or new PhD. We will also focus on developing new connections and adjusting CVs to fit a variety of possible employees.

Through my own journey of finding an assistant professorship while ABD, as well as being part of a department that has made some recent hires, I hope to discuss what academic employers are looking for and to show that getting hired is not only possible, but also realistic.

Panelists:
- Matthew Hill, Spring Arbor University

Special Topics Forum

Theme: How To Get Published

MPW-184A

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 religious 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 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. Also, the JAAR Editor will discuss essay publishing. You will have opportunities to speak with individual editors. In addition, come meet an author who has journeyed from start to finish in the publishing process and can answer your most pressing questions.

Panelists:
- Ted Vial, Iliff School of Theology
- Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press
- Anne Monius, Harvard University
- Michael Murphy, Loyola University, Chicago
- Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology
- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton University
**A17-301**

*New!*

**Arts, Film, Literature, Media, Popular Culture, Visual Culture, and Religion Cluster**

**Theme:** The Sistine Chapel Ceiling at 500: A Variety of Views

MPW-375A

Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

In November 2012, Michelangelo’s celebrated frescoes on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel mark their 500th anniversary. Over the past five centuries, these multiple panels either individually or as a group have been studied by church historians, art historians, religion scholars, theologians, and specialists in popular culture, film, media, and visual culture. This special AAR panel of experts will focus their attention on this one object both to offer new ways of considering a classic masterpiece and to present multiple methodological models operative in the umbrella of religious studies. Prior to this panel discussion, there will be a special viewing of the now classic film about the making of the Sistine Chapel ceiling frescoes, *The Agony and the Ecstasy*, and an innovative exhibition featuring projections of these frescoes and the variety of copies, parodies, and interpretations that have permeated contemporary society.

**Panelists:**
- S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College
- Ken Derry, University of Toronto
- David Morgan, Duke University
- Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University
- Leonard Norman Promiano, Cabrini College

**Business Meeting:**
- S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding

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**A17-302**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

**Theme:** Authority, Ecumenism, and Friendship

MPW-192A

Rachel Muers, University of Leeds, Presiding

Kathryn Reinhard, Fordham University

Adom Isiaka, Princeton Theological Seminary

The Authority of Love: Friendship and Critique according to Thomas Aquinas

T. J. Dumanski, Yale University

Taking Stock of Theology’s Love Affair with Friendship

Paul D. Murray, Durham University

On Attending to the Authority of the Concrete Church: An Issue for Systematic Ecclesiology and a Vital Site for Ecumenical Learning

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**A17-303**

**History of Christianity Section**

**Theme:** Author Meets Critics: Brad Gregory’s *The Unintended Reformation* (Harvard University Press, 2012)

MPW-178A

Ellie Bagley, Middlebury College, Presiding

Panelists:
- Elissa Cutter, Saint Louis University
- Paul Lim, Vanderbilt University
- Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University
- Nathan Rein, Ursinus College

Responding:
- Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame

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**A17-304**

**North American Religions Section**

**Theme:** Author Meets Critics: Tracy Fessenden’s *Culture and Redemption: Religion, the Secular, and American Literature* (Princeton University Press, 2007)

MPW-185A

Kathleen Flake, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan
- Martin Kavka, Florida State University
- Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University
- Michael McNally, Carleton College
- Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
- Roger Lundin, Wheaton College

Responding:
- Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Business Meeting:
- David Harrington Watt, Temple University, and Julie Byrne, Hofstra University, Presiding

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**A17-305**

**Philosophy of Religion Section**

**Theme:** Do Peer Disagreements Reduce Confidence in Religious Beliefs?

MPN-127

Frank Schubert, University of Texas, Presiding

Panelists:
- John Greco, Saint Louis University
- Michael Bergmann, Purdue University
- Jennifer Lackey, Northwestern University
- James Kraft, Huston-Tillotson University

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Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Panel Discussion: Eboo Patel’s Sacred Ground: Pluralism, Prejudice, and the Promise of America (Beacon Press, 2012)
MPW-196B
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Panelists:
  - R. Scott Appleby, University of Notre Dame
  - Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania
  - Laurie Patton, Duke University
  - Rami Nashashibi, Inner City Action Network
Responding:
  - Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core

A17-307
Religion in South Asia Section
Theme: Muslim–Hindu Literary Encounters in Early Modern South Asia: Conversations with Aditya Behl
MPW-176B
Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago, Presiding
  - Muzaffar Alam, University of Chicago
  - Daud Ali, University of Pennsylvania
  - Allison Busch, Columbia University
  - Ayesha Irani, McGill University
Responding:
  - Jack Hawley, Columbia University
Business Meeting:
  - Donald Davis, University of Wisconsin, Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University, Presiding

A17-308
Study of Islam Section
Theme: Everyday Islam and Ethnographic Methodologies
MPW-471B
Afsar Mohammad, University of Texas, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Rob Rozehnal, Lehigh University
  - Michael Knight, University of North Carolina
  - Vernon Schubel, Kenyon College
  - Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University
  - Karen Ruffle, University of Toronto
Responding:
  - Joyce Flueckiger, Emory University
Business Meeting:
  - Kecia Ali, Boston University, and Frederick S. Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding

A17-309
Teaching Religion Section
Theme: Teaching Tactics Lightning Round
MPW-176C
Eugene Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding
  - Ramon Madrigal, Florida College
  - Lindsay McAnulty, Catholic University of America
  - Corey Harris, Alvernia University
  - Sarah Sours, King's College
Responding:
  - David Howell, Ferrum College
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Business Meeting:
  - Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

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A17-310
Women and Religion Section
Theme: Feminism, Religion, and Social Media: Expanding Borders in the Twenty-first Century
MPN-227A
Rosemary Radford Ruether, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Sara Frykenberg, Mount Saint Mary's College
  Kate Ott, Drew University
  Xochitl Alvizo, Boston University
  Gina Messina-Dysert, Loyola Marymount University
Responding:
  Mary Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual

A17-311
Animals and Religion Group and Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group
Theme: Thinking Animals, Rethinking Buddhist Ritual: Transformations in Modern Practice
MPW-175B
Aaron Gross, University of San Diego, Presiding
  Vesna A. Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Buddhist Views and Rituals in Mongolian Equine Husbandry
  Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
  Masking Commodification and Sacralizing Consumption: Buddhist Animal Memorial Rites in Twentieth Century Japan
  Nathaniel Rich, University of California, Santa Barbara
  (Don't) Eat Me! On Empathy, 'Life-Release' (Tshe Thar), and Vegetarianism among Contemporary Tibetan Buddhists in the People’s Republic of China
  Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont
  Being Animals: Western Buddhist Perspectives
Business Meeting:
  Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, and Grace G. Burford, Prescott College, Presiding

A17-312
Augustine and Augustinianisms Group
Theme: Augustine’s Confessions and Its Afterlives
MPS-401BC
Paul Kolbet, Wellesley, MA, Presiding
  Keith Starkenburg, Trinity Christian College
  Memory and the Pastoral Work of Augustine in Book 10 of the Confessions
  Mireille Bishay, Boston University
  From Subjectivity to Solitude: Heidegger’s Adaptation of Augustine’s Absolute Other
  Matthew Wilcoxen, Charles Sturt University
  Reading Lolita in Hippo: Augustine and Nabokov on Temporality and Desire
  Petra Turner, University of Virginia
  The Augustinian Reduction: The Conversion of Jean-Luc Marion’s Phenomenology of Givenness through Augustine’s Confessions
Business Meeting:
  Kari Kloos, Regis University, Presiding

A17-313 (=S17-328)
Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group and SBL Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Group
Theme: The Bible and Colonialism: Africa and the Middle East
MPS-502B
Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
  Mitri Raheb, Diyar Consortium and Christmas Lutheran Church, Bethlehem
  Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
  Dora Mbuwayesango, Hood School of Theology
  Kenneth Ngwa, Drew University
  Edward Phillip Antonio, Iliff School of Theology
  Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco

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A17-314

Childhood Studies and Religion Group
Theme: Methods for Teaching and Researching about Children in Religions
MPE-259
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding
Panelists:
- Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
- Sarah Pike, California State University, Chico
- Rebecca Cerling, University of Southern California
- Bradley Wigger, Louisville Seminary
- Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama
- Karen-Marie Yust, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Business Meeting:
- John Wall, Rutgers University, Presiding

A17-315

Christian Spirituality Group and Practical Theology Group
Theme: The Shattered Self: Trauma and Spiritual Practice
MPW-187B
Jan Holton, Yale University, Presiding
Julia Feder, University of Notre Dame
Teresa of Avila and the Trauma Survivor: Contemplation as a Healing Practice
Carrie Doehring, Iliff School of Theology, and Kelly Arora, Iliff School of Theology
Putting into Practice an Intercultural Approach to Understanding Veterans’ Experiences of Morally Distressing Suffering
Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology
The Ignatian Exercises as a Way to Break the Vicious Cycle of Violence and Crime: The Case of Swedish Longterm Prisoners
Storm Swain, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
“My God, My God. Why Have You Forsaken Me?” A Window on Psychic Self-murder as a Response to the Trauma of Rape
Responding:
- Claire Wolfteich, Boston University

A17-316

Confucian Traditions Group and Korean Religions Group
Theme: Good Intentions and their Surprising Results: The Unintended Consequences of Confucianism in East Asia
MPN-426A
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding
Tomasz Sleziak, Adam Mickiewicz University
The Lowered Economic Potential and Administrative Efficiency as a Direct Result of the Prominence of Confucian Metaphysical Discourse During Joseon Period Korea
Keith Knapp, The Citadel
Going through the Motions: Reactions to the Implementation of the Three Year Mourning Rites
Hsueh-Yi Lin, University of Wisconsin
The Politics of Loyalty in High Qing Loyalist Historiography
Ha Jung Lee, Boston University
Korean Confucianism as a Tool of the Political Hegemony of Dictatorship
Mee-Yin Mary Yuen, Graduate Theological Union
Freedom of Expression as Taboo in Building a Harmonious Society: Unintended Consequences of the Confucian Notion of Harmony in China
Responding:
- Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis
Business Meeting:
- Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, and Yong Huang, Kutztown University, Presiding

A17-317

Contemporary Islam Group
Theme: Islam in Contemporary Egypt
MPE-263
Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, Presiding
Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
The Muslim Brotherhood and Defining the Religious Sphere: A Civil Islamic State, Public Order, and Personal Status Law
Aaron Rock, Princeton University
Da’wa Discourses: Yusuf al-Qaradawi’s Vision of Scholar-led Islamization
Nermeen Mouftah, University of Toronto
“Read in the Name of Your Lord”: Islamic Da’wa and the Injunction to Read in Revolutionary Egypt
Cassandra Chambliss, Indiana University
Reconsidering Space in Muslim and Christian Saints’ Festivals in Egypt
Responding:
- Valerie Hoffman, University of Illinois

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A17-318

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
Theme: Territorial Rewriting of Religious–Political Violence
MPW-178B

David Walker, Yale University, Presiding
Shaily Patel, University of North Carolina
Exorcism and Enlightenment in Antiquity and Modernity: History as a Mythological Construct
Joshua Bartholomew, Iliff School of Theology
Cultural Capital as American Race
Daniel White Hodge, North Park University, and Deshonna Collier-Goubil, Biola University
Apocalypse Now: Theorizing Violence and Warlike Conditions in Urban Communities through Rap Artists Ice Cube, Tupac, and Scarface

Business Meeting:
Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University, Presiding

A17-319

Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
Theme: Memory and the Ethics of Forgiveness
MPW-185D

Patricia Huntington, Arizona State University, Presiding
Adam Pryor, Graduate Theological Union
Who Are We? Remembering and Forgetting in the Reparation of Communal Memory
Brian Barlow, Anderson University
Forgiveness and the Theology of Memory: Søren Kierkegaard and Karl Barth on the Atoneement
Murray Rae, University of Otago
The Forgetfulness of Christian Anamnesis
Natalia Marandiuc, Yale University
The Goodness of Love: Søren Kierkegaard and Human Attachments Co-creating the Self

Responding:
Simon Podmore, University of Oxford

Business Meeting:
Sylvia Walsh, Stetson University, Presiding

A17-320

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
Theme: Indigenous Theologies, Autochthonous Churches, and Political Missions: Honoring the Pastoral Legacy of the Late Bishop Samuel Ruiz Garcia of Chiapas, Mexico
MPW-181B

Jeremy Cruz, Boston College, Presiding
Garry Sparks, University of Louisville
Constructing Hyperlocal Theologies: Ethnobiographical Contextualization of “Indian Theology” and Tútik Samuel’s Legacy
Sylvia Marcos, Claremont Graduate University
Embodied Theology: “Indigenous Wisdom” as Liberation
Jorge Santiago, Desarrollo Económico y Social de los Mexicanos Indígenas
La Economía Solidaria: DESMI y la Praxis Pastoral de la Diócesis de San Cristóbal de las Casas
Mike Andraos, Catholic Theological Union
Bishop Samuel Ruiz’s Encounter with Indigenous Cultures and the Transformation of his Mission Theology

Responding:
Ivone Gebara, Tabatinga, Brazil

A17-321

Nineteenth Century Theology Group
Theme: Love in Nineteenth Century Religious Thought
MPW-190B

James Swan Tuite, Oberlin College, Presiding
Charles Lockwood, Harvard University
Kant on Love, Duty, and the Spirit of Christianity
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University
Beyond Love: Hegel on the Limits of Love in Modern Society
Simone Kotva, University of Cambridge
“Liebe, die du mich zum Bilde/deiner Gottheit hast gemacht”: Love and the Imago Dei in the Anti-Hegelian Polemics of Friedrich Schlegel’s Philosophy of Life
Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University
Feuerbach on Love and the Human Species–Essence

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Queer Studies in Religion Group
Theme: Queer Reorientations: Questioning Bodies and Futures
MPW-194A
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, Presiding
Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University
*Is Kinship Always Already Reproductive? Ecclesiology, Ethics, and the Antisocial Thesis*
Brian Blackmore, Chicago Theological Seminary
*Quaker Unprogrammed Liturgy as Queer Futurity*
Sarah Bloesch, Southern Methodist University
*Maximus Confessor and God’s Queer Table*
Heike Peckruhn, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
*Bodies as Orientation in/to the World: Bodies in Queer Phenomenology and Religious Studies*

Business Meeting:
Claudia Schippert, University of Central Florida, and Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

A17-323

Reformed Theology and History Group
Theme: Union with Christ in the Reformed Tradition: Critical Theological Issues
MPW-179A
J. Todd Billings, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
Andrew Purves, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Michael Horton, Westminster Seminary, California
Julie Canlis, University of Saint Andrews
Kimberly Long, Columbia Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:
Kang-Yup Na, Westminster College, Presiding

A17-324

Religion and Cities Group
Theme: Construction of Religion in Urban Contexts
MPE-256
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
Stephanie Wolfe, Northwestern University
*From Believer to Disciple: The City as Medium of Evangelical Transformation*
Rick Moore, University of Chicago
*Religious Cooperation in Cities: Why Religious Coalitions Force Us to Reconsider What We Know about Urban Congregations*
Bronwyn Roantree, Harvard University
*The Impact of the NYPD’s Surveillance of Muslims on US Foreign Relations*

Responding:
Peter Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

A17-325

Religion, Sport, and Play Group
Theme: Sport, Religion, and Nationalism
MPN-131
Annie Blazer, Princeton University, Presiding
Dries Vanysacker, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
“For the Glory of God or for the Glory of the Nation?”: The Attitude of the Holy See toward Sport during the Inter War Period (1919–1939)
Rebecca Chabot, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
*Mia San Mia: Soccer Clubs as Ethical Agents During Times of War and Oppression*
Louis Rupeprecht, Georgia State University
*Chicago was Almost an Olympic City: Between Capitalism and Nationalism, or, Between Body and Religion*
Paul Droubie, Manhattan College
*Nationalism as Secular Religion at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics*

Responding:
John MacAloon, University of Chicago
Business Meeting:
Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University, and Rebecca Alpert, Temple University, Presiding

A17-326

Roman Catholic Studies Group
Theme: Disrupting Complementarity II: Male Bodies
MPN-130
Chris Tirres, DePaul University, Presiding
Adriaan van Klinken, University of London
*Saintly Masculinities in the Family of God*
Holly Gorman, Temple University
* Becoming Protestant: Thomas Eakins, Catholic Priests, and the Rhetoric of Bodies*
Jeffrey Marlett, College of Saint Rose
*Getting the Cloud: Leo Durocher and Catholic Manliness*
Raphael Cadenhead, University of Cambridge
*“A Truly Virile Asceticism”?: Rethinking the Magisterial Teaching on Priestly Celibacy and its Implications for Gender in Light of Gregory of Nyssa’s De Virginitate and In Canticum Canticorum*

Responding:
Marian Ronan, New York Theological Seminary
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Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University, Presiding

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A17-327

Wesleyan Studies Group
Theme: Women in Wesleyan and Methodist Traditions
MPN-128

Joy Moore, Duke University, Presiding
Kyle Welty, Baylor University
The Hart Sisters of Antigua and Early Caribbean Methodism
William Yoo, Emory University
Crossing Racial, Religious, and National Boundaries: The Impact of a Friendship between American and Korean Methodist Women from North Georgia to South Korea, 1948–1965
Mary Cavazos, Middlebury College
Central Jurisdiction Women and an Indigenous Interpretation: Toward a Black Women’s Theory of Mission
Responding: Amy Oden, Wesley Theological Seminary
Business Meeting: Rex Matthews, Emory University, Presiding

A17-328

Yoga in Theory and Practice Group
Theme: The Commodification of Yoga
MPN–427D

Stuart Ray Sarbacker, Oregon State University, Presiding
Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara
Anya Pokazanyevo, University of California, Santa Barbara
Peter Valdina, Emory University
Andrea R. Jain, Indiana University–Purdue University, Indianapolis
Amanda Huffer, University of California, Riverside
Responding: Mark Singleton, Saint John’s College, Santa Fe
Business Meeting: Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University, Presiding

A17-330

Religion and the Literary in Tibet Seminar
Theme: Religion and the Literary in Tibet (Year 3 of 5)
MPS-504A

Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding
Panelists:
David Germano, University of Virginia
José Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
Responding:
Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University
Roger Jackson, Carleton College
Nancy Lin, Dartmouth College
Nicole Willock, University of Colorado, Denver
Jann Ronis, University of California, Berkeley
Carl Yamamoto, Towson University
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University
Antonio Terrone, Northwestern University

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Wildcard Sessions
A17-331

Religion in the American West Seminar
Theme: (Re)Sacralizing the American West
MPS-503A

Sara Patterson, Hanover College, Presiding
Shari Rabin, Yale University
Between Manifest Destiny and Diaspora: American Judaism in the Era of Westward Expansion
Sarah Koenig, Yale University
Material ‘Goods’: Towards a Commercial History of Religion in the American West
Thomas Bremer, Rhodes College
The Evangelical Origins of National Parks and a Religio-aesthetic Vision of the American West
Tammy Heise, Florida State University
Real and Imagined Territories: Restoring the Independent Oglala Nation and Reviving the Ghost Dance Ritual at Wounded Knee in 1973

Responding:
James Bennett, Santa Clara University
Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming

P17-329

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Early Christianity as Greco-Roman Religion
HC-PDR 1

Ian Brown, University of Toronto
Thinking with Schools: Evaluating the Schoolishness of 1 Thessalonians, 1 Corinthians, and the Gospel of Thomas
Erin Roberts, University of South Carolina
History Writing, Cognitive Plausibility, and 1 Corinthians 4:8
Ryan Olfert, University of Toronto
Putting Paul to the Test: Corinthians and Examination Practices in Greco-Roman Associations
Jennifer Evl, Barnard College
Paul and Ethnicity-based Divinatory Expertise
Heidi Wendt, Brown University
Another Jesus, A Different Gospel: The Religion of Independent Specialists and Its Consequences for Earliest Christianity

P17-400

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions Meeting
Saturday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM
HC-PDR 4

Please join us for a meeting of the Society for the Study of Chinese Religions. The annual membership dues for the SSCR are $30 ($15 for students and retired). In order to become a new member of SSCR, send a check payable in US dollars to the SSCR treasurer: Gil Raz, Department of Religion, Thornton Hall, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, 03755; E-mail: gil.raz@dartmouth.edu. Alternatively, you can pay the membership fee via the online electronic payment system PayPal via the link from our website at: http://sites.harvard.edu/ich/ich.do?keyword=k7027andpageid=ich.page43815.

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Saturday, 6:00 PM and Later

A17-400
Friends of the Academy Reception
Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM
HC-AAR Suite
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Individuals whose generosity allows us to continue many of our special programs are invited to a reception hosted by the AAR Board of Directors.

A17-402
JAAR Editorial Board Meeting
Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM
HC-Boulevard B
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Editorial Board meeting of the Journal of the American Academy of Religion.

A17-401
Racial and Ethnic Minorities’ Reception
Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
HC-Williford C
Sponsored by the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee.

P17-404
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
Theme: Desire, Pleasure, and Suffering in Hinduism and Buddhism
Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
HC-4A
Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Presiding
Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley and University of Melbourne
Desire’s Ambivalences: Bhavas, Rasa, and Abhinava to Tagore
Christopher G. Framarin, University of Calgary
The Joyful Sage
Stephen Harris, University of New Mexico and Illinois Institute of Technology
Suffering and Buddhist Ethics

P17-401
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: External Confirmations of New Testament Historicity
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM
HC-PDR 2
Craig Hazen, Biola University, Presiding
Craig Evans, Acadia Divinity College
The New Testament Manuscripts: Old and Reliable
Craig S. Keener, Asbury Theological Seminary
Craig Blomberg, Denver Seminary
Common Exegetical Fallacies in New Testament Scholarship Rectifiable through External Evidence
J. J. Johnston, Acadia Divinity College
How Early Critics and Objectors Confirm the Truth of the Easter Story

P17-402
Polanyi Society
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM
HC-PDR 3
François Euvé, Centre Sèvres, Paris
Polanyi and the Renewed Dialogue between Religion and the Natural Sciences
Dale W. Cannon, Western Oregon University
A Polanyian-participatory Approach to Comparative Study of Religion: The Questions of King Melinda and Anselm’s Proslogion as Two Traditions of Religious Practice
Responding:
Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies
Papers will be posted by early November on the Polanyi Society website, www.polanyisociety.org.

P17-403
European Society of Women in Theological Research
Theme: Beyond Victim and Perpetrator: The Implications of War’s Moral Injury for Feminist Theory
Saturday, 7:30 PM–9:30 PM
HC-Continental A
Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Everyone is welcome to this panel discussion based on a new book by Rita Brock and Gabriella Lettini, entitled Soul Repair: Recovering from Moral Injury After War (Beacon Press, 2012). For additional information, please contact Susanne Scholz at suscholz@smu.edu.
A17-403
Presidential Address
Theme: Reflections on Epistemology, Ethics, and Politics in the Study of the Religious “Stranger”
Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-Grand Ballroom
John Esposito, Georgetown University, Presiding
Scientific knowledge in general — and religious studies in particular — are nowadays carried out in a global cultural environment where concern and compassion toward the vulnerable, the weak, the victims of violence and marginalization are increasingly devalued as impractical weaknesses, whereas indifference, callousness, and insensitivity in their regard seem to become the new objectivity, the new scientificity, the new normalcy — including in religious discourse and public policy.
In this address, Maduro invites us to reflect on the need to appreciate and explore the complex interconnections among 1) Our ways of knowing, of determining what is worth knowing and how, of judging and using knowledge and expertise (epistemology); 2) Our values, priorities, and urgencies (ethics); and 3) The power structures, dynamics, allegiances, and interests in which we are involved and that bind our knowledge and our ethics (politics) — and how these interconnections orient and shape, among other things our perceptions of the other, the alien, the stranger, and their religious ways.
This invitation is made while underscoring the increasingly inimical environment immigrants to the US find themselves in after 9/11 — even more so since the current financial crisis: an environment where evictions, detentions, workplace raids, late-night home searches, job firings, school expulsions, forced family separations, police abuse, posse attacks, deportations, denial of services, homelessness, discrimination of all sorts, and the deep fears this all raises are progressively becoming part and parcel of the daily lives of immigrants — especially poor, recent, undocumented, dark-skinned, non-English-speaking immigrants — an environment where religious traditions and faith communities are carried on with a novel urgency and vulnerability.
Panelists:
Otto Maduro, Drew University
Film: *Tokyo Godfathers*
Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-Lake Michigan
Stephen Oketa, Boston College, Presiding

*Tokyo Godfathers* begins on Christmas Eve, when three homeless people (Gin, Hana, and Miyuki) find a baby abandoned in the garbage. Calling the child Kiyoko (after the Japanese name for “Silent Night”), they begin a search for the child’s parents. Each one of them has a troubled past: Gin is an alcoholic who abandoned his family, Miyuki is a teenage runaway afraid to return home, and Hana is a transvestite who has felt alienated her entire life. Their quest, which winds its way through encounters with a Yakuza boss, a Latin American hitman, and the woman who first kidnapped Kiyoko, helps the three godparents to face their difficult pasts. Written and directed by Satoshi Kon and featuring animation by Madhouse, *Tokyo Godfathers* tells a powerful redemption narrative without falling into the traps of more typical second-chance stories. (Dir. Satoshi Kon, Japan, 2003, 92 mins.)

*JAAR Reception for Authors and Board Members*
Saturday, 9:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-Boulevard C

Reception for *JAAR* editorial board members and *JAAR* authors.

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

**P18-1**

*Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*
Theme: Feminist Studies in Religion Web Board Meeting
Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
HC-McCormick Boardroom

**P18-2**

*Society for Hindu–Christian Studies Board Meeting*
Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:30 AM
MPS-106A

**A18-1**

*AAR Annual Business Meeting*
Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM
MPW-175A
Otto Maduro, Drew University, Presiding
Join the AAR Board of Directors for a continental breakfast and a brief business meeting.

**A18-2**

*International Members’ Breakfast*
Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM
MPS-501D
Sponsored by the International Connections Committee.
Breakfast, including a question-and-answer session, for international members of the AAR.

**A18-137**

*Publications Committee Meeting*
Sunday, 8:00 AM–11:30 AM
MPW-472
Kimberley Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

**A18-100**

**Sex, Gender, Sexuality, and Religion Cluster**
Theme: **Naming Our History, Rebuilding Our Alliances, Mapping Our Future**
MPW-175C
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College, Presiding
Many AAR members are becoming increasingly frustrated with the fragmentation within the AAR and the self-fragmentation that results when different aspects of our identities are housed in different program units. Yet there are good reasons for the existence of the many gender- and sexuality-related program units in terms of scholarly developments, access to the table, and generational differences. Panelists will look at the history of the development of the different units, including the ways that older units failed to meet new needs, but also acknowledge a shared history and try to imagine how the future could be less fragmented. The purpose of these sessions is to venture forth and see what we can do together.

Panelists:
- Bjorn Krondorfer, Saint Mary’s College, Maryland
  *Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group*
- R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, Saint Louis
  *Religion and Sexuality Group*
- Stephanie Mitchem, University of South Carolina
  *Womanist Issues in Religion and Society Group*
- Jay Emerson Johnson, Pacific School of Religion
  *Gay Men and Religion Group*
- Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University
  *Women and Religion Section*
- Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge
  *Lesbian Feminist Issues in Religion Group*
- Karen Alliaume, Lewis University
  *Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group*
- Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary
  *Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching and Activism Group*
- Melissa Wilcox, Whitman College
  *Queer Studies in Religion Group*

**A18-101**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**
Theme: **Expanding Borders: Religion and the Arts**
MPE-263
Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding
Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University
*Detachment and Reattachment: Some Reflection on Religion, Spirituality, and Art*

**A18-102**

**Buddhism Section**
Theme: **Blurred Borders: Pan-Asianism, Transnationalism, and Buddhist Identities**
MPW-187B
Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Presiding
Kalzang Dorjee Bhutia, University of Delhi
*The First Vajrayana-Turned-Theravada Monk: Rediscovering Anticolonial and Pan-Asian Modernities in the Life of S. Mahinda Thera*
Hwansoo Kim, Duke University
*The Buddha-ization Movement (Fohua Yundong) of Korean-Chinese Lay Buddhists Yu Guanbin and Taixia*
Victoria Pinto, University of Southern California
*Seeds of the Teaching: The Construction of Shinnyo-en’s Transnational Buddhist Identity in the Post-war*
Jeffrey Samuels, Western Kentucky University
*Pan-Buddhist, Pan-Asian: Religious and Social Conflict in the Making of a Theravada Identity in Malaysia*

**A18-103**

**Ethics Section**
Theme: **The Obama Question: A Progressive Prospective (Rowman and Littlefield, 2012)**
MPW-375B
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Walter Fluker, Boston University
*The First Vajrayana-Turned-Theravada Monk: Rediscovering Anticolonial and Pan-Asian Modernities in the Life of S. Mahinda Thera*
Sharon Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School
*Dwight Hopkins, University of Chicago*
Michael Zank, Boston University
Gary Dorrien, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University

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A18-104
History of Christianity Section and World Christianity Group
Theme: Teaching about World Christianity
MPW-178A
Dale Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
  Valerie A. Karras, Southern Methodist University
  Otto Maduro, Drew University
  L. DeAne Lagerquist, Saint Olaf College
  David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary
  Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara
Business Meeting:
  Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

A18-105
Philosophy of Religion Section
Theme: The New Hegel and Religious Studies
MPW-176B
Kevin Hector, University of Chicago, Presiding
  Molly Farneth, Princeton University
  Confession, Forgiveness, and Hegel’s “Absolute Spirit”
  Thomas Lewis, Brown University
  Self-determination, Otherness, and Projection in Hegel’s Philosophy of Religion
  Wesley Erdelack, Harvard University
  Hegelian Interpretation and the Study of Religion
  Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University
  What is It That Absolute Knowing Knows?

A18-106
Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Contesting the Definition of Religion in Global Contexts
MPW-179A
Robert Shedinger, Luther College, Presiding
  Jeffrey Israel, The New School
  Jews and the Problem of “Religion” in Interreligious Peace
  Zubair Ahmad, University of Johannesburg
  Constructing a Secular-, State-, and Democracy-friendly Islam from Within?
  Stephen Martin, King’s University College
  Contesting Secular Space: the Anglican Church in South Africa and the Post-Apartheid State
  David Liu, Duke University
  The “Ancestral” in Religious Politics

Business Meeting:
  Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

A18-107
Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Theme: Race, Ethnicity, Immigration, and Religion: Present Realities and Future Directions
MPW-185A
Gerardo Marti, Davidson College, Presiding
  Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University
  Mainline Churches and the Challenge of Racial Diversity
  R. Stephen Warner, University of Illinois, Chicago
  Race and Immigration: Beyond Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish Whites
  James Phillips, Rice University, Adele James, Rice University, and Michael Emerson, Rice University
  Race and Religion in a Changing America: Newly Discovered Patterns in a National Panel Study
  Samuel Perry, University of Chicago
  Religion, Race, and Romance in the United States

Business Meeting:
  Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
A18-108

Study of Judaism Section and Comparative Studies of Hinduisms and Judaisms Group

Theme: Fashioning Human Bodies in the Divine Likeness: Technologies of Transformation in Hindu and Jewish Traditions

MPN-427A

Pinchas Giller, American Jewish University, Presiding

Gavin Flood, University of Oxford

Divinizing the Body in Tantric Traditions

Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara

Fashioning Devotional Bodies in the Likeness of the Divine Body of Kṛṣṇa

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo

The Many Rhetorical Forms of the Body: The Ritual Function of Ambivalence in the Medieval Hebrew Microcosm

Elliot Wolfson, New York University

Linguistic Embodiment and Angelic Transformation in the Prophetic Kabbalah of Abrabam Abulafia

Responding:

Shaul Magid, Indiana University

A18-109

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Theme: Memory, Mourning, and Trauma

MPW-476

Krista Hughes, Hanover College, Presiding

Xavier Pickett, Princeton Theological Seminary

A Country that Cannot Mourn: James Baldwin and a Moral Psychology of America

Holly Hillgardner, Drew University

Mournful Nonattachment: Grief and Grievability in Mirabai and Hadewijch

Joseph Moser, Northwestern University

Kihuye: Bathed in Blood and Light

Tamsin Jones, University of Victoria

Beyond Truth: Trauma Theory and Religious Experience

Responding:

Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Tamsin Jones, University of Victoria, and Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

A18-110

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Theme: Asian North American "Conservative" Christian Communities, Masculinities, and Gender Issues

MPN-126

Michael Sepidzdoza Campos, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Panelists:

Steve B. Hu, University of California, Santa Barbara

Mark Chung Hearn, Azusa Pacific University

Sung Won Park, Union Theological Seminary

Justin K. H. Tse, University of British Columbia

Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School

Responding:

Grace Yia-Hei Kao, Claremont School of Theology

A18-111

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group and Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group

Theme: Race Matters in Political Theology

MPE-259

Tat-siong Benny Liew, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Panelists:

Roland Boer, University of Newcastle

Eleazar Fernandez, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University

Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary

Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside

A18-112

Black Theology Group

Theme: Towards a New Black Theology? Going Back in Order to Move Forward!

MPW-183A

Adam Clark, Xavier University, Presiding

Panelists:

Edward Phillip Antonio, Iliff School of Theology

J. Kameron Carter, Duke University

Willie J. Jennings, Duke University

Brian Bantum, Seattle Pacific University

Responding:

Joanne Terrell, Chicago Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Anthony G. Reddie, Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education, Presiding
A18-113

Body and Religion Group

Theme: Form and Transformation: Body as Space, Agency, and Process

MPN-131

George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding
Jacob Meiring, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Theology in the Flesh: Bodyscanning, Religious Narratives, and Theological Anthropology
Connor Wood, Boston University
Inheritance of Pain: The Religious Response to Evolutionary Reality
Lisa Battaglia, Mount Holyoke College
Like Licking Honey Off a Razor Blade: The Female Body as a Site of Suffering and Aversion in Buddhism
Niki Clements, Brown University
Body-brains That Matter: John Cassian and Ethical Agency
Aftab Jassal, Emory University
The Coming of Krishna: Practices of Place Making and the Poetics of Possession

Business Meeting:
George Pati, Valparaiso University, and Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding

A18-114

Buddhist Philosophy Group

Theme: Philosophical Conceptions of Realization in the Context of the Buddhist Path

MPN-132

David Fiordalis, Linfield College, Presiding
Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University
Mindfulness and Direct Realization in the Abhidharma
Michel Mohr, University of Hawai‘i
Going Beyond in Rinzai Zen: Some Philosophical Implications of Emphasizing Integration over Insight
Yaroslav Komarovski, University of Nebraska
Seeing as Possessing: Shakya Chokden’s Combined Developmental-discovery Model of the Buddhist Path
Pierre-Julien Harter, University of Chicago
Knowing and Knowing Fully: The Path and the Degrees of Knowledge in the Abhisamayalamkara Literature

Responding:
James Blumenthal, Oregon State University

A18-115

Chinese Religions Group

Theme: Ancestor Incorporated: Spiritual Cult and the Making of Local Societies in Hunan during the Ming–Qing Period

MPE-256

Chi-cheung Choi, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Presiding

Panelists:
Wing-sing Lui, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Xiaohui Xie, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
Yao Chen, Xiamen University

Responding:
Shiyu Zhao, Peking University

Business Meeting:
James A. Benn, McMaster University, and Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding

A18-116

Comparative Religious Ethics Group

Theme: Comparative Ethics, Cultural Critique, and Religious Praxis

MPN-426C

Elizabeth Barre, Rice University, Presiding

Sam Houston, Florida State University
Sherman A. Jackson and the Possibility of a "Blackamerican Muslim" Prophetic Pragmatism
Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
Local Sustainable Agriculture as a Locus of Ethical Practice: Evaluating Buddhist, Christian, and Muslim Examples in the US with Holistic Ecofeminist Ethics
Helen Mesard, University of Virginia
A Shared Predicament: Abdelwaab Elmessiri and the Critique of Modernity in Comparative Perspective

Business Meeting:
Elizabeth Bucar, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

A18-117

Contemplative Studies Group

Theme: New Directions in Contemplative Studies

MPW-181B

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, Presiding

Donna Lee Dox, Texas A&M University
Contemplation and the Status of an Inner Life
Lloyd Pfueger, Truman State University
Towards a Phenomenology of Inwardness: Developing Empathy for Mysticism in the Religious Studies Classroom

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A18-118

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
Theme: Improvisation as a Way of Life
MPS-105A
Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Panelists:
Arnold I. Davidson, University of Chicago and Universita Ca’Foscarri, Venezia
Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University
Brian Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Responding:
Harold Roth, Brown University
Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego, and Anne Klein, Rice University, Presiding

A18-119

Ecclesiastical Investigations Group
Theme: Ecclesiology and Ethnography
MPW-185D
Christian Scharen, Luther Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:
Luke Bretherton, Duke University
John Swinton, University of Aberdeen
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
Elizabeth Phillips, University of Cambridge

Responding:
Richard Wood, University of New Mexico
James K. A. Smith, Calvin College

A18-120

Evangelical Studies Group
Theme: YHWH, Allah, and Jesus Christ: Explorations in Comparative Monotheisms
MPN-128
Esther Acolatse, Duke University, Presiding

Philip Stewart, Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, München
God, Allah, YHWH: Who Are We Talking About?
Stephen Sours, Christ United Methodist Church
What to Do with the Book and the Son? Simplicity and Trinitiy in Muslim and Christian Doctrines of God
Dennis Jowers, Faith Evangelical College and Seminary
Must Belief in the Doctrine of the Trinity Constitute Shirk?

Responding:
Loida Martell-Otero, Palmer Theological Seminary

A18-121

Hinduism Group and Liberal Theologies Group
Theme: Religion, Toleration, Progress: Liberalism In and Against Hindu Thought
MPW-178B
Richard Davis, Bard College, Presiding

J. Barton Scott, Montana State University
Genealogies of Self-rule: Liberalism and Protestantism in Karsandas Mulji’s Reform Writings
Cassie Adcock, Washington University, Saint Louis
Illiberal Hinduism and the Politics of Religious Freedom: The Arya Samaj in Colonial India
Jason Fuller, De Pauw University
Rationalism and Religious Tolerance Among the Gaudiya Vaishnavas of Nineteenth Century Bengal
Varuni Bhattia, University of Michigan
A Liberal Conundrum: “Decline” and “Progress” in Bengal’s Vaishnava Traditions
Rupa Viswanath, University of Göttingen
Making Way: Caste Hindus, Abstract Space, and Toleration in Colonial Madras

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**Middle Eastern Christianity Group**

**Theme:** The Arab Spring and Its Aftermath: Reactions by Middle Eastern Christians (On Both Sides of the Atlantic)

MPW-176C

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Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union
Bouchra Bouyoub, City University, London
Martin Rowe, Boston University
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- Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union
- Between Winter and Spring: Ambivalent Reactions from the Christian Communities in the Middle East
- Bouchra Bouyoub, City University, London
- The Lebanese Christian Maronites Standing at a Historic Crossroads between Hariri and Nasrallah?
- Martin Rowe, Boston University
- Challenging Church, State, and Status Quo: Coptic Protest and the Egyptian Uprisings of 2011
- Carolyne Ramzy, University of Toronto
- 'Egypt Lives Inside Us': Coptic-Canadians Negotiate Pope Shenouda III's Death in Poetry and Song
- Aaron Sokoll, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Cradle and Convert Antiochian Orthodox Christians in the US React to the Arab Spring
- Janaa Hashim, McCormick Theological Seminary
- Teaching the Arab Spring (in a North American Seminary)
- Rami Tanous, University of Toronto
- A Postcolonial Perspective on the History of Middle Eastern Christians under Arab Rule: From Integrated Majorities to Disintegrated Minorities

**Responding:**

- Mitri Raheb, Diyar Consortium and Christmas Lutheran Church, Bethlehem
- Business Meeting:
  Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

**A18-123**

**Music and Religion Group**

**Theme:** The Study of Music and Religion

MPW-184A

Stephen Marini, Wellesley College, Presiding
Panelists:

- Peter Jeffery, University of Notre Dame
- Guy Beck, Tulane University
- Yuri Avvakumov, University of Notre Dame
- Tala Jarmour, University of Notre Dame
- Kay Kaufman Shelemay, Harvard University
- Awet Andemicael, University of Notre Dame

**Business Meeting:**

- Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding
- Philip Stoltzfus, Saint Thomas University, Presiding

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A18-126

Qur'an Group
Theme: Postmodern Theories and the Qur'an
MPW-175B
Gabriel Reynolds, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
  Omar Shaukat, University of Virginia
  Qur'anic Epistemology: Modern or Postmodern?
  Mahdi Tourage, University of Western Ontario
  The Erotics of Sacrifice in the Qur'anic Tale of Abel and Cain
  Kathryn Kueny, Fordham University
  God as M/Other, Midwife, and Erotic Partner in the Engendering of Life
  Jon Arमanjani, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University
  Islamist Groups, Qur'anic Interpretations, and Postmodern Theories
  Banafsheh Madaninejad, Middlebury College
  Postmodern New Theology in the Islamic Republic of Iran: One Truth or Many?
Responding:
  Mehnaz Afridi, Manhattan College
Business Meeting:
  Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin, and Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

A18-127

Reformed Theology and History Group
Theme: One Body of Christ? Unity and Schism among Reformed Churches
MPW-194A
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding
  Darren Sumner, University of Aberdeen
  On the Merits of Scrupling: Unity and Uniformity in American Presbyterianism
  Sarah Sanderson-Doughty, Vanderbilt University
  A Church Divided by Theology? Clergy Disputes, the Westminster Confession, and the 1837 Schism in the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America
  Jonathan Seitz, Taiwan Theological College and Seminary
  Unity through Shared Adversity: A Case Study of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT)
  Barry Ensign-George, Presbyterian Church (USA)
  Schism and the Reformed Embrace of Denomination

A18-128

Religion and Disability Studies Group and Religion and Ecology Group
Theme: Religion, Ecology, and Disability Studies
MPW-471A
Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, Presiding
  Sharon Betcher, Vancouver School of Theology
  Picture of Health: “Nature” at the Intersection of Disability, Religion, and Ecology
  Julia Watts Belser, Missouri State University
  Toxic Exposures: Disability Studies, Environmental Activism, and the Ethics of Representation
  Chris Klassen, Wilfrid Laurier University
  Living Imperfectly Well: Environmental Ethics from Disability and Illness
  Claire Bischoff, Emory University
  At Risk before Birth: Fetal Origins Research on the Intersection of Environmental Crisis and Disability
Responding:
  Laurel Kearns, Drew University

A18-129

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Theme: Reimagining Secularization Theory in the Study of Religion and Popular Culture
MPN-127
Shanny Luft, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Presiding
  David Walker, Yale University
  Railroading Rituals: Mormons and Tourists in the American West
  Jeffrey Scholes, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
  Relating Sports and Religion in a Postsecular World
  Brandon White, Emory University
  Denis Bekkering, University of Waterloo
  Unfaithful Fans of Teleevangelists: Between Recreational Christianity and Antifandom

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18
A18-130
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
Theme: Situated Pedagogy: Teaching the Holocaust from This Place
MPN-130
Laura Levitt, Temple University, Presiding
Beverly Mitchell, Wesley Seminary
Teaching the Holocaust: Challenges and Imperatives
Jodi Eichler-Levine, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Looking at Anne Frank’s Baby Pictures: A Midwestern Odyssey
Willa Johnson, University of Mississippi
From My Place: Teaching the Holocaust at Ole Miss Fifty Years after James Meredith
Benjamin Sax, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Awareness, Red Herrings, and the Specter of Violence: Teaching the Holocaust at Virginia Tech
Jennifer Peace, Andover Newton Theological School
How the Holocaust Changed My Understanding Interfaith Course
Responding:
Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield
Business Meeting:
Sarah Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

A18-131
Religion, Media, and Culture Group
MPN-426A
Jeremy Stolow, Concordia University, Presiding
Panelists:
John Lardas Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
Alexandra Boutros, Wilfrid Laurier University
Jason Ananda Josephson, Williams College
Responding:
Thomas Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara
Business Meeting:
Sarah Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

A18-132
Ricoeur Group
Theme: Ricoeur on Personhood
MPN-230A
Michael DeLashmutt, Luther Seminary, Presiding
Sara Koenig, Seattle Pacific University
Being with (An)other: Ricoeur, Bakhtin, and the Story of Personhood
Diane Yeager, Georgetown University
Nabert and Ricoeur on the Capacity to Act
Michael Johnson, Concordia College
The Primordial Passive Synthesis at the Heart of Oneself as Another: Ricoeur’s Hermeneutical Recovery of Husserl’s Discovery of the Alterity of the Other Person in the Fifth Meditation
Business Meeting:
Jeffrey Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

A18-133 (=S18-125)
Sociology of Religion Group and SBL Ideological Criticisms Group
Theme: Persistence and Reproduction of Christian Mentalities and the Work of Burton Mack
MPS-101A
Janet Ross, McMaster University, Presiding
Panelists:
Erin Runions, Pomona College
Randall Reed, Appalachian State University
Lief Vaage, University of Toronto
Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago
James Crossley, University of Sheffield
Responding:
Burton Mack, Claremont Graduate University

A18-134
Transhumanism and Religion Group
Theme: Perspectives on Human Enhancement
MPS-504BC
Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University, Presiding
Eduardo Cruz, Pontifical Catholic University, São Paulo
Transhumanism and the Fate of Natality
Tracy J. Trothen, Queen’s University
Enhanced Transcendence? Sport, Technoscientific, and Religion
Nikolas Zanetti, Boston University
In Defense of the Sanctified Body: An Argument for the Impossibility of Human–Computer Integration
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

A18-135

Western Esotericism Group
Theme: Perception and the Senses in Esoteric Discourses
MPN-227A
Marco Pasi, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Presiding
Matthew Dougherty, University of North Carolina
"Brethren, Stretch Forth Your Hands": The Male Body in American Masonic Ritual, 1859–1900
John Crow, Florida State University
Disciplining the Mental and Desire Bodies on the Astral Plane: Thought-forms and the Regulation of the Theosophical Bodies
Glenn McCullough, University of Toronto
The Occult Underhill: Hidden Hermetic Hermeneutics in Evelyn Underhill's Mysticism
Kennet Granholm, Stockholm University
Occult Metal: Popular Culture as Esoteric Mediation
Business Meeting:
Cathy Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College, Presiding

A18-136

Religion, Food, and Eating in North America Seminar
Theme: Teaching Religion and Food
MPS-405A
Marie Dallam, University of Oklahoma, Presiding
Panelists:
Jennifer Berg, New York University
Whitney Sanford, University of Florida
Megan Elias, City University of New York
Nora Rubel, University of Rochester
Martha Finch, Missouri State University
Responding:
Paul Myhre, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Business Meeting:
Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding

A18-140

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Innovative Job Hunting Strategies in the Academy and Beyond
MPW-184BC
Nargis Virani, The New School, Presiding
Today's economic crisis has adversely impacted the academic sector, posing numerous challenges for religious studies departments and schools of theological education. Scholars of color who are already underrepresented in academia are especially vulnerable. What are some of the innovative ways in which academics can market themselves to fit the field requirements of religious studies departments and schools of theological education? Are there job opportunities "beyond academia" that can be considered good options? In this forum, the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee intends to explore some possibilities and strategies in the pursuit of employment and career advancement within and beyond academia.
Panelists:
Jacob Olupona, Harvard University
Michele Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami
Lester Ruiz, Association of Theological Schools
Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania
Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good

P18-104

Society for Hindu–Christian Studies
Theme: Interreligious Ritual Participation: Reverence, Flippancy, or Betrayal?
MPS-106A
Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding
Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College
Doctrinal Approach — Ritual as the Expression of Theological Commitments
Joris Geldhof, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven, and Marianne Moyaert, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven
Phenomenological Approach — Ritual as Irreducible Symbolic Action
Christopher Conway, Boston College
Sociopolitical Approach — Fear and Loathing on the Kentucky Campaign Trail: Practice, Politics, and Pluralism
Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College
Pluralist Approach — In the Footsteps of Ramakrishna: Interreligious Ritual Participation from a Vedanta Society Perspective
Tracy Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding
Business Meeting:
Michael T. McLaughlin, Saint Leo University, Presiding
P18-105
Theta Alpha Kappa Board of Directors Meeting
HM-CC10A

P18-144
Society for Pentecostal Studies
MPN-139
Robby Waddell, Southeastern University, Presiding
Panelists:
   Jenny Meyer Everts, Hope College
   Blaine Charette, Northwest University
   Frank Macchia, Vanguard University
   Robert Menzies, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary
   Roger Stronstad, Summit Pacific College
Responding:
   Luke Johnson, Emory University

A18-141
Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: An Effective Drug-free Antidote to Chronic Stress: Mindfulness Meditation
Sunday, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
MPW-195
Graduate students have to contend with the stresses of academia: deadlines, proposals, assignments, presentations, and expectations. These stresses, and many more, result in a decrease in mind clarity and productivity. This workshop introduces mindfulness meditation as an effective drug-free antidote for this problem. During the first half of the workshop, participants will engage in a hands-on exercise to understand the reality of the situation by creating an awareness of the interdependence of circumstances. The goal of this exercise is to see objectively the nature of the problem and create space that allows flexibility without getting caught up in the web of confusion and anxiety. The remainder of the workshop will feature a guided meditation for stress reduction. The overall expected result of mindfulness meditation is a calmer mind.
Panelist:
   Fitri Junoes, University of Hong Kong

A18-142
Swiss Treasures Tour — From Biblical Papyrus and Parchment to Erasmus, Zwingli, Calvin, and Barth
Sunday, 11:30 AM–2:30 PM
MPW-Tour Desk
The tour will include bus transportation to the Swiss Treasures Exhibition at the University of Chicago Library. The exhibition displays thematic-local particularities in form of manuscripts and prints from the fourth through the twentieth century, mostly shown for the first time abroad. These artifacts derive either from the aforementioned notables or document their philosophical, theological as well as political work. The display contains highlights from seven Swiss institutions located in Basel, Fribourg, St. Gall, Zurich, Cologne and Geneva.

A18-138
Plenary Panel
Theme: Migrant’s Religions Under Imperial Duress: Approaches from the Sociology and Anthropology of Religions
Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
MPW-375B
Otto Maduro, Drew University, Presiding
Some of the questions raised by this panel will include: How do imperial policies (economic, military, cultural, political, etc.) elicit migrations both to/from the metropolitan centers of our world? What are some of the ways in which these policies impact the religious allegiances and expressions (theological, ritual, ethical, etc.) of migrant populations? Likewise, how do such policies affect the migration of religious traditions, both to/from the metropolitan centers of our world? How do migrant populations engage in religious protest against and/or in resistance to the related imperial policies? And, finally, the panelists will share their ethical reflections concerning the plight of migrants under the pressure of global powers.

Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University
Manuel Vásquez, University of Florida
Albert Wuaku, Florida International University
Accidental Pilgrims: Imperialism, Migration, and Religion among Contemporary Taiwanese and Korean Christian Immigrants in the United States
Halouba’s Struggles: Haitian Migrants and Vodou Practice in Miami
Migration Miracle: Faith, Hope, and Meaning on the Undocumented Journey
Faith-based Organizations, Transnational Immigration, and the New Panopticon
Practice in Miami

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A18-139

Committees on the Status of Women in the Profession and the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession
Women's Mentoring Lunch
Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
MPW-175A
Judith Plaskow, Hebrew Union College, and Melanie Harris, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Female graduate students and women in the early stages of their careers are invited to come and engage in informal conversation with mid-career and senior scholars. The setting allows participants to ask questions that they might not feel comfortable raising in job interviews or in their home institutions. To register, please visit https://aar.wufoo.com/forms/2012-womens-mentoring-luncheon/.
Mentors:
Ellen Armour, Vanderbilt University
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Namsoon Kang, Texas Christian University
Mary Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
Susan Henking, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Nargis Virani, The New School
Traci West, Drew University

A18-200

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Imagined Solidarities: Common Cause or Conflicting Interests among Undergraduate Students and Their Faculties?
MPE-263
Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University, and Richard M. Carp, Saint Mary's College, California, Presiding
The professional lives of most members of the AAR depend on undergraduate students. Many of us spend the majority of our time working with undergraduates, and undergraduates — either directly through tuition or indirectly through taxpayer support — pay most of our salaries as well. Yet it seems that students and faculties at American colleges and universities find little practical solidarity with one another during the current, extended financial and moral crises within the Academy. What is the actual character of our relationships as they take place in our classrooms, offices, and elsewhere, and how do these relationships affect our sense of solidarity and/or mutual care? This special session queries several possible ways of imagining this complex relationship, only some of which create the possibility of genuine solidarity. All of these imaginative relations are probably present for each of us in some degree, though different faculty members’ comfort with one or more form of such imagining may vary greatly. How do these relationships, real and imagined, play out in our actual contexts? To what extent do they (or should they) manifest mutual caring and/or result in solidarities potent enough to affect our institutions? How have the new economic challenges (rising tuition and student fees, pay cuts and furloughs for faculty, growing class size, and general malaise) and the moral complexities they generate make such solidarities easier or more difficult to imagine and sustain?
Panelists:
Timothy Peoples, Adrian College
Brock Bingaman, Wesleyan College
Lucia Hulsether, Harvard University
Wesley Barker, Georgia State University
Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University
Kate Daley-Bailey, University of Georgia

P18-106

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
Theme: Case Studies of the Church at Worship: New Paradigms for Teaching Theology and Worship
Sunday, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM
MPW-182
Andrew McCoy, Calvin College, Presiding
Panelists:
Kathleen Cahalan, Saint John's University
Julie Canlis, Methlick, United Kingdom
Responding:
John Witvliet, Calvin College

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A18-201

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life Survey on Religion in Prisons
MPW-181B
Barbara McGraw, Saint Mary’s College, California, Presiding

In March 2012, the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life released its groundbreaking “Religion in Prisons: 50 State Survey of Prison Chaplains”—the first survey to explore prison inmate religious accommodation from the perspective of prison chaplains. Among other things, the prison chaplains reported that America’s prisons are “a bustle of religious activity;” religion-based rehabilitation programming is available and important to inmate re-entry into society; there are a significant number of extremists among Muslim, Pagan, and Protestants inmates; and 85 percent of prison chaplains are Christian. The panelists will introduce the Pew survey, address some of the significant issues the survey raises, and discuss the implications of the survey for further research.

Panelists:
Stephanie Boddie, Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life
Cary Funk, Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life
Patrick McCollum, American Correctional Chaplains Association
Aminah McCloud, DePaul University
Susan Van Baalan, Georgetown University

A18-202

Women’s Lounge Roundtable
Theme: NetWORKING
MPW-193B

This session will deal with technology and pedagogy. Educational structures are becoming digitized, and even for those who have been teaching for quite some time, new modes of connecting with students and educating them are unfamiliar. We will address how feminist pedagogy makes the transition from the traditional classroom to the online course, as well as how best to use technological advances to make connections between students and the course material.

A18-203

Sex, Gender, Sexuality, and Religion Cluster Business Meeting
MPW-183A

Business Meeting:
Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

A18-204

Social Theory and Religion Cluster
MPN-131
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University, Presiding

The Critical Theories and Discourses on Religion, Cultural Studies of the History of Religion, and the Sociology of Religion Groups will, from 2013 through 2015, work together through the Social Theory and Religion Cluster. In this session, Program Unit Chairs and committee members invite you to join us to discuss and note for future development: 1) The missions of CTDR, CSHR and SOR; 2) Collaborative possibilities among the units; 3) Research interests among the members of the AAR and SBL interested in Social Theory and its analytical application to the study of religion; 4) Occasions or anniversaries of scholarly note during the cluster’s cycle; 5) What can we do to connect with corollary interest groups globally; 6) How our activities can map into the 2015 International Association for the History of Religions World Congress in Erfurt, Germany; and 7) Potential themes for future calls for papers and ideas for speakers on Social Theory who normally do not attend the Annual Meeting but offer potentially valuable perspectives on the analysis of religious phenomenon.

Panelists:
Randall Styers, University of North Carolina
Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University
Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University
Titus Hjelm, University College, London
Ann Burlein, Hofstra University
William Arnal, University of Regina

A18-205

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Theme: Civil and Ecclesial Economies
MPW-185D
Chris Dorsey, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding

Muriel Schmid, University of Utah
When Theology Meets History: Liberation Theology and Contextual Theology in Palestine
Scott Bader-Saye, Seminary of the Southwest
Islamic Finance and Civil Economy: Toward an Interfaith Interruption of Global Capitalism
Joel Daniels, Boston University
Rowan Williams on Sharia, Secularism, and Suffering
A18-206
Comparative Studies in Religion Section
Theme: Religious “Founders” in Comparative Perspective
MPN–426C
Patrick Gray, Rhodes College, Presiding
Panelists:
- Kevin Jaques, Indiana University
- David Drewes, University of Manitoba
- Mans Broo, Åbo Akademi University
- Liang Cai, University of Arkansas

A18-207
Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Theme: Frantz Fanon's Analysis of Religion and Theology
MPW–471B
Carol Duncan, Wilfred Laurier University, Presiding
- K. Christine Pae, Denison University
  * Prostituted Bodies, Desired Bodies: An Inequality Complex in the Clash between Religions and Masculinities
- Eu Kit Lim, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
  * A Fanonian Analysis of the Revolutionary Potential for Pentecostal Christianity in the Global South
- Habibeh Rahim, Saint John’s University
  * Projection of Algerian Islam in Literature: From Camus to Fanon, From Dib to Djebbar

A18-208
Religion in South Asia Section
Theme: Re-figuring Bodies That Matter: Sex, Gender, and Alternative Bodily Identities in South Asian Traditions
MPN–126
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida, Presiding
- Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara
  * Alternative Bodily Identities in Gaudiya Vaishnava Discourse: From Karmically-constructed Sexed Bodies to Eternally Gendered Nonmaterial Bodies
- Anya Pokazanyeva, University of California, Santa Barbara
  * Sexed Voices, Gendered Bodies: Constructions of the Feminine Subject in Bhakti Poetry
- Harshita Kamath, Emory University
  * Paris is Burning, Gender is Burning: The Drag Performer Versus the Kuchipudi Female Impersonator
- Elaine Craddock, Southwestern University
  * Altered Bodies and Alternative Lives: Tirunangai Communities in Tamilnadu
Responding:
- Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago

A18-209
Study of Islam Section
Theme: Others and Selves: Negotiating Muslim Identities and Representations
MPN–426A
Frederick Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding
- Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of North Carolina
  * Muslims as Possible “Foreign Nationals”: Lingering Orientalism, Citizenship, and Shari‘ah
- Sophia Shafi, Iliff School of Theology
  * Variations on the Undead: Muslim Monsters from Dracula to Post-9/11 Zombies
- Irfana Hashmi, New York University
  * The Fashioning of an Ethnic Self at Azhar Mosque
Responding:
- Kambiz Ghanabassiri, Reed College

A18-210
Study of Judaism Section
Theme: Examining Medieval Jewish Thought Once Again
MPS–102D
Aaron Hughes, State University of New York, Buffalo, Presiding
- Ellen Haskell, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
  * Inside the Palace of Images: The Zohar’s Encounter with Medieval Christian Visual Culture
- Meir Seidler, Ariel University
  * A Daring Jewish-Orthodox Approach in Scripture Exegesis: Rabbi Eliah Benamozegh’s Pentateuch Commentary Em LaMikra
- Scott Girdner, Old Dominican University
  * Al-Ghazali, Yohanan Alemanno, and Giovanni Pico della Mirandola: A Jewish Reception and Transmission of Islamic Traditon
A18-211 (=P18-244)
Teaching Religion Section, SBL Academic Teaching and Biblical Studies Section, and Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Theme: Roundtable Discussions
MPE-353A
Paul Myhre, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, Presiding
Joe Blosser, High Point University
Hearing is Believing: The Use of Audio Feedback for Religion Student Papers
Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa
On Not Dumping Our Students at the Exit Ramp: Synthesizing the Major and Supporting Career Planning in the Senior Seminar
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, and Rhodora Beaton, Saint Catherine University
Learning Outcomes in the Study of Religions: A Conversation about the (In)Tangibles
Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Teaching About Teaching About Religion
Anna Mercedes, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University
Empowering Resistance While Teaching Gender-based Violence
Amy Merrill Willis, Lynchburg College
Not Just ‘Happy Hands for Jesus’: Service-learning, Exegesis, and Contextual Hermeneutics
Taylor Halverson, Brigham Young University
To Grade or Not to Grade? Assessing Learning in Theology, Religion, or Biblical Studies Courses
Suzanne Watts Henderson, Queens University, Charlotte
Marketing Biblical Studies for Undergraduates
Russell Arnold, DePauw University
Teaching with Metaquestions
Jonathan D. Lawrence, Canisius College
Addressing the Faithful (and the Unfaithful): Dealing with Religious Commitment in the Secular Classroom

A18-212
African Religions Group
Theme: Taking Root and Taking Heed: Religion, Sustainability, and Just Peacemaking in Africa — Lessons from Africa’s (Women) Nobel Peace Laureates and Their Partnership with Grassroots Women
MPN-427A
Teresia Hinga, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Michael Collopy, San Francisco, CA
  - Anne Gatobu, Asbury Seminary
  - Diane Diakité, Emory University
  - Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University

A18-213
Anthropology of Religion Group and Religion in Southeast Asia Group
Theme: Chinese Religion in Southeast Asia
MPE-259
Margarita Suárez, Meredith College, Presiding
  - David Scott, Boston University
    *The Chinese in Southeast Asia, Western Capitalism, Education, and Methodist Missions*
  - Emily Hertzman, University of Toronto
    *The Resurgence of a Chinese Festival in an Indonesian Town: The Case of Cap Go Meh in Singkawang, West Kalimantan*
  - Aaron Glaim, Brown University
    *Birthday Parties for the Gods in a Chinese Indonesian Town*
Responding:
  - Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont

A18-214
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and the Colloquium on Violence and Religion
Theme: Bonhoeffer and Girard in Conversation: Revelation, Scandal, and the Theology of the Cross
MPW-185A
Nikolaus Wandinger, University of Innsbruck, Presiding
  - Kevin Lenehan, MCD University of Divinity
    *Standing Responsibly between Silence and Speech: Doing Theology in Light of Bonhoeffer and Girard*
  - Craig Slane, Simpson University
    *Two Logics, One Scandal: Understanding Expulsion with Bonhoeffer with Girard*
A18-215

**Childhood Studies and Religion Group**

Theme: *Preparing the Next Generations: Catholic, Evangelical, and Mormon Youth in the Twentieth Century*

MPW-184A

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University, Presiding

Natalie Rose, Michigan State University

*Ensuring the Future: Mormon Courtship at the End of Plural Marriage, 1890–1920*

Karen Johnson, University of Illinois, Chicago

*Race, Religion, and Civil Rights: Catholic Youth and the Push for Interracial Justice in 1930s Chicago*

Rebecca Koerselman, Michigan State University

*Gender Goes Camping: The Construction of Feminine and Masculine Identities in Postwar Evangelical Summer Camps*

Responding:

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

A18-216

**Cognitive Science of Religion Group**


MPW-471A

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Claire White, Queen's University, Belfast

*“You Again?”: Reasoning about Personal Identity in Reincarnation*

Joseph Bulbulia, Victoria University, New Zealand, and Chris G. Sibley, Auckland University

*Sacred Row or Sears Roebuck: How Personality Interacts with Religious Practice to Affect Social Cognition*

Melanie Nyhof, Fuller Theological Seminary

*The Holy Spirit as Force: Vitalistic Causality in Pentecostal/Charismatic Conceptions of Holy Spirit Experience*

Business Meeting:

Jason Slone, Tiffin University, and Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia, Presiding

A18-217

**Comparative Theology Group**

Theme: *Dharmic—Eschatological Transformation of Religious Ends: A Hindu–Christian Comparative Theological Conversation*

MPN-128

Joshua Stanton, *Journal of Inter-Religious Dialogue*, Presiding

Panelists:

Aimée Light, Duquesne University

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Madhuri Yadlapati, Louisiana State University

Responding:

S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School

A18-218

**Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Group and Religion and Cities Group**

Theme: *“Where It Started At”: Hip-Hop and the Remaking of Urban Religion*

MPN-227A

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

*Eco-Rap: A Spiritual “Road Map” to a Future of Green Cities, Green Jobs, and Greater Justice*

Mark DeYoung, Anderson University

*Bigger Than Religion: Hip-Hop’s Prophetic Challenge to American Religious and Social Institutions*

Responding:

Charles Howard, University of Pennsylvania

A18-219

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**

Theme: *The Thought and Work of Gregory Palamas*

MPW-176B

Eve Tibbs, Saint Katherine College, Presiding

Scott Kenworthy, Miami University, Ohio

*Disputing the Name of God: Hesychasm, Rationalism, and the Theology of Gregory Palamas in the Name Glorifiers Controversy*

Rico Monge, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Reason and Mystical (Un)Knowing in Dionysius, Thomas Aquinas, and Gregory Palamas*

Dan Wright, University of Virginia

*Essence, Energies, and Persons: Rethinking the Realities in God*
A18-220
Ecclesiological Investigations Group and Vatican II Studies Group
Theme: History, Hermeneutics, and the Legacy of the Second Vatican Council
MPW-179A
Catherine Clifford, Saint Paul University, and Angela Berlis, University of Bern, Presiding
Sandra Mazzolini, Pontificia University, Urbaniana
Which Theology? The Work of the Theological Preparatory Commission According to the Conciliar Diaries of Congar and de Lubac
Amanda Osheim, Loras College
The Vulnerability of Kenoisis: Two Visions of the Church in the (Post)Modern World
Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University
Beyond Continuity Versus Rupture: Vatican II as a Constitutional Text of Faith
Davide Zordan, Fondazione Bruno Kessler
Be Kind, Rewind: The Role of Reception in Christoph Theobald’s Reading of the Second Vatican Council

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Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Presiding
Yousef Casevit, Yale University
Natural Phenomena as a Gateway into the Celestial Realm: The Sufi Tafsir of Ibn Barrajjan
Alan Godlas, University of Georgia
’States’ as a Problem in the Study of Sufism
Sa’diya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
Sufi Imaginings of Sexuality: Ibn Arabi and Gender

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Japanese Religions Group
Theme: Defunct Dharma and For-profit Buddhism? Exploring Contemporary and Classical Buddhism Through the Documentary Films of Matsuo Kōichi
MPN-127
Paul Groner, University of Virginia, Presiding
Panelists:
Koichi Matsuo, National Museum of Japanese History
Steve Covell, Western Michigan University
Jamie Hubbard, Smith College
Asuka Sango, Carleton College
Mark Rowe, McMaster University
Responding:
Brian Ruppert, University of Illinois

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Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group and the Karl Barth Society of North America
Theme: Reconsidering the Relationship between Søren Kierkegaard and Karl Barth
MPW-175C
Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary, Presiding
David Congdon, Princeton Theological Seminary
Hegeling Kierkegaard: Barth’s Historicismization of Kierkegaard’s Incognito–Christology
Aaron Edwards, University of Aberdeen
Kierkegaard, Barth, and the Proclamation of the Gospel: Reassessing Subjectivity
Craig Keen, Azusa Pacific University
Prayer: Standing Up to the Coming of God

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Mysticism Group
Theme: Erasing Discourse: Mystical Silence across East and West
MPN-130
Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose, Presiding
Rose Ellen Dunn, Drew University
Mystical Joy: A Theopoetic Celebration of “Expressive Silences”
Misha Tadd, Boston University
Mystic Body/Mystic Mind: Silence as Stillness in Early Daoism
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A18-231

**Wesleyan Studies Group**

**Theme: Wesleyans and Contemporary Politics**

MPW-176C

Jason Vickers, United Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

- Sondra Ely Wheeler, Wesley Theological Seminary
- Shaun Casey, Wesley Theological Seminary
- Phil Wingeier-Ray, Pfeiffer University
- Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University
- Chuck Gutenson, Asbury Theological Seminary

A18-232

**Exploratory Sessions**

**Theme: Irreligion, Secularism and Social Change**

MPW-178A

Per Smith, Boston University, Presiding

Scholars of religion from a variety of disciplines are increasingly focusing their attention on the relationship between the religious and the secular. So what would a sustained discussion of “the secular” look like within the American Academy of Religion; and moreover, how would such a discussion be relevant to religious studies? This exploratory session seeks to provide modest answers to those questions by example. On the heels of the year of the protestor, the session explores how “the secular” is implicated in and affected by social transformations. How did social change make the secular possible? How have the demands of twentieth century social movements shaped emergent forms of secularism? How do contemporary social movements provide fertile soil for secular theologies of resistance? And how are contemporary irreligious identities evolving within a social context that considers them deviant?

- Daniel Silliman, University of Heidelberg
  *The Possibility of Secularity and the Material History of Fiction*
- Petra Klug, University of Leipzig
  *The Dynamics of Standardization and Deviance Using the Way US Society Deals with Atheists as an Example*
- Jordan Miller, Salve Regina University
  *Occupying Absence: Political Resistance and Secular Theology*

Responding:

- Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Social Science Research Council

A18-233

**Exploratory Sessions**

**Theme: Late Antiquity East**

MPN-135

Jorunn Buckley, Bowdoin College, Presiding

Scholars who work in “Late Antiquity East” have long been somewhat homeless in the AAR and SBL. We aim to gather interested fellow-scholars for a consultation at the AAR Annual Meeting in Chicago, to discuss how we can establish a new unit in the AAR for our interrelated fields of study. We are not Bible-oriented, but work in areas such as eastern forms of early Christianity, Manichaeism, Zoroastrianism, late Babylonian religion, Jewish Eastern traditions, and Mandaism.

Panelists:

- James McGrath, Butler University
- Naomi Koltsun-Fromm, Haverford College
- Yuhan Vevaina, Stanford University
- Charles Häberl, Rutgers University
- Zsuzsanna Gulácsi, Northern Arizona University
- John Reeves, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Alexander Treiger, Dalhousie University
- Jason BeDuhn, Northern Arizona University
- Jennifer Hart, Stanford University

A18-234

**Wildcard Session**

**Theme: The Blog that Dares Not Speak Its Name: New Media and Collaborative Scholarship**

MPW-196B

Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University, Presiding

This panel will explore engagements with new media as a potential horizon in the academic scholarship of religion both in terms of content (what is studied/written about), form (how it is studied/written), and audience (for whom it is studied/written). In particular, we will examine the interactive, ad hoc, immediate nature of blogging as a new form of collaborative scholarship and a form particularly suited to the analysis of and engagement with new objects of study. The panelists, all working in academic fields of theology or philosophy, converse about their collaborative work exploring the core questions of their disciplines and experimenting in new forms of transdisciplinary scholarship by writing a blog about popular visual culture together.

Panelists:

- Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto
- Martin Shuster, Hamilton College
- Travis Ables, Eden Theological Seminary

Responding:

- Shelly Rambo, Boston University
A18-237  

**Wildcard Session**  
Theme: **New Directions in the Study of Material Religion**  
MPS-105A  
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding  
Over the past fifteen years, the study of material religion has become an increasingly important subfield within the study of religion. This panel of papers examines new theoretical approaches to the study of material religion in ways that extend the growing interest in religious embodiment and the aesthetic regimes through which religious adherents engage with material and visual culture. These include understanding the significance of the multisensory embodied subject for religious practice, the role of networks of human and nonhuman actors, and the dialectical relationship between religious subjectivity and social and material change. The session also considers largely unresearched fields of material religion beyond conventional religious spaces and rituals, exploring the religious nature and significance of interactions between people and objects in the museum, home, and department store. In doing so, it opens up both new theoretical and methodological approaches for work in this field, as well as new possible sites of study.

- David Morgan, Duke University  
- The Embodied Eye: Religious Visual Culture, Embodiment, and the Social Life of Feeling  
- Stephanie Berns, University of Kent  
- Sacred Connections: Visitor and Object Engagements in Museums

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A18-238  

**Special Topics Forum**  
Theme: **Beyond the Academy: Exploring How the AAR Can Engage and Serve Professionals Outside Higher Education**  
MPN-132  
Shawn Landres, Jumpstart, Presiding  
Increasing numbers of AAR members are pursuing careers in media/journalism, the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors, social enterprise, international development, and other fields beyond higher and secondary education. As more people look for opportunities beyond the tenure track, the AAR wants to keep pace in meeting their needs. Join members of the Program Committee to discuss potential ways — from new program units to professional development workshops, from working groups to special panels, and beyond — that the AAR might expand its horizons.

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A18-239  

**Academic Relations Committee Meeting**  
MPW-472  
Steve Young, McHenry County College, Presiding

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A18-236 (=S18-245)  

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and SBL Bible and Visual Art Group**  
Theme: **How the Bible Went Underground: Art and Spirituality in the Collections of the Art Institute of Chicago**  
Sunday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM  
Offsite, Art Institute of Chicago, 111 S Michigan Ave.  
Elizabeth Struthers Malbon, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding  
Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section of the AAR and the Department of History, Theory, and Criticism of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.  
This illustrated lecture by Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary, will be presented in the Film Screening Room of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, located directly across from the museum (112 South Michigan Avenue, MacLean 1307), followed by self-conducted tours of the museum (entrance fee to be paid individually) with printed guides.

Panelist:  
- Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary
A18-288  
Student Lounge Roundtable  
Theme: Demystifying Comprehensive Exams  
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:00 PM  
MPW-195  
Join fellow graduate students in this roundtable conversation on comprehensive exams for thoughts on getting started, getting finished, and everything in between. Though institutions have different criteria for their exams, there are strategies to successfully completing this process that can be employed by students from diverse disciplines. Tips will be offered to master one’s exams with as little pain as possible, including allocating time for studying and creating study aids. We will also discuss common challenges that students face at this stage in their program. Individuals will leave this session with concrete methodological approaches that can be tailored to their specific needs and institutional requirements. Participants are encouraged to bring their institutions’ exam requirements for our discussion.  
Panelists:  
Theresa Yugar, Claremont Graduate University  
Jennifer Adler, Vanderbilt University

A18-250  
Special Topics Forum  
Theme: Conversation with Martha Reineke, 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner  
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM  
TPW-183A  
The Teaching and Learning Committee is pleased to announce Martha Reineke is the recipient of the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award. Reineke, professor of religion in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Northern Iowa, will make remarks and engage questions and conversation from the audience.  
Panelists:  
Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa

A18-251  
Special Topics Forum  
Theme: The Marty Forum: Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza  
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM  
MPW-375B  
Shaun Allen Casey, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Krister Stendahl Professor of Divinity, has done pioneering work in biblical interpretation and feminist theology. Her teaching and research focus on questions of biblical and theological epistemology, hermeneutics, rhetoric, and the politics of interpretation, as well as on issues of theological education, radical equality, and democracy.  
Professor Schüssler Fiorenza is a cofounder and coeditor of the Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion and has been a founding coeditor of the feminist issues of Concilium. She was elected the first woman president of the Society of Biblical Literature and has served on the boards of major biblical journals and societies. In 2001, she was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.  
Panelists:  
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College  
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

A18-252  
Arts, Literature, and Religion Section  
Theme: Religious Responsibility Reflected in the Arts  
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM  
MPS-404BC  
Emily Suzanne Clark, Florida State University, Presiding  
Bill James, Queen’s University  
Current American and Canadian Novels of Vietnam: A Post-9/11 and Multicultural Comparison  
Angela Yarber, Wake Forest University  
Embodied Activism: Israeli Folk Dance Creating Social Change in the Jewish Community  
Elise Edwards, Claremont Graduate University  
Theological, Social, and Aesthetic Dimensions of Justice: A Case Study of Community-centered Design Process in the Architectural Redevelopment of New Orleans

A18-253  
History of Christianity Section  
Theme: Prayer and Imaginations of National Identity  
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM  
MPW-471B  
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding  
Andrew Cromie, Trinity College, Dublin  
“We More Earnestly Pray for It than Any Other Nation”: Prayer for Jewish Restoration and National Identity Formation in Early Modern England
A18-254
North American Religions Section
Theme: Religious Exchanges and Transactions in North America
MPE-259
Jane Iwamura, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding
   Lucia Hulsether, Harvard University
   Doing Coke: Commodification, Spirituality, and Neoliberal Sacrament at the World of Coca-Cola
   Andrew Hudson, Seminario Sudamericano
   Pentecostal History, Imagination, and Listening In-between the Lines: Historiographic Creativity for Writing Histories of the Marginalized
   Sonja Spear, University of Iowa
   Of Cupid, Cabbages, and Jack O’Lanterns: Halloween in Nineteenth Century Chicago
   Daniel Vaca, Columbia University
   Textual Transactions: Evangelical Books in and of the Marketplace
Responding:
   Randall Styers, University of North Carolina

A18-255
Philosophy of Religion Section and the North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Historical–Critical Reflection on Formulating the Category “Religion”
MPW-185D
Christopher Lehrich, Boston University, Presiding
   Naomi Goldenberg, University of Ottawa
   Theorizing Religions as Vestigial States: The Category of Religion in the Technology of Statecraft
   Robyn Walsh, Brown University
   Communities as Authors: The Problematic and Enduring Legacy of Nineteenth Century Romanticism in the Contemporary Study of Religion
   Christopher Roberts, Lewis and Clark University
   The Religioeconomic Synergies on Right: The Market as the Nexus between Covenant and Charisma

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Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Religious Freedom and Conscience Exemptions in American Politics
MPW-181B
Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding
   Michael Kessler, Georgetown University
   Striking a Balance between Conscience Exemptions and Policy Goals
   Stephen Edward McMillin, University of Chicago
   The Taco Bell Problem, or Why Laissez Faire Conscience “Protections” Risk More Religious Liberty than They Protect
Responding:
   Thomas Berg, University of Saint Thomas

A18-257
Study of Islam Section
Theme: Digital Dastan: Using New Tools to Tell Old Tales
MPN-426A
Frederick S. Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding
   Kristian Petersen, Gustavus Adolphus College
   Islam in the Age of New Media: Digital Tools for Teaching and Learning
   Zaheer Ali, Columbia University
   “Inspired by Black Muslims and Christians”: Building a Digital Archive Documenting Islam in Popular Hip-Hop
   Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University
   I Just Tweeted the Shahada I Saw on YouTube: How Students Learn about Islam
Responding:
   Kelly Baker, University of Tennessee

A18-258
Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Theme: Agamben’s The Kingdom and the Glory (Stanford University Press, 2011)
MPW-176C
Omar Shaukat, University of Virginia, Presiding
   Devin Singh, Yale University
   Anarchy and Void: Agamben’s Trinitarian Economy
   Hollis Phelps, Mount Olive College
   Performing Profanation: Giorgio Agamben’s Non-Non-Christianity
   Adam Kotsko, Shimer College
   The Prince of This World: Thinking the Devil in Light of Agamben’s Kingdom and the Glory
   Bo Helmich, Duke University
   Imperfection of Glory? Agamben’s Critique of Karl Barth
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Women and Religion Section and Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Group
Theme: Transformative Activism: How Young Women’s Creativity and Spirituality is Reshaping the World
MPW-187B
Alka Arora, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding
Panelists:
  Sara Salazar, California Institute of Integral Studies
  Karen Nelson Villanueva, California Institute of Integral Studies
  Claudia Moutray, California Institute of Integral Studies
Responding:
  Kenneth Warren, University of Chicago
Business Meeting:
  Josef Sorett, Columbia University, and Kathryn Lofton, Yale University, Presiding

A18-260
Afro-American Religious History Group
MPW-176B
Rachel Watson, University of Chicago, Presiding
Panelists:
  James Manigault-Bryant, Williams College
  Caleb J. D. Maskell, Princeton University
  M. Cooper Harriss, University of Pittsburgh
  Jonathon Kahn, Vassar College
Responding:
  Kenneth Warren, University of Chicago

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Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
Theme: Flesh, Desire, Divinity: Celebrating the Work of Karmen MacKendrick
MPS-105A
Shelly Rambo, Boston University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University
  Cameron Partridge, Harvard University
  Kent Brinnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
  Virginia Burrus, Drew University
Responding:
  Karmen MacKendrick, LeMoyne College

A18-262
Black Theology Group
Theme: Gender and Sexual Violence in Black Theological Anthropology
MPW-175C
Renee K. Harrison, Howard University, Presiding
David Tombs, Trinity College, Dublin
  The Cross, the Lynching Tree, and the Silences
Christopher Spotts, Marquette University
  Race and Modern Slavery: What Black and Womanist Theology Have to Say to the Problem of Human Trafficking
Andrea C. White, Emory University
  The Scandal of Flesh: A Womanist Theological Anthropology

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Body and Religion Group
Theme: Body and Religion: Shaping the Field
MPW-185A
Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College, Presiding
Panelists:
  Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
  Anthony Pinn, Rice University
  Thomas Kasulis, Ohio State University

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Chinese Religions Group
Theme: Hell, Nature, and Rhetoric in Chinese Buddhism
MPW-175B
James Benn, McMaster University, Presiding
C. M. Adrian Tseng, McMaster University
  Why Do Insentient Things Have Buddha-nature? A Reexamination of Jizang’s Claim
Frederick Shih-Chung Chen, University of Oxford
  In Search of the Origin of Enumerations of Hellish Kings in the Early Medieval Chinese Buddhist Scriptures
Hongyu Wu, University of Pittsburgh
  Women and the Path to the Pure Land: Gender and Salvation in the Writings of Chinese Pure Land Believers in the Eighteenth Century
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Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group
Theme: Dietary Regulations, Food Transactions, and Social Boundaries: Classical and Contemporary Configurations in Hindu and Jewish Traditions
MPE-256

Jody Myers, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Patrick Olivelle, University of Texas
Food for Thought: Dietary Rules, Social Organization, and Asetic Practice in Ancient India

R. S. Khare, University of Virginia
Culinary Aesthetics, Purity Practices, and Socioreligious Hierarchies: Reconfiguring Foodways in Contemporary India

Jordan Rosenblum, University of Wisconsin
Bacon, Brus, and Banquets: Rabbinic Food Regulations and Boundary Formation

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego
"An Animal Slaughtered by a Gentile...or by an Ape": Kosher Practices, Killing Animals, and Drawing Borders

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Indigenous Religious Traditions Group and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Theme: Crossing Boundaries: Healing and Walking in Mexico and the Southwest
MPS-501A

María del Socorro Castañeda-Liles, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Brett Hendrickson, Lafayette College
Curanderismo in the United States: Anglo-American Interest in Mexican Folk Healing

Seth Schermerhorn, Arizona State University
Walking to Magdalena: O'odham Taxonomies of Movement and the Category of Pilgrimage

Angela Anderson Guerrero, California Institute of Integral Studies
Mysticism within the Tradition of the Mexicayotl

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Islamic Mysticism Group and Sacred Space in Asia Group
Theme: Excavating Layers of Sacred History in Central and South Asia
MPW-194A

Vernon Schubel, Kenyon College, Presiding

Olga Gorshunova, A. N. Kosygin Moscow State University
Natural Shrine "Bogez Kayragach": Pre-Islamic Traditions in Central-Asian Muslim Cultures

Ahmad Najib Burhan, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sacred Spaces in Qadian and Their Roles in the Construction of Ahmadiyya Theology

Abhishek Amar, Hamilton College
Reinventing Hindu Gaya: Shrines, Images, and Gayawala Brāhmaṇs

Responding:
Talat Halman, Central Michigan University

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Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Theme: Cultural History of Church–State Jurisprudence in the United States
MPW-476

Kathleen Sands, University of Hawai‘i, Presiding

K. Healan Gaston, Harvard University
Neo-Orthodox Protestants, Church–State Relations, and the Discourse of Secularism

Michael Graziano, Florida State University
Manufacturing Madison at the Supreme Court: Judicial Opinion as Historiographical Argument

Mark Storslee, University of Virginia
Hosanna-Tabor Versus Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Problem of Defining Religion; or, Who Got Clarence Thomas to Read Talal Asad?

Responding:
Eric Michael Mazur, Virginia Wesleyan College

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Mormon Studies Group and New Religious Movements Group
Theme: Alternative Mormonisms
MPW-192A

Holly Folk, Western Washington University, Presiding

Karen Park, Saint Norbert College
The Strangites of Voree: Inherited Prophetic Authority and the Preservation of a Minority Mormon Tradition

Timothy Miller, University of Kansas
The United Order in the Midwest: Some Overlooked Latter-Day Saint Communal Outposts

James Richardson, University of Nevada, Reno
Crisis in the FLDS in the Wake of the Texas State Raid

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A18-270
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
Theme: Spirituality in a (Post)Secular Age: European and North-American Perspectives
MPN-227A
Kirk Bingaman, Fordham University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Lars Danbolt, Norwegian School of Theology
- Hetty Zock, University of Groningen
- Herman Westerink, University of Vienna
Responding:
- Lucy Bregman, Temple University

A18-271
Qur’an Group
Theme: Interpretations of the Qur’an
MPW-471A
Maria Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding
- Martyn Smith, Lawrence University
- Teheen Thaver, University of North Carolina
- Meteopor, Hermeneutics, and the Formations Shi'i Identity in al-Sharif al-Radi’s Qur’an Commentary
- Salih Sayilgan, Catholic University of America
- The Qur’an Commentaries in the Medrese Curriculums of the Ottoman State
- Lauren Osborne, University of Chicago
- Textual and Paratextual Meaning in the Recited Qur’an: Analysis of a Performance of Sura al-Furqan by Sheikh Mishary bin Rashid al-Afasy
- Nurbani Ismail, International Islamic University, Malaysia
- Tafsir and Modern Muslim Women Identity in the Malay World: A Study of Tafsir al-Azhar by Hamka

A18-272
Religion and Cities Group and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Theme: Roots in the Concrete: Urban Tales of Redemption, Hybridity, and Family
MPN-126
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding
- Julie Hawks, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- Constellations of Redemption in the Inner City in Satoshi Kon’s Tokyo Godfathers
- Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University
- Cinematic Cuts and Fragile Frames: (Re)Seeing Farida Benyazid’s Door to the Sky
- Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University
- Dying to Live in L.A.: Thirty Years of Latino Immigrant Experience in Film

A18-273
Religion and Ecology Group
Theme: Ethics at Play at Rio+20
MPW-184A
Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University, Presiding
- Evan Berry, American University
- Religious Non-Governmental Organizations and the Global Politics of Sustainability
- Bron Taylor, University of Florida
- Religious NGOs and the Quixotic Quest for Sustainability at the United Nations’ Earth Summits
- Sarah Fredericks, University of North Texas
- Ethical and Religious Undertones of the Official Rio+20 Conference Documents
- Cybelle Shattuck, University of Michigan
- From Theology to Action: Rio’s Effect on Religious Environmental Resources
Responding:
- Grove Harris, Temple of Understanding

A18-274
Religion and Sexuality Group and Roman Catholic Studies Group
Theme: Married Priests in the Catholic Tradition: Historical and Theological Considerations
MPN-130
Clara Joseph, University of Calgary, Presiding
- David Hunter, University of Kentucky
- Priestly Identity and Sexual Continence: The Origins of a Catholic Tradition
- Varghese Thekkewattara, University of Calgary
- I'm Blaming Colonialism...for Compulsory Clerical Celibacy
- Anthony Dragani, Mount Aloysius College
- Mixed Messages: Vatican II, Celibacy, and the Eastern Catholic Experience
Responding:
- Adam DeVille, University of Saint Francis, Indiana
- Richard Gaillardetz, Boston College

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### A18-275

**Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group**  
**Theme:** *Imperialism, Good Religion, and the Postcolonial State*  
**MPN-132**  
Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College, Presiding  
Stephanie Yuhu, University of Denver  
*Just Gentium: Exchange and Reciprocity in de Vitoria, Grotius, and Vattel*  
Kathleen Foody, University of North Carolina  
*Decolonial Dialogue? Islamic Interfaith Projects and the Representation of Religious Violence after 9/11*  
Syed Adnan Hussain, University of Toronto  
*Of de Jure Islamic States: New Horizons in Islamic Constitution Making*  
**Business Meeting:**  
Mark Elmore, University of California, Davis, Presiding

### A18-276

**Ritual Studies Group**  
**Theme:** *Performed Ritual Expression: The Ethnographic Study of Art, Prayer, and Song*  
**MPN-127**  
Sarah Haynes, Western Illinois University, Presiding  
Avvia Goldberg, York University  
*Reimagining Ritual: Examining Ritual through a Jewish Queer Lens*  
Christopher Stawski, University of Pennsylvania  
*Employing Interaction Ritual Theory to Understand the Emotional and Bodily Dynamics of Prayer*  
Cynthia Snodgrass, Sacred Sound Institute  
*Gandhi’s Weapons of Nonviolence: Ritual, Sacred Sound, and Sung Prayers*  
**Responding:**  
Ute Huesken, University of Oslo

### A18-277

**Science, Technology, and Religion Group**  
**Theme:** *Stimulating Spirituality? Technological Possibilities and Theological Challenges*  
**MPW-179A**  
Kirk Wegter-McNelly, Boston University, Presiding  
Philip Clayton, Claremont Lincoln University  
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara  
LeRon Shults, University of Agder, Norway  
**Responding:**  
Wesley Wildman, Boston University  
**Business Meeting:**  
Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

### A18-278

**Scriptural Reasoning Group**  
**Theme:** *Youth and Maturity in Abrahamic Traditions: Exploring Age through Scriptural Reasoning*  
**MPS-501D**  
Mike Higton, University of Cambridge, Presiding  
**Panelists:**  
Emily Filler, University of Virginia  
Maria Dakake, George Mason University  
Sarah Snyder, University of Cambridge

### A18-279

**Sociology of Religion Group**  
**Theme:** *Sociology of Public Religion: A Global Perspective*  
**MPN-131**  
Rebekka King, University of Toronto, Presiding  
Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont Lincoln University and Claremont School of Theology  
*A Cross National Analysis of Religion’s Role in Legislative Debates over Gay Marriage*  
Jose Vallikatt, RMIT University  
*Sacred Quest or Profane Propensity: The Indian Gaming Community’s Playful Search for the Sacred*  
Roxanne D. Marcotte, Université du Québec, Montréal  
*Sexuality Online: Gendered Discourses on Muslim Forums*  
James Crossley, University of Sheffield  
*Sly Secularism? Or, How the British Media Copes with “Religion”*  
**Responding:**  
Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

### A18-280

**Tantric Studies Group**  
**Theme:** *She is the Garland of Letters Adorning the Three Worlds: Śāktism, Cosmopolitanism, and the Making of Hindu Identities*  
**MPN-426C**  
Glen Alexander Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding  
Elaine Fisher, Columbia University  
*“Just Like Kalidasa”: The Šākta Intellectuals of Seventeenth Century South India*  
Jason Schwartz, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*A Wizard in the Chronicles of Amber: Rethinking the Religious Culture of the Rajput Courts in Light of the Kachwaha’s Šākta Preceptor*  
Anna Golovkova, Cornell University  
*The Goddess Domesticated: Internalizing Love Magic in the Early Texts of the Tripurasundari Cult*  
Eric Stein Schneider, University of Toronto  
*Śrīvidyā as a Navvy Vidhyā: Intellectual Practices and the Limits of Interpretation in the Works of Bāsakararāya*  
**Responding:**  
Shranireshwar Timal ska, San Diego State University

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A18-281

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
Theme: Christology in Barth and Tillich
MPN-128
Frederick J. Parrella, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Bruce McCormack, Princeton Theological Seminary
  - Robison James, University of Richmond
  - Tom Greggs, University of Aberdeen

Responding:
  - Zainal Abidin Bagir, Gadjah Mada University
  - Bernard Adeney-Risakotta, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies
  - Wening Udasmoro, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies
  - Siti Syamsiyatun, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies
  - Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union
  - Heidi Hadsell, Hartford Seminary
  - Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University
  - Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary

A18-282

World Christianity Group
Theme: Sex, Gender, Society, Faith: Homosexualities in World Christianity
MPN-230A
Jane Redmont, Guilford College, Presiding
Min-Ah Cho, Saint Catherine University
  "The Other Side of Their Zeal: Evangelical Nationalism and Anticommunism in the Korean Christian Fundamentalist Antigay Movement Since the 1990s"
Adriaan van Klinken, University of London
  "The Homosexual as the Antithesis of "Biblical Manhood"? Queer(y)ing a Zambian Pentecostal Discourse"

A18-283

Wildcard Session
Theme: Conflicting Social Imaginaries and their Impact on Human Freedom
MPW-178B
Nelly van Doorn Harder, Wake Forest University, Presiding
  
  This panel will examine how different religious communities imagine the world. The focus is not primarily on conflicting social imaginaries between different religions, but rather on fundamental differences in the construction of reality by different communities within the same religious tradition. Conflicts among Muslims, Christians, and other religious communities have often proved more deadly than clashes between different religious communities. Drawing on experience from Indonesia and elsewhere, the panel examines substantive, conflicting values in which different religious communities have different interests, values, and worldviews. The panel will consider the limited effectiveness of law enforcement in protecting equal rights in contexts of religious diversity. Human freedom is humanly constructed within real social, economic, and political conditions that are part of a long historical process, rather than being based on universal and eternal abstract principles.

The rights of minority religious groups, women, and other marginalized groups are particularly contested in many parts of Indonesia and elsewhere, in which the social capital of the dominant religious tradition appears threatened by groups whose social imaginary differs from the majority. The panel will suggest ways in which conflicting interests and values can be negotiated “from below” rather than imposed on the basis of abstract principles from above.

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  - Wening Udasmoro, Indonesian Consortium for Religious Studies
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A18-284

Wildcard Session
Theme: Divination as Religious/Spiritual Practice
MPN-427A
Sarah Iles Johnston, Ohio State University, Presiding
  
  Divination exists in all cultures and has been highly conserved throughout human history; given population expansion it is now practiced by more people than ever. The session defines divination inclusively as diverse methods for seeking knowledge not attainable by normal means. It investigates the nature of divination across time, geography, and social strata as a response to the evolving religious and spiritual needs of humanity. Knowledge sought by divination includes not only personal life choices but also ritual propriety, the fate of the dead, the place of humans in the cosmos, and the nature of consciousness. Divination addresses many of the same concerns as religion, but until recently has been relatively neglected in academic religious studies. The papers in this panel examine various forms of divination as means for meeting spiritual needs, including the Book of Changes, Nostradamus, ancient and modern astrology, and contemporary psychological reinterpretations.

Tze-ki Hon, State University of New York, Geneseo
  "Divination as Moral Philosophy: Hexagrams and the Genealogy of the Sages of the Yijing"
Richard Smoley, Theosophical Society in America
  "Nostradamus and the Uses of Prophecy"
Geoffrey Redmond, Center for Health Research
  "Not Yet Complete: The Persistence of Divination in the Modern World"
A18-285

Wildcard Session
Theme: Religion and Barbarism: Contemporary Discourses
MPW-178A
Marc Ellis, Baylor University, Presiding

This panel surveys contemporary religious uses of one of the most multifaceted terms to design otherness: barbarism. In the last century, the term has evolved beyond its etymological meaning denoting non-Western foreignness. It has been also employed as an internal critique against Western civilization (barbarism of Nazism), as a positive attribute of the colonized in the context of affirmation of identities (barbaric Afro-Caribbean literature), and as a way to restrict the integration of transnational migrants to communities of the globalized West (barbarism of terrorism). This panel gathers panelists from diverse religious, disciplinary, and geographical backgrounds to explore contemporary religious enunciations of one of the most influential terms to design otherness.

Panelists:
Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Kurt Anders Richardson, Toronto School of Theology
Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq
Santiago Slabodsky, Claremont Lincoln University

Responding:
Victoria Fontan, University for Peace

A18-286

Wildcard Session
Theme: Religious Dress in the Ancient Mediterranean
MPS-101A
Kristi Upson-Saia, Occidental College, Alicia Batten, University of Sudbury, and Carly Daniel-Hughes, Concordia University, Presiding

Following the recent interest in dress among classicists and New Testament scholars, this Wildcard session will offer papers focused on the significance of religious dress in late antiquity. Specifically, we will investigate the social and symbolic meanings of early Christian dress to better understand how clothing and adornment developed as a topos within early church rhetoric; to appreciate how dress played a role in mediating social relationships; and to examine broader theoretical questions of how religious — whether ecclesial, lay, or ascetic — dress functioned in the church, household, and monastic environs. In short, we aim to better understand the ways in which dress imagery and performances were implicated in Christian identity and piety.

Panelists:
Ariane Bodin, University of Paris
Kate Wilkinson, Towson University
Maria Doerfler, Duke University
Arthur Urbano, Providence College
Andre Gagne, Concordia University

P18-250

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Governing Board Meeting
MPS-102D

P18-251

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion
Theme: Feminist Studies in Religion, Inc. Board Meeting
Sunday, 3:00 PM–5:00 PM
HC-Pullman Boardroom

A18-287

Theological Education Committee Meeting
Sunday, 3:00 PM–6:30 PM
MPW-472
Jeffrey Williams, Texas Christian University, and John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

A18-288

Søren Kierkegaard Society
Theme: Paul Holmer, Kierkegaard, and the Uses of Scripture
Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
MPS-504D
Timothy Polk, Hamline University, Presiding
Andrew J. Burgess, University of New Mexico
Something About Holmer
David Gouwens, Brite Divinity School
Kierkegaard, Holmer, and Theology
Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Holmer, the Canon, and the Alleged “Yale School”
African Association for the Study of Religions

Sunday, 4:00 PM–7:00 PM
MPS-404A
Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco, Presiding

The panel will explore the intersection of sexualities and religions in Africa, including traditional beliefs and practices, and forms of Christianity and Islam in specific historical frameworks. Panelists will discuss the complexity of external and internal religious, economic, and political factors that shape sexualities in Africa and the African Diaspora. These are explored through a variety of lenses including feminist and gender perspectives. The discussion will interrogate patterns of sexuality control fostered by African religious traditions and/or some specific methods that are deplored to embrace “the infinite possibilities of sexual, social, economic, and political beings” from the same religious traditions.

Panelists:
Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University
Melissa Browning, Loyola University, Chicago
Esther Acolatse, Duke University
Vincent Pizzuto, University of San Francisco
Terrence Johnson, Haverford College

Responding:
Gabeba Boderoon, Pennsylvania State University

Special Topics Forum

Theme: Conversation with Religion and the Arts Award Winner: Holland Cotter
MPW-194A
Sally Promey, Yale University, Presiding

Holland Cotter is the 2012 winner of the AAR Award for Religion and the Arts. Cotter is one of the most prominent art critics in the United States, and has been a staff art critic for the New York Times since 1998. His work has consistently called attention to religion and its roles in artistic production across time, space, and multiple religious traditions. This forum will feature Cotter and his work. He will present on his work briefly, followed by a question and answer period with a panel, and then open to discussion with the audience.

Panelists:
Marko Geslani, Yale University
Holland Cotter, New York Times
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Special Topics Forum

Theme: How to Propose a New Program Unit
MPN-135
Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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.

Panelists:
Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University
A18-302

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Into the Open: Exploring the Open Access Alternative
MPW-185A
David Stewart, Bethel University, Presiding

Academic publishing is in a period of great turmoil. Escalating costs force many libraries to reduce their subscription lists; faculty are distressed by issues related to intellectual property; scholarly conversations in religion and theology have become more global; and technology makes traditional print-publication models appear fuzzy and antiquated. Open Access, the means by which publications are provided free of charge to the general public, is becoming a viable option for many publishers. The presenters, who have first-hand experience in launching a successful academic journal under an Open Access model, will first talk about how to analyze a community’s ability to support a new journal through writing, editing, and peer-review, as well as possible business models for an Open Access journal. Second, they will spend some time talking about developing good infrastructure and support to add efficiency to the core publishing processes. Finally, they will consider ways of promoting the journal in order to increase its impact and reach.

Panelists:
- Dan Kolb, Saint Meinrad School of Theology
- Melody McMahon, Catholic Theological Union
- Andy Keck, Luther Seminary
- Ron Crown, Saint Louis University

A18-303

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Nurturing Sustainability in Higher Education
MPN-130
John O’Keefe, Creighton University, Presiding

The past decade has witnessed a dramatic rise in universities embracing sustainability and the establishment of a national organization, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). Much of the focus in universities has been on greening campus operations, such as water conservation and the use of renewable energy. Sustainability in the curriculum has been more of a challenge. The panelists will discuss strategies of infusing sustainability into the curriculum, including faculty workshops on sustainability in course design, the development of teaching materials, outdoor activities that cultivate a sense of place, and community-based exercises. Also discussed will be initiatives to make sustainability a requirement part of general education, as well as possible business models for an Open Access journal. Second, they will spend some time talking about developing good infrastructure and support to add efficiency to the core publishing processes. Finally, they will consider ways of promoting the journal in order to increase its impact and reach.

Panelists:
- Bobbi Patterson, Emory University
- David Barnhill, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

A18-304

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Program Reviews: What to Do, When to Do It, and With Whom
MPN-131
Joseph Favazza, Stonehill College, Presiding

More and more institutions require program reviews for all graduate and undergraduate programs. Some institutions integrate program reviews into their overall learning assessment plan; others see it as a moment in time for faculty to advocate for more resources and administrators to advocate for more attention to program quality. This session is designed to address practical questions about the program review process. The presenters, who have first-hand experience conducting reviews on their own campus and serving as external reviewers, will discuss key questions such as: How often should programs undertake a review? What should be addressed in the self-study? How do programs find suitable external reviewers? With whom should the external reviewer meet on campus? Once the external reviewer submits a report, what should happen to ensure that recommendations are acted upon? Finally, what resources should the AAR provide to assist departments with the program review process?

Panelists:
- Luis Pedraja, Antioch University
- Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
- Edwin David Aponte, New York Theological Seminary
- John Corrigan, Florida State University

A18-305

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Teaching Religion and Literature
MPW-471B
Kimberly Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding

The Publications Committee of the AAR oversees the AAR/Oxford University Press “Teaching Religious Studies Series,” which locates itself at the intersection of pedagogical concerns and the substantive content of religious studies. The Teaching Religious Studies series seeks creative ideas that represent the best of our work as teachers and scholars and to this end is collaborating with the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section to discuss building a volume on Teaching Religion and Literature. Experts in the field will briefly share their visions of the field of religion and literature and will invite discussions on how the field should be represented in a volume for the Teaching Religious Studies Series.

Panelists:
- Richard Rosengarten, University of Chicago
- Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
- Mark Bosco, Loyola University, Chicago
- Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College
- John D. Barbour, Saint Olaf College
- Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa
A18-306

Women's Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Work/Life Balance
MPW-193B

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College, Presiding
The Committee on the Status of Women of the American Academy of Religion would like to invite you to participate in an examination of issues surrounding work/life balance. The committee is planning to develop a guide on this subject and is hoping that small groups all over the US might meet to generate ideas about the topics and challenges that such a guide should cover and the potential solutions that it might lay out. You will find at this session our invitation to participate, guidelines for setting up a group, and reports from our initial meetings.

Panelists:
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College
Monique Moultrie, Western Kentucky University
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary
Andrea Smith, University of California, Irvine

A18-307

Buddhism Section and Childhood Studies and Religion Group
Theme: Family in Buddhism: Children in Renunciant Life
MPW-175B

Vanessa R. Sasson, Marianopolis College, Presiding
Panelists:
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
Christoph Emmerich, University of Toronto
Ben Wood, University of Toronto
Michelle Li, Stanford University

A18-308

Ethics Section
Theme: When East Meets West: Interreligious Dialogue and Comparative Religious Ethics
MPW-179A

Ananda Abeysekara, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding
Christine Gudorf, Florida International University
Interreligious Ethics in Indonesia: Muslims and Pentecostals
Clara Joseph, University of Calgary
Gandhi and Levinas: What’s Wrong with Worshiping the Christ
ShinHyung Seong, Soongsil University
Comparative Study between Emmanuel Levinas and Confucius (Kongzi): A Study of Ethics of Otherness

A18-309

North American Religions Section and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
Theme: Immanent Critiques of Imperial Logic: Rhetoric, Violence, and American Minority Religions
MPE-259

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding
Tobin Miller Shearer, University of Montana
Invoking Crisis: Performative Prayer and the Civil Rights Movement
Kathryn Gin, Princeton University
The “Lost Cause” in the Sandwich Islands: Narrating Religious Decline and Persistence
Jennifer Graber, College of Wooster
Engaging Imperialist Policy, Facing Indian Violence; Or, How the Quaker Policy Unmade the Quakers
Caleb Maskell, Princeton University
Modern Christianity is Ancient Judaism: Reform Jewish Millenialism and the Metanarrative of American Empire
Responding:
Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

A18-310

Study of Islam Section and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
Theme: Making Healthy Muslim Bodies
MPN-426A

Stephanie Mitchem, University of South Carolina, Presiding
Simon Fuchs, Princeton University
True Believers, Healthy Bodies: Muhammad al-Khalisi and the Medical Character of Shi’ism
Brad Stoddard, Florida State University
Healing the Black Body in the Nation of Islam
Lance Laird, Boston University, and Linda Barnes, Boston University
Looking Islam in the Teeth
Responding:
Debra Majeed, Beloit College
A18-311

Study of Judaism Section
Theme: Reconsidering the Encounter between Judaism and German Idealism
MPW-176C
Paul Franks, Yale University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Benjamin Pollock, Michigan State University
- Paul Franks, Indiana University
- Randi Rashkover, George Mason University

A18-312

Women and Religion Section
Theme: Religion in the Grey Market: Trafficking of Women
MPW-187B
Nami Kim, Spelman College, Presiding
- Letitia Campbell, Emory University, and Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
- Midori Higa, Iliff School of Theology
- Lucia Hulsether, Harvard University
- Midori Higa, Iliff School of Theology
- “Stop the Candy Shop!” Controlling Images and White Supremacy in Antitrafficking Discourses

Business Meeting:
- Nami Kim, Spelman College, and Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Presiding

A18-313

Anthropology of Religion Group and the North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Theory and Ethnography
MPW-185D
Steven Engler, Mount Royal University, Presiding
- George Gonzalez, Harvard University
- Galina Lindquist: Conjuring Hope and Critique at the Dawn of Millennial Capitalism
- Todd Berzon, Columbia University
- The Beginnings of Christian Ethnography: Late Antiquity and the History of Ancient Ethnography
- Ashley Coleman, Emory University
- Pragmatic Embodiment: Ethnography, Empiricism, and Intersubjectivity in Field Research

A18-314

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
Theme: The Bible and Colonialism: Latin America and the Caribbean
MPE-263
Eleazar Fernandez, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding
Panelists:
- Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Southern Methodist University
- Wanda Deifelt, Luther College
- Edgar Lopez, Universidad Javeriana, Bogota
- Ivan Petrella, Fundacion Pensar
- Vitor Westhelle, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

A18-315

Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group and Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
Theme: Buddhists Shifting Gender Paradigms through Teaching, Chanting, and Transcending
MPW-178A
Grace Burford, Prescott College, Presiding
- Barbara Sullivan, University of Queensland
- Karen Nelson Villanueva, California Institute of Integral Studies
- Hsiao–Lan Hu, University of Detroit, Mercy
- Queering Avalokiteśvara: From the Thirty-three Forms in the Lotus Sūtra to Minority Identities in Today’s World

A18-316

Buddhist Philosophy Group and Yogācāra Studies Group
Theme: Abandonment, Dreams, and Ultimate Analysis
MPN-426C
William Waldron, Middlebury College, Presiding
- Joy Brennan, University of Chicago
- The Abandonment of Arising in Yogācāra Thought
- Alberto Todeschini, University of California, Berkeley
- Appealing to Dreams and Waking from Slumber: The Dream Argument in Asaṅga’s Mahāyānasamgraha
- Edward Falls, Roane State Community College
- Why Can’t Ultimate Analysis Refute Conventional Things?
A18-317  
**Christian Spirituality Group**  
**Theme:** When the Waters Rise: Spirituality, Hope, and Global Climate Change  
**MPW-476**  
Lisa E. Dahill, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Presiding  
Ashley Anderson, Boston University  
*After the End of Everything: Ecological Ethics and the (Im)Possibility of Redemption in Sinking Island Nations*  
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, University of Cape Town  
*Ivone Gebara’s Transformative Christian Spirituality: Incorporating Women’s Embodied Experiences into a Theology of Hope*  
P. Joshua Griffin, University of Washington  
The Gift of Uncertainty: A Spirituality of Climate Change and an Ethic of Risk

A18-318  
**Contemporary Islam Group and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group**  
**Theme:** Modernism, Islam, and the Sociology of Knowledge  
**MPW-176B**  
Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding  
Terje Ostebo, University of Florida  
*Ethiopian Salafism: The Role of Actors, Locality, and Outside Connections*  
Alex Thurston, Northwestern University  
Ermin Sinanovic, US Naval Academy  
*Islam and Global Hegemonic Capitalism: A Critique of Some Approaches to the Study of Islam in Southeast Asia*  
Responding:  
Noah Salomon, Carleton College

A18-319  
**Contemporary Pagan Studies Group**  
**Theme:** Sex, Metaphor, and Sacrifice in Contemporary Paganism  
**MPE-256**  
Helen Berger, Brandeis University, Presiding  
Jason Winslade, DePaul University  
*When Pan Met Babalon: Challenging Sex Roles at a Thelemic/Pagan Festival*  
Jefferson Calico, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary  
*In the Mead Hall: Divine–Human Interaction in Contemporary Heathen Spirituality*  
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo  
*Pagan and/or Christian? Sacrificial Religion in Oslo, July 22, 2011*  
Responding:  
Michael York, Amsterdam, Netherlands

A18-320  
**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group**  
**Theme:** Does Secularism Have a Future? Responses to Jacques Berlinerblau’s *How to Be Secular: A Call to Arms for Religious Freedom* (Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt, 2012)  
**MPW-183A**  
Jorunn Buckley, Bowdoin College, Presiding  
Panelists:  
Wilfred McClay, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga  
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University  
Susan Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary  
William Arnal, University of Regina  
Responding:  
Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University

A18-321  
**Gay Men and Religion Group**  
**Theme:** The Borders of Queer Religion  
**MPS-504BC**  
Jared Vazquez, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology, Presiding  
Justin Tanis, Graduate Theological Union  
*David Wojnarowicz: Outsider Theologian*  
Jennifer Loh, School of Oriental and African Studies  
*Spiritual Practices among the Hijras of India: Amalgamating Traditions*  
Elizabeth Perez, Dartmouth College  
*A “Trans” Formation of Religious Experience: Transgender and Transsexual Subjects of Afro-Atlantic Traditions*  
Responding:  
Peter Savastano, Seton Hall University

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Hinduism Group
Theme: Is There A Tradition of Change in Hinduism? Authority, Tradition, and Innovation in Hindu Traditions
MPN-126
Brian Pennington, Maryville College, Presiding
John Nemeo, University of Virginia
Caste and the Tantrics of Kashmir: New Theory, Complex Practice
Anne Monius, Harvard University
How Can I Say Anything Now? Continuity, Change, and the Dilemmas of Historical Distance in Early Tamil Saiva Theology
Amanda Huffer, University of California, Riverside
Reviving the “Golden Age of the Vedas”: Gendered Innovations of Hindu Ritual
Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College
Vernacular Vedánta: Rama Tirtha’s Diglossic Indo-Islamic Mysticism
Responding:
Sucharita Adluri, Cleveland State University

A18-323

Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group and Native Traditions in the Americas Group
Theme: Prophecies of 2012: Myths, Histories, and Realities
MPN-127
Luis León, University of Denver, Presiding
Panelists:
Gerardo Aldana, University of California, Santa Barbara
Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis
Carrie McLachlan, Western Carolina University
Ines Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara

A18-324

North American Hinduism Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group
Theme: Innovation and Transformation in North American Yoga
MPW-175C
Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College, Presiding
Elizabeth McAnally, California Institute of Integral Studies
Anthropocosmic Environmental Ethics of Yoga
Joseph Laycock, Boston University
Yoga for the New Woman and the New Man: The Role of Pierre Bernard and Blanche DeVries in the Creation of Modern Postural Yoga
Responding:
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
Mark Singleton, Saint John’s College, Santa Fe

A18-325

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group and Religion, Memory, History Group
Theme: Religious and Psychological Responses to the Decline of Empires
MPN-227A
Kirk Bingaman, Fordham University, Presiding
Michael Nichols, Saint Joseph’s College
How the World Ended: Retrospective Eschatology and the Theology of Hope Versus Loss
Tim Langille, University of Toronto
Remembering What Was Not in 2 Maccabees
Cedric Johnson, Wesley Theological Seminary
Remembrance, Representation, and the Reconstruction of Diasporic African Identities
Responding:
Hans Alma, Universiteit voor Humanistiek, Utrecht

A18-326

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Theme: Virtual Orientalism: Asian Religions and American Popular Culture (Oxford University Press, 2010) by Jane Naomi Iwamura
MPS-401A
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
Panelists:
Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University
Roberto Lint Sagarena, Middlebury College
Sharon Suh, Seattle University
Lynn Schofield Clark, University of Denver
Responding:
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of California, Los Angeles

Business Meeting:
Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College, and Jeffery Long, Elizabethtown College, Presiding

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A18-327
Religion, Media, and Culture Group
Theme: Critical Approaches to the Use of Media for Religious Purposes
MPW-471A
Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Matt Westbrook, Drew University
Broadcasting Jesus’ Return: Teleevangelism and the Appropriation of Israel through Israeli-granted Broadcasting Rights
Scott Strednak Singer, Temple University
Tim Tobow: Advertisings a Sexually Active Virginity
M. S. Pourfarzaneh, Graduate Theological Union
Countering Stereotypes with Social Media: Muslim Cultural Producers in the United States

A18-328
Space, Place, and Religious Meaning Group
Theme: Transforming Religious Space in Urban America
MPW-192A
Susan Graham, Saint Peter’s College, Presiding
David Bains, Samford University
Denominations and the Claiming of Civic Space in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Washington, DC
Jeanne Kilde, University of Minnesota
From Synagogue to Church, from Church to Mosque: Serial Use of Religious Buildings in the United States
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College
“The New Jerusalem, Better Known as Philadelphia”: Father Divine’s Sense of Place
Responding:
Brian Zugay, Texas Tech University

A18-329
Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
Theme: The Goddess, Music, and Womanist Epistemologies
MPW-184A
Tracey Hucks, Haverford College, Presiding
Sallie Cuffee, City University of New York
A Womanist Epistemology in Black Women’s Call Stories: Resources from the Brooklyn African American Clergywomen Oral History Project
Joy R. Bostic, Case Western Reserve University
"Look at What You Have Done": Rebecca Cox Jackson, Sacred Power, and Reimagining the Divine
Malinda Elizabeth Berry, Bethany Theological Seminary
Arisika Razak, California Institute of Integral Studies
West African/Diasporan Female Divinities and Their Encounters with the West: A Womanist Evaluation of Complexities, Continuities, and Transformations
Carla Jean-McNeil Jackson, North Chesterfield, VA
Grown Folks’ Music: A Womanist Approach to Religion and Relationships

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

A18-330
Exploratory Sessions
Theme: The Affective Turn in Religious Studies
MPW-178B
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University, Presiding
Across the humanities, a number of disciplines have recently undergone what Patricia Clough has called the “affective turn,” a new interest in the political, cultural, and social modes of embodied, precognitive forces. Emerging out of the late Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick’s poststructuralist reading of psychologist Silvan Tomkins, “affect theory” orients the humanities to the priority of affect over drives, cognition, and language. In the words of Sedgwick and her collaborator Adam Frank, there is a “crucial knowledge” missed when linguistic constructs are taken to be the “final word” of embodied experience without reference to prelinguistic emotions. This session considers the significance of the affective turn for religious studies, investigating how affect theory can be used to ask new questions from different perspectives within the field.

Donovan Schaefer, Le Moyne College
What Does It Feel Like to Be an Atheist? Affective Disciplines of Belief and Disbelief
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University
Religion in the Public Sphere: The Image-flesh Assemblage of Our National Imaginary
Abigail Kluchin, Columbia University
Irreducible Intensities: Affect Theory as Unwitting Theology
Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, University of North Carolina
Quilting Points: How Religion Makes Meaning in American Globalization
A18-331

Wildcard Session
Theme: A Conversation around Themes from No Longer Invisible: Religion in University Education (Oxford University Press, 2012)
MPW-181B
Daniel Pals, University of Miami, Presiding
A panel of distinguished scholars of religion will interact with themes from No Longer Invisible: Religion in University Education by Douglas Jacobsen and Rhonda Hustedt Jacobsen (Oxford University Press, 2012) and will comment on implications for the work of AAR members. Drawing on research that included conversations with hundreds of professors, administrators, co-curricular professionals, and students across the United States, No Longer Invisible argues that higher education as a whole can be improved by addressing six questions related to religion: 1) What should an educated person know about the world’s religions?; 2) What are appropriate ways to interact with those of other faiths?; 3) What assumptions and rationalities — secular or religious — shape the way we think?; 4) What values and practices — religious or secular — shape civic engagement?; 5) In what ways are personal convictions related to the teaching and learning process?; and 6) How might colleges and universities point students toward lives of purpose and meaning?
Panelists:
  Martin Marty, University of Chicago
  R. Marie Griffith, Washington University
  Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

A18-332

Wildcard Session
Theme: Critical Conversations on The Cross and the Lynching Tree (Orbis Books, 2011)
MPW-375B
Raymond Carr, Pepperdine University, Presiding
Responses to James Cone’s The Cross and the Lynching Tree (Orbis Books, 2011). These papers address black theology and its American resonance by responding to America’s history of violence.
Panelists:
  Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology
  Dwight Hopkins, University of Chicago
  James Noel, San Francisco Theological Seminary
  Richard Hughes, Messiah College
Responding:
  James Cone, Union Theological Seminary

A18-334 (=S18-346)

Employment Services Advisory Meeting
MPW-473
Stephanie Gray, American Academy of Religion, and Charles Haws, Society of Biblical Literature, Presiding

P18-301

Theta Alpha Kappa Annual Members’ Meeting and Reception
MPN-128
All chapter representatives, members, and those interested in learning more about establishing a chapter of Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for religious studies and theology, 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.

A18-335

Chicago’s Gangster Untouchable Tour
Sunday 5:00 PM–8:00 PM
MPW-Tour Desk
Experience Chicago as it was during the 1920s and 1930s. See the old gangster hot spots and hit spots! On your tour, you will hear historically and accurate accounts of the exploits of Capone, Moran, Dillinger, and the ‘rest a da boys!’ You will feel the excitement of jazz-age Chicago during the era of Prohibition. Lastly, spend time enjoying your journey into the past as we cruise the city in search of the old hoodlum haunts, brothels, gambling dens, and sites of gangland shootouts! Because of the late time of this tour, buses will return to the Hilton Chicago.

P18-302

Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting and American Journal of Theology and Philosophy Annual Lecture
Sunday, 5:45 PM–8:00 PM
HC-Boulevard C
5:45 PM–6:15 PM
Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting
6:30 PM–8:00 PM
American Journal of Theology and Philosophy Annual Lecture
Jeffrey L. Stout, Princeton University
The Transformation of Genius into Practical Power
Sunday, 6:00 PM and Later

A18-336

Beyond the Boundaries
Theme: Religion and Politics
Sunday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM
Offsite, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, 1100 E 55th St.
The AAR is committed to fostering the public understanding of religion. Inspired by this goal, the Graduate Student Committee has organized two evenings of public talks in Chicago. Student members will present their cutting-edge research in these innovative evening sessions designed to move our discussions of religion out of the traditional academic setting of the Annual Meeting and into the community. This year's talks center around two themes: 1) Religion and Politics; and 2) Religion and Economics.

Plan to join us for these stimulating talks and discussions!

Joseph Blankholm, Columbia University
The Secularist Movement: An Overview of the Lobbying and Legal Efforts of America's Organized Nonbelievers

Joshua Canzona, Georgetown University
Religious Liberty, Partisan Politics, and Catholic Fissures

Jermaine McDonald, Emory University
President Obama, Historically Black Churches, and Public Discourse about Same-sex Marriage

Rima Vesely-Flad, Union Theological Seminary
Race, Morality, and US Politics

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P18-403

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
Theme: Korean Thought, Huayan Buddhism, Deleuze, and Nishida
Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
HC-PDR 3

Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University, Presiding

Hyo-Dong Lee, Drew University
The Great Ultimate and the Chaosmos: Nongmun's Nondual Conception of the Li-Qi Relation in Conversation with Deleuze’s Notion of Virtuality

Seung-Chul Kim, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture
Huayan Buddhism in Modern Northeast Asia, Nishida, Han Yong-woon, and Lu Xun

Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University
Huayan Buddhism, Nishida, and D. T. Suzuki

Responding:
Fred Dallmayr, University of Notre Dame

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P18-401

Société Internationale d'Études sur Alfred Loisy
Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:15 PM
PH-Hancock

C. J. T. Talar, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

I. Panel on Oliva Blanchette, Maurice Blondel: A Philosophical Life (Eerdmans 2010)
Panelist:
William Portier, University of Dayton
Peter Bernardi, Loyola University, Chicago
Harvey Hill, Mount Holyoke College

II. Rationality, Mysticism, and History in the Loisy-Cumont Correspondence
Panelist:
Danny Praet, Ghent University
P18-400

Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: The Persistence of the Sacred in Modern Thought
Sunday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-Continental A
Chris L. Firestone, Trinity International University, Presiding

An examination of the role of God in the thought of major European philosophers from the seventeenth to the nineteenth century. Two questions are asked: What elements of the sacred persist in certain key figures of Modernity? And how might contemporary thinkers capitalize on these elements?

Chris Firestone, Trinity International University
The Persistence of the Sacred Before and Beyond Kant
Nathan Jacobs, Trinity International University
Recovering the Theodicy of John Damascene via the Desecularized Leibniz
Lee Hardy, Calvin College
Making Use of Hume’s Defense of True Religion
Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh
What We Can Learn from Schelling’s Turn to Scripture
Peter C. Hodgson, Vanderbilt University
Hegel, Secularization, and Shapes of Freedom
Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
The Persistence of the Sacred in Modernity and Today

A18-407

Buddhism Section and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
Theme: Robert A. F. Thurman Festschrift Celebration
Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM
PH-Crystal

Reception to present Robert A. F. Thurman with an edited volume in honor of his seventieth birthday, containing contributions by Ryuichi Abe (Harvard University), Yael Bentor (Hebrew University), Josh Cutler (Tibetan Buddhist Learning Center), John Dunne (Emory University), David Gray (Santa Clara University), Paul Hackett (Columbia University), Laura Harrington (Boston University), James Hartzell (University of Trento), Lobsang Jamspal (Columbia University), Amy Langenberg (Auburn University), Joseph Loizzo (Weill Cornell Medical College), Paul Nietupski (John Carroll University), Evan Thompson (University of Toronto), Gary Tubb (University of Chicago), Vesna Wallace (University of California, Santa Barbara), and Christian Wedemeyer (University of Chicago).

The reception is kindly sponsored by the Buddhism Section and the Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group of the AAR, the Columbia University Department of Religion, the Barnard College Department of Asian and Middle Eastern Cultures, the Committee on Southern Asian Studies and the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, and the Hershey Fund for Buddhist Studies at Emory University.

All are cordially invited to join us for this event.

P18-402

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Reception
Sunday, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM
HC-Williford AB

Everyone is welcome. Come and learn about our programs and opportunities. Celebrate teaching with past and future participants in Wabash Center workshops, colloquies, consultations, and grants. In addition, sign up for an appointment during the conference to discuss your ideas for a Wabash Center grant, or stop by our booth in the Exhibit Hall.

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John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Celebrate the achievements of the 2012 AAR award winners at the ceremony and reception held in their honor.

Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

Excellence in Teaching Award
Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa

Religion and the Arts Award
Holland Cotter, New York Times

2012 Best In-depth Reporting on Religion Awards
First Place: Sarah Breger, Moment Magazine
Second Place: Brett Buckner, Anniston Star
Third Place: Daniel Burke, Religion News Service

2012 Excellence in the Study of Religion Book Awards

Analytical-Descriptive
Pamela E. Klassen
Spirits of Protestantism: Medicine, Healing, and Liberal Christianity
University of California Press, 2011

Constructive-Reflective
Elliot R. Wolfson
A Dream Interpreted within a Dream: Oneiropoiesis and the Prism of Imagination
Zone Books, 2011

Historical
Thomas A. Tweed
America’s Church: The National Shrine and Catholic Presence in the Nation’s Capital
Oxford University Press, 2011

Textual
David M. Freidenreich
Foreigners and Their Food: Constructing Otherness in Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Law
University of California Press, 2011

2012 Best First Book in the History of Religions
Ronit Ricci
Islam Translated: Literature, Conversion, and the Arabic Cosmopolis of South and Southeast Asia
Columbia University Press
Individual Research Grants

Sarah Azaransky, University of San Diego
Benjamin Mays and Black Religious Internationalism, 1936–1948

Evan Berry, American University
Religious Organizations in Global Environmental Politics

Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
G.I. Messiahs: Soldiering, War, and American Civil Religion

Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University
Black Natural Law

Eric Mortensen, Guilford College
Tales of the Unseen: Nags myi rgod Stories of the Tibetans of Geza

John Nemec, University of Virginia
The Kingdom of Knowledge: Politics, Culture, and Religion in The Vale of Kashmir, 699–1149

Jeffrey Samuels, Western Kentucky University
Being Buddhists: Multiple Minorities in Malay–Muslim Malaysia

Hugh Urban, Ohio State University, Columbus
“Zorba the Buddha”: Globalization, Late Capitalism, and Postmodern Spirituality in the Osho Movement

Albert Wuaku, Florida International University
Mambos, Houngas, and Health in the Diaspora: A Study of Vodou’s Role in the Dispensation of Health in South Florida

International Dissertation Research Grant

Michelle Bakker, Concordia University
Research Destination: Kenya

Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation Research Fellowship

Arun Brahmbhatt, University of Toronto
Research Destination: Gujarat, India
Sunday, 6:00 PM and Later

A18-402 (=S18-404)

Arts Series: Transfigurations: Transgressing Gender in the Bible
Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-Willisford C

Joseph Marchal, Ball State University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Arts, Literature, and Religion Section; Body and Religion Group; Queer Studies in Religion Group; Religion, Media, and Culture Group; Religion and Popular Culture Group; SBL Bible and Cultural Studies Group; SBL Bible and Popular Culture Group; SBL Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Group; SBL LGBT/Queer Hermeneutics Group; and SBL Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Group.

This hybrid performance and panel session will provide scholars from a range of specializations and interests the opportunity to take in a recent piece by theatrical performance artist/activist Peterson Toscano and then to engage in a unique, cross-disciplinary, and cross-association scholarly conversation about the work's aspects and impacts. What is compelling and special about such a session is not only the combination of performance and panel it provides (exposing scholars to both the content and the distinctive mode of delivery of the piece), but also its immediate shift into a discussion and analysis of what this work performs, produces, and provokes as it relates to biblical and religious studies in a variety of ways. Thus, the aims for this special session are two-fold: 1) To provide a forum for scholars to view and respond critically, creatively, and constructively to the performance piece; and 2) To spark academic reflection upon and assessment of the work, and work like it, as well as modes of dissemination for and engagement with scholarly and popular knowledge about biblical concepts and related religious practices.

Panelists:
Peterson Toscano, Sunbury, PA

Responding:
Sharon Fennema, Harvard University
Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
Erin Runions, Pomona College
Deborah Haynes, University of Colorado
Lou Ruprecht, Georgia State University

A18-403

Film: Higher Ground
Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC–Lake Erie

Alexander Ornella, University of Hull, Presiding

Portraying a lifelong spiritual struggle, actress/director Vera Farmiga offers a refreshing take on the relationship between the secular world and faith. Based on Carolyn S. Briggs’ 2002 memoir This Dark World, Farmiga’s Higher Ground (USA 2011) tells the story of Corinne Walker and her difficulties with her religious beliefs.

Avoiding the clichés and stereotypes of Christian believers often found in popular media, Farmiga takes serious the crisis of faith and the yearning for truth. Farmiga’s directing debut is an exploration of a woman’s life who tried to be passionate about every aspect of her life, an exploration of what compassion, quest for holiness, or self-transcendence can mean. Come join us for a transformative filmic event, for a film that has been called a “rich, completely engrossing experience” by critics. (Dir. Vera Farmiga, USA, 2011, 109 min.)

A18-404

Film: Jilbab
Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC–Lake Huron

Jenn Lindsay, Boston University, Presiding

In Jogjakarta, Indonesia, the Muslim woman’s headscarf is distinctively colorful, fashionable, fun, and expressive. Women are free to don the jilbab or not, and sometimes even non-Muslim Indonesian women will veil in order to to keep up with this popular fashion trend. What are the dreams and commitments behind the choice to veil or not to veil? Jilbab, a 73-minute documentary named after the Indonesian word for the Muslim hijab, is about veiling trends for women in the city of “Jogia.” The film features students from Universitas Gadjah Mada, designers of local women’s fashion boutiques, and Muslim women from outside of Indonesia who comment on the cultural variations of the veil across the globe. The women of Jilbab speak about the significance of veiling, veiling ideology and fashion, and the history of veiling in Islam. This film explores uniquely Javanese Islam, its unmistakable religious aesthetics, and what the jilbab suggests in an Indonesian context as opposed to Middle Eastern, North American, or European Muslim contexts.

The trailer is viewable at www.youtube.com/watch?v=C18ZY0vbhKM

A18-405

Film: The Tree of Life
Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC–Lake Michigan

Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding

Somewhere between macrocosm and microcosm, The Tree of Life creates an enchanted world: from computer generated imagery representing the birth of the universe and the death of the dinosaurs, to family life in 1950s Texas. Terrence Malick’s Palme d’Or winning film reimagines childhood as the nexus between paradise and fall, birth and death, lust and repression, violence and pacifism. That innocent world is seen through the lens of experience, through a knowing voice-over that constantly looks back with amusement and questions — however theologically pedestrian — about choices of good versus evil, beneficence versus malice, absence versus presence. Infused with theodicy, mythology, science, and the quest for meaning, Tree of Life is cinematically shot through with breathtaking cinematography and musical score. (Dir. Terence Malick, USA, 2011, 129 mins.)
A18-406

Templeton Lecture — His Holiness, the Dalai Lama

Theme: Spiritual Progress through Scientific Research on Compassion

Sunday, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM
HC-International Ballroom

John M. Templeton Jr., John Templeton Foundation, Presiding

His Holiness, the Dalai Lama, the Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader whose long-standing engagement with multiple dimensions of science and with people far beyond his own religious traditions has made him an incomparable global voice for universal ethics, nonviolence, and harmony among world religions, is the 2012 Templeton Prize winner.

For decades, Tenzin Gyatso, the fourteenth Dalai Lama, has vigorously focused on the connections between the investigative traditions of science and Buddhism as a way to better understand and advance what both disciplines might offer the world. Specifically, he encourages serious scientific investigative reviews of the power of compassion and its broad potential to address the world’s fundamental problems—a theme at the core of his teachings and a cornerstone of his immense popularity.

Within that search, the “big questions” he raises—such as “Can compassion be trained or taught?”—reflect the deep interest of the founder of the Templeton Prize, the late Sir John Templeton, in seeking to bring scientific methods to the study of spiritual claims and thus foster the spiritual progress that the Prize has recognized for the past forty years.

The Dalai Lama will deliver an exclusive pre-recorded video presentation to the Annual Meetings, in conjunction with a dialogue with John M. Templeton Jr., President and Chairman of the John Templeton Foundation, and Richard J. Davidson of the Center for Investigating Healthy Minds at the University of Wisconsin.

Panelists:
- His Holiness, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, Dharamsala, India
- Richard Davidson, University of Wisconsin

The presentation will be followed by a Science and Religion Reception (M18-438) from 9:30 PM–11:30 PM in the Hilton Chicago-Continental Ballroom B.

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A19-101

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Theological Education and Religious Studies: Renewing the Conversation
MPW-182
Jeffrey Williams, Texas Christian University, Presiding
In the AAR, periodic tensions arise about the relationship between the normative and the descriptive, between theology and religious studies. Where does that conversation now stand? New factors include the presence of constructive thinkers from many traditions, a younger generation of scholars who work comfortably on both sides of the divide, and a postcolonial awareness that theories of religion are not innocent. This panel will seek to assess and renew the conversation between theologians and religionists.
Panelists:
  Tyler Roberts, Grinnell College
  Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College
  Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
  Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Responding:
  John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

A19-102

Women’s Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Net Worth/Networking and Intersectionality
MPW-193B
The session will focus on the issues of difference and the multiple overlapping identities each of us inhabits and ask how we can form alliances and build coalitions across and within these webs of difference.

A19-103

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
Theme: The Post-secular Turn: Rethinking Theory and Method in Religion and Literature
MPS-105BC
Larry Bouchard, University of Virginia, Presiding
Panelists:
  M. Cooper Harriss, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
  Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
  David Anderson, University of Oklahoma
  Ying Zhang, Ohio State University
Responding:
  Brian Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

A19-104

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Theme: The Authority of Doctrine: In Dialogue with Khaled Anatolios
MPW-183A
Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding
Panelists:
  George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary
  Francesca Murphy, University of Notre Dame
  Bruce Marshall, Southern Methodist University
  Matthew Levering, University of Dayton
Responding:
  Khaled Anatolios, Boston College

A19-105

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
Theme: Holy Mountains, Spirits, and Sky People: Negotiating Meanings Through Rituals, Stories, and Mysticism
MPW-175B
Steven P. Hopkins, Swarthmore College, Presiding
  Enoch Gbadegesin, Rice University
  Mary MacDonald, Le Moyne College
  Gregory Chellappa, University of Heidelberg
  Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
Responding:
  Kimberley Patton, Harvard University

A19-106

Ethics Section
Theme: Crime and Punishment: Ethics and Mass Incarceration
MPW-179A
Christophe Ringer, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
  Amy Levad, University of Saint Thomas
  Michael Turner, University of Chicago
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Christopher Dowdy, Southern Methodist University
*Ambiguous Deliverances: Civil Rights Cold Cases and the Place for Punishment in Political Forgiveness*

Elizabeth Bounds, Emory University
*Being Responsible in an Imprisoned World*

### A19-107

**Religion and Politics Section and Mormon Studies Group**

**Theme:** *Mormonism and the 2012 Elections*

**MPW-178A**

- Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming, Presiding
- John Charles Duffy, Miami University
  *Coming to Terms with Pluralism: Evangelical Responses to Mitt Romney’s Presidential Campaigns*
- J. B. Haws, Brigham Young University
  *Not Your Father’s Presidential Campaign: George Romney-as-Mormon, Mitt Romney-as-Mormon*
- Max Mueller, Harvard University
  *The Other Mormon Candidate for President: Yeâb Samâkè and Twenty-first Century Mormonism*

**Responding:**
- Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

### A19-108

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

**Theme:** *Community Organizing and Religious Responses to Economic Inequality*

**MPW-476**

- Ann McClenahan, Washington, DC, Presiding
- Helene Slessar-Jamir, Claremont Lincoln University
  *Community Organizing as Insurgent Citizenship*
- Aikande Kwayu, University of Nottingham
  *The Relationship between the United Kingdom Government and Faith Communities: The Case of International Development Policies, 1992-2011*
- Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba
  *Rhetoric, Ritual, and Power: The Myths of the Occupy Movement and the Public “Uses” of Reason*
- Anjulet Tucker, Boston University
  *Call and Response: Investigating the Intersections between the Black Church and Chicago Stepping Subcultures*

### A19-109

**Study of Judaism Section**

**Theme:** *The Legacy of Jacob Neusner*

**MPW-196B**

- Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, Presiding
  
  **Panelists:**
  - Jonathan Z. Smith, University of Chicago
  - Yaakov Elman, Yeshiva University
  - Elliott Wolfson, New York University
  - Shaul Magid, Indiana University

### A19-110

**Teaching Religion Section and Comparative Theology Group**

**Theme:** *Teaching Comparative Theology from an Institution’s Spirituality and Mission*

**MPW-178B**

- Christian Krokus, University of Scranton, Presiding
  
  **Panelists:**
  - Bede Benjamin Bidlack, Saint Anselm College
  - Mara Brecht, Saint Norbert College
  - Daniel P. Scheid, Duquesne University
  - Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University

**Responding:**
- Reid Locklin, University of Toronto

### A19-111

**Women and Religion Section**

**Theme:** *Revisiting Our Right to Choose After Thirty Years: Abortion and Reproductive Justice Issues in the Twenty-first Century*

**MPW-184A**

- Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Presiding
  
  **Panelists:**
  - Marvin M. Ellison, Bangor Theological Seminary
  - Jennifer S. Leath, Yale University
  - Kate M. Ott, Drew Theological School
  - Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

  **Responding:**
  - Michal Raucher, Northwestern University

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### A19-112

**Afro-American Religious History Group**  
Theme: Rethinking Classics: The Best of New Scholarship in Afro-American Religious History  
MPW-194A  
Rhon Manigault-Bryant, Williams College, Presiding  
Daniel A. Morris, University of Iowa  
*Improvisation as Democratic Virtue: A Deweyan Possibility for African-American Religion and Ethics*  
Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University  
*“Lost in the World”: Charles Long’s Significations, New World Slavery, and a Religious History of the Black Atlantic*  
James Young, Princeton University  
*“By Sweat of His Brow and the Intelligence of His Mind”: Marcus Garvey’s New Thought*  
Leonard McKinnis, Loyola University, Chicago  
*A Black God in Chicago: Advancing Arthur Fauset’s* *Black Gods* *(University of Pennsylvania Press, 1970)*  
Responding:  
Marla Frederick, Harvard University

### A19-113

**Anthropology of Religion Group**  
Theme: Faithful Consuming: Contexts of Cultural Production and Consumption in Christian Leisure  
MPW-471B  
Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding  
Hillary Kaell, Concordia University  
*The Rise and Fall of Christiland, the Anti-Communist Theme Park, 1954–1959*  
James Bielo, Miami University  
*Creationists at Play: Ethnographic Notes from a Religious Theme Park in the Making*  
David J. Howlett, Bowdoin College  
*“This Temple is a Tourist Trap”: Economic Exchange and Mormon Religious Rivalry in Kirtland, Ohio*  
Stephanie Brehm, Northwestern University  
*“Shalom, God Bless, and Please Exit to the Right”: Evangelical Christian Worship at a Disneyfied Theme Park*  
Business Meeting:  
Margarita Suarez, Meredith College, Presiding

### A19-114

**Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group and Mysticism Group**  
Theme: Mysticism and Silence: Toward a Nonlinguistic Epistemology of Embodied Presence  
MPW-471A  
Dale Cannon, Western Oregon University, Presiding  
Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose  
*Multiple Drafts or Anatman?*  
Aimen Shen, Hanover College  
*A Scientific Discovery and a Zen Discovery*  
Charles Lowrey, Washington and Lee University  
*Three Ways of Understanding Mystical Experience: From Speech to Utter Silence*  
Walter Gulick, Montana State University, Billings  
*A Polanyian Interpretation of Buddhism*

### A19-115

**Chinese Religions Group**  
Theme: Faces of Han Buddhism in Contemporary China: “Placing” Monastics and Laity in Dialogue  
MPE-256  
Robert Weller, Boston University, Presiding  
Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University  
*Do Chinese Buddhist Laypersons Need Monastics? Exploring the Dynamics of Sangha–Laity Relations in Contemporary China*  
Brian Nichols, Central Michigan University  
*Munks, Monasteries, and Material Culture: The Dynamics of Enchanted Space in Communist China*  
Stefania Travagnin, University of Manchester  
*New Female Agents of the Dharma? Discussing Patterns of Division and Encounter among Buddhist Women in Contemporary China*  
Weishan Huang, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity  
*The Bodhisattva Comes Out of the Closet: Reformed Buddhism and Capital–linked Immigrants in Shanghai*  
Responding:  
Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara
A19-116

Christianity and Academia Group
Theme: Student, Classroom, Institution, Field: Rethinking Theology and Religious Studies from the Ground Up
MPN-226
Hannah Schell, Monmouth College, Presiding
  Margaret Adam, University of Glasgow
  Christian Theology and the Inadequacy of Religion
  Kevin Taylor, Pfeiffer University
  Reaching the Postmodern Student with Philosophy and Aesthetics
  R. J. Hernandez-Diaz, Iliff School of Theology
  Eu Kit Lim, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
  Trappings of Authenticity: Teaching Religion to Students of Privilege
  Michael DeLashmutt, Luther Seminary
  Of Deans and Deacons: Towards a Theology of Academic Administration
Business Meeting:
  David Cunningham, Hope College, Presiding

A19-117

Contemporary Islam Group
Theme: Negotiating Islam and the State
MPE-261
Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, Presiding
  Mohamad Nasir, Emory University
  Muslim Women Claiming Divorce at an Indonesian Religious Court: Islamic Law, Domination, and Resistance
  Janis Lee, Vanderbilt University
  Religion, Secularism, and Muslim Minorities in Canada
  Samuel Kigar, Duke University
  Taha Abdurrahman and Ethics Beyond the Secular
  Mashal Saif, Duke University
  Pakistani Shi’a Ulama: Theorizing the State and Contesting Religious Authority
Responding:
  Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College
Business Meeting:
  Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, and Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding

A19-118

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group and Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
Theme: Contested Categories: Indigenous, Pagan, Authentic, and Legitimate
MPN-130
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding
  Koenraad Elst, Belgian Senate, Brussels
  The Gathering of the Elders: An Emerging Global Platform of Pagan and Indigenous Religions
  David Wilson, University of Edinburgh
  Becoming Indigenous: Falsifiable Authenticity and Traditional Legitimacy in New Religious Movements (Lessons from a Case Study on a Spiritualist Community)
  Mary Hamner, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
  Middle-class Vodou: Spirit Possession and Marginality in the United States
  Thad Horrell, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
  Becoming Indigenous in a Reconstructed Ancestral Tradition
  Sabina Magliocco, California State University, Northridge
  Indigenousness and the Discourse of Authenticity in Modern Paganisms

A19-119

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and Religion, Media, and Culture Group
Theme: A Fabulous Rumor: Critical Interpretations of John Lardas Modern’s Secularism in Antebellum America (University of Chicago Press, 2011)
MPW-192A
Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
  Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan
  Richard Callahan, University of Missouri
  Finbarr Curtis, University of Alabama
  Chad Seales, University of Texas
Responding:
  John Lardas Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
A19-120

Ecclesiological Investigations Group

Theme: From Catholic Worker to Fresh Expressions: The Theology and Mission of Paraecclesial Experiments

Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Presiding
Joseph Wolnyiak, University of Oxford
The Catholic Worker Way: A (First-hand) Perspective on its Past, Present, and Prospects
Timothy Snyder, Boston University
Experimentation and Assimilation: Collective Religious Identities in Settled and Unsettled Cultures
Ignatius Edet, Saint John Fisher Church, London
Mainstreaming the Fringes: A Case Study of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Nigeria (CCRNR) and its “Reinvention” (Reshaping) of Catholicism
Coleman Fannin, Baylor University
The Catholic Worker, Koinonia Farm, and the Possibility of Paraecclesial Experiments Remaining Ecclesial

Responding:
Margaret Pfeil, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:
Bradford Hinze, Fordham University, and Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Presiding

A19-121

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Music and Religion Group

Theme: Feminist Identities and Musical Meaning: Religious Engagements with the Work of Susan McClary

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University, Presiding

Panelists:
Dirk von der Horst, Graduate Theological Union
Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University
Heidi Epstein, University of Saskatchewan

A19-122

Hinduism Group

Theme: Modern Social Interpretations of Bhakti Traditions

Afshar Mohammed, University of Texas, Presiding

Jon Keune, Universität Göttingen
The Many Agendas of Egalitarianism in Marathi Bhakti (1890–1933)
George Pati, Valparaiso University
Bhakti, Equality, and Hierarchy in Early Twentieth Century Kerala
Joel Lee, Columbia University
Bhakti, Dalits, and the Nation
Linda Hess, Stanford University
How Kabir Singers Create Kabir in Malwa, Madhya Pradesh

Responding:
Karen Pechilis, Drew University

A19-123

Jain Studies Group

Theme: Manisha Sethi, Escaping the World: Women Renouncers among Jains (Routledge India, 2011): A Roundtable Discussion

John E. Cort, Denison University, Presiding

Panelists:
Anne Vallely, University of Ottawa
Sherry Fohr, Converse College
M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University

Responding:
Manisha Sethi, Jamia Millia Islamia

Business Meeting:
John E. Cort, Denison University, and Lisa Owen, University of North Texas, Presiding
A19-124

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group, Platonism and Neoplatonism Group, and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

Theme: Jean-Luc Marion’s In the Self’s Place: The Approach of Saint Augustine (Stanford University Press, 2012)

MPW-175C

Bradley Onishi, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Panelists:
- Rico Monge, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Thomas Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Jeffrey Kosky, Washington and Lee University
- Willemien Otten, University of Chicago

Responding:
- Jean-Luc Marion, University of Chicago

A19-125

Law, Religion, and Culture Group and Religion in Europe Group

Theme: Negotiating Religious Freedom in Europe

MPN-128

Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Groningen, Presiding

Deirdre DeBruyn Rubio, Harvard University
- Cults in the Margins of the French State: Laicité and the Commission on Inquiry into Cults

Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame

Titus Hjelm, University College, London

Marthe Hesselmans, Boston University
- Confining What Can No Longer Be Confined: Religious Tolerance in the Netherlands from 1945 until Now

Responding:
- Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Indiana University

Business Meeting:
- Todd Green, Luther College, and Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Groningen, Presiding

A19-126 (=S19-148)

Liberation Theologies Group and SBL Use, Influence, and Impact of the Bible Group


MPN-230A

John Lyons, University of Bristol, Presiding

Panelists:
- Elaine Graham, University of Chester
- Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College
- David Gunn, Texas Christian University
- Paul Joyce, University of Oxford
- Catrin Williams, University of Wales, Trinity Saint David

Responding:
- Christopher Rowland, University of Oxford

A19-127

Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group

Theme: Rethinking Hegemonic Masculinities after Twenty-five Years

MPS-504BC

Amanullah De Sondy, University of Miami, Presiding

Hoon Choi, Loyola University, Chicago
- Trends in Korean Buddhism as Devices for Gender Democracy

Brett Esaki, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Japanese American Spiritual Contestation of Hegemonic Masculinity through Gardening

Amy Chaney, Syracuse University
- Fragmented Hegemonies: Recovering Arab Masculinities

Myounghun Yun, Vanderbilt University
- The Masculine Subject, the Confucian Self: Reconsidering Hegemonic Masculinity in a Salvific Ritual Space of Confucianism

Responding:
- Ivory Lyons, University of Mount Union

Business Meeting:
- Robert A. Atkins, Grace United Methodist Church, Naperville, IL, and Garth Baker-Fletcher, Texas College, Presiding

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A19-128
Middle Eastern Christianity Group and Christian Zionism in Comparative Perspective Seminar
Theme: Christian Zionist Implications for Palestinian Christians and Nationalist Theologies
MPN-127
Göran Gunner, Church of Sweden Research Unit, Presiding
George Faithful, Seton Hall University
Inverting the Eagle to Embrace the Star of David: The Nationalist Roots of German Christian Zionism
Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina
From the Institutum Judaicum to the International Christian Embassy: Christian Zionism with a Different Accent
Timo Stewart, University of Helsinki
Israelis, Israelites, and God’s Hand in History: Finnish Christian Attitudes towards the Creation of the State of Israel
Robert Smith, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Anglo-American Christian Zionism, Islam, and Western Perceptions of Arab Christians
Mitri Raheb, Diyar Consortium and Christmas Lutheran Church, Bethlehem
Palestinian Christian Reflections on Christian Zionism
Responding:
Maria Leppäkari, Åbo Akademi University
Business Meeting:
Göran Gunner, Church of Sweden Research Unit, and Robert O. Smith, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presiding

A19-129
Open and Relational Theologies Group and Science, Technology, and Religion Group
Theme: Miracles in Theology and Twenty-first Century Science
MPW-176C
Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, and Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
Candy Brown, Indiana University
Social Constructionism and Empirical Investigation
Joshua Reichard, Oxford Graduate School
Joe Pettit, Morgan State University
Divine Action in a One-dimensional Multiverse
Seth Heringer, Fuller Theological Seminary
Miracles, Hume, and Postmodernity: A Theological Approach

A19-130
Practical Theology Group
Theme: Practical Theology and Popular Culture
MPN-126
Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Elizabeth Drescher, Santa Clara University
Sure Foundation or Shifting Sand? Ethics and Spiritual Care in Digital Ministry
Clive Marsh, University of Leicester
Three (Theological) Chords and the Truth: Popular Music and Contemporary, Practical, Constructive Theology
Jennifer Ayres, Emory University, and Claire Bischoff, Emory University
In Defense of Tinkering: Young Adults’ Engagement with Media Culture as Practical Theology
Responding:
Gregory Ellison, Emory University

A19-131
Religion and Ecology Group
Theme: Ecological Evil: Buddhist, Yoga, Hindu, and Christian Perspectives
MPW-187B
Matthew Riley, Drew University, Presiding
Panelists:
Whitney Sanford, University of Florida
Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University
Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
Hilda Koster, Concordia College
Responding:
Ivone Gebara, Tabatinga, Brazil
Business Meeting:
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, and Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, Presiding
A19-132

Religion and Sexuality Group
Theme: Discipline and Hierarchy in Religious Practices of Sex
MPW-185A
Anthony Petro, Boston University, Presiding
Sissel Undheim, University of Agder
Virgin Fathers? Sacred Virginity, Salvation, and Male Virgins in Late Antiquity
Nina Petersen Hoel, University of Cape Town
“Im Not Going To Be Cursed on the Day of Qiyamat [Day of Judgment] Because I Refused to Give My Husband Sex”: South African Muslim Women’s Embodied Engagement with Religious Discourses on Sexuality
Kathleen Williams, Vanderbilt University
“To Make Love Safe and Edifying”: Sexual Initiation in the Oneida Community
Responding:
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Business Meeting:
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University, Presiding

A19-133

Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Group
Theme: Women of Color Epistemologies and Pedagogies
MPN-131
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Terry Reeder, Syracuse University
Teaching With Hatty and CoCe
Cristina Smith, California Institute of Integral Studies
Sacred Ecowoman: Naming and Reclaiming
Ebony Marshall Turman, Union Theological Seminary
The First and the Last: Theorizing the Moral Paradox of Black Women’s Bodies in the Shadow of Michelle Obama
Meredith Coleman-Tobias, Emory University
Teaching the Know: Ethnography of Afro-Caribbean Religious Diasporas and Scholar-Activist Pedagogy
Responding:
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Business Meeting:
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Moravian Theological Seminary, Presiding

P19-101

Colloquium on Violence and Religion
Theme: René Girard’s Sacrifice (Michigan State University Press, 2011)
MPS-106B
William Johnsen, Michigan State University, Presiding
Panelists will discuss René Girard’s lectures on the Brahmanas, translated and published in 2011 by Michigan State University Press as Sacrifice. COV&R is an international association founded in 1990 which 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.
Panelists:
David Dawson, Universidad de Costa Rica
Brian Collins, North Carolina State University
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

P19-127

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion
Theme: The Future of Feminist Biblical Studies Across Disciplines and Communities
MPW-375C
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding
Feminist Studies in Religion is a child of the feminist movements in religion emerging in the 1970s and 1980s. Feminist studies set out to explore the critical questions and positive or negative experiences wo/men have had in religious communities that were for centuries exclusive of but also inspirational for wo/men. As wo/men moved in greater numbers into the Academy, our work became more and more professionalized and shaped by the various academic disciplines and their questions. The panel will explore how new scholars in biblical studies address the problem of becoming “disciplined” and at the same time remain committed to the theoretical and practical questions of wo/men struggling for justice in religion and society. What are the most important issues feminist biblical studies need to address in the future? What practices can challenge or disrupt these divisions and create new and renewed feminist connections and collaborations?
Panelists:
Kathleen Elkins, Drew University
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College
Robin Owens, Mount Saint Mary’s College
Maia Kotrosits, Union Theological Seminary, New York
Melissa Reid, Claremont Graduate University
P19-145

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions, Greco-Roman Religions

Theme: Divination in Ancient Mediterranean Religions

MPW-190B

Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound, Presiding

Jason Reddoch, Colorado Mesa University

Cicero’s De Divinatione and Philo of Alexandria’s Criticism of Artificial Divination

Heidi Wendt, Brown University

Interpretēs Legum: Judean Diviners in the Early Roman Empire

Jennifer Eyl, Barnard College

Paul as a Divinatory Expert

Responding:

Sarah Iles Johnston, Ohio State University

P19-103

African Association for the Study of Religions

Theme: Book Discussion: Religion and HIV and AIDS: Charting the Terrain, Edited by Beverley Haddad (University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2011)

Monday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

MPN-140

Lilian Dube, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Panelists:

Elias Bongmba, Rice University

Althea Spencer Miller, Drew University

Melissa Browning, Loyola University, Chicago

Responding:

Gerald West, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Beverly Haddad, University of KwaZulu-Natal

A19-139

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Building Classroom Community: Engaging Students and Powerful Pedagogy

Monday 10:00 AM–11:00 AM

MPW-195

Effective teaching relies on building rapport with your students and a strong classroom community. This discussion will canvas strategies to help you create culturally relevant pedagogy, design effective group projects, encourage a student-centered classroom, empower learners for creative reflection, and connect with your students from day one. Teaching resources will be provided and participants will have ample opportunities to share stories and ask questions about the way we relate to our students in the classroom.

Panelists:

Joshua Canzona, Georgetown University

A19-135

Plenary Address

Theme: From the Bottom and the Edges

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

MPW-375B

Otto Maduro, Drew University, Presiding

Cox will address how and why renewal, reform, and transformation movements in religion so often originate not in the center but on what the center thinks of as the periphery. He will discuss this from both theological and history of religions perspective, with historical examples, ending with some speculation about where this leaves us today.

Panelists:

Harvey Cox, Harvard University

A19-136

Program Committee Meeting

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

MPW-472

Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University, Presiding
A19-137

Bahá'í House of Worship Tour
Monday, 12:30 PM–4:30 PM
MPW-Tour Desk
Robert Stockman, DePaul University, Presiding
One of seven Bahá'í temples in the world, this unique structure symbolizes unity and invites prayer to God. The quiet serenity of the Bahá'í House of Worship reflects the spiritual truths of the Bahá'í faith: the oneness of God, the oneness of humanity, and the oneness of religion. Feel free to explore the auditorium, gardens, and visitor center at your own pace. Accessibility: Due to construction work, only the gardens are wheelchair accessible.

A19-138

Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center Tour
Monday, 12:30 PM–4:30 PM
MPW-Tour Desk
Travel by bus to the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center and explore hundreds of artifacts, documents, and photographs on your own. The museum is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Holocaust by honoring the memories of those who were lost and by teaching universal lessons that combat hatred, prejudice, and indifference. Admission to the museum is included with the tour.

BOOK GIVEAWAY DRAWING!
Monday, 12:00 PM
Join us at the AAR Exhibit Booth #301 for the drawing of the book giveaways. See pages 224–225 for more information.

A19-201

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Theme: Exceeding Boundaries: Approaches to Transnationalism in North American Religions
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
MPN-127
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding
Panelists:
  Justin Stein, University of Toronto
  Michael J. Altman, Emory University
  Elaine Peña, George Washington University
  Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University

A19-202

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
Theme: Teaching Bonhoeffer in Undergraduate Settings
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
MPE-353A
Joel Lawrence, Bethel University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Thomas Herwig, University of Alabama
  Stephen Haynes, Rhodes College
  David Gides, Marian University
  Lori Hale, Augsburg College
  Jennifer McBride, Wartburg College

A19-203

Daoist Studies Group
Theme: Paradox and the Chinese Ritual Imagination
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
MPS-105A
Thomas Wilson, Hamilton College, Presiding
Ori Tavor, University of Pennsylvania
  The Inherent Paradoxicality of Theorizing Ritual: A Chinese Perspective
  Joshua Capitanio, University of the West
  Sublimation and Soteriology in Daoist Practice
  David Mozina, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
  Paradox, Divine Reflexivity, and Daoist Ordination Oaths
Responding:
  Kimberley Patton, Harvard University

A19-204

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
Theme: Indigeneity, Performance, and Possession in a Globalized Africa
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
MPS-101A
Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University College, Presiding
Genevieve Nrenzah, University of Bayreuth
  Ghana’s New Indigenous Priests and their Followers: Contemporary Developments on Ghana’s Religious Landscape
  Elijah Obinna, University of Missouri
  Ritual and Power in a Dynamic Society: Indigenous Music and Masquerades in Amasiri, South Eastern Nigeria
  Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
  Spirit Possession from an Indigenous Studies Perspective: Things that Speak through Us in the Twenty-first Century
Business Meeting:
  Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University College, Presiding

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International Development and Religion Group
Theme: Varieties of Response: Intersections of International Development and Religion in Global Contexts
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
MPN-126
Nathan Loewen, Vanier College, Presiding
Kjetil Fretheim, MF Norwegian School of Theology
God's Land, Human Suffering, and the International Community
Oshan Fernando, Chicago, IL
World Vision International and the Politics of Development in Sri Lanka
Jan Holton, Yale University
God is the Only Hope: A Faith-based Community Approach to Helping Survivors of Sexualized Violence and Torture in Congo
Nermeen Mouftah, University of Toronto
Knowledge Is Power: Islamic Literacy Activism and the Subject(s) of Empowerment
Responding:
John Blevins, Emory University
Business Meeting:
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

A19-206
New Religious Movements Group
Theme: The End is Still Near: Contemporary Apocalypticism
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
MPW-192A
Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding
Jill Krebs, Drew University
“This Is Not to Cause Fear, but to Awaken Souls and to Protect Them from Destruction”: Our Lady, Apocalypticism, and Religious Identity
Torang Asadi, University of Kansas
Perfect Embodiments: The Corporeal, Communal, and Collective Bodies of the Twelve Tribes Community
Jefferson Calico, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Ragnarok and High-tech Doomsday: Contemporary Environmental Apocalypse as Theodicy and Myth of Resistance
Responding:
Eugene Gallagher, Connecticut College

A19-207
Religion and Ecology Group
Theme: Religion, Ecology, and the Body: Inscribing and Enacting Eco-Imaginings
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
MPW-187B
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding
Chara Armon, Villanova University
Great Works, Transitions, and Turnings: Activists’ Portrayals of Connections Among Spirituality, Ecological Restoration, and Teaching Service Learners
Jacob Erickson, Drew University
Indecent Ecologies: Karen Barad, Naturecultural Performativity, and Queer Ecotheology
Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University
Inscribing Green Bodies: Environmental Tattoos as Sacred Ordeals of Identity, Protection, and Devotion
Diane Yeager, Georgetown University
“Love the Wild Swan”: The Biocentric “Inhumanism” of Robinson Jeffers

A19-208
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
Theme: Panel Discussion on Kwok Pui Lan’s and Joerg Rieger’s Occupy Religion: Theology of the Multitude (Rowman and Littlefield, 2012)
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
MPW-375B
Lane Van Ham, University of Arizona, Presiding
Panelists:
Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
Jung Mo Sung, Methodist University, Sao Paulo
Corey Walker, Brown University
Kevin Minister, Southern Methodist University
Rita Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good
Hannah Hofheinz, Harvard University
Responding:
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
Business Meeting:
Megan Shore, University of Western Ontario, and Jon Pahl, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding
A19-209

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
Theme: Thinking Theologically about Extinctions
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
MPW-175B
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding
Bethany Sollereder, University of Exeter
The 99 Percent Problem: The Goodness of God and Evolutionary Extinction
Braden Molhoek, Graduate Theological Union
Dust to Dust: Are Humans The Pinnacle or A Pinnacle?
Gayle Woloschak, Northwestern University
Reconciling Eden and Evolution: Reflections on Species Extinction
Willa Lengyel, University of Chicago
Finitude, Extinction, and Christian Ecological Ethics

A19-210

Buddhism Section and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
Theme: Eminent Lives in the Buddhist Traditions: Processes, Contexts, Innovations
MPW-471A
Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, Presiding
Suzanne Bessenger, Randolph College
From “Low” Human Woman to “High” Buddhist Goddess: Thoughts on Writing, Emanation, and the Transformation of a Nomadic Woman into a Buddhist Deity
David Quinter, University of Alberta
Monkan, Manjusri, and Wish-fulfilling Jewels: An Exploration in Textual, Visual, and Material Culture
Cameron Bailey, Florida State University
The Ocean of Oathbound Protectors: Political and Sectarian Boundaries in Eighteenth Century Tibet
Jakub Zamorski, National Chengchi University
Between Faith in Amitabha and the “Science of Consciousness-only”: Pure Land Thought of Tang Dayuan 唐大圓 (ca. 1890–1941)
Derek Maher, East Carolina University
Revival and Renewal through Reincarnation: The Bodong Tradition Then and Now
Christopher Callahan, Harvard University
Memorializing Shinran: Illustrated Biographies and Memorial Services

A19-211

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Theme: Community and Hierarchy
MPW-175C
Gerard Loughlin, Durham University, Presiding
Natalie Carnes, Baylor University
Authorizing Communities: Finding One’s Voice and Speaking for Others in Christian Theology
Robert Martin, Saint Paul School of Theology
A Sacramental Reconstruction of Hierarchy, Power, and Leadership in Ecclesial Life
Brad East, Yale University
An Undefensive Presence: The Mission and Identity of the Church in Kathryn Tanner and John Howard Yoder
David Newheiser, University of Chicago
Giorgio Agamben and Dionysius the Areopagite on the Problem and Prospects of Hierarchy

A19-212

Ethics Section
Theme: Reinterpreting Virtues and Values in the US Public Sphere: Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness in Twenty-first Century United States
MPW-183A
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding
Panelists:
Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College
Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina
Teresa Delgado, Iona College
Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary
James H. Evans Jr., Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
Responding:
Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University

Business Meeting:
Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University, and Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
A19-213
North American Religions Section
Theme: Questioning Liberalism
MPN-226
David Harrington Watt, Temple University, Presiding
Panelists:
Jason Bivins, North Carolina State University
Rosemary Hicks, Tufts University
Edward Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
Ann Pellegrini, New York University
Laura Levitt, Temple University

A19-214
Religion in South Asia Section
Theme: Indian Religions and the Limits of Royal Patronage
MPW-178B
Rachel McDermott, Barnard College, Presiding
Jon Keune, Universität Göttingen
The Limits of Royal Patronage for Historicizing Marathi Bhakti
Leslie Orr, Concordia University, Montreal
Presenting, Remembering, and Recreating the Chola King as Temple Patron
James Hare, New York University
Bearers of the Flag of Dharma: Kingship and Patronage in the Bhaktamal Tradition
Valerie Stoker, Wright State University
Royal Inscriptions and Religious Biographies: Understanding Krishnadevaraya’s Patronage of Madhvaism
Responding:
Richard Davis, Bard College

A19-215
Study of Islam Section
Theme: Tied by Texts: Muslim Reading Communities from Tenth Century Nishapur to Ottoman Turkey
MPW-181B
Travis Zadeh, Haverford College, Presiding
Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University
A Community of Qur’anic Interpretation: Tafsir Production and the Formation of a Scholarly Network in Nishapur
Asma Sayeed, Lafayette College
The Hanbalis of al-Salihyya: Textual Communities and the Formation of Sunni Orthodoxies in Classical Islam
Joel Blecher, Princeton University
The Implications of Orality: Live Performance and the Interpretation of Hadith
Susan Gunasti, Ohio Wesleyan University
Ottoman Communities of the Arba’în
Responding:
Ahmed el Shamsy, University of Chicago

A19-216
Teaching Religion Section and Religion and Disability Studies Group
Theme: Teaching Disability in the Christian Tradition
MPS-105BC
Michael Mawson, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Panelists:
Deborah Creamer, Iliff School of Theology
Willie Jennings, Duke University
Sarah Melcher, Xavier University
Tom Reynolds, University of Toronto
John Goldingay, Fuller Theological Seminary
Responding:
Brian Brock, University of Aberdeen
John Swinton, University of Aberdeen

A19-217
Afro-American Religious History Group and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Group
Theme: Birthing Freedom: Women and the Civil Rights Movement
MPE-259
Vicki Crawford, Morehouse College, Presiding
Panelists:
Barbara Holmes, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
Marla Frederick, Harvard University
Rachel Harding, University of Colorado, Denver
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College
Rosetta Ross, Spelman College
Business Meeting:
Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton University, and Stephen Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

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A19-218
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Theme: Boundary Crossings: New Directions in Asian North American Theologies
MPW-471B
Sharon Suh, Seattle University, Presiding
Barbara Yuki Schwartz, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Bodies of Empire: Toward a US Multiracial Theology in the Shadow of the Cold War
Simon Joseph Kierulf, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Balanced Polarities: A Theo-ethic for Coalition-building between African American and Filipino American Communities
Yongyeon Hwang, Graduate Theological Union
A Theological Reflection on the Marginalized Experiences of Korean “Military Brides” in the United States of America
Ren Ito, University of Toronto
Race, Gender, and the Feminist Imperative in Asian North American Men’s Theologies
Responding:
Nami Kim, Spelman College
Business Meeting:
Michael Campos, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

A19-219
Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Theme: Kierkegaard and Contemporary French Thought
MPW-176C
Bruce Benson, Wheaton College, Presiding
W. Chris Hackett, Australian Catholic University
A New Contemporaneity? Jean Wahl’s Kierkegaard and the Concept of Transcendence
Jason Danner, University of Central Florida
Becoming L’adonné: The Self as Task in Kierkegaard and Marion
Joseph Westfall, University of Houston
On “S. K.”: Selves, Signatures, and Socrates in Kierkegaard and Sarah Kofman
Aaron Looney, University of Tübingen
Passion, Power, and Paradox: Kierkegaard, Derrida, and Jankélévitch on the Condition of Forgiveness

A19-220
Bioethics and Religion Group
Theme: Global Perspectives on Bioethics and Religious Authority
MPW-176B
Laura Kicklighter, Lynchburg College, Presiding
Michal Raucher, Northwestern University
Bioethics in Israel: Religion and Medicine, Rabbis, and Doctors
Ha Jung Lee, Boston University
The Influence of Confucian Ethics on Women’s Reproductive Decisions in South Korea
Gaymon Bennett, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center
The Externalization of Evil and the Creation of Deadly Viruses
Gerard Mannion, University of San Diego
Shifting Social Perceptions Pertaining to Teaching Authority: A Brief Case Study from Phoenix
Business Meeting:
Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University, Presiding

A19-221
Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group and North American Hinduism Group
Theme: Reimagining Race, Ethnicity, and Religion among Jews and Hindus in North America
MPE-256
Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Henry Goldschmidt, Interfaith Center of New York
Race, Religion, and the Many Substances of Jewishness
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
The Specter of Race: Biology and Jewish American Identity
Khyati Y. Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University
Race, Religion, and the Formation of Hindu Identities in North America
Shana Sippy, Carleton College
Beyond Brown Skin and Big Noses: Embodying the Politics and Poetics of Hinduness and Jewishness
Responding:
Rudy Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Business Meeting:
Barbara Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Marla Segol, Skidmore College, Presiding

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Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group
Theme: Time, Space, and Difference
MPS-101B
Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Jenna Supp-Montgomery, University of North Carolina
The “Greatest of All Schemes”: American Missionary Discourse and Nineteenth Century Globalization
Laura Tames, Georgetown University
Understanding the History of Man: A Late Nineteenth Century American Jewish Engagement with Comparative Religion
Brenna Moore, Fordham University
“Into the Catacombs of the Past”: Women, French Catholic Medievalism, and the Status of Difference in an Idealized Religious Past
Kati Curts, Yale University
Ripe Fruits, Fuzzy Photos: The Composite Photograph in The Varieties of Religious Experience
Lucas Carmichael, University of Chicago
Laosi and Lincoln: Congenial Religion in Witter Bynner’s Daode Jing
Tiffany Puett, University of Waterloo
Managing Religion: Religious Pluralism, Liberalism, and Governmentality
Responding:
Ann Burlein, Hofstra University
Business Meeting:
Ann Burlein, Hofstra University, and Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, Presiding

A19-224
Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
Theme: Feminist Theory on Disability, Trauma, and Vulnerability
MPW-182
Elizabeth Gish, Harvard University, Presiding
Lisa Powell, Saint Ambrose University
The Infertile Womb of God: Ableism and the Doctrine of God
Anna Bialek, Brown University
Vulnerability Empty and Realized: Susceptibility and Submission in Sarah Coakley’s Kenotic Christology
Hee Kyung Kim, Boston University
Trauma, Powerlessness, and the Capable Subject: A Feminist Defense of Paul Ricoeur’s Notion of Personhood
Responding:
Carol White, Bucknell University

A19-226
Music and Religion Group and Religion and Popular Culture Group
MPW-184A
Chad Seales, University of Texas, Presiding
Courtney Wilder, Midland University
The Courage to Be … a Dirty Little Freak: Tillich, Pink, and Gaga
Jeffrey Hanson, Australian Catholic University
“The Soul of a Man”: Sin-consciousness, Resurrection, and the Spiritualized Body of Rock and Roll
Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
Tool and the Dionysian Future of Music: A Pop Analysis
Paul Morris, Syracuse University
Passions Private and Individualized in the Soteriologicous of Popular Music
Responding:
Monica Miller, Lewis and Clark College

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Queer Studies in Religion Group and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group
Theme: Vanguard Revisited: A Transformative Theology for/with/by LGBTQ Homeless Youth in the 1960s and Today
MPW-178A
Megan Rohrer, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

A19-228

Religion in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500–1650 CE Group
Theme: Universality and Premodern Particularity: Mediterranean Traditions in Conversation
MPS-501A
Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding
Matthew Gabriele, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Chaos as Order: Thinking about the Future around the Year 1000
Liza Anderson, Yale University
“Story of a Demon Who Repented and Was Accepted by God”: Eschatology and Universal Salvation in Medieval Syrian Christianity
Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University, Saint Louis
“Even the Jews Prayed”: Community, Piety, and Miracle in Medieval Christian Hagiology
Tzvi Langermann, Bar Ilan University
A Collection of Jewish Philosophical Prayers from Crete
Responding:
Constance Furey, Indiana University
Business Meeting:
Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

A19-229

Ritual Studies Group
Theme: Domains and Boundaries: Ritual and Technology, Game, Play, and Art
MPS-106A
Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding
István Keul, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Producing Deities: Ritual as Technology
Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études
Modeling the Relationship between Ritual and Play/Game
Daniel Wyche, University of Chicago
Foucault, Ritual Speech, and the Analytic of Resistance
Colin Johnson, Graduate Theological Union
The Ritual-as-Game: Avatars and the Circling of Space
Responding:
Constance Furey, Indiana University
Business Meeting:
Barry Stephenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

A19-230

Sacred Space in Asia Group
Theme: Exploring Embodiment in Asian Sacred Space
MPS-504BC
Brian Nichols, Mount Royal University, Presiding
Hugh Urban, Ohio State University
Zartha the Buddha: Embodiment, Sacred Space, and Globalization in the Osho International Meditation Resort
Kerry Skora, Hiram College
Embodied Presence and Primordial Time: Longchenpa’s Dwelling Place in Contemporary Bhutan
Malcolm Young, Christ Episcopal Church, Los Altos, CA
The Eishin Campus: Architect Christopher Alexander’s Nature of Order
Jill Adams, Syracuse University
“Bodies of Memory” and Mourning in Hiroshima
Responding:
Pamela Winfield, Elon University
Business Meeting:
Brian Nichols, Mount Royal University, Presiding

A19-231

Scriptural Reasoning Group
Theme: Jewish-Islamic Legal Reasoning
MPW-185A
Tom Greggs, University of Aberdeen, Presiding
Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University
Exile of/and the Law
Rumee Ahmed, University of British Columbia
A Passport to Morality: The Role of State Boundaries in Islamic Legal Reasoning
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University
The Law of Scriptural Reasoning: Does it Stretch or Will it Break
Ayesha Chaudhry, University of British Columbia
Scriptural Reasoning Without the Scripture
Responding:
Michael Higton, University of Cambridge
Business Meeting:
Tom Greggs, University of Aberdeen, Presiding
Vatican II Studies Group

Theme: How (Not) to Organize an Ecumenical Council: The Learning Process of Year One
MPW-194A

Peter De Mey, Catholic University of Leuven, Presiding
Sandra Arenas, Catholic University, Leuven
Fifty Years Forgotten: The Doctrine of Elementa Ecclesiae at the Core of the Conciliar Understanding of Church Membership
Kevin Ahern, Boston College
Ecclesial Renewal from Below: International Catholic Organizations and the Council
Francesca Cadeddu, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII
John Courtney Murray and the Shaping of the Religious Freedom Debate
Daniel Rober, Fordham University
Ressourcement or Aggiornamento, Reform or Rupture? How the Council’s Theological Context Sheds Light on Its Interpretation
Alberto Melloni, Fondazione per le Scienze Religiose Giovanni XXIII
Fortune of a Caricature: The "Bologna School"

Business Meeting:
Massimo Faggioli, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

Yogācāra Studies Group

Theme: Dignāga’s Alambana-parikṣā and Its Commentaries
MPE-263

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, Presiding
Panelists:
Ching Keng, National Chengchi University
David Eckel, Boston University
John Powers, Australian National University
Jay Garfield, Smith College
Douglas Duckworth, East Tennessee State University

Business Meeting:
C. John Powers, Australian National University, and Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, Presiding

Society for Pentecostal Studies

Theme: Pentecostals and the New Testament: A Decade of Research in Review
MPN-128

Ronald Herms, Northwest University, Presiding
Panelists:
Melissa Archer, Pentecostal Theological Seminary
Jeffrey Lamp, Oral Roberts University
Martin Mittelstadt, Evangel University
John Christopher Thomas, Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Sacred and Religious Sites of Chicago

Monday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
MPW-Tour Desk

Tour Leaders:
Jeanne Kilde, University of Minnesota
David Bains, Samford University
Scott Kenworthy, Miami University, Ohio

This tour will explore the religious buildings of several early immigrant groups in Chicago’s Near West Side. It will include stops at what was once the largest Polish Catholic church in the United States (Saint Stanislaus Kostka), as well as Eastern Orthodox and Byzantine Rite churches.

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Distance Education: Challenges and Rewards
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM
MPW-195

As distance education programs are being offered by a growing number of institutions — specifically in the field of religious studies — students that are unable or unwilling to relocate are now given access to more respected institutions and professors. This workshop will cover the major challenges and rewards of a distance program, as well as tips for those considering such approaches. This discussion will be led by a graduate student entering his final year of a Main Religion (New Testament) program through Reformed Theological Seminary’s virtual campus.

Panelists:
Jon Jordan, Reformed Theological Seminary
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

A19-300

Christian Systematic Theology Section and Schleiermacher Group
Theme: Feminism and Schleiermacher’s Ecclesiology
MPW-185A
Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University, Presiding
Heleen Zorgdrager, Protestant Theological University, Leiden
Homemade Mission: Women’s Agency and the Civilizing Mission of the Church according to Schleiermacher’s Christian Ethics
Shelli Poe, University of Virginia
Knowing and Unknowing in Friedrich Schleiermacher: A Feminist Proposal
Mary Streufert, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
My Body, Your Body, Christ’s Body: Ecclesiological Lessons from Schleiermacher and Abortion Debates
Monica Schaap Pierce, Fordham University
The Social, Ecclesial, and Cosmic Dimensions of Schleiermacher’s Gefühl: An Ecofeminist Reading

A19-303

Teaching Religion Section and Daoist Studies Group
Theme: Teaching Daoism in Introductory “World Religions” Courses
MPS-105A
Norman Girardot, Lehigh University, Presiding
Panelists:
Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego
Harold Roth, Brown University
James Miller, Queen’s University
Suzanne Cahill, University of California, San Diego
Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

A19-302

Study of Judaism Section
Theme: Modern Jewish Thought and the Question of Law
MPN-140
Jerome Copulsky, Goucher College, Presiding
Daniel Weiss, University of Cambridge
Jewishness and the Prophetic-Religious Anarchism of Hermann Cohen
Paul Nahme, University of Toronto
Law and Jewish Practice in Hermann Cohen’s Ethics of Pure Will

Elias Sacks, University of Colorado
Rescuing the Law: Practical Discretion and Historical Change in Mendelssohn’s Hebrew Writings
Samuel Brody, University of Chicago
On Subjecting All Realms to the One: Buber and Law Reconsidered
Business Meeting:
Shaul Magid, Indiana University, and Aryeh Cohen, American Jewish University, Presiding

A19-304

Buddhist Philosophy Group
Theme: Svasātiḥvedana in Indian Buddhist Philosophy: Novel Perspectives, New Directions
MPE-263
Stephen Jenkins, University of California, Humboldt, Presiding
Panelists:
Jay Garfield, Smith College
Daniel McNamara, Emory University
Catherine Prueitt, Emory University
John Dunne, Emory University
Responding:
Daniel Arnold, University of Chicago
Business Meeting:
Parimal Patil, Harvard University, Presiding

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Religion and Disability Studies Group

Theme: On Bodies and Signs

MPS-504BC

Mary Jo Iozzio, Barry University, Presiding
Heike Peckruhn, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
Living Body Theologies: Moving Beyond Metaphorical Bodies Toward Phenomenologically-based (Disability) Theologies
Wayne Morris, University of Chester
Body Theology: Engaging Deaf Perspectives
Courtney Wilder, Midland University
Love of Self and Love of Bodies: Phenomenology of Embodiment via Style Blogs by Women with Disabilities
Emma Brodeur, Syracuse University
Moses Mendelssohn, the Politics of Signs, and Deaf/Jewish Emancipation

Business Meeting:
Julia Watts Belser, Missouri State University, Presiding

A19-306

Religion and Humanism Group

Theme: Book Session: Symbolic Forms for a New Humanity: Cultural and Racial Reconfigurations of Critical Theory (Fordham University Press, 2010)

MPW-470A

Slavica Jakelic, University of Virginia, Presiding
Andrea Smith, University of California, Irvine
Mark Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary
Markus Hoefner, Ruhr University, Bochum

Responding:
Drucilla Cornell, Rutgers University
Kenneth Michael Panfilio, Downer’s Grove, IL

Business Meeting:
W. David Hall, Centre College, and Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding

A19-307

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Theme: Nature and Grace in the Cosmos: Terrence Malick’s Tree of Life

MPE-256

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University
Aching for Redemption: Affect and Nostalgia in Malick’s Tree of Life
Blake Huggins, Boston University
Reholding the Glory of the World: Grace, Nature, and “Transimmanence in the Films of Terrence Malick
Rico Monge, University of California, Santa Barbara
Mysticism and Theodicy in Terrence Malick’s The Thin Red Line and The Tree of Life

Business Meeting:
Antonio D. Sison, Catholic Theological Union, and Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding

A19-308

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group

Theme: Ritualizing Illness, Wellness, and Identity

MPW-192A

Katia Moles, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Erin Nourse, University of Virginia
Turning Water Babies into Real Human Beings: Postpartum Rituals for Achieving Health in Mothers and Infants in Northern Madagascar
Dorcas Dennis, Florida International University
Houngas and Mambo of the Diaspora: The Role of Vodou Ritual Specialists in the Production of Health and the Creation of Identity among Haitian Immigrants in Little Haiti
Yasaman Munro, Wilfrid Laurier University and University of Waterloo
Mandir Medical Networks: Situating Ayurveda as a Sustained Argument among Hindu Immigrants in Canada

Responding:
Suzanne Crawford O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University

Business Meeting:
Stephanie Mitchem, University of South Carolina, and Lance Laird, Boston University, Presiding
A19-309
Roman Catholic Studies Group
Theme: Is Comparative Theology Catholic?
MPN-128
Anna Moreland, Villanova University, Presiding
Panelists:
   Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
   Klaus von Stosch, Universität Paderborn
   Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
   Paul J. Griffiths, Duke University

A19-310
Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group
Theme: Sacred Texts and a Just Political Order
MPW-175C
Stephanie Powell, Drew University, Presiding
   Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary
   Mark Ryan, Georgian Court University
   David Kratz Mathies, Missouri Western State University
Panelists:
   Fraught Justice: Reward and Punishment as a Religious Idea
   Scriptural Reasoning as a Guide to Public Reasoning in Pluralistic Societies
   Inequality and a Just Political Order: Roles and Principles in Classical Confucian Texts
Business Meeting:
   David Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

A19-311
Special Topics Forum
Theme: Mentoring Across Sexualities and Genders
MPS-505B
Horace Griffin, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding
Panelists:
   Cameron Partridge, Harvard University
   Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
   Thealthia Young, Bucknell University
   Patrick Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School
   Mary Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual
   Alice Hunt, Chicago Theological Seminary
   Laurel Schneider, Chicago Theological Seminary

A19-312
Buddhism Section and Chinese Religions Group
Theme: Demonology and Dhāraṇī in Buddhism and Daoism
MPW-471A
Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
   Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado
   By Talisman, Image, and Name: Daoist Approaches to Demons in Medieval China
   Joshua Capitanio, University of the West
   Vajrakumāra in Esoteric Buddhism and Chinese Religion
   George Keyworth, University of Saskatchewan
   The Curious Case of the Dhāraṇī in the Apocryphal Chinese Śūraṃgama-sūtra
   Richard McBride, Brigham Young University, Hawai‘i
   Why Was the Mahâpratisarâ-dhâraṇī Relevant in Medieval Sinitic Buddhism?
Responding:
   Charles Orzech, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

A19-313
North American Religions Section and Contemporary Islam Group
Theme: Islamic Traditions and Lived Religion in America
MPW-196B
John L. Jackson, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
   Sajida Jalalzai, Columbia University
   Islamic Chaplaincy: The Making of a North American Muslim Institution
   Harold Morales, University of California, Riverside
   Latino Muslims by Design: Race, Religion, and New Media in the United States
   Suad Khaiber, Purdue University
   Sampled: Beats of Muslim Life — A Performance Ethnography
   Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina
   Religion versus Culture: Islamic Marriage, Healthy Families, and Domestic Violence
   Arijit Sen, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
   Halal Geographies: Muslim Identity and Everyday Life in South Asian Restaurants along Devon Avenue, Chicago
Responding:
   Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

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Religion in South Asia Section and Science, Technology, and Religion Group
Theme: Religion and Science in South Asia
MPW-175B

Nalini Bhushan, Smith College, Presiding
C. Mackenzie Brown, Trinity University
Religion and Science in the Two Tagores: The Cosmic Teologies of Debendranath and Rabindranath
Jonathan Edelman, University of Mississippi
Historiography in a South Asian Context
Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley, and University of Melbourne
From All India Radio: The War between Science and Religion in the Subcontinent — a Western Import?
Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University
Fitting the Study of Religion into the Frameworks of Science

Responding:
Perundevi Srinivasan, Sienna College

A19-315

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Theme: Universalism: A Contested Question in Theology
MPW-194A

Marion Grau, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Presiding
Kathy L. McFarland, Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary
The Theological Implications of Rob Bell’s Christian/Hopeful Universalism Compared to the Historical Theological Consequences of Swedenborg’s Traditional Universalism
Mark Scott, University of Missouri
Origen of Alexandria: The Patron Saint of Universalism?
Matthew Frost, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
The Novelty of Universalism: Shifting the Target of Inclusive Exclusivism
Sven Ensminger, University of Bristol
Theological Discourse about Universalism: A Constructive Proposal

Responding:
Stephen Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

A19-316

Women and Religion Section
Theme: Women and Religion in Politics and the Politics of Women and Religion
MPN-226

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Karen Seat, University of Arizona
Evangelicals and Women’s Leadership in the Post-Palin Era
Erin Brigham, University of San Francisco
Religious Liberty and the Public Voice of the US Catholic Church: A Feminist Analysis
Meredith Minister, Southwestern College
Women, Politics, and the Legislation of Morality: A Comparison of Prohibition and the Tea Party
Anndrea Ellison, Northwestern University
“They Do Not Speak For Me”: The Evangelical Foundations of Conservative “Feminism”

Responding:
Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania

A19-317

Animals and Religion Group
Theme: Thinking Animals, Rethinking Race, Ethnicity, and Religion
MPW-181B

James W. McCarty III, Emory University, Presiding
Panelists:
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
Grace Yia-Hei Kao, Claremont School of Theology
Christopher Carter, Claremont Lincoln University

Responding:
Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding
### A19-318

**Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group**  
Theme: *Latino/a Theology and the Bible*  
MPW-471B  
Francisco Lozada, Brite Divinity School, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University  
- Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University  
- Teresa Delgado, Iona College  
- Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami  
- Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary  
- Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University  
Business Meeting:  
- Eleazar S. Fernandez, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, and Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

### A19-319

**Hinduism Group**  
Theme: *“It’s the End of the World as We Know It”: Contemporary Understandings of the Kali Yuga*  
MPS-101A  
Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College, Presiding  
Amy L. Allocco, Elon University  
*The Blemish of “Modern Times”: Snakes, Planets, and the Kaliyugam*  
Ehud (Udi) Halperin, Columbia University  
*“Everything is Upside-down”: The Kaliyug in Himachal Pradesh’s Kullu Valley*  
Carla Bellamy, City University of New York  
*Desperately Seeking Shani: Finding an Old God in New Delhi*  
James Ponniah, Jñāna-Deepa Vidyapeeth  
*Alternative Discourses of Kaliyugam in Ayya Vazhi*  
Responding:  
- Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University

### A19-320

**Liberation Theologies Group**  
Theme: *Liberation and Protest in the Twenty-first Century*  
MPW-179A  
Ivan Petrella, University of Miami, Presiding  
Lee Cormie, University of Toronto  
*Recreating the World: Faith Communities in Global Justice Movements and the World Social Forum*  
Hannah Hoheinz, Harvard University  
*Revolutionary Practices: Considering an Anarchist Inflected Liberation Theology, or, Considering Liberation Theology Occupied*  
Carolyn Roncolato, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*The Holy Strikes: Liberation Theology and the Chicago Hyatt Hotel Workers’ Fight for Justice*  
Filipe Maia, Harvard University  
*Have Latin America’s Open Veins Healed? Liberation Theology and the New Sociopolitical Context in Latin America*  
Alain Epp Weaver, University of Chicago  
*Michel Sabbah, Palestinian Liberation Theologies, and the Critique of Zionism*  
Ulrike Auga, Humboldt University, Berlin  
*Theology with the 99 Percent as a Critical Biotheology*  
Business Meeting:  
- Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding

### A19-321

**Music and Religion Group and Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group**  
Theme: *Music and Ultimate Concern: Engaging Paul Tillich, Music, and Theology*  
MPW-184A  
Sharon Burch, Interfaith Counseling Center, Presiding  
Russell Re Manning, University of Aberdeen  
*Unwritten Theology: Notes Towards a Tillichian Theology of Music*  
Laura Thelander, Collegeville Institute  
*Prophetic Performance and Mystical Re-union: Considering the Theonomous Possibilities of Music*  
Meredith Holladay, Baylor University  
*Music as Theology: Using Tillichian Theology of Culture to Understand the Prophetic and Theological in Popular Music*  
Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College  
*Rock, Reason, and Revelation: Tag-teaming Tillich at Rockandtheology.com*  
Responding:  
- Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University

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Nineteenth Century Theology Group

Theme: Defining the Field: New Methods for Reconciling the History of Nineteenth Century Christian Thought (in Memory of James C. Livingston)

MPE-259

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding

Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg
Telling the Story — But How?

J. Cameron Carter, Duke University
Globalizing the Nineteenth Century: The Case of US Political Theology

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University
Power and Empire in the Study of Nineteenth Century Theology: The Case of Schleiermacher

Geertjan Zuijdweg, Katholieke Universiteit, Leuven

Responding:
Dawn De Vries, Union Presbyterian Seminary

A19-323

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group

Theme: Disciples, Devotion, and Letter Symbolism

MPW-176C

Douglas Hedley, Cambridge University, Presiding

Donka Markus, University of Michigan
Anagogic Love between Neoplatonist Philosophers and Their Disciples in Late Antiquity

Elizabeth Dodd, Cambridge University
Peace, Purity, and Assurance: Thomas Traherne’s Devotional Platonism as Seen through the Unity of Apatheia and Divine Desire

Virginia Burrus, Drew University
Le Philosophe Que Donc Je Suis: Following Platonus

Mark Edwards, Oxford University
Theodorus of Asine and the Alphabet

Responding:
John Bussanich, University of New Mexico

Business Meeting:
John Kenney, Saint Michael’s College, Presiding

A19-324

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group


MPW-182

Molly Farneth, Princeton University, Presiding

Panelists:
Luke Bretherton, Duke University
Linell Cady, Arizona State University
Bonnie Honig, Northwestern University
John Kelsay, Florida State University

Responding:
Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University

A19-325

Religion in Southeast Asia Group

Theme: New Approaches to Religion in Southeast Asia

MPN-126

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University, Presiding

Richard Fox, Universitat Heidelberg
Of Media and Morality: Rival Styles of Writing, Rival Styles of Practical Reasoning

Joel Hodge, Australian Catholic University
A Spirituality of Suffering and Resistance: Christianity and East Timor during the Indonesian Occupation

Julia Howell, University of Western Sydney
Rival Cosmopolitanisms: The Contestation of True Islam in Popular Literature on Indonesia’s Founding Saints, the Wali Songo

James Edmonds, University of California, Riverside
Tasauf’s Transformation through Political Practice

Responding:
Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University, Presiding

Business Meeting:
Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University, Presiding

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A19-326

Religion, Memory, History Group

Theme: Forgetting: Forging Memory or Forgiving the Past?

MPN-127

David Reinhart, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Presiding

Izak Lattu, Graduate Theological Union

Collective Memory for Christian–Muslim Dialogue in Maluku, Indonesia

Kathryn Reinhard, Fordham University

The “Archive” and the “Repertoire”: Re-membering the Forgotten in the Body of Christ

Priya Thomas, York University

The Living Monument: Embodiment, Enlightenment, and the Transhuman Imaginary in North American Yoga

Linwood Blizzard, Boston University

The Lasting Impact of Forgotten Redemptive Violence: The Impact of the Absence of Memory from Premillennialism and the Nadir Upon the Current Evangelical Movement

Responding:

Scott Appleby, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University, Presiding

A19-327

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Theme: Theology, Religion, and the Responsibility to Protect

MPW-185D

John Kiess, Loyola University, Maryland, Presiding

Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia

“Never Again War”? The Catholic Church, Just War Tradition, and the Responsibility to Protect

Matthew Puffer, University of Virginia

Augustine and Barth on the Image of God and the Responsibility to Protect

Laura Alexander, University of Virginia

Political Authority in the Work of Luther and Calvin: Reflecting Theologically on the Role of International Political Bodies in Authorizing Intervention across National Borders

Travis Pickell, University of Virginia

The “Necessity” of Humanitarian Intervention: Augustine, Niebuhr, and the Responsibility to Protect

Responding:

David Decosimo, Loyola University, Maryland

Gina Messina-Dyert, Loyola Marymount University

Female Theological Perspective on Genocide and the Responsibility to Protect

Rick Hankins, Claremont Graduate University

Confronting Genocide: The Parable of the Good Samaritan as a Model for Engagement

Mahmoud Harmouch, Claremont School of Theology

If Any One of the Idolaters Seek Thy Protection

Responding:

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University

A19-328

Sociology of Religion Group

Theme: “Saving the Modern Soul”: Religion and Therapeutic Discourse

MPS-101B

Greg Spinner, Skidmore College, Presiding

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Delivering the Modern Soul: Protestant Exorcism as a Gothic Therapeutic

Katja Rakow, University of Heidelberg


Marla Segol, Skidmore College

Body and Cosmos in Kabbalistic Self-help

Responding:

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University

Business Meeting:

Ipsita Chatterjee, Vanderbilt University, and Titus Hjelm, University College, London, Presiding

A19-329

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

Theme: Bataille’s Sacred Ethics

MPW-178B

Tony Hoshaw, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Jeremy Biles, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Against Eternity: Bataille’s Ethics of Community

Lynne Gerber, University of California, Berkeley

Movements of Luxurious Exuberance: Georges Bataille, Fat, and the Sacred

Kent L. Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Barebacking as Sacred Practice: Bataille, Bersani, and Dean on the Ethical Value of Self-loss

Stephen Bush, Brown University

Love or Predation? Georges Bataille on Mystical Union

Responding:

Jeff Kripal, Rice University
A19-330

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group

Theme: The Maturation of the Geluk Sect: Amdo and the Qing Empire

MPW-187B

Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding
Brenton Sullivan, University of Virginia
Regulating Monastic Allegiance: The Imperial System of Monastic Regulation in Eighteenth Century Amdo
Stacey Van Vleet, Columbia University
The Medical College of Kumbum Monastery and Geluk Institutional Development within the Qing Empire
Lan Wu, Columbia University
Transformations of the Yonghegong and Envisioning the Empire from the Buddhist Perspective, 1722–1792
Paul Nietupski, John Carroll University
Religion and Politics in Eighteenth Century Amdo
Max Oidtmann, Harvard University
Shamanic Imperialism: The Qianlong Emperor’s Attack on Tibetan Divination Technologies and the Origins of the Golden Urn

Responding:
Gray Tuttle, Columbia University

Business Meeting:
Andrew Quintman, Yale University, and Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, Presiding

A19-331

Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group

Theme: Practices in Publishing and Pedagogy: Faith, Feminism, and Scholarship

MPW-178A

Melanie Harris, Texas Christian University, Presiding
Panelists:
Rachel Harding, University of Colorado, Denver
Davina Lopez, Eckerd College
Deborah Buchanan, Lane College
Maria Theresa Davila, Andover Newton Theological School
Jennifer Harvey, Drake University

Business Meeting:
Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry, Presiding

A19-334

Exploratory Sessions

Theme: Quakers in “The World”: Engagement, Advocacy, and Change

MPW-183C

Hayley Glaholt, Northwestern University, Presiding

This session explores the diverse ways Quakers have interpreted their faith into particular historical events and circumstances. From their inception, many Quakers thought religious belief led to material action and practical embodiment of ethical conviction. Across geographic boundaries, three and a half centuries, and a broad spectrum of social controversies ranging from slavery to poverty to commercialism, Quakers have sought to apply their convictions of God’s will into “the world” in a way that made claims on social organization and challenged the status quo. However, Quakers, like other religious groups, have been selective in their approach toward implementing the ideal society, and at times have been apathetic toward cultural engagement and contradictory in promoting their ideals. These papers approach Quaker engagement with “the world” through examinations of missionary activity, poor relief, ecumenical theological dialogue, ecotheology, anti-slavery, and theological ethics.

Richard Bailey, Queen’s University
The Quaker Christ in the 1670s: “Safer Expression. No New Clearness”

Richard Allen, University of Wales, Newport
‘Fitt Objects of Charity’: Quakers and Poor Relief in Early Modern Wales

Elizabeth Cazden, Roger Williams University
“Within the Bounds of their Circumstances”: The Testimony of Inequality among Friends in Colonial New England

Jon Kershner, University of Birmingham (United Kingdom)
In “the World,” But Not of It: Spiritual and Ethical Perfection in John Woolman’s Eschatology

Becky Artinian-Kaiser, University of Chester, and Cherice Bock, George Fox University
Discerning Love: Toward a Quaker Ecological Ethic

Josh Kaiser, University of Notre Dame
Exploring Quaker Contributions to Contemporary Theological Ethics

C. Ruth Watterson, Harvard University
Quakers on the Move: Quaker Missionary Networks, 1650–1689

Responding:
David Johns, Earlham School of Religion

Business Meeting:
Jon Kershner, University of Birmingham, Presiding
Monday, 6:00 PM and Later

A19-333

Beyond the Boundaries
Theme: Religion and Economics
Monday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM
Offsite, Meadville Lombard Theological School, 610 S Michigan Ave
The AAR is committed to fostering the public understanding of religion. Inspired by this goal, the Graduate Student Committee has organized two evenings of public talks in Chicago. Student members will present their cutting-edge research in these innovative evening sessions designed to move our discussions of religion out of the traditional academic setting of the Annual Meeting and into the community. This year’s talks center around two themes: 1) Religion and Politics; and 2) Religion and Economics.
Plan to join us for these stimulating talks and discussions!
- Greg Kame, University of South Africa
  Morality and Spirituality: The Missing Link for Economic Development in the Twenty-first Century
- Brad Stoddard, Florida State University
  Legislatting Pluralism: Faith-based Prisons and the Privatization of Morality
- Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Seeing Buddha, Selling Buddha: The Economy of Buddhist Imagery in the United States

A19-403

Philosophy of Religion Section Reception and Business Meeting
Monday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-Marquette
Food and drink will be served. The business meeting proper will begin at 7:30 PM. Attendees will have the opportunity to suggest session topics for the Philosophy of Religion section for next year’s program.
Business Meeting:
- Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame, and Ludger Viefheus-Bailey, Le Moyne College, Presiding

A19-400

Program Unit Chairs’ and Steering Committee Members’ Reception
Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-AAR Suite
Program Unit Chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

A19-401

Film: The Gates of Heaven
Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-Lake Erie
Brenda Beck, University of Toronto, Presiding
The king and queen of Ponnivala set out on a long walk towards the gates of Heaven, hoping for an end to their childless condition. They meet with many adventures. The queen even carries her husband on her back for a time. Sadly, he grows too weak to continue. He has to stop partway along the steep path. Finally, with Lord Vishnu’s help, the queen continues toward her destination alone... Finally, after many meeting additional challenges, she finds herself at the gates of Heaven. There she undergoes a twenty-one year penance, including seven ritual “deaths.” During this period Lord Shiva tests her determination and her steadfast devotion repeatedly. Finally she persuades the Great Lord to call off his curse of barrenness. He then places three magical children in her womb. The queen returns to Ponnivala, rejoining her husband on the way. Once back she distributes fertility to every living being in her kingdom by sprinkling a magic liquid Lord Shiva gave her on all creatures capable of breathing and drinking. This animated legend retells one part of a much larger oral legend sung over eighteen nights by an itinerant bard whose work took him throughout the interior villages of northwest Tamilnadu, India, in 1965. This is the same area that Saint Thomas passed through on his trek to the east coast of India, just months before his death.

A19-402

Film: Alms
Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-Lake Huron
Mark McGuire, John Abbot College, Presiding
Alms explores the basics of Chan/Zen Buddhist monastic life through the eyes of the Head Chef of a Chan Buddhist monastery in Southern China. Witness how this community functions as a self-sufficient microsociety in which every element of daily life is an expression of this distinctive Buddhist school. Alms is the first of a series of academic short films on Buddhist life in China. The Dreaming Buddhas Project short films are carefully crafted to supplement readings and lectures, bringing images and sounds from modern China’s Buddhist communities into your classroom.
A20–100

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Ricoeur Group
Theme: The Art of Living Together: Theorizing Narrative and Religious Community after Time and Narrative (University of Chicago Press, 1984)
MPN-140
Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University, Presiding
Panelists:
   Claire Taylor Jones, University of Notre Dame
   W. David Hall, Centre College
   Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa
   Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University

A20–101

Buddhism Section
Theme: Buddhist Canons in Context: Compilation, Devotion, and Transformation
MPW-176A
Jiang Wu, University of Arizona, Presiding
   Jonathan Young, College of the Holy Cross
   Bryan Lowe, Vanderbilt University
   Brian Ruppert, University of Illinois
   Dewei Zhang, McMaster University
   Benjamin Deitle, University of Virginia

Responding: Charles Jones, Catholic University of America

A20–102

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Theme: Church and State
MPW-176C
David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
   Devin Singh, Yale University
   Eusebius and the Political: Church, State, and the Logic of Correspondence
   Joseph Clair, Princeton University
   Oikeiōs and Politics: Rereading Augustinianism
   Nathaniel Wood, Fordham University
   Political Liberalism, the Church, and the Politics of Theosis
   Scott Prather, University of Aberdeen
   Exegetology and Oikonomia: On the Economic Orientation of Political Power

A20–103

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
Theme: Comparative Religion, Technically Speaking: Comparative Perspectives on Religion and Technology
MPN–127
Christopher Parr, Webster University, Presiding
   Isaac Weiner, Georgia State University
   Materializing Dissent: Jehovah’s Witnesses, Sound Car Religion, and the Case of Saia versus New York
   J. Barton Scott, Montana State University
   Puranic Technics: Rethinking Religious Mediation in the Satyarth Prakāśa
   Angie Heo, Emory University
   Technologies and Technics of Pilgrimage: Mobilizing Sainthood in Coptic Orthodox Egypt

Responding: Jeremy Stolow, Concordia University

A20–104

Ethics Section
Theme: Virtue Ethics and Liberation: Accounting for the Lived Realities of Race, Class, Violence, and Moral Luck
MPW-175B
Anne Joh, Garrett–Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding
   Sarah MacDonald, Emory University
   Composing a Life in the Midst of the Storm: Agency and Virtue During Hurricane Katrina
   Carolyn Browning Helsel, Emory University
   Can Oppressors have Virtues? Aristotelian and Platonic Interpretations of Virtue as Resource for Persons of Privilege

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Jessica Vazquez Torres, Emory University
Race and Virtue: The Practice and Ethics of Race-based Caucusing
Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, Emory University
Fighting for Virtue: Virtue Ethics and Moral Experience in the Genocidal Century

Responding:
LaReine-Marie Mosely, Loyola University Chicago

A20-105
History of Christianity Section
Theme: Prayer Practice: Interiority and Exteriority
MPN-226
Ralph Keen, University of Illinois, Chicago, Presiding
William O’Brien, Saint Louis University
Devotion to the Sacred Heart: From Private Revelation to Public Practice
Lydia Willsky, Vanderbilt University
A Mind-ful Pietism: Nineteenth Century Unitarians and the Intellectualization of Prayer
Angela Berlis, University of Bern
The Litany of the “Kreuzeskränzchen” in Bonn (1855): A Witness for Prayer Life of Women in Nineteenth Century Non-ultramontane Catholicism
Joy Palacios, University of California, Berkeley
Renouncing the Stage: Public Prayer, Procession, and the Sacramental Exclusion of Actors in Early Modern France

A20-106
North American Religions Section
Theme: Beautiful Babies, Hidden Mothers, and Plasticized Prisoners: The Display of Bodies and Theories of American Religion
MPN-126
Martha Finch, Missouri State University, Presiding
Rachel Lindsey, Princeton University
Irene Elizabeth Stroud, Princeton University
Amy Artman, Lexington Theological Seminary
Martha Roberts, University of California, Santa Barbara
Responding:
Amy Koehlenger, Oregon State University

A20-108
Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Rethinking Religious Freedom and US Foreign Policy
MPN-230A
Finbarr Curtis, University of Alabama, Presiding
Tisa Wenger, Yale University
Religious Freedom and the Jewish Question, 1900–1920
Rosalind Hackett, University of Tennessee
Monitoring Religious Freedom in Africa
Mary Anne Case, University of Chicago
Religious Freedom, Gender, and the Vatican in International Relations
Winnifried Fallers Sullivan, Indiana University, and Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University
Religious Freedom, at Home and Abroad
Responding:
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

A20-109
Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Theme: Neoliberalism and Its Religious Critics
MPN-131
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, Presiding
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
Market Women/Mission Women: Liberation Theology, Neoliberalism, Gender, and the Market in Contemporary Latin America
Trad Nogueira-Godsey, University of Cape Town
Max Weber’s Pentecostal Ethic for Development?
Cecelia Lynch, University of California, Irvine, and Tanya Schwarz, University of California, Irvine
Pluralist versus Evangelical Humanitarianism: Issues for Religious Freedom
Anne Dyer-Witheford, University of Waterloo
Prolegomenon to a Theory of the New Age’s Placement among Critiques of Late Capitalism
Brandon Vaidyanathan, University of Notre Dame
Pentecostalized Christianity and Corporate Professionals in the Neoliberal City: Catholic Charismatics in Bangalore and Dubai

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Religion in South Asia Section
Theme: **In Good Taste: Aesthetics and South Asian Religions**
MPW-184BC

Nancy Lin, Dartmouth College, Presiding
James McDuff, University of Southern California
 James Hare, New York University
 James McHugh, University of Southern California
 James Hare, New York University
 Natlie Gummer, Beloit College
 Amy Langenberg, Auburn University

Responding:
David Gitomer, DePaul University

A20-111

Study of Islam Section
Theme: **The Translation of the Concept of Religion into Islamic Discourses**
MPW-178B

Arvind-Pal Mandair, University of Michigan, Presiding
Megan Brankley, Princeton University
Abdulkader Tayob, University of Cape Town
Markus Dressler, Istanbul Technical University

Responding:
Ms. Sani Umar, Northwestern University

A20-112

Study of Judaism Section
Theme: **Re-Thinking Jewish Identity**
MPN-135
Rachel Gordan, Northwestern University, Presiding
Amanda Mbuvi, Elon University
Maeera Shreiber, University of Utah
Diane Segroves, Vanderbilt University

Responding:
M. Sani Umar, Northwestern University

A20-113

Teaching Religion Section and Religion and Migration Group
Theme: **Crossing Borders in the Classroom: Teaching Religion and Migration**
MPW-183C
Kristin Heyer, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Ann Lutterman-Aguilar, Augsburg College, Mexico
Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University
Arthur Sutherland, Loyola University, Maryland

Responding:
Ms. Sani Umar, Northwestern University

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A20-114

Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Theme: Book Panel: Vincent Lloyd’s The Problem with Grace: Reconfiguring Political Theology (Stanford University Press, 2011)

MPW-179B

Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Panelists:
- Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
- Terrance Wiley, Carleton College
- Martin Kavka, Florida State University

Responding:
- Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University

A20-115

African Religions Group

Theme: Precarious Situations in Precarious States: Sexuality, AIDS, Climate, and the Occult in Twenty-first Century Africa

MPW-474A

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, Presiding

Dianna Bell, Florida State University
- Understanding a “Broken World”: Islam and Climate Change in Mali, West Africa

Ignatius Edet, Saint John Fisher Church, London

Derrick Mwuna, Boston University
- From Democracy to the Ten Commandments: The Politics of Pentecostalism in Zambia

A20-116

Christian Spirituality Group

Theme: The Spiritual “Self” in a Religiously Plural World

MPW-176B

John Sheveland, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
- Interreligious Spirituality for Catholic Feminist Survival

Duane Bidwell, Claremont School of Theology
- Enacting the Spiritual Self: Buddhist–Christian Identity as Participatory Action

Jennifer Peace, Andover Newton Theological School
- Accounting for the Spiritual Other in the Spiritual Self: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation

Lisa Hess, United Theological Seminary
- Befriending Outsiders: Table Fellowship, Habits of Mind, and Devotion Amidst Difference

Responding:
- Ruben Habito, Southern Methodist University
- Francis X. Clooney, S. J., Harvard University

Business Meeting:
- Tim Hessel-Robinson, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

A20-117

Cognitive Science of Religion Group and Tantric Studies Group


MPW-375A

John Nemec, University of Virginia, Presiding

Glen Hayes, Bloomfield College
- Sensuous Cosmographies: Cognitive Science, Embodiment, and the Study of Tantra

David Lawrence, University of North Dakota
- Pratyabhijna Philosophy and the Evolution of Consciousness: Religious Metaphysics, Biosemiotics, and Cognitive Science

Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
- Mnemonics, Image Compression, and Tantric Visualization

Responding:
- Lorlliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

A20-118

Gay Men and Religion Group and Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group

Theme: (Un)holy Bullies in LGBTQ Lives

MPN-128

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, University Denver and Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Benjamin Lindquist, Yale University
- Touch and the Ex–Gay Movement

Carolyn Davis, Vanderbilt University
- Bullying as Christian Practice? Homophobic Harassment and Reproductive Futurism

Mauricio Najarro, Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology
- “Your Son, Your Only One, Whom You Love”: Sacrifice, Idolatry, and Reproductive Futurism

Jeanine Viau, Loyola University, Chicago
- Does It Get Better? Considering the “Capacity to Persevere in a (Queer and) Livable Life”

Responding:
- Kate Ott, Drew University

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A20-119
Japanese Religions Group
Theme: Polymorphous Prescriptions: Divergent Sôtô Zen Approaches to the Vinaya
MPN-133

Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding
Gereon Kopf, Luther College
In the Name of the Bodhisattva: The Trope of “Transgressing the Precepts” in Dogen’s Discourse on Morality and Soteriology
David Riggs, Los Angeles, CA
Practicing the Precepts: Menzan’s Losing Proposition
Diane Riggs, Pepperdine University
Vinaya and Zen Transmission Robes: Eighteenth Century Sôtô Zen Debates
William Bodiford, University of California, Los Angeles
Precepts of Faith in Modern Sôtô Zen Buddhism

Responding:
Christopher Ives, Stonehill College

Business Meeting:
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, and Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding

A20-120
Korean Religions Group
Theme: Buddhist–Christian Dialogue in Korea
MPW-181A

Miriam Levering, University of Tennessee, Presiding
Young Woon Ko, Lorain County Community College
Wonhyo’s Theory of Huajang and Buddhist–Christian Dialogue
Kyeongil Jung, Union Theological Seminary
Liberating Seon: A Christian Experience
K. Christine Pae, Denison University
Buddhist–Christian Interfaith Social Activism in Gang Jung Village of Jeju Island from an Ecofeminist Perspective

Responding:
Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary
Sung-hae Kim, Sogang University
Robert Buswell, University of California, Los Angeles
A. Charles Muller, Tokyo University

Business Meeting:
Jin Y. Park, American University, and Timothy Lee, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

A20-121
Native Traditions in the Americas Group
Theme: Ethical Grounding(s)
MPW-179A

Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University, Presiding

Fritz Detwiler, Adrian College
Indian Giving: An Ethic of Reciprocity

Natalie Avalos Cisneros, University of California, Santa Barbara
Interdependence as a Lifeway: The Metaphysical Roots of Social Justice in Transnational Native Communities

Mary Louise Stone, California Institute of Integral Studies
Dance as Ethics and Reciprocity in the Andes

Lawrence W. Gross, University of Redlands
The Connection between Anishinaabe Language, Worldview, Morality, and Processes of Conflict Resolution

Responding:
Suzanne Crawford O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University

A20-122
Open and Relational Theologies Group
Theme: Immortality and the Afterlife from Open and Relational Perspectives
MPW-375B

Richard Rice, Loma Linda University, Presiding

Brian Lugioyo, Azusa Pacific University, and Karen Winslow, Azusa Pacific University
Biblical Expressions of the Afterlife and the Hope of Holy Saturday

Leslie A. Muray, Curry College
Everlasting Life, a Process-relational Naturalism, and the Akashic Field

John Bechtold, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology
The Suffering God: (Im)mortality, Tragedy, and Creation After Auschwitz

James McLachlan, Western Carolina University
Hell is Not Others: Relational Notions of Hell from Boehme to Kuyper

Business Meeting:
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
A20-123
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
Theme: Kohutian and Contemporary Self-psychological Approaches in the Psychology of Religion
MPW-471A
Hetty Zock, University of Groningen, Presiding
Lisa Cataldo, Fordham University
"What's Kohut Got to Do With It? Contemporary Self-psychological Theories and Their Implications for Understanding Religious Experience"
Peter Capretto, Vanderbilt University
"Psychoanalysis, Alterity, and Pneumatology: A Phenomenological and Theological Approach to Empathy and Ethics in Kohut"
Storm Swain, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
"Bearing the Unbearable: A Window on the Pastoral Transferences"
Raynard Smith, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
"My Soul Says Yes to My Lord": Black Churches as Selfobject Environments
Nikolas Zanetti, Boston University
"Existential Loneliness Revisited: Challenging Kohut's Ontology of the Self"

A20-124 (=S20-125)
Qur'an Group and SBL Qur'an and Biblical Literature Group
Theme: Muslim Hermeneutics and Quranic Biblical Traditions
MPW-180
Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding
Catherine Bronson, University of Chicago
"The Eve of Islamic Exegesis: Imagining the First Woman in Formative Tafsir"
Younus Mirza, Georgetown University
"How Ithmaar became the Sacrifice of Abraham: Ibn Taymiyya’s Influence on Contemporary Quranic Interpretation"
Michael Prechil, Elon University
"The Shi’i of the Pre-Islamic Prophets in Isma’ili Exegesis"
Walid Saleh, University of Toronto
"Inheriting the Earth: Psalms 37:29, Q.21:105, and the Dominion of the Righteous"

A20-125
Religion in Europe Group
Theme: Constructing Contemporary Religious Identities from Europe's Idealized and "Ignominious" Pasts
MPN-227A
Todd Green, Luther College, Presiding
David Shefferman, Manhattan College
"Parading Anxieties: Religion and Spectacle in Spain’s Festivals of Moors and Christians"
Francesca C. Howell, Boulder, CO
"Celticity, Place, and Power: Civil Religion and Materiality in Northern Italy’s "Celtic New Year" Festival"
M. Roscoe Loustau, Harvard University
"The Mother of God and the Language of Thieves: Marian Devotionalism, Abortion, and the Politics of the "Second Economy" at the Şumuleu Ciuc Pilgrimage Site, Harghita County, Romania"

A20-126
Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
Theme: Religion, Power, and Social Status in Colonial Latin America
MPW-192A
Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding
Jessica Delgado, Princeton University
"Contagious Sin and Virtue: Race, Poverty, and Women’s Spiritual Status in Colonial Mexico"
Jalane Schmidt, University of Virginia
"Holy Mary, Pray for (Only) Us: Race and Marian Devotion in Colonial Cuba"
Brianna Leavitt-Alcantara, University of Cincinnati
"Navigating the Here and Hereafter: Single Women and Spiritual Networking in Colonial Guatemala City"
Pamela Veckel, University of Georgia
"Colonial Religion and Social Power in Historical Perspective"
Business Meeting:
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami, and Jennifer Schepers Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
A20-127

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Theme: Facing Forward, Looking Back: Religion and Film Studies in the Last Decade

MPW-190B

Ken Derry, University of Toronto, Presiding

Panelists:
Sheila Nayar, Greensboro College
Antonio Sison, Catholic Theological Union
John Lyden, University of Nebraska
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

Responding:
Stefanie Knauss, Humboldt University, Berlin
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College
Jolyon Baraka Thomas, Princeton University

A20-128

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group

Theme: The Radical Tillich

MPW-182

Russell Re Manning, University of Aberdeen, Presiding

Michael Sohn, University of Chicago
Paul Tillich and Paul Ricœur on the Meaning of “Philosophical Theology”

Wolfgang Vondey, Regent University
Spirit and Nature as Ultimate Concern: Tillich’s “Radical” Ontology in Conversation with Contemporary Pentecostalism

Christopher Rodkey, Lebanon Valley College and Pennsylvania State University, York
Pirating Paul Tillich, the Patriarch with Good Ideas: Mary Daly and the Radical Tillich

Daniel J. Peterson, Seattle University
A Radical Restrained: Paul Tillich and the Death of God

P20-116

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion

Theme: Feminist Studies in Religion Across Disciplines and Communities

MPW-178A

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding

FJSR is a child of the feminist movements in religion emerging in the 1970s and 1980s. Feminist studies set out to explore the critical questions and positive or negative experiences wo/men have had in religious communities that were for centuries exclusive of, but also inspirational for wo/men. As wo/men moved in greater numbers into the academy, feminist work became more and more professionalized, shaped by the various academic disciplines and their questions. We tended to become isolated or disconnected not only from communities of accountability but also from feminist scholars in other disciplines. The panel will explore the question as to whether and how we have been “disciplined” and the impact of such academic disciplinary separation on our work. What are the most important issues for feminist studies in religion to address in the future? What practices can challenge and disrupt these divisions and create new and renewed feminist connections and collaborations? Panelists from different disciplines will seek to address these questions.

Panelists:
Dora Mbuwayesango, Hood Theological Seminary
Susanne Mrozik, Mount Holyoke College
Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College
Julia Watts Belser, Missouri State University
Traci West, Drew University
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15

M15-100

*Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* Editorial Board Meeting
Thursday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPN-126

M15-200

*Believers Church Bible Commentary* Editorial Council
Thursday, 2:00 PM–4:30 PM
HC-4E

M15-202

The Holy War Conference
Theme: Scriptural Precedent
Thursday, 2:00 PM–6:00 PM
Offsite, University of Illinois, Chicago Institute for the Humanities, 701 South Morgan Street
Rachel Havrelock, University of Illinois, Chicago, Presiding
William Morrow, Queen's University
Reuven Firestone, Hebrew Union College
James Turner Johnson, Rutgers University
Michael Sells, University of Chicago

Keynote Address: Revelation and Militancy in the Traditions of Abraham
This conference is free and open to the public. For more information, or to register: huminst@uic.edu, 312-996-6354.

M15-201

Adventist Chairs and Deans Meeting
Thursday, 2:30 PM–5:30 PM
HC-4F

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

M15-300

The Reception of Golden Calf Traditions in Early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam
Thursday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Offsite, Loyola University Lake Shore Campus, Coffey Hall — McCormick Lounge, 1032 West Sheridan Road
Sponsored by the John Cardinal Cody Chair of Theology
Alec Lucas, Eric Mason, and Edmondo Lupieri, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

Keynote Address — The John Cardinal Cody Chair of Theology Lecture
John J. Collins, Yale University
What Have We Learned from the Dead Sea Scrolls?

M16-1

Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education
Theme: Annual Meeting for Secondary School Teachers of Religion
Friday, 8:00 AM–4:30 PM
MPS-501D

This is the annual meeting for high school teachers of ethics and world religions, cosponsored by CSEE and the program for religious studies and education at Harvard Divinity School.

M16-2

Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies
Friday, 8:00 AM–9:00 PM
Offsite, Chicago Temple, 77 West Washington Street
Lutheran women in theological and religious studies as well as some local Lutheran rostered women gather annually for scholarship, worship, and friendship. Lutheran women scholars, including graduate students and women who teach or study at Lutheran institutions, are invited. The themes are the implications of gender studies for Christian doctrine and queer, womanist, mujerista, and feminist biblical hermeneutics. Papers, a business meeting, worship, and meals comprise the day.

For questions or to register and make a dinner reservation, please contact Heather Dean at heather.dean@elca.org or 773.380.2789.

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M16-3
Postcolonial Networks Roundtable
Friday, 8:00 AM–10:00 AM
MPN-427A
Annual meeting of the Postcolonial Roundtable, a project of Postcolonial Networks. By invitation only.

M16-100
Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Theme: The Contemporary Transmission of Jain Dharma
Friday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
MPS-501A
Anne Vallely, University of Ottawa, Presiding
Shivani Bothra, Florida International University
The Anuvrat Movement: A Study of Ethical Practice in the Jain Diaspora of North America
Unnata Pragya, Jain Vishva Bharati and Florida International University
Fasting, a Double-edged Sword: Spiritual Fasting, Engaged Fasting, and Coercive Fasting
Alexis Reichert, University of Ottawa
Veerayatan: The Transmission of a Reformed Message
Sherry Fohr, Converse College
The Transmission of Jainism through Narratives
Responding: Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

M16-101
Believers Church Bible Commentary Editorial Council
Friday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
HC-4M

M16-102
Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
MPS-102BC

M16-103
Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Theme: Hindu Dharma, Yoga, and the East-West Transmission
Friday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
MPS-501A
Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne University and University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Mark Singleton, Saint John’s College, Santa Fe, and Ellen Goldberg, Queens University
Gurus of Modern Yoga
June McDaniel, College of Charleston
Hinduism in Indonesia: Issues in Transmission, Innovation, and Transformation
Gerald Carney, Hampden-Sydney College
A Tale of Two Disciples: Baba Premananda Bharati’s Pioneering Journey to the United States and His American Disciples
Veena Howard, University of Oregon
From Gandhi’s Satyagraha to Passive Resistance: Exploring the Issues of Transmission

M16-104
Review and Expositor Editorial Board Meeting
Friday, 11:00 AM–3:30 PM
HM-CC10B

M16-109
Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale University Annual Luncheon
Friday, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM
HC-Marquette

M16-113
The Holy War Conference
Theme: Modern Instantiations
Friday, 10:00 AM–2:00 PM
Offsite, University of Illinois, Chicago Institute for the Humanities, 701 South Morgan Street
Rachel Havrelock, University of Illinois, Chicago, Presiding
Janaki Bakhle, Columbia University
Hindu Fundamentalism’s Unholy Author: V. D. Savarkar and the Hindu Right
David Harrington Watt, Temple University
Is Fundamentalism a Disease?
Mahinda Deegalle, Bath Spa University
A Just War in Sri Lanka?
This conference is free and open to the public. For more information, or to register: huminst@uic.edu, 312-996-6354.
M16-112

Numata Chair Coordinators Meeting  
Friday, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM  
MPN–426A

M16-200

Common English Bible Editorial Meeting  
Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM  
HM–CC10D

M16-201

Explorations in Theology and Apocalyptic Working Group  
Friday, 1:30 PM–3:30 PM  
MPN–427A
  Philip G. Ziegler, University of Aberdeen  
  Discipleship in an Apocalyptic Key  
Responding:  
  Ry Siggelkow, Princeton Theological Seminary  
For more details visit http://theologyandapocalyptic.wordpress.com/.

M16-202

Believers Church Bible Commentary Editorial Council  
Friday, 1:30 PM–4:00 PM  
HC–5E

M16-203

Theology and Ethics Colloquy  
Friday, 1:30 PM–5:00 PM  
HM–CC11A

M16-205

The Salvation Army and Intersections of Contemporary Theology  
Friday, 1:45 PM–4:45 PM  
MPN–427D

In recent years the Salvation Army has enjoyed increased interest in scholarly pursuits by both clergy and lay membership. As this is the inaugural meeting of Salvationists and friends at the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings, this session will explore the intersection of such pursuits in relation to the broader theological framework of the Salvation Army. There will be four papers presented followed by discussion.

M16-206

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)  
Theme: Transmission, Innovation, and Identity Formation in Buddhist Communities  
Friday, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM  
MPS–501A

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama  
  Reversing Transmission — or Creating a New Buddhism? The Reception of Buddhist Modernity in the Himalayas

Ann Gleig, Millsaps College  
  Buddhist Geeks, Generation Y, and Integral Evolutionary Buddhism: From Buddhist Modernism to Buddhist Postmodernism?

Natalie Quli, Institute of Buddhist Studies  
  The Relationship between Temple Ownership Patterns and Ethnic Identity in Four Sri Lankan American Buddhist Temples

Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies  
  Buddhism in the American Media Imagination

Sharon Suh, Seattle University  
  Buddhism, Race, and the Political

Tanya Storch, University of the Pacific  
  Buddhist Universities in the United States of America

M16-300

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)  
Theme: InterDharma, IntraDharma, and Interfaith Dialogue as Forms of Transmitting Dharma  
Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM  
MPS–501A

Sachi Edwards, University of Maryland, Presiding  
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  Interfaith Dialogue as Dharma Transmission

Dimple Dhanani, University of Hawai‘i  
  The Internet and the Transmission of Inspiration and Teachings

Anne Vallely, University of Ottawa  
  Experiential Dimensions of Religiosity as Academic Transmission

Rita Gross, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire  
  Reverse Transmission: From Western Academic Scholarship to Buddhist Institutions

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i  
  Beyond Introductions: In-depth Academic Teaching of Dharma Traditions as Transmission
M16-301

Feminist Liberation Theologians’ Network
Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
MPN-230B
Mary Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, and Elizabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding.
The Network will discuss concrete ways in which people are living out feminist liberation theological perspectives and commitments in specific communities.
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Feminist Liberation Theology in Jewish Feminist Justice Work
Rita Nakashima Brock, Faith Voices for the Common Good
Feminist Liberation Theology in the Occupy Movement
Peggy Schmeiser, University of Saskatchewan
Feminist Liberation Theology in Canadian Justice Politics
Zilka Spahic-Siljak, University of Sarajevo
Feminist Liberation Theology and Peacebuilding
All are welcome. RSVP: Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER), 301-589-2509, mhunt@hers.com; Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard Divinity School, 617-495-5751, eschussler@hds.harvard.edu.

M16-302

Society for the Study of Native American Sacred Religious Traditions
Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
MPN-127
Open to anyone interested in Native American sacred traditions.

M16-304

Quaker Theological Discussion Group
Theme: Session 1: The Enduring Contribution of Maurice Creasy, Quaker Theologian
Friday, 4:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-4D
Paul Anderson, George Fox University
Quakers as Radical Christians
Richard Bailey, Queen’s University
Christ the Creative Center
Howard Macy, George Fox University
Worship and Sacrament
Sally Bruyneel Padgett, Augsburg College
Community and Fellowship
Jonathan Kershner, University of Birmingham (United Kingdom)
Quaker Identity
Responding:
David Johns, Earlham School of Religion
6:00 PM–7:00 PM — Break

M16-305

Stone-Campbell Journal Reception
Theme: A Conversation About Peace
Friday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
HC-Marquette
SCJ invites friends and colleagues from all streams who identify with the Stone-Campbell Restoration Movement tradition for fellowship, light refreshments, and interesting conversation.
Richard T. Hughes, Messiah College
Christian America and the Kingdom of God (University of Illinois Press, 2009)
John Nugent, Great Lakes Christian College
The Politics of Yahweh: John Howard Yoder, the Old Testament, and the People of God (Cascade, 2011)
For additional information contact William Baker, scjeditor@aol.com.

M16-307

Tony Blair Faith Foundation and the Council on Foreign Relations
Theme: Religion and Foreign Policy
Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
MPW-192

M16-308

Art/s of Interpretation Group
Theme: The Chicago School and the History of Religions
Friday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
MPN-130
Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Panelists:
Charles H. Long, University of California Santa Barbara
Nancy Falk, Western Michigan University
Gary Ebersole, University of Missouri, Kansas City
Responding:
David Carrasco, Harvard University
M16-306
General Board of Higher Education and Ministry
Theme: Women of Color Scholars Reception
Friday, 5:30 PM–8:30 PM
HC-4A

M16-400
Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends Reception
Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
Offsite, Meadville Lombard Theological School, 610 S Michigan Ave
UU scholars and friends are invited to attend our annual reception, to be hosted by Meadville Lombard Theological School, at the School's new home at 610 South Michigan Avenue. During the reception there will be a tour of the new facilities and a brief presentation about Meadville Lombard’s innovative TouchPoint model for ministerial formation. Participants are also encouraged to attend the UU Scholars and Friends Discussion on Saturday evening (M17-408).

M16-401
Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Theme: Sikh Identity and the Kuṇḍalini Yoga Movement of Yogi Bhajan
Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-Williford A
Balbinder Bhogal, Hofstra University, Presiding
   Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University
   Hubristic, Heretical, or Heterogeneous? Exploring the KY/3HO Community in Calgary
   Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara
   From Maharaj to Mahan Tantric: The Construction of Yogi Bhajan’s Kundalini Yoga
   Nirinjan Kaur Khalsa, University of Michigan
   When Gurbani Sings a Healthy Happy Holy Song — Toward the Kirtaan Generation

Responding:
   Balbinder Bhogal, Hofstra University

M16-402
Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception
Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-Williford C

M16-403
Word Made Fresh and Society of Evangelical Scholars
Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-Waldorf
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
The Word Made Fresh, in association with the Society of Evangelical Scholars, seeks to stimulate creative dialogue among evangelical Christian scholars from diverse backgrounds about pressing issues in contemporary theology. The session is sponsored by Azusa Pacific University, and refreshments will be served.
   Scot McKnight, Northern Seminary
   Kingdom as Church, Church as Kingdom: An Examination of an Old Dichotomy
   Responding:
   N. T. Wright, University of Saint Andrews

M16-406
Religious Studies Review (RSR) Annual Editorial Board Meeting
Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-4M

M16-407
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Caucus
Friday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM
HC-4E
The LGBT Caucus at the AAR is an opportunity for queer scholars and anyone doing queer work to come together and share ideas. The work of junior scholars and graduate students will be a primary emphasis of this meeting.

M16-408
Association of Theological Booksellers
Friday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM
HM-CC10C
Open conversation between booksellers and publishers on trends and prospects for academic and general interest religion publishing. Is there a place for children's books in a seminary or bookstore? The 2012 Theologos Award winners will be announced.

M16-409
Perspectives in Religious Studies Editorial Board Meeting
Friday, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM
HC-McCormick Boardroom
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M16-404
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities Chairs in Theology and Religious Studies Reception
Friday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-Joliet
Please join us for socializing and informal conversations.

M16-405
Friends of Animals and Religion Reception
Friday, 9:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-PDR 1
Please join the Friends of the Animals and Religion Group to make connections, share resources, and enjoy good company.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-2
Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts (SCRIPT) Breakfast and Business Meeting
Saturday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM
MPS-505A
SCRIPT annual meeting for members and those interested in the work of the society. Will feature a short presentation and discussion of the society's meetings and other plans for 2013–2014.

M17-3
Dialog Editorial Council Meeting
Saturday, 7:00 AM–11:00 AM
MPS-403B

M17-5
Friends of China Academic Consortium
Saturday, 8:00 AM–9:30 AM
MPE-353A
This is a networking event for those interested in China, its religion, philosophy, and worldview. We have friends from mainland China to share their needs in the theological field, as well as North American scholars to share their exchange experiences. Learn about CAC membership, which invites individuals, universities, and seminaries to participate in a dialogue between academics in North America and China.

M17-100
Symposium on Early Methodism: Texts, Traditions, Theologies
Theme: Charisma and Christ: Leadership in the Evangelical Tradition
Saturday, 8:00 AM–11:30 AM
MPS-501BC
Suzanne Schwarz, University of Worcester, Presiding
Panelists:
Vicki Tolar Burton, Oregon State University
Andrew Cheattle, Liverpool Hope University
Brian Curtis Clark, Hartford Seminary
Geordan Hammond, Nazarene Theological College
Kevin M. Watson, Seattle Pacific University
For further information, e-mail David Wilson (drewilsonacademic@gmail.com) or Gareth Lloyd (Gareth.lloyd@manchester.ac.uk).

M17-101
Council on Graduate Studies in Religion Annual Meeting
Saturday, 8:00 AM–1:30 PM
HC-Continental A

M17-102
Theopoetics Working Group
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
MPN-135
This open meeting will continue to address the impact of employing nonpropositional poetics in the exploration of theological practice and scholarship. Papers from the 2011 Meeting can be referenced as examples of this trajectory. Additionally however, in our 2012 meeting there is a desire to focus particularly on the ways in which a theopoetic perspective engenders embodiment and a return to the flesh. This gathering should provide an opportunity for mutual engagement for those whose studies and/or practices fall in the intersection of theological thought, poetics, faith, religion, and methodologies that emphasize embodiment. Additional information can be found at http://theopoetics.net.

M17-103
Mennonite Scholars and Friends
Theme: Judgment and Wrath of God
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
MPW-181A
Gordon Matties, Canadian Mennonite University, Presiding
W. Derek Suderman, Conrad Grebel University College
Assyria the Aka, God the Lumberjack: Jeremiah 29, the Logic of the Prophet, and the Quest for a Nonviolent God
Mary K. Schmitt, Princeton Theological Seminary
Peace and Wrath in Paul’s Epistle to the Romans
Grant Poettcker, McMaster University
* A "Fitting" Sacrifice: Reassessing Divine Wrath with Girard and Anselm *

Justin Heinzekehr, Claremont School of Theology
* When Mennonites Get Angry: The Wrath of God in a Process-Anabaptist Perspective *

Responding:
Mary Schertz, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Further information, including abstracts, at [https://uwaterloo.ca/toronto-mennonite-theological-centre/events/msf](https://uwaterloo.ca/toronto-mennonite-theological-centre/events/msf).

M17-104

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Meeting**
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
MPW-183C

M17-105

**Charles Sturt University**
Theme: *Sarah Coakley and the Future of Systematic Theology*
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
MPN-226

Sarah Coakley is one of the most exciting and creative figures in contemporary theology. In light of her soon to be realized *Systematic Theology*, this session will be a serious discussion about the future of systematic theology, using her work as a resource and stimulus.

Panelists:
Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary
Eugene Rogers, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Graham Ward, University of Manchester

Responding:
Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge

M17-112

**Art/s of Interpretation Group**
Theme: *Charles H. Long’s Significations (Davies Group, 2004): Variations on Some Themes*
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
MPW-183B

Lisa Poirier, DePaul University, Presiding
Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Farmington
*Introductory Remarks*
Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver
*African and African Derived Religions*
Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University
*Black Theology*

James Anthony Noel, San Francisco Theological Seminary
*American Religion*

Jay Geller, Vanderbilt University
*Empirical and Methodological “Other(s)” in the Study of Religion*

Responding:
Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC

M17-113

**Association of Theological Booksellers**
Theme: *Publisher Presentations*
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
HM-CC10B

Each publisher has forty minutes to present Spring 2013 titles, current best sellers, and titles with potential for strong sales to the booksellers. Booksellers discuss needs with publishers. Publishers ask booksellers how they can help promote bookstore sales and more.

M17-106

**Society for the Study of Anglicanism**
Theme: *Post-Covenant: What Next?*
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:30 PM
MPS-504D

The Center for Anglican Communion Studies at Virginia Theological Seminary and Ripon College Cuddesdon partner each year to host the annual Society for the Study of Anglicanism meeting. The Society is a research-led body that is committed to excellence in promoting the study of Anglicanism. The scholarly presentations inform dynamic discussions on varied topics. Martyn Percy and Rob Slocum serve as co-Conveners of the Society.

This year marks the Society's tenth anniversary. As it looks toward its next decade of research and scholarly dialogue, the Society has chosen as this year's topic, “Post-Covenant: What Next?” The session will consider future directions of the Anglican Communion in view of the Church of England’s rejection this year of the Anglican Covenant, and the Episcopal Church’s decision at its 77th General Convention to decline to take a position on the Covenant. The Anglican Covenant was originally developed to help unify Anglicans worldwide despite their cultural divergencies and theological differences. The session will conclude with a general discussion and includes a breakfast reception. All are welcome.

Panelists:
Lord George Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury
Frank Griswold, the Twenty-fifth Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

Responding:
A. Katherine Grieb, Virginia Theological Seminary
Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon

Location Key:
HC–Hilton Chicago • HM–Hyatt Regency McCormick Place • MPE–McCormick Place East • MPN–McCormick Place North • MPS–McCormick Place South • MPW–McCormick Place West • PH–Palmer House Hilton
M17-108

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: Being in Borderlands: The Negotiation of Boundaries in South Asian Religious Communities

Saturday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

MPS-402A

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Pankaj Jain, University of North Texas

Bishnois: At the Crossroads of Hinduism, Islam, and Jainism

Purushottama Bilimoria, Deakin and Melbourne University and University of California, Berkeley

Diasporic Borders: Of Deterritorialized Hindu–Sikh Transnationals

Leela Prasad, Duke University

Ownership and Its Borders: An Exploration in the Poetics of Habitation

Gregory Alles, McDaniel College

Ritual Space as Borderland: Building and Breaching Borders in Rathva Rituals

Responding:

Laurie Patton, Duke University

M17-109

Christian Scholarship Foundation Annual Luncheon

Saturday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

MPS-505A

M17-110

Society for Comparative Theology

Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

MPS-106A

This will be the third annual meeting of the newly emerging Society for Comparative Theology, which will continue to develop its structure and work.

M17-201

Hebrew Bible and Ancient Israel Editorial Board

Saturday, 11:45 AM–2:15 PM

HM-CC10C

M17-111

Session on American Religious History in the Twentieth and Twenty-first Centuries in Memory of Sarah R. Hammond

Saturday, 12:00 PM–2:30 PM

MPS-502A

This session honors the memory of Sarah Hammond (1977–2011).

Eva Pascal, Boston University

Entrepreneurial Evangelical Ethos Gone Global: Business as Mission to Mission as Business

Tracy Lemos, Huron University College

Remembering Sarah

Jon Butler, Yale University

Sarah Hammond and the Work of History and Religion

Alison Greene, Mississippi State University

People, Places, and the Future of American Religious History

Darren Dochuk, Purdue University

“Go, Sell Thy Oil!": Evangelical Protestantism and Petro-politics in Cold War America

Geoffrey Kabaservice, Roosevelt House

Republican Opposition to the Politicization of Religion in the Postwar Era

M17-206

Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative

Theme: APARRI Scholars Analyze and Interpret the Pew Report on “Religion and Asian Americans: A Mosaic of Faiths”

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

MPW-183B

David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College, Presiding

This panel presentation will include analysis and interpretation of the recent report on Asian Americans released by the Pew Research Center’s Forum on Religion and Public Life (July 19, 2012). The panel will begin with an overview of the study by Cary Funk (Senior Researcher at the Pew Research Center’s Forum on Religion and Public Life) followed by discussion and analysis of the study by current APARRI members who also served on the external advisory committee to the Pew study. The external advisors for the report worked closely with Pew to contextualize the findings on Asian American religiosity and provide a more nuanced presentation. APARRI helped foster the scholarly foundations and collegial connections that allowed for this successful effort.

Panelists:

Janette Wong, University of Southern California

Sharon Suh, Seattle University

Khyati Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University

Jane Iwamura, University of the West

M17-207

Journal for the Study of the New Testament Editorial Board Meeting

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

MPS-102A
M17-200

**Do Jews, Christians, and Muslims Worship the Same God?**
*(Abingdon Press, 2012)*

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

MPW-196B

Bruce D. Chilton, Bard College, Presiding

Drawing on their book, *Do Jews, Christians, and Muslims Worship the Same God?*, Baruch Levine, Bruce Chilton, and Vincent Cornell represent Judaism, Christianity, and Islam respectively. In the session they will tease apart the question, address contextual concerns, and discuss practical implications. Monotheistic religions resemble one another in maintaining the unity of God; therefore, monotheist religions logically ought to be construed to worship the same God. But real and significant differences cannot be overlooked. Depending on the vantage point, the possibility that these religions do not worship the same God must be maintained to provide integrity to the entire conversation. We invite the audience to look at the question and model how religion can serve to move us forward as pluralistic peoples with common purpose, rather than as a wedge that only drives people further apart.

**Panelists:**
- Baruch Levine, New York University
- Vincent Cornell, Emory University

**Responding:**
- T. Emil Homerin, University of Rochester
- Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Elaine Robinson, Saint Paul School of Theology

M17-208

**Sopher Press**

Theme: *Erotic Faith: Desire, Suffering, and Transformation in the Incarnational Theology of Wendy Farley*

Saturday, 3:00 PM–5:00 PM

MPS-402A

Mari Kim, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

**Panelists:**
- Thomas Reynolds, University of Toronto
- Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University
- Emily A. Holmes, Christian Brothers University
- John Thamanil, Union Theological Seminary

**Responding:**
- Wendy Farley, Emory University

M17-202

**International Society for Chinese Philosophy**

Theme: *Mind, Emotion, and Nature in Confucianism*

Saturday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

MPS-106B

M17-203

**College Theology Society Fall Board Meeting**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–6:00 PM

MPS-401A

M17-209

**Association of Theological Booksellers**

Theme: *Publisher Presentations*

Saturday, 1:30 PM–5:00 PM

HM-CC10B

Each publisher has forty minutes to present forthcoming Spring/Summer books, highlighting the major titles. Publishers can discuss specific service issues raised by booksellers. Assessments of current issues facing publishers and bookstores can be included in the discussion.

M17-300

**Westminster/John Knox Press**

Theme: *Theological Commentaries on Scripture: Renewing an Old Tradition*

Saturday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

MPW-476

Shelly Rambo, Boston University, Presiding

Westminster/John Knox Press hosts a panel discussion of theologians writing biblical commentaries for their “Belief: A Theological Commentary on the Bible” series. The panelists will address the challenges and opportunities of immersing themselves in a particular biblical book, and reflect on how this exercise of attending to scripture has affected their vocation as theologians. Light refreshments will be served.

**Panelists:**
- Amy Plantinga Pauw, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Willie Jennings, Duke University
- Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University
- Arthur Sutherland, Loyola University, Maryland
- Deanna Thompson, Hamline University

M17-301

**Institute for the Study of Asian American Christianity (ISAAC)**

Theme: *Collaboration of Asian North American Theological Education in an Age of Scarcity: A Model of Partnership of ISAAC with Fuller Seminary*

Saturday, 5:30 PM–7:00 PM

HC-Continental C

Plenary speakers from the two ISAAC/Fuller Seminary conferences on Asian American church history and the healing of memories will be featured. Their lectures will be available in our recent issue of the *Society for Asian North American Christian Studies Journal (SANACS).*
M17-304
Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Reception
Saturday, 5:45 PM–7:45 PM
HC-Williford A

M17-303
John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Reception
Saturday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM
HC-Astoria
The John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics at Washington University, Saint Louis, supports and enhances outstanding scholarly research on the historical and contemporary intertwining of religion and politics in the United States. We are also committed to disseminating excellent scholarship to students and the broad public. Please join Center faculty, staff, and students in celebrating this growing venture and learn how to get involved. We will have information about events, recent and future faculty hires, postdoctoral fellowship opportunities, and the online journal, *Religion and Politics*.

M17-400
Fund for Theological Education Annual Reception Honoring Fellows and Alumni
Saturday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM
HC-Waldorf

M17-401
Association of Theological Schools Presentation and Reception
Saturday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM
PH-State Ballroom
This event, sponsored by the Association of Theological Schools, will honor Emilie M. Townes, Andrew W. Mellon Professor of African American Religion and Theology at Yale University Divinity School, for her career as a theological educator. Townes will speak about her vocation as a theological educator serving in a theological school and how her work as a scholar fits within that vocation. A reception will follow the presentation.
Panelist:
   Emilie M. Townes, Yale University

M17-402
AAR Western Region Board Meeting
Saturday, 6:30 PM–9:00 PM
Offsite, The Berghoff Restaurant, 17 W Adams Street

M17-403
Explorations in Theology and Apocalyptic
Theme: *James Cone's The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (Orbis Press, 2011)
Saturday, 6:30 PM–9:00 PM
HC-4C
Nancy J. Duff, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
With an eye to the themes of our working group, our three panelists will engage with James Cone's most recent work, *The Cross and the Lynching Tree* (Orbis Press, 2011), reflecting particularly upon the theological and ethical questions it provokes.
Panelists:
   Nathan Kerr, Trevecca Nazarene University
   Christopher L. Morse, Union Theological Seminary
   J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Responding:
   James H. Cone, Union Theological Seminary

M17-404
Brigham Young University and Friends
Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
HC-Continental B

M17-405
University of Notre Dame Press
Theme: *The Anticipatory Corpse: Medicine, Power, and the Care of the Dying* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2011)
Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
HC-PDR 6
This panel proposes to engage Jeffrey P. Bishop's book, *The Anticipatory Corpse: Medicine, Power, and the Care of the Dying*. Bishop argues that the dead body shapes the work of medicine, giving rise to a medical metaphysics of efficient causation. Bishop traces these shifts from late eighteenth century medicine, further arguing that death and its violences are present in and cloaked by the practices of contemporary medicine. He further shows that a medicine shorn of formal and final causality, reduced only to efficient causality, is deeply problematic, and that we can see these dynamics played out not only in the configurations of contemporary medical practice, but equally in the allied discourses of bioethics and biopsychosocial medicine, particularly insofar as these discourses treat death and dying. Summary of types of critiques of the book include bioethical, philosophical, theological, sociological, and cultural.
M17-406
Wesleyan Theological Society/Society for Pentecostal Studies Reception
Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
HC-Normandie Lounge

M17-407
University of Cambridge
Theme: Online Interfaith Dialogue Platform Demonstration
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-PDR 5
The Cambridge Interfaith Programme has been working for the past two years to develop an online platform for Scriptural Reasoning-style interfaith dialogue. In this session we will demonstrate the platform, talk about the dialogues that have been happening over the past year, explain some of the challenges and questions we have faced, and discuss how interfaith dialogue online might develop in the future.

M17-421
Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni Reception
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-Northwest 4

M17-422
Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Reception
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-Northwest 2

M17-423
Institute for Ancient Near Eastern and Afroasiatic Cultural Research Annual Colloquium
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-4D
This year’s Colloquium will be dedicated to a review of Hector Avalos’ volume *Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Ethics of Biblical Scholarship* (Sheffield Phoenix Press, 2011). For additional information, please contact Hugh R. Page Jr. at poeto@mc.com.

M17-428
Church Health Center Reception
Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM
HC-Northwest 5
Come celebrate the release of *Dust and Breath: Faith, Health, and Why the Church Should Care About Both* (Eerdmans, 2012) by Kendra Hotz and Matt Mathews, theologians-in-residence at the Church Health Center in Memphis, Tennessee. Come to hear more about the Church Health Center’s mission of reclaiming the Church’s biblical commitment to care for our bodies and spirits.

M17-408
Unitarian Universalist Scholars and Friends
Theme: Unitarian Universalists and Nature
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM
HC-Grand Tradition
Alma Crawford, Meadville-Lombard Theological School, Presiding
Our annual conversation will explore the ways Unitarian Universalists have thought about, talked about, and interacted with nature, from the beginnings of our tradition to the present. By placing broad philosophical and theological traditions, such as Transcendentalism, and religious naturalism into dialogue with environmental activism and nature-based spiritual practices, we hope to deepen our understanding of the Unitarian Universalist heritage and to sharpen our vision for the future.

Panelists:
- Sofia Betancourt, Yale University
- Clare Butterfield, Faith in Place
- Ron Engel, Meadville Lombard Theological School
- Sheri Prud’homme, Graduate Theological Union
- Jerome Stone, Meadville Lombard Theological School

Responding:
- Adam Robersmith, Second Unitarian Church

Participants are also encouraged to attend the UU Scholars and Friends Reception (M16-400), to be hosted by Meadville Lombard Theological School (610 South Michigan Avenue).
M17-409

Institute for Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS), Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS), and Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion (IBCSR)

Theme: Science and Religion Hospitality Event
Saturday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
HC-Williford B

Please join us for refreshments and conversation at this year’s Science and Religion Hospitality Event, sponsored by:

The Institute for Religion in an Age of Science (IRAS) is an open-membership organization that 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), offers seminary courses, public lectures, and student symposia and shares offices with Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science (www.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).

The Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion (IBCSR) sponsors research in the scientific study of religion, supports Boston University's Religion and Science PhD, and publishes the journal Religion, Brain and Behavior and the monthly IBCSR Research Review (ScienceOnReligion.org).

M17-411

Beacon Press Reception
Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM
PH-Hancock

M17-412

Dallas Theological Seminary Alumni Reception
Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM
PH-Price

Dallas Theological Seminary invites its alumni to a reception to fellowship with other DTS alumni.

M17-413

Baker Academic and Brazos Press Reception
Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
PH-Empire

M17-414

Hispanic Theological Initiative Reception
Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
PH-Red Lacquer

M17-424

University of Michigan and Enoch Seminar Reception
Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
PH-Salon III

The University of Michigan and the Enoch Seminar host a joint reception welcoming faculty, alumni, and graduate students of the University of Michigan as well as veterans, members, and friends of the Enoch Seminar and all those interested in learning more about both entities. During the reception, some brief announcements and presentations will be made about the projects and future activities related to the Enoch Seminar and the University of Michigan.

M17-425

Durham University Department of Theology and Religion Reception
Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:30 PM
HC-Northwest 3

Friends and alumni/ae of Durham University are warmly welcomed to the reception.

M17-415

Graduate Theological Union Alumni Reception
Saturday, 8:00 PM–11:00 PM
PH-Monroe

M17-416

Asbury Theological Seminary and Azusa Pacific University Reception
Saturday, 9:00 PM–10:30 PM
PH-Chicago

M17-417

De Gruyter Reception
Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Boulevard A

Annual De Gruyter reception in honor of its esteemed authors, editors, partners, and scholars.
M17-418
Fordham University Theology Department Reception
Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Waldorf
Fordham University invites alumni, students, faculty, and friends to a reception with dessert and drinks.

M17-419
Fortress Press Reception
Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
PH-Adams
Fortress Press welcomes AAR and SBL members, students, and colleagues to our reception celebrating the books and authors we have published in 2012. Join us for refreshment and conversation to honor our authors and their latest works.

M17-420
New Religious Movements Group and Nova Religio Reception
Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Buckingham
Scholars of all levels who are interested in the study of new and/or alternative religions are welcome.

M17-426
Albright Institute of Archaeological Research Reception
Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Northwest 1

M17-427
Harvard University Reception
Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Faculty, students, alumni, colleagues, and friends are cordially invited to attend the Harvard University reception sponsored by Harvard Divinity School, the Center for the Study of World Religions, and the Committee on the Study of Religion (Faculty of Arts and Sciences). The Spertus Museum is one block north of the Hilton Chicago. We look forward to seeing you there!

M18-1
Church of Christ Professors Meeting
Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
MPN-226

M18-2
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Theme: Alumni Connect SBL and AAR Breakfast
Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
MPS-102BC
We welcome Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary alumni to our Annual SBL and AAR Breakfast. This will be an occasion for alumni to connect with one another, worship together, and interact with Gordon-Conwell faculty who will be attending the SBL and AAR Annual Meetings. The event is free and open to alumni and spouses. Registration is required online at my.gordonconwell.edu/sbl2012 or by calling 978-646-4272. We hope you will join us!

M18-3
Disciples of Christ Student/Faculty Breakfast
Theme: Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
MPE-353A

M18-6
Smyth and Helwys Commentary Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
HM-CC10D

M18-7
Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
HM-CC11A

M18-8
University of Birmingham Breakfast
Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
MPS-403B
M18-4
New York Theological Seminary and *Journal of World Christianity* Breakfast
Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:45 AM
MPE-353B
New York Theological Seminary invites all alumnæ/i to our breakfast for an update on the seminary and future plans. Also, all *Journal of World Christianity* members are invited for an update on the journal.

M18-9
Temple University Breakfast
Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:45 AM
MPW-196A

M18-10
Baker Academic and Brazos Press Paideia Commentaries on the New Testament Meeting
Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:30 AM
MPS-102D

M18-11
Baker Academic and Brazos Press Theological Commentary on the Bible Meeting
Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:30 AM
MPS-401A

M18-5
Center of Theological Inquiry
Theme: Inquiry on Religious Experience and Moral Identity
Sunday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM
MPE-353C
The Center of Theological Inquiry invites proposals for our conversation in Year 2, “Religious Experience and Moral Identity, 2013–2014.”

M18-100
Eugen Drewermann Publication Project
Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
MPS-503B
Matthias Beier, Christian Theological Seminary, Presiding
A meeting for scholars and publishers interested in the English publication of key works by Eugen Drewermann, one of the most original and respected interdisciplinary voices in the study of religion and theology in Europe today. A vocal public theologian, philosopher, psychoanalyst, peace and justice activist, religion and science expert, voice for reforms in the Catholic Church, and celebrated interpreter of Biblical texts and of literary works by Dostoevsky, Melville, Saint-Exupéry, Hesse, as well as of Grimm’s fairy tales, Drewermann’s oeuvre encompasses more than eighty books translated into more than a dozen languages. Recipient of the Erich Fromm Prize, the Albert Schweitzer Prize and numerous other awards, Drewermann gave his first lectures in the United States in 1999 at Union Theological Seminary, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Drew University. Scholars from various fields will be present to engage in a conversation with publishers around a strategy for the English publication project. A prospectus with key works will be available for publishers at the meeting. Preregistration is strongly encouraged but not required. For additional information regarding this session or to preregister, contact Matthias Beier, Christian Theological Seminary, International Eugen Drewermann Society, author of *A Violent God-Image: Introduction to the Work of Eugen Drewermann* (Continuum, 2004), at dr.beier@gmail.com.

M18-101
Hebrew Union College — Jewish Institute of Religion Annual Alumni Luncheon 2012
Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
MPS-102BC

M18-106
Biblical Interpretation Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
HM-CC10C

M18-103
North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies
Theme: “My Kūṇḍalinī Made Me Do It”: The Intersection of Yoga, Psychology, and Medicine
Sunday, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM
MPS-403A
Rita Sherma, Binghampton College, Presiding
Panelists:
June McDaniel, College of Charleston
Lorilaii Biernacki, University of Colorado
Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
For additional information, please contact Rita Sherma at Rds944@aol.com.
M18-104
University of Notre Dame
Theme: *Music and Religion* Mellon Working Group Meeting
Sunday, 12:00 PM–2:00 PM
HM-CC11B

M18-200
Presbyterian Church (USA)
Theme: *Reformed Preaching in the New Reformation*
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
MPN-226
Presbyterian Church (USA) scholars/pastors/professors are invited to this meeting dedicated to doing theology for the church. We are in the midst of what some have called a new Reformation. As happened during the sixteenth-century Reformation, the way in which we experience the world and communicate with others is changing with new technologies. What does this mean for Reformed preaching with its historical emphasis on scripture?

How do we think theologically about the nature of preaching in today's changing oral-aural culture to preach the gospel faithfully and effectively? A panel made up of a pastor, professor, and a denominational leader will offer presentations to engender discussion.

Further information: Ada Middleton, Office of Theology and Worship, 888-728-7228 x5306, ada.middleton@pcusa.org.

M18-204
Association of Theological Booksellers
Theme: *Publisher Presentations*
Sunday, 1:30 PM–5:00 PM
HM-CC10B
Each publisher has forty minutes to present forthcoming Spring/Summer books, highlighting the major titles. Publishers can discuss specific service issues raised by booksellers. Assessments of current issues facing publishers and bookstores can be included in the discussion.

M18-201
*Theology Today* Editorial Council Meeting
Sunday, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM
MPS-401A

M18-202
Contributors to *Professional Sexual Ethics: A Holistic Ministry Approach*
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:00 PM
MPS-504A
This is an invitation only meeting of editors and contributors to the book *Professional Sexual Ethics: A Holistic Ministry Approach*, under contract with Fortress Press.

M18-203
Second Annual Analytic Theology Lecture
Theme: *The Reconciled Mind and Analytic Theology*
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
MPS-405A
Central to the New Testament are certain key controlling metaphors, which characterize Christian discernment. First, the recognition of Jesus Christ involves a form of perception that "flesh and blood" does not deliver. Second, "eyes to see" and "ears to hear" are requisite for the discernment of God's purposes. Third, we must be "born from above" in order to see the kingdom of God.

Paul, moreover, stresses that we are alienated in our capacity to think through to the reality of God and exhorts us to be "metamorphosed" for the sake of the discernment of truth (and not "schematised" by this world). In short, we require to be reconciled/reschematised in our minds in order to discern God's self-disclosure. Significantly, this transformed state appears to be identified with participation "in Christ".

This paper analyzes the implications of this for theological discernment and for the status of our theological concepts. It also critiques "the direction of the pressure of interpretation" in the understanding of key concepts in the Western tradition. Finally, it explores what the concept of the "reconciled mind" might mean for the task of analytic theology as it seeks to be faithful and evangelical.

Panelist:

Alan J. Torrance, University of Saint Andrews
Sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion, a reception will immediately follow this lecture in the West Building, Room W192C (M18-301). Food and drinks will be served.

M18-303
Tutku Tours
Theme: *New Archaeological Discoveries in the Footsteps of Paul and John*
Sunday, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM
MPS-501BC
Archeological excavations continue in Turkey at the sites of the Seven Churches of Revelation and the cities of Paul. This program will present the latest discoveries at these sites as well as recent publications related to them that help to illuminate the biblical text. Featured especially will be updates from the Phrygian Valley, Patara, and Smyrna.

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M18-300
Phenomenology and Scripture Group
Theme: The Theological Turn and Radical Phenomenology
Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
MPW-182
Petra Turner, University of Virginia, Presiding
The “theological turn” radicalizes phenomenology by turning to religious phenomena. Yet this radicalization raises questions about the relationship between phenomenology and Christianity: Is radical phenomenology essentially (or exclusively) Christian in its terminology and methodology? If so, is that tantamount to a Christian colonization of phenomenology? Is it important to maintain some separation between phenomenology and Christianity? Does the “theological turn” implicitly exclude phenomenological approaches to other religions or secular phenomena? This panel will consider such questions. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.
Chris Hackett, Australian Catholic University
Contemplation, Angelic, and Anthropic: Fragment for a Philosophy of Christianity
Crina Gschwandtner, Fordham University
The Truth of Christianity? Michel Henry’s Words of Christ
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia
Not from Nowhere: Phenomenology and Scripture
Jason Smick, Santa Clara University
Postmodernity in Theory and Practice: The Verwindung of Tradition in Jean-Luc Marion and Luc Ferry
Responding:
Adam Wells, Emory and Henry College

M18-301
Second Annual Analytic Theology Lecture Reception
Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM
MPW-192C
Sponsored by the University of Notre Dame Center for Philosophy of Religion.
This reception immediately follows the Second Annual Analytic Theology Lecture, given by Alan Torrance (M18-203). Food and drinks will be served.

M18-302
Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting
Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM
MPS-503A

M18-304
Sopher Press
Theme: Lovely Tents of Jacob: The Vagina in Scripture, Author Erica L. Martin
Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM
MPW-187C
Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Vaginal euphemisms are used intentionally by biblical writers and would have been obvious to the earliest audiences. A renewed understanding of the vaginal connotations of these words calls for a reevaluation of the meaning of several key biblical texts on the basis of the euphemisms.
Erica L. Martin, Seattle University, Responding

M18-305
Paulist Press Author Reception
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
HM-Regency Ballroom D
Paulist Press, represented by Mark-David Janus, CSP, president and publisher, along with his staff, invite all Paulist Press authors, past and present, to join us for a meet-and-greet, as well as some good Midwestern hospitality.

M18-306
University of Chicago Divinity School Reception and Alumni Reunion
Sunday, 5:00 PM–8:00 PM
Offsite, University of Chicago, Swift Hall, 1025 East 58th Street Remarks from Dean Margaret M. Mitchell at 7:00 PM.
We are pleased to welcome all Divinity School alumni back to campus. There will be free shuttle bus service to and from the McCormick Place West-Gate 42, beginning at 2:45 PM and continuing every 30 minutes on the quarter hour, with the final bus leaving campus at Ellis Avenue at 58th Street, beginning at 3:15 PM and continuing every 30 minutes on the quarter hour, with drop-offs at McCormick Place until 6:45 PM and at the Hilton Chicago from 7:15 PM–9:15 PM. Come early and pay a visit to the Divinity School coffee shop (open 3:30 PM–6:00 PM) and the Seminary Co-op Bookstore (open 12:00 PM–6:00 PM); Divinity School alumni receive a ten percent discount. The Regenstein Library’s Special Collections Research Center will be open from 1:00 PM–5:00 PM for viewing of the special exhibition titled Swiss Treasures: From Biblical Papyrus and Parchment to Erasmus, Zwingli, Calvin, and Barth. For more information, see the Divinity School website at http://divinity.uchicago.edu/. All Divinity School alumni and friends are welcome!
For more information, please contact Linda Lyles Aldridge at 773-702-7170 or l-lyles@uchicago.edu.
M18-307
Episcopal Divinity School Reception for Alumni/ae and Friends
Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM
PH-Salon V
Alumni/ae and friends of the Episcopal Divinity School are invited to gather for a time of fellowship and light refreshment.

M18-308
Louisville Institute Reception
Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM
HC-Waldorf
The Louisville Institute introduces its Vocation of the Theological Educator initiative which includes three fellowship offerings: 1) Doctoral Fellowships for prospective PhD and ThD students considering theological education as a vocation; 2) Dissertation Fellowships to support the final year PhD or ThD dissertation writing; 3) Postdoctoral Fellowship to support a two-year teaching internship in a theological school.

M18-400
Explorations in Theology and the Apocalyptic
Theme: Satan and All His Works: The “Third Agent” in the Apocalyptic Drama of Salvation
Sunday, 6:30 PM–9:00 PM
HC-4D
Jodi Belcher, Duke University, Presiding
J. Louis Martyn has argued that we must recognize the importance of the “third actor” (besides God and humans) in the Christian redemptive and moral drama, namely, Satan and/or the powers of Sin and Death, and/or the “principalities and powers.” While Martyn has recently refocused this issue for Pauline theology, it is also increasingly important in other strains of modern and contemporary theological reflection. These papers variously explore the significance of the “third agent” in contemporary theology and examine the contribution of that theme to Christian theology in an apocalyptic mode.

M18-401
Denver University/Iliff School of Theology Joint PhD Program Reception
Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
PH-Burnham 1

M18-402
Oxford University Reception
Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
PH-Adams
The theology faculty of Oxford University welcomes colleagues, friends, alumni/ae and prospective graduate students for drinks and updates on developments and to meet current faculty members. Information is available at http://www.theology.ox.ac.uk and http://www.admin.ox.ac.uk/postgraduate.

M18-404
University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Department of Religious Studies Reception
Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
PH-Salon III

M18-405
Yale University Divinity School Alumni Reception
Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
PH-Empire

M18-435
King’s College, London Reception
Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
PH-Salon II
Once again we are delighted to invite King’s alumni, students, prospective students, friends, and guests to a reception at the SBL and AAR Annual Meetings in Chicago. As well as updating on general news from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies and the Department of Education and Professional Studies, the reception will note the recent publication of books by members of King’s, including Joan Taylor amongst others. Everyone is welcome to join us to hear about developments within both Departments since last year’s Annual Meeting, including the appointment of Paul Joyce as the new Samuel Davidson Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible. For further information about the two Departments, see www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/trs and www.kcl.ac.uk/sspp/departments/education.

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M18-436
University of Chester Reception
Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
HC-Marquette
The Department of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of Chester, one of the largest in the United Kingdom, welcomes alumni, friends, colleagues, and prospective graduate students for drinks. Come and meet current faculty staff and find out about our work.

M18-406
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary Reception
Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-Northwest 3

M18-407
Loyola University, Maryland
Theme: Diagonal Advance: Discussing Christian Perfection with Anthony D. Baker
Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-PDR 2
The concept of perfection has wide-ranging consequences for politics and ethics, anthropology, and eschatology. Tony Baker's book, Diagonal Advance (Cascade Books, 2011), has been hailed as the theologially sophisticated treatment to date of perfection in the Christian tradition.
Panelists:
Frederick Bauerschmidt, Loyola University, Maryland
D. Stephen Long, Marquette University
Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge
Responding:
Anthony D. Baker, Seminary of the Southwest

M18-408
Princeton University Department of Religion Reception
Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
PH-Red Lacquer

M18-409
University of Iowa Alumni and Friends Reception
Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
PH-Price

M18-410
“There is a Mystery” Working Group
Theme: Review Panel for There is a Mystery: Esotericism, Gnosticism, and Mysticism in African American Religious Experience
Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
HC-4C
This session will focus on the volume tentatively entitled “There is a Mystery”: Esotericism, Gnosticism, and Mysticism in African American Religious Experience. Selected contributors to the anthology will present articles and the coeditors will discuss the conceptual framework and larger implications of the project. For additional information, please contact any member of the editorial team: Stephen C. Finley (scfinley@lsu.edu), Margarita S. Guillory (mguillor@z.rochester.edu), or Hugh R. Page Jr. (hpage@nd.edu).

M18-412
University of Notre Dame Theology Department Reception
Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM
PH-State Ballroom

M18-413
Union Presbyterian Seminary Alumni/ae Dessert Reception
Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM
PH-Salon VI
Union Presbyterian Seminary alumni/ae, faculty, staff and students are invited to join together for dessert and fellowship. Please RSVP to www.regonline.com/aarsbl. The cost is $10, with no charge for current UPSem faculty and students. Questions? Please contact Laura Lindsay, llindsay@upssem.edu or 804-278-4245.

M18-414
Jewish Theological Seminary Graduate School Reception (Kosher)
Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:30 PM
HC-Buckingham
**M18-437**  
**Bahá’í Studies Colloquy**  
Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM  
PH-Grant Park Parlor  
Susan Maneck, Jackson State University, Presiding  
Guy Emerson Mount, University of Chicago  
Robert Stockman, DePaul University  
*A Century of Growth: American Bahá’í Membership, 1894–2012*  
Mike McMullen, University of Houston, Clear Lake  
*Bahá’í Participation in FACT 2000–2010: Community Trends and Comparisons to Other Faith Communities*  
For additional information about the Bahá’í Studies Colloquy, contact Robert Stockman at rstockman@usbnc.org or 847-337-7750 (cell).

**M18-415**  
**Southern Ontario Religion and Biblical Studies Programs Reception**  
Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM  
HC–Northwest 4  
Faculty, Students, and Alumni of Religion and Biblical Studies Programs at the University of Toronto, McMaster University, Wilfrid Laurier University, Queen's University, Carleton University, York University, King's University College (Western Ontario), University of Waterloo, and University of Ottawa.

**M18-416**  
**Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Fellowship Dessert Reception**  
Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM  
PH-Cresthill

**M18-417**  
**Brite Divinity School Reception**  
Sunday, 9:00 PM–10:30 PM  
HC-Continental C

**M18-418**  
**Vanderbilt University Divinity School Reception**  
Sunday, 9:00 PM–10:30 PM  
HC-Normandie Lounge

**M18-419**  
**Boston University Reception**  
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM  
PH-Water Tower Place

**M18-420**  
**Center for Process Studies Reception**  
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM  
PH-Clark 5  
Join us for wine, cheese, and conversation. Friends and members of CPS and anyone interested in process-relational approaches to religious studies, theology, biblical hermeneutics, and philosophy of religion are invited. Greet Philip Clayton. Network, discuss, and schmooze. Informal, fun!

**M18-422**  
**Columbia University Religion Department Reception**  
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM  
HC-4M

**M18-423**  
**Drew University Gathering**  
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM  
PH-Monroe

**M18-424**  
**Florida State University Religion Reception**  
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM  
HC-Northwest 2

**M18-425**  
**Emory University Graduate Division of Religion Reception**  
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM  
HC-Northwest 5

**M18-426**  
**Nordic Universities Reception**  
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM  
PH-Adams  
Representatives from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden will be presenting information about the latest research and educational possibilities.
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M18-427
AAR Mid-Atlantic Region Members Reception
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
PH-Buckingham
Come join your fellow Mid-Atlantic Region members for food, drinks, and fun! Network with students, scholars, faculty, and administrators from across the region. Learn more about our 2013 annual meeting (we’re back in Baltimore and better than ever!) and how you can submit a proposal to present at the meeting. We’ll update you about exciting new initiatives and opportunities to serve the region. Reunite with old friends and make many new ones. We look forward to greeting you!

M18-428
Northwestern University Reception and Celebration
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Astoria
The Northwestern University Department of Religious Studies and the Jewish Studies Program are holding a reception to celebrate our graduate students and faculty leaders of the American Academy of Religion.

M18-429
Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology’s Friends Reception
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
PH-Salon I

M18-430
Brown University Reception
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Marquette

M18-431
University of California, Santa Barbara Religious Studies Department Reception
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Waldorf

M18-432
Union Theological Seminary Reception
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
PH-Honoré

M18-433
Scottish Universities Reception
Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
PH-Chicago
Former and prospective students and friends of the sponsoring Scottish institutions (Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Saint Andrews, Highland Theological College, and International Christian College) are cordially invited to get together to renew acquaintances and catch up on news of developments over a drink and light refreshments.

M18-438
John Templeton Foundation
Theme: A Science and Religion Reception
Sunday, 9:30 PM–11:30 PM
HC-Continental B
M19-1

Denver Seminary Alumni Breakfast
Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
MPS-501D
Enjoy fellowship over a complimentary breakfast with other Denver Seminary Alumni. Mark Young will give an update on the Seminary and you will have an opportunity to visit with several faculty. To RSVP, contact Jessica Henthorne at jessica.henthorne@denverseminary.edu or call 303-762-6949

M19-2

Friends of Regent College Breakfast
Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
MPE-353B

M19-3

Restoration Quarterly Breakfast
Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
MPE-353C

M19-4

Fuller Theological Seminary Alumni and Friends Breakfast
Monday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM
MPE-353A
Join Fuller Seminary leaders, faculty, alumni, and friends for breakfast.

M19-5

Alpha Christianity
Monday, 8:00 AM–8:50 AM
MPS-102D
An open discussion and planning meeting for those interested in the earliest Christianity (before the appearance of the Resurrection and Atonement doctrines) and its sources, with a special focus this year on the Didache and the early layers of Mark. For background information, see www.umass.edu/wsp/alpha/index.html or contact ebbrooks@research.umass.edu.

M19-6

Dead Sea Scrolls Foundation Board of Advisors Meeting
Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM
HM-CC10C

M19-7

Dead Sea Discoveries Editorial Board Meeting
Monday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM
HM-CC10D

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M19-101

Logos Bible Software
Theme: The New Hebrew Discourse Database
Monday, 9:00 AM–9:30 AM
MPW-176B
The Lexham Discourse Hebrew Bible represents the culmination of years of study on the function of linguistic devices speakers and writers of all languages use to convey meaning. This research has been applied to discourse features found in the Hebrew Bible. Every instance of the most exegetically significant devices is annotated using mnemonically-designed symbols to delimit each device. This fully-searchable database also includes a glossary and introduction, which provide a pop-up explanation of the symbols when hovered over. The project utilizes the very same cross-linguistic theoretical framework used in Runge’s previous projects, the Lexham Discourse Greek New Testament and A Discourse Grammar of the Greek New Testament. This session will provide an overview of the database and the features which it annotates.

M19-102

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
MPW-183C
Rita Sherma, Taksha University, Presiding
Panelists:
Philip Clayton, Claremont Lincoln University
Morny Joy, University of Calgary
Mehnaz Afridi, Manhattan College
Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University
Balbinder Bhoghal, Hofstra University
Responding:
Arvind-Pal Mandair, University of Michigan
M19-100
Critical Research on Religion Editorial Board Meeting
Monday, 9:30 AM–11:30 AM
MPN-135

M19-103
Journal for the Study of Judaism and Supplements Editorial Board Meeting
Monday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
HM-CC10B

M19-200
Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses Editorial Board Meeting
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
MPS-102D

M19-300
Bible in Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Traditions
Theme: Very Revd. Dr. Paul Tarazi Festschrift
Monday, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM
HC-Astoria
A reception celebrating the publication of the first volume of the proceedings of the Festschrift in honor of the Very Revd. Dr. Paul Tarazi, professor of Biblical studies.

M19-400
Claremont School of Theology/Claremont Lincoln University/Claremont Graduate University Reception
Monday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Williford A
CGU, CST, and Claremont Lincoln welcomes current and prospective students along with alumni, faculty, and friends of the program are welcome to join us for our annual SBL and AAR Reception to celebrate our growing commitment to the religious and biblical scholarship.

M19-401
Sheffield Phoenix Press/University of Sheffield Reception
Monday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Normandie Lounge
By invitation only.

M19-402
Syracuse University – Department of Religion Reception
Monday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
HC-Boulevard C