Although the American Academy of Religion cooperates with Related Scholarly Organizations (RSOs) that have similar missions as the AAR, and provides them space for their meetings (sessions marked with a P#), the content of these sessions is not reviewed by either the AAR’s Program Units or its Program Committee.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

**P20-400**

Adventist Society for Religious Studies  
Theme: **Ecclesiology in Doctrine and Practice**  
Thursday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM  
Hilton Bayfront-Aqua EF  
Teresa Reeve, Andrews University, and Sandy Roberts, Southeastern California Conference of SDA’s, Presiding  
7:00 PM: Registration  
7:45 PM: Welcome and Paper Session #1  
9:15 PM: Business Session #1  
David Thomas, Walla Walla University  
From Charisma to Constitution  
J. David Newman, Washington Adventist University  
*How Adventism is Moving from a Representative to a Hierarchical Polity*  
Mitchell A. Tyner, Silver Spring, MD  
*How Law Affects Adventist Ecclesiology*  
Alex Bryan, Walla Walla University  
*Adventist Ecclesiology and The One Project*  
**Business Meeting:**  
Teresa Reeve, Andrews University, and Mark F. Carr, Kettering College, Presiding

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

**A21-100**

Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee Meeting  
Friday, 8:00 AM–12:00 PM  
Convention Center-18  
Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

**P21-1**

Adventist Society for Religious Studies  
Theme: **Ecclesiology in Doctrine and Practice**  
Friday, 8:00 AM–6:00 PM  
Hilton Bayfront-Aqua EF  
Kendra J. Haloviak, La Sierra University, Ross Winkle, Pacific Union College, and Charles Scriven, Kettering College, Presiding  
8:00 – Devotional  
8:15 – Business Session #2  
8:30 – Paper Session #2  
10:00 – Paper Session #3  
11:45 – Business Session #3  
12:00 – Lunch  
1:30 – Paper Session #4  
3:10 – Business Session #4  
3:30 – Sectional Meetings:  
*Christian Theology and History*  
*New Testament*  
*Old Testament*  
*Philosophy and Ethics*  
*Practice Theology*  
*Religion and Culture*  
*World Religions/Missiology*  
4:30 – Special Meetings:  
*Black Theology Group*  
*Women in Theology Group*  
Clinton Baldwin, Northern Caribbean University  
*The Nexus of Church and the Evolution of the Sacred Text*  
Ernie Bursey, Adventist University of Health Sciences  
*And to the Church that Meets in Your House*: Plumbing the Plural in *Philemon*  
Ben Holdsworth, Union College  
*Rethinking Adventist Ecclesiology for a Climate-Impacted World*  
Marlene Ferreras, Azure Hills SDA Church  
*How does our Reading of Judges 1:14–15 Influence the ‘Practice’ of Ecclesiology in Ciudad Juárez?*  
Ann Gibson, Andrews University  
*How Business Affects Adventist Ecclesiology*  
Gerald Winslow, Loma Linda University  
*How Adventist Healthcare Affects Adventist Ecclesiology*  
Leslie Pollard, Oakwood University  
*How Regional Conferences Affect Adventist Ecclesiology*  
Richard Winn, Western Association of Schools and Colleges  
*How Education Affects Adventist Ecclesiology*  
James W. Walters, Loma Linda University  
*Authentic, Divergent Faces of Adventism—and the Future*  
Olive J. Hemmings, Washington Adventist University  
*The Emerging Church, Oprah Winfrey, and the Reshaping of American Consciousness*  
Richard Rice, Loma Linda University  
*From Adventist Anthropology to Adventist Ecclesiology*  
**Business Meeting:**  
Teresa Reeve, Andrews University, and Mark F. Carr, Kettering College, Presiding

**P21-2**

North American Association for the Study of Religion  
Executive Council Meeting  
Friday, 8:30 AM–9:20 AM  
Hilton Bayfront-Aqua Boardroom

**P21-100**

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting  
Friday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Omni-Gallery 1
P21-102
North American Paul Tillich Society
Theme: *Tillich and Contemporary Research Interests*
Friday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Omni-Gaslamp 5
This session of the Paul Tillich Society explores the relation of Tillich's thought to the contemporary research interests of Tillich scholars.

A21-102
Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-410A
Michael Kessler, Georgetown University, Presiding

A21-103
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-AAR Suite
Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

A21-104
Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM
Convention Center-24B
Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

A21-105
International Connections Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-411B
Amy L. Alocco, Elon University, Presiding

A21-106
Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-400A
James Logan, Earlham College, Presiding

A21-107
THATCamp - The Humanities and Technology Camp AAR2014
Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM
Convention Center-17B
Christopher Cantwell, University of Missouri, Kansas City, Presiding
See page 208 for details.

P21-101
North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: *Author Meets Readers: Elizabeth Pritchard's Religion in Public: Locke's Political Theology*
Friday, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Craig Martin, St. Thomas Aquinas College, Presiding
This panel brings together scholars from different fields to discuss Elizabeth Pritchard's recent book on John Locke's political theology and its legacy for how we think about secularization, the public/private divide, religion and power, and liberalism's configuration of toleration and religious freedom, to name a few themes. The panel will surely draw a wide scholarly audience by considering a series of historical, methodological, political, and theoretical questions: how might Pritchard's rereading of a foundational archive in secularization theory change our approach to contemporary theoretical debates over secularization? How does Locke's political theology compare to some of his rough contemporaries (e.g. Hobbes, Spinoza, etc.)? What previously unmarked forms of religiosity does this text make visible? What resources does this text offer for analyzing liberalism's figuration of religion and the legacy of that figuration both in its Anglo-American context and in its colonial reach? What are some of the legal "lessons" to learn from rethinking Locke? What resources does this text offer for studying religious phenomena? And, finally: in spite of definitive evidence to the contrary, the supposedly Lockean definition of religion as private and apolitical remains persuasive and appealing to religious practitioners and scholars alike; why does this definition persist and how might Pritchard's work shed light on the social, political, theological, and scholarly stakes of this persistence?
Panelists:
- Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University
- Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College
- Julie Cooper, Tel Aviv University
- Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich
Responding:
- Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College

A21-101

American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee Meeting
Friday, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-402
Louis A. Ruprecht, Georgia State University, Presiding

A21-108

Religion and Media Workshop
Theme: The History and Materiality of Religious Circulations
Friday, 11:00 AM–6:00 PM
Convention Center-5A
Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, and Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston, Presiding
See page 209 for details.
Panelists:
- Joanna Brooks, San Diego State University
- Patton Burchett, New York University
- Zareena Grewal, Yale University
- M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University
- David Morgan, Duke University

A21-200

Leadership Workshop
Theme: Best Practices in an Era of Contingent Labor: A Workshop for Chairs of Religious Studies Programs and Departments
Friday, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM
Convention Center-11B
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, and Theodore Trost, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
See page 210 for details.
Panelists:
- Joseph Lough, University of California, Berkeley
- Mayra Besosa, California State University, San Marcos

A21-201

Regional Coordinators Meeting
Friday, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Carlsbad
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

P21-200

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Iconographies of Democracy and Representations of Religion
Friday, 1:00 PM–2:20 PM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Panelist:
- Yvonne Sherwood, University of Kent

P21-201

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting
Friday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Omni-Gallery 1

P21-210

North American Paul Tillich Society
Theme: Tillich’s Systematic Theology Fifty Years Later
Friday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Omni-Gaslamp 5
This session of the Paul Tillich Society will explore the method and structure of Tillich's Systematic Theology fifty years after its completion.

P21-212

Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship Annual Meeting
Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Omni-Gaslamp 4
After a 20 minute business meeting, our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Myk Habets will offer a lecture followed by a question and answer period. Dr. Habets is lecturer at Carey Baptist College in Auckland, New Zealand and Head of Carey Graduate School and Director of Research. He is the author of Theosis in the Theology of Thomas Torrance (Ashgate, 2009), The Anointed Son: A Trinitarian Spirit Christology (Pickwick, 2010), and Theology in Transposition (Fortress, 2013). He has also edited The Spirit of Truth: Reading Scripture and Constructing Theology with the Holy Spirit (Pickwick, 2010), Trinitarian Theology After Barth (Pickwick, 2010) with Phillip Tolliday, Reconsidering Gender: Evangelical Perspectives (Pickwick, 2010) with Beulah Wood, Evangelical Calvinism: Essays Resourcing the Continuing Reformation of the Church (Pickwick, 2012) with Robert Grow, and Ecumenical Perspectives on the Filioque for the 21st Century (T&T Clark, 2014).

Myk Habets, Carey Baptist College
The Fallen Humanity of Christ: A Theological Account
Rethinking Islamic Studies Workshop

Theme: Teaching Islamic Studies: Key Topics and Best Practices
Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Convention Center-7A
Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, and Omid Safi, Duke University, Presiding
See page 211 for details.
Panelists:
  - Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College
  - Kecia Ali, Boston University
  - Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
  - Tariq al-Jamil, Swarthmore College
  - John Kelsay, Florida State University
  - Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University

San Diego City Tour

Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Meet at Convention Center-Hall H Foyer
As the birthplace of California, San Diego is blessed with a rich history, stunning geography and a Mediterranean climate, making it one of the world’s most delightful cities. Your tour begins with an introduction to the downtown area, with its modern buildings and bustling businesses, which is in stark contrast to the historic Gaslamp Quarter located just a few blocks away. We’ll cross the award winning Coronado Bay Bridge next, where you will visit the island and drive by one of San Diego’s most treasured icons, the Hotel del Coronado. As we return to the mainland, enjoy the open beauty and manicured lawns of Balboa Park, the nation’s largest urban cultural park and site of the 1915 Panama-California Expo. We’ll continue on to San Diego’s birthplace in Old Town where you have free time to explore the historic exhibits, as well as the numerous shops and restaurants in this unique village atmosphere.

The tour will continue to La Jolla (“the jewel” in Spanish), where you will be able to gaze out onto the beautiful Pacific Ocean, driving by Bird Rock to watch the kayakers, and then by the children’s pool, which is now a sanctuary for the local sea lions. You will continue onto Mount Soledad, where in 1946, a cross was built for Korean War heroes. This monument has been the source of a long-running legal case regarding the separation of church and state. You’ll drive by the Embarcadero and Marine Museum, which holds a collection of many historical ships, including the famous USS Midway. Passing Seaport Village and the fishing fleet, the bus heads back to the Convention Center. The cost of the tour is $40.

P21-211

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies and Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: Teaching Visual Arts in Religious Studies and Theology Classrooms
Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-San Diego C

Wilson Yates, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Paul Myhre, Wabash Center, Vivian-Lee Nyitray, Prospect College (Yuanjing College), and David Morgan, Duke University, Presiding

This workshop will provide faculty with various strategies and methods for teaching the visual arts in religious studies and theology classrooms. Participants will explore a range of ways by which specific pedagogical methods can help students engage the visual arts as loci for the study of religious studies, theology, ethics, bible, etc. Specific attention will be given to the following pedagogical methods: a dialogical method that sees artist, art, and the viewer (theologian, ethicist, whoever) in conversation with the viewer drawing on material from other disciplines; a method that considers the role of material evidence, which means beginning with methodological questions in order to engage students (and colleagues no less) in the definition of evidence in historical and cultural analysis; and a method that attends to the ethics of observation as part of the hermeneutics of visual cultures, including the viewer’s gaze. Workshop participants will explore both meta-level questions about engaging the visual arts and explore specific strategies for teaching visual arts in contemporary higher educational contexts through a range of questions. The pre-meeting workshop will include mini-lectures, plenary conversations, and small group work. In addition, participants will be exposed to materials for study and teaching including: methods of visual analysis, ethics of inquiry, exhibition practices, subject areas (Christianity, Buddhism, Islam, etc.), theories of visual culture, and so on.

Pre-registration is required for this event and limited to the first 50 registrants. To register, contact Trish Overpeck at overpeck@wabash.edu.

P21-213

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group

Theme: Panel Discussion of Lucy Bregman’s The Ecology of Spirituality: Practice and Virtues in a Post-Religious Age (Baylor University Press, 2014)
Friday, 1:30 PM–3:00 PM
Omni-Grand Ballroom A

Panelists:
  - Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union
  - Christopher F. J. Ross, Wilfrid Laurier University

Responding:
  - Lucy Bregman, Temple University
AAR/SBL Women’s Caucus Brown Bag Luncheon:
Ecofeminism and Earth Healing
Friday, 1:30 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-14A
Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding,
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, and Kathy McCallie,
Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Come enjoy the camaraderie of the Women’s Caucus and network
with other scholars. The 2014 pre-conference luncheon will focus
on the contribution of [eco]feminism, theories and praxis, to the
theological academy. Feminism, like ecofeminism, has offered fresh/
new/alternative perspectives in the disciplines of theology and Bible,
particularly on the intersection of God, religion and humanity’s
relationship with human and non-human nature. In this light, this
panel will explore the ways that ecofeminist perspectives have shaped
and could profoundly shape God-talk and discourse in the study of
religion and public life. Case studies are ideal as a starting point for a
reflection on this topic moving from a micro to a macro perspective
on a globally sensitized universe where varied disciplines in religion
are positive mediums in promoting earth-healing practices.

Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
What is Ecofeminism? Memorable Ideas in an Ongoing Conversation
(1972–present)

Cynthia Bond, Claremont Graduate University
Strategic Essentialism as a Tactical Approach to an Ecofeminist
Epistemology

Amanda Pumphrey, Claremont Graduate University
Indian Women and Jainism: Toward an Ecofeminist Perspective

Jeanette Larino Wooden Kiel, California Institute of Integral
Studies
Spiritual and Transformative Connections: Women’s Stories of
Ecofeminist Activism and Artistic Expression

Religion and Ecology Workshop
Theme: Religious Environmentalism and Environmental Activism
Friday, 1:45 PM–5:00 PM
Convention Center-4
Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Presiding

See page 212 for details.

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
Theme: Re-appropriation and Re-examination of Raimon
Panikkar’s Thoughts
Friday, 2:00 PM–6:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-La Costa
Young-chan Ro, George Mason University, Presiding

This panel is to explore some of the fundamental issues involved
in Raimon Panikkar’s theological approach, philosophical analysis,
and metaphysical structure to unpack the intellectual and spiritual
foundation of his thinking. In this respect, the panel will focus on
Panikkar’s idea of the triadic myth and the Trinitarian structure of
reality. Panikkar’s re-interpretation of the Trinity as the universal
structure of all beings challenges the monopoly of the traditional
Christian doctrine of Trinity by extending it to the triadic model of
all beings. The panel will also discuss about Panikkar’s eschatology,
ontology, and Christology in relationship to other traditions including
Asian and African traditions, and the gender issues. The symposium is
followed by a reception.

Anselm Min, Claremont Graduate University
Panikkar’s Radical Trinitarianism

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles
Reconsidering Panikkar’s Cosmotheandricism

Young-chan Ro, George Mason University
An Ontological Foundation of Raimon Panikkar

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University
Raimon Panikkar’s Eschatology: The Unpublished Chapter

Sara Haq, University of Maryland, College Park
Silencing the Wrong Silences: The Epistemological Othering of
Mysticism in Women and Gender Studies

Levi Nkwocha, University of Notre Dame
Incarnation and the African “Cosmotheandric Relationality”

Erik Ranstrom, Elms College
Karma and the Incarnation: The Passive Dimension of Christological
Fulfillment

Mark Banas, Georgia Perimeter College
Interreligious Hermeneutics: Dialectical or Dialogical?
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

P21-214
Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
Theme: A Contemplative View of Ecology
Friday, 3:00 PM–5:00 PM
University of San Diego, Maher Hall, Salomon Conference Room, 5998 Alcalá Park
Barbara Quinn, Boston College, and Michael Mayer, University of San Diego, Presiding
3:00 PM - Meet in Salomon Conference Room
3:00–4:00 PM - Canyon Tour
4:00–5:00 PM - Conversation and Reflection
All are welcome! Our session begins with a walking tour of the canyon behind the USD campus. Dr. Michael Mayer, Chair of the USD Biology Department, will help us reflect on the changing conditions of the land and the challenge they present. Comfortable attire recommended; the Salomon Conference Room will be available for those who prefer not to walk. We will then move to a conversational reflection on “The Blue Sapphire of the Mind: Notes For a Contemplative Ecology”.

For information on transportation, the Society dinner following this session, and our evening session, “Contemplation in the World: The Socially Transformative Effects of Practice” (7:00 PM–9:00 PM, USD’s Mother Rosalie Hall), visit http://sscs.press.jhu.edu/annual_meeting/annual_meeting.html. Shuttles and sessions are free; tax-deductible contributions welcome.

Douglas Christie, Loyola Marymount University
The Blue Sapphire of the Mind: Notes for a Contemplative Ecology

A21-207
Graduate Student Committee Meeting
Friday, 3:00 PM–5:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-520
Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

P21-207
International Bonhoeffer Society Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, 3:00 PM–6:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Malibu
This is the annual meeting of the Board of Directors. Members of the International Bonhoeffer Society are welcome to attend. The annual meeting of the Bonhoeffer Society will be held on Saturday, November 22, at 6:30 PM.

P21-215
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
Theme: Depth Psychology and Black Church/Religion: Creative Appropriations, Continuing Challenges and Future Directions
Friday, 3:15 PM–4:45 PM
Omni-Grand Ballroom A
Gregory Ellison, Emory University, and Phillis Isabella Sheppard, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Panelists:
Stephanie Crumpton, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Danjuma Gibson, Calvin Theological Seminary
Raynard Daniel Smith, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Chanequa Walker-Barnes, McAfee School of Theology

P21-300
North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Revitalizing the Comparative Enterprise: A Building Block Approach to Complex Cultural Concepts
Friday, 4:00 PM–5:20 PM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Panelist:
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

P21-316
Polanyi Society
Theme: Charles Taylor and Michael Polanyi
Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Torre Pines 2
Walter B. Gulick, Montana State University, Billings, Presiding
Richard Haney, Richmond, VA
Polanyi and Taylor on How the Modern Social Imaginary Might Best Be Reformed
Matthew Sandwich, Baylor University
Polanyi, MacIntyre and Taylor on Authentic and Inauthentic Moral Traditions
Josee Boldoc, Carleton University
Disclosing the Unspoken as a Locus of Meaning: Taylor and Polanyi on the Political Role of the Tacit
David Stewart, Luther Seminary
Elements of an Enchanted Naturalism: Towards a Postmetaphysical Christian Theology from Polanyi to Hegel
A21-300
Department Chairs' Reception
Friday, 5:30 PM–7:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-AAR Suite
Chairs of Religious Studies Departments are invited to this reception to mingle with and ask questions of other chairs and members of the AAR's Academic Relations Committee.

P21-318
Society of Christian Philosophers
Theme: Author-Meets-Critics Session: Shannon Craig-Snell's *The Empty Church* (2014)
Friday, 6:00 PM–8:30 PM
Marriott Marquis-Torrey Pines 3
Andrew Chignell, Cornell University, Presiding
Panelists:
- M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College
- Andrew Dole, Amherst College
- Christine Helmer, Northwestern University
- Todd Johnson, Fuller Theological Seminary
Responding:
- Shannon Craig-Snell, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

P21-405
Adventist Society for Religious Studies
Theme: Dinner Meeting and Presidential Addresses with the Adventist Theological Society
Friday, 6:00 PM–9:30 PM
Paradise Valley SDA Church, 2701 East 8th St, National City
Teresa Reeve, Andrews University, Presiding
Thomas Shepherd, Andrews University
"We Give Thanks to God": Why Gratitude in Essential in Theological Disputes ASRS
Ranko Stefanovic, Andrews University
Among the Lampstands

P21-404
Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies Reception
Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
Omni-Gaslamp 1
Everyone who is interested in the intersections between the arts and religious studies and theology is invited to our annual reception.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

P21-403

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Theme: Discussion of The Saint and the Banyan Tree, Winner of the SHCS Book Award

Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Santa Rosa
Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

Panelists:
Amy L. Allocco, Elon University
Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College
Corinne Dempsey, Nazareth College
Roselle M. Gonsalves, University of Calgary

Responding:
David Mosse, University of London

P21-407

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

Theme: Contemplation in the World: The Socially Transformative Effects of Practice

Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
University of San Diego, Warren Auditorium, Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, 5998 Alcalá Park
Elisabeth K. J. Koenig, General Theological Seminary, and Janet Ruffing, Yale University, Presiding
7:00–8:20 PM - Panel
8:20–8:40 PM - Small group discussion
8:40–9:00 PM - Large group discussion
9:00–10:00 PM - Light reception

All are invited to an exploration across religious traditions of the links between contemplation and social transformation. For more information on transportation to USD, the Society dinner before this session, and our afternoon session, “A Contemplative View of Ecology” (3:00–5:00 PM, USD’s Maher Hall), please visit http://csss.press.jhu.edu/annual_meeting/annual_meeting.html. Shuttles, sessions, and reception are free; tax-deductible contributions are welcome.

Panelists:
Bahar Davary, University of San Diego
Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union
Aaron Gross, University of San Diego
Ruben L. F. Habito, Perkins School of Theology and Southern Methodist University
Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego

P21-400

La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion 25th Anniversary Celebration Reception

Friday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM
Marriott Marquis-Del Mar
Come join us and celebrate our 25th anniversary! We will have appetizers and drinks with a program to honor Pedagogy Latinoamericano! The program will include a panel and an awards ceremony.

P21-406

Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet

Friday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
Athens Market Taverna, 109 West F St.
For more information or to register, please contact Mark Tietjen at mtietjen@westga.edu.

Robert Roberts, Baylor University
Cosmic Gratitude

A21-401

Film: The New Black

Friday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-305
Horace Griffin, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Sponsored by the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee, Afro-American Religious History Group, Black Theology Group, and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group.

The award-winning documentary film The New Black tells the story of how the African-American community is addressing LGBTQ rights in light of the marriage equality movement. This film documents activists, families, and clergy on both sides of the campaign to legalise same-sex marriage, and it examines homophobia in the black community’s institutional pillar — the black church. The New Black takes viewers into the pews and onto the streets and provides a seat at the kitchen table as it tells the story of the historic fight to win marriage equality in Maryland and charts the evolution of this issue within the black community. The film screening will be followed by brief presentations and a moderated discussion.

Panelists:
Pamela Lightsey, Boston University
Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University
Josef Sorett, Columbia University
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

A22-1

Vinyasa Yoga Class
Saturday, 7:00 AM–8:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-Fitness Center
Join your colleagues for a 50 minute Vinyasa yoga session, which connects breathing to poses through movement. Participants will also learn shoulder placement and coordination as they improve total body alignment. The cost of the class is $15, and includes an instructor and mats and/or pool towels. Wear comfortable clothing.

A22-2

AAR New Members’ Breakfast
Saturday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM
Jack Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
New (first-time) AAR members in 2014 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors. By invitation only.

A22-3

Regional Officers’ Breakfast
Saturday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM
Convention Center-16B
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
By invitation only. 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 Susan Hill and AAR staff about AAR Board actions and deliberations and regional initiatives being undertaken by the AAR.

P22-105

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies
Theme: Theology's Engagement with the Visual Arts after 70 Years, Where Do We Go from Here: Reflections on a Dialogical Approach
Saturday, 8:00 AM–2:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Leucadia
Wilson Yates, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding
8:00 AM–10:00 AM - Board Meeting
10:00 AM–11:30 AM - Special Session
12:00 PM–2:00 PM - Board Meeting
This session will offer a brief comment on the theologian's interest in 20th and 21st century visual art that began roughly 70 years ago. Certain of the successes important to developing that conversation and certain of the failures that still haunt us will be acknowledged. In response to where we have been and where we are, I will sketch the importance of a dialogical approach in which the viewer, the artwork, and the artists are each necessarily present in a conversation that takes seriously the formal aspects of art, the importance of style, the artists sense of the work and intentions for it, the viewers' theological interests and skill at interpretation and the context of all three parties at the table.

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A22-101

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Preparation and Skills for Alternative Employment
Saturday, 9:00 AM–10:00 AM
Convention Center-14B
Emily R. Mace, Harvard Square Library, Lake Forest, IL
Preparing for and Identifying Alternative Employment Opportunities
Jessica Lee Ehinger, University of Oxford
Translating Training: Using Your Graduate Skills in Alternative Employment

A22-144

Employment Services Advisory Committee
Theme: Job Transitions over 40 with a PhD
Saturday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM
Grand Hyatt-Coronado A
Changing your career at midlife isn't easy, and the PhD can be both an asset and a hindrance. This workshop will provide an overview of the specific challenges that over 40s with a PhD face in making career transitions, either into or outside of academia. We will discuss the conditions and concerns that people at midlife face and you will quickly realize that you are not alone. We will become empowered by the idea that a job is only one facet of a person's life, and nowhere is that more evident than in middle age.
We will also do some exercises to help identify skills, discuss strategies for talking about one's varied career history confidently to prospective employers and also to others. We will work on advanced elevator pitches designed for people in career transition. We will discuss the importance of networking and continuing education and discuss ways to leverage these resources in the community.
Finally we will look at some case studies of individuals who have been successful with career transitions at midlife, one who worked in religion and moved successfully to an academic career, and hear their inspiring stories and tips.
Panelist:
Amy Hale, Golden Gate University
A22-102

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
Theme: Bodies, Collectivity and Spirit: Challenging Agency
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-502A
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding
J. Brent Crosson, New York University
Joshua Brahinsky, University of California, Santa Cruz
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
Responding:
Jon Bialecki, University of California, San Diego
Business Meeting:
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, and Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College, Presiding

A22-103

Tantric Studies Group
Theme: Funerary Practices in Tantric Traditions
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-402
Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Nina Mirnig, Austrian Academy of Sciences
Takahiko Kameyama, Ryukoku University
Rory Lindsay, Harvard University
Hank Glassman, Haverford College
Responding:
Jon Bialecki, University of California, San Diego

A22-105

Publications Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee
Theme: Teaching World Religions: Challenges and Opportunities Using The Norton Anthology of World Religions (2014)
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-9
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding
The newly published Norton Anthology of World Religions is a two-volume, 4000-page anthology of hundreds of primary texts, includes the six major, living, international, religious traditions with introductions and text-by-text headnotes by the respective associate editors. All experts in their fields, the editors have chosen both canonical and contemporary texts—including some in contested areas—and in between, representations from the long, less-visited middle of each tradition. Our goal is to explore the ways this achievement in scholarship and publishing translates into pedagogy and classroom application. By establishing a link between our committees' purviews, we hope to recognize the link between the work of specialists in their various disciplines and the teachers in the classroom who rely on these materials to provide instruction.

The general editor of the project will establish the birth and growth of this large and complex work and with the panelists will discuss how a professor trained in some aspect of Christianity or Judaism but called on to teach world religions responsibly might use this work to gain a rapid overall orientation and a classroom resource. They will also explore how a department of religious studies with a world religions curriculum, with or without a graduate program in world religions, could use this work as a foundation and shared reference point.

Panelists:
Jack Miles, University of California, Irvine
James Robson, Harvard University
Jane Dammen McAuliffe, Bryn Mawr College
Gerald J. Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Todd Penner, Austin College

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Women's Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Weeding and Seeding: The Role of the Scholar in Gender-based Violence and Activism
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-14A
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding
This session builds on the widely attended gathering of the 2013 Women's Caucus: Gender-based Violence on College Campuses. Panelists, from both AAR and SBL, will reflect on ways they have addressed gender violence through their research providing a unique voice in activism regarding gender-based violence both on and off campus.

- Sharon Davis, McCormick Theological Seminary
  Battered African American Women: A Study in Gender Entrapment
- Gina Messina-Dyert, Ursuline College
  Rape Culture and Spiritual Violence
- Marsha Thrall, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
  Seeking Healing through Scholarship, Activism, and Mark 5:25–34
- Nancy Nienhuis, Andover Newton Theological School
  Faith in the Face of Abuse

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
Theme: Writers and Artists as Agents of Cultural Change
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-25A
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University, Presiding
Panelists:
- Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri
- W. Clark Gilpin, Stevensville, MI
- Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Responding:
- Anne E. Monius, Harvard University
Business Meeting:
- Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, and Yolanda Pierce, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Buddhism Section
Theme: Buddhist Scripture in Comparative Perspective
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-10
Justin McDaniel, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
- Brian Ruppert, University of Illinois
  Shōgyō as Scripture in Medieval Japanese Buddhism
- Shenghai Li, Harvard University
  Scripture, Citation, and Expanded Corpus of Sacred Texts
- Charles Hallisey, Harvard University
  Buddaghosa on the Futures of Scriptures
- Jiang Wu, University of Arizona
  Imagining Tripiṭaka: Legends about the Buddhist Canon in Chinese Sources
Responding:
- Luis O. Gomez, El Colegio de Mexico
Business Meeting:
- Christian K. Wedemeyer, University of Chicago, and Lori Meeks, University of Southern California, Presiding

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Theme: Humanity, Inhumanity, and Postcolonialism
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-11B
Bernard Chris Dorsey, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
- Daniel Horan, Boston College
  Planetarity and the “Imago Dei”: Postcolonial Insights for Theological Anthropology
- Joseph Drexler-Dreis, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
  The Christian Understanding of the Relationship between the Human and Jesus Christ in a Context of Coloniality
- Timothy McGee, Southern Methodist University
  Not Searching for What Was Already There, but Making It Happen: Resurrection and the Possibilities of “Human Life” with James Cone and Judith Butler
- Jessica Wong, Duke University
  Iconic Humanity, Anti-Iconic Inhumanity: Understanding the Racial Optic through Byzantine Theology
Responding:
- Luis O. Gomez, El Colegio de Mexico
Business Meeting:
- Christian K. Wedemeyer, University of Chicago, and Lori Meeks, University of Southern California, Presiding

Ethics Section
Theme: Seeking Human Flourishing in Community vs. Waging a War on Poverty: The Impact of Religious Discourse
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-5A
Ramon Luzarraga, Benedictine University, Mesa, Presiding
- Aline Kalbian, Florida State University
  “The Outskirts of Hope”: Rhetoric, Poverty, and the Poor
- Darlene Fozard Weaver, Duquesne University
  Charity vs. Justice and Solidarity: Reexamining Religious Discourse about Serving the Poor in Light of Community Dynamics
- Kendra G. Hotz, Rhodes College
  “I Don’t Claim That”: Poverty, Race, Medical Fatalism, and the Language of Faith
  What Do We Owe One Another? Challenges, Opportunities and a Theory of Change in Reweaving a New Social Covenant
Responding:
Business Meeting:
- Christian K. Wedemeyer, University of Chicago, and Lori Meeks, University of Southern California, Presiding
A22-111


Theme: Keywords: Religion and... the Limits of Normativity

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-22

Ann Braude, Harvard University, Presiding

Adapting the keywords framework developed by Raymond Williams in which he identified central ideas and categories (“keywords”) from the dominant culture and went about deconstructing and reconstructing normative uses, misconceptions, ideological formations and manipulations, and possible ways that these keywords might be clarified and opened up to emancipatory possibilities, the panel explores how “religion” is deployed as a keyword from Asian American studies, African American studies, Latina/o studies, and Native American studies. Scholars from each of these disciplines will begin the dialogue with a presentation of “religion” as a keyword from their respective fields, as well as discuss how religion as a keyword figures in each of these racial and ethnic traditions and communities.

Panelists:
- David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College
- Daisy L. Machado, Union Theological Seminary
- John L. Jackson, University of Pennsylvania
- Michael McNally, Carleton College

A22-113

Religion in South Asia Section and Sikh Studies Group

Theme: Roundtable on Teaching Sikhism

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Aqua E

Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Pashaura Singh, University of California, Riverside
- Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University
- Nikky Singh, Colby College
- Richard H. Davis, Bard College
- Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan

A22-114

Study of Islam Section, Women and Religion Section, Anthropology of Religion Group, Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group, Queer Studies in Religion Group, and Religion and Sexuality Group

Theme: Researching Sexuality and Religion: Cultivating Self-Reflexive Practices and Ethical Relationalities

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-28A

Katherine Ewing, Columbia University, Presiding

To date there appear to be few empirically grounded studies on the intimate topic of religion and sexuality that render transparent the self-reflexive practices of the researcher and the intricate relationship that evolves between the researcher and the researched. Although the importance of self-reflexivity and the development of ethically sound research relationships are stressed by numerous scholars in religious studies, few in fact “showcase” these critical processes in their writing. Hence, what does a commitment to self-reflexivity actually mean; and how do we do it?
This roundtable seeks to address these important questions by highlighting some of our own experiences of doing empirical research, our ethical quandaries “pre-field”, “in the field”, and “post-field”, and whether research on the intimate topic of religion and sexuality requires new and innovative methodological approaches that are increasingly responsive to our research focus.

Panelists:
- Nina Birgitte Hoel, Centre for Church Research, Norway
- Farah Zeb, University of Exeter
- Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College
- Susannah Cornwall, University of Exeter
- Dawn Llewellyn, University of Chester

A22-115

Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

Theme: Theopolitics of Life and Death: Thinking with Derrida and Foucault

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-29C

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Craig Hovey, Ashland University
- The Moral Aesthetics of Compulsory Ultrasound Viewing and the Theological Future of Abortion

David Kline, Rice University
- Sovereignty, State Racism, and Contemporary White Supremacy: Reflections on J. Kameron Carter’s Political Theology

Andrew Krinks, Vanderbilt University
- The Color of Transcendence: Whiteness, Sovereignty, and the Theologico-Political

Responding:
- Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

A22-116

Augustine and Augustinianisms Group

Theme: Augustine on the Emotions

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-23A

Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University, Presiding

Sarah Stewart-Kroeker, Princeton Theological Seminary
- World-weariness and the Ordering of the Emotions

Melanie Webb, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Tamen Pudrem Incutit: Rape and the Dynamics of Shame in Augustine’s City of God

Jonathan Teubner, University of Cambridge
- The School of Hope: Patience and the Social Practices of Prayer in Augustine’s ep. 130

Matthew Jantzen, Duke University
- More Than a Feeling: Augustine on the Relationship between the Emotions and Desire

Business Meeting:
- Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa, Presiding

A22-117

Cognitive Science of Religion Group

Theme: Religion in the Brain? The Application of Neurocognitive and Other Laboratory-based Methodologies to the Study of Religion

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-30A

Claire White, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Jonathan Morgan, Boston University, and Raymon Durso, Boston University Medical Center
- Religion and Delay of Gratification: Neurocognitive Factors of Religious Cognition and Self-control

Christopher Halloran, Boston University, April Minsky, VA Boston Healthcare Systems, and Patrick McNamara, Boston University
- Decreased Religiosity and Activation of Religious Semantic Networks and Increased Error Rates in the Identification of Religious Phrases among Subjects with Left-Onset Parkinson’s Disease

Colleen Shantz, University of St. Michael’s College, and Andrea Hollingsworth, Boston University
- Neurocognitive Analysis of Pre-modern Religious Texts: Ideation, Affect, and Insight

Christopher Kavanagh, University of Oxford
- Laboratory Horrors: Methodological Constraints in Manipulating Arousal in Artificial Ritual Experiments

Business Meeting:
- Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University, and Claire White, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

A22-118

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group

Theme: Religions and the Cultural Regulation of Violence: A Comparative Dialogue

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-24A

John Kelsay, Florida State University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Reuven Firestone, Hebrew Union College
- Nahed Zehr, Western Kentucky University
- Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University
- Torkel Brekke, University of Oslo

Responding:
- G. Scott Davis, University of Richmond
- Rosemary Blackburn-Smith Kellison, University of West Georgia

Business Meeting:
- Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University, and Margo Kitts, Hawaii Pacific University, Presiding
A22-119

Comparative Theology Group
Theme: Comparative Theologians as Anthropological Guides: A Roundtable Discussion of a Theologically Informed Theoretical Framework for Anthropological Research
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-29A
Nanette Spina, University of Georgia, Presiding
Panelists:
- Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia
- Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
- Robert C. Neville, Boston University
- Ulrich Winkler, University of Salzburg
Responding:
- Joel Robbins, University of Cambridge
Business Meeting:
- Hugh Nicholson, Loyola University, Chicago, and Kristin Johnston Largen, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Presiding

A22-120

Contemplative Studies Group
Theme: Maps of Transformation: Ox Herding, Horse Taming, and Stages on the Contemplative Path
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-28C
Emilee Dawn Whitehurst, Rothko Chapel, Presiding
- Steven Heine, Florida International University
  The Staying Power of the Zen Buddhist Oxherding Pictures
- Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego
  Taming the Wild Horse: Late Medieval Daoist Perspectives on Contemplative Practice and Experience
- Benjamin Bogin, Georgetown University
  Taming the Elephant of the Mind in Tibet
- William Meninger, St. Benedict Monastery, Snowmass, CO
  A Catholic Contemplative Perspective on the Oxherding Pictures
- Marwood Larson-Harris, Roanoke College
  Modern Adaptations of the Oxherding Pictures
Responding:
- Jorge Ferrer, California Institute of Integral Studies

A22-121

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group
Theme: Local Accents: The Study of Religion in Distinctive Institutional Settings
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-410A
Diane Segroves, Ball State University, Presiding
- Caleb McCarthy, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Rethinking the Teaching of Religion at the American University of Beirut, 1900–1930
- Leslie Ribovich, Princeton University
  A Woman’s Religious Work, Protestant Privilege, and Interfaith Ideals: The Story of Ursula Niebuhr and the Barnard and Columbia Religion Departments
- Lucia Hulsether, Harvard University
Responding:
- Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College
Business Meeting:
- Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, and Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, Presiding

A22-122

Daoist Studies Group
Theme: Daoist Women Crafting Alternative Spaces and Practices, from Tang to Contemporary Times
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-411A
XiaoFei Kang, George Washington University, Presiding
- Jinhua Jia, University of Macau
  Comparative Study on Daoist Women’s Religious Practices and the Daoist Master Du Guangting’s Expectations of Them in Tang China (618–907)
- Hsiao-wen Cheng, Harvard University
  A Room of One’s Own: Daoism and the Resourceful Women in China, Tenth–Fourteenth Centuries
- Elena Valussi, Loyola University, Chicago
  Prescriptive Texts versus Actual Practice for Daoist Women in the Late Qing and Republican Periods
- Wai Ching Angela Wong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
  Beyond the Boundary of Home: Religion, Space and Daoist Women in Hong Kong
Responding:
- Jessey J. C. Choo, Rutgers University

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Death, Dying, and Beyond Group
Theme: Rethinking Liminal Spaces of Death and Post-Death
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-310A
Diana Walsh-Pasulka, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding
Mohamed S. Hassan, Temple University
  *The Living Dead: Barzakh and Life in the Grave*
Lacy Crocker, Baylor University
  *The Exile of the Dead from Parish Life to the Afterlife in Sixteenth Century England*
Joel Thiessen, Ambrose University College
  *The Afterlife that Few Desire*
Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University
  *Death Doulas in the Hospital*

Business Meeting:
Diana Walsh-Pasulka, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

A22-125

Jain Studies Group
Theme: Modes and Meanings of Temple Patronage in Jain Traditions
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-500
Lisa Owen, University of North Texas, Presiding
Leslie C. Orr, Concordia University, Montreal
  *Making Space for Jain Worship and Rethinking Hindu Temples in Medieval Tamilnadu*
Steven Vose, Florida International University
  *To Build a Temple: Caste Affiliation with Jain Mendicant Orders in Medieval Western India*
Audrey Truschke, Stanford University
  *Serving the Faithful: Building Hindu and Jain Temples under Mughal Patronage*
M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University
  *Making Magnificence out of Nothing: Building a Jain Maharashtra*

Business Meeting:
John E. Cort, Denison University, Presiding

A22-126

Korean Religions Group and Space, Place, and Religion Group
Theme: The Contested Pluralism of Religious Spaces in Korea
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-501B
Jin Y. Park, American University, Presiding
Maya Stiller, University of Kansas
  *Kūmgangsan: A Versatile Pilgrimage Site in Pre-Modern Korea*
Seong-Uk Kim, Olivette, MO
  *From Center to Circumference: The Intersection between Zen and Folk Religions in Late Choson Korea*
Sung-Deuk Oak, University of California, Los Angeles
  *Making Sŏnch'ŏn a "Zion of the East" in Northern Korea: From a Small Unwalled Town to a Jerusalem of Korean Protestantism, 1896–1915*
William Silcott, Wichita State University
  *The Religious Cityscape: Landscape Theories and Religious Sites in Seoul, South Korea*

Responding:
John I. Goulde, Sweet Briar College

A22-127

Liberal Theologies Group, Open and Relational Theologies Group, Religion and Ecology Group, and Wesleyan Studies Group
Theme: John B. Cobb, Jr.: Work and Legacy
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Marriott Marquis-Marina E
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding
John B. Cobb, Jr., has exerted extraordinary influence on how scholars think about a wide range of topics. In addition to being a foremost spokesman for process theology, Cobb’s work on economics, liberal theology, postmodernism, ecology, Wesleyan theology, politics, metaphysics, feminism, religious pluralism, science and religion, and more is remarkable. Cobb has authored more than 50 books, co-established a major theological center for research, and is recognized around the world as an extraordinary scholar of transdisciplinary studies. His stamp on theology — especially in America and China — is indelible. As Cobb nears his 90th birthday (Feb. 2015), this quadruple session honors his intellectual legacy. Panelists explore Cobb’s contributions to many subjects, and Cobb will be present in the session to respond.

Panelists:
Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Gary J. Dorrien, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary
Michael Lodahl, Point Loma Nazarene University
Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University
Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College

Responding:
John B. Cobb, Center for Process Studies

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Middle Eastern Christianity Group
Theme: Contemporary Middle Eastern Christian Trends: Migration, Media, Mobilization
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-32A
Aaron Sokoll, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Stanley John, Asbury Theological Seminary
Monks, Missionaries, and Migrants: Tracing the Sustained Presence of Christianity in Kuwait from the Early Church to Contemporary Economic Migrants
Febe Armanios, Middlebury College
METV: The Roots of Christian Teleevangelism in the Middle East
Donald Westbrook, Claremont Graduate University, and Saad Michael Saad, Claremont Graduate University
Coptic Religious Identity and Borderless Territoriality in the Electronic Diaspora
Candace Lukasik, University of California, Berkeley
Rethinking the “Coptic Cause”: Coptic Political Mobilization, Rights and Citizenship in Post-June 25th /Post-June 30th Egypt
Séverine Gabry-Thienpont, Centre de Recherche en Ethnomusicologie
Allah Yebhoni (God Loves Me): Music and Charisms among the Copts of Egypt
Responding:
Hany Takla, St. Shenouda Center for Coptic Studies
Business Meeting:
Michael Altman, University of Alabama, and Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

A22-129

North American Hinduism Group
Theme: Visual, Digital, and Material Representations of Hindu Traditions in North America
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-15B
Michael Altman, University of Alabama, Presiding
Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College
Bookstore Hinduism and the Various Versions of the Kama Sutra in American Markets
Alexandra Kaloyanides, Yale University
Violent Hindus and Arrogant Buddhists: Contrasting Images of Asian Religiosity in Nineteenth-Century Christian Print Culture
Nicole Karapanagiotis, Indiana University
A (Web-Cam) Darśan and a Darian of a Darian: Conceptions of Digital Deity and Perceptions of Presence in ISKCON of New Jersey’s Live Web-Cam Darśan
Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University
Material Hinduism, Material Racism: The Racialization of Hindus in North America
Responding:
Sally M. Promey, Yale University
Business Meeting:
Michael Altman, University of Alabama, and Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

A22-130

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
Theme: Works in Progress and Business Meeting
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-28D
Hetty Zock, University of Groningen, Presiding
Discussion of current research interests and projects, followed by the business meeting.
Business Meeting:
Kirk A. Bingaman, Fordham University, and Hetty Zock, University of Groningen, Presiding

A22-131

Qur’an Group
Theme: Qur’an and Tafsir
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-31C
Andrew Rippin, University of Victoria, Presiding
Sayeh Meisami, University of Toronto
Shi’i Esoteric Hermeneutics (Tafsīr) Divided between Neoplatonic Rationalism and Radical Symbolism: A Comparative Analysis of Isma‘īli and Ḥurūfī Hermeneutic Methodologies
Oludamini Ogunnaike, Harvard University
In the Gardens with Ibrahim: An Introduction to and Evaluation of Shaykh Ibrāhīm Nīṣās’s Fi Rīyāḍ al-Tafsīr
Khaleel Mohammed, San Diego State University
Revisiting the Qur’anic Verses Used for Same-Sex Proscription
Bilal Ibrahim, University of California, Berkeley
Wedding the Rational (‘Aql) with the Transmitted (Naql) in Post-Classical Quranic Commentaries: al-Rāzī’s Great Commentary and Its Reception in “Madrasa-Style” Commentaries

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Hamilton Cook, Emory University  
*Historiography and Qur’anic Exegesis: The Ottoman Empire as the New Rome in Ismā'īl Haqqī al-Būrūsawī’s Rūḥ al-Bayān ft Tafsīr al-Qur’ān*

Yasir Kazi, Rhodes College  
*Ibn Taymiyya as a Rationalist: A Mu’tazilite Interpretation of the "Verse of the Covenant" (Q. 7:172)*

**Business Meeting:**  
Walid Saleh, University of Toronto, and Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

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**A22-132**  
**Religion and Food Group**  
**Theme:** Watching What We Eat: Taboo and Transgression in Religious Food and Wine Consumption  
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Hilton Bayfront-313

Leah Hochman, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, Presiding  
Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania  
*Drinking to Life and Death: Alcohol Consumption and Ritual in the Whitechapel Club*

André Key, Paine College  
*Kosher Soul: An Analysis of Black Hebrew Foodways*

Robban Toleno, University of British Columbia  
*Skilled Eating: Chinese Buddhist Perspectives on Food and Morality*

Responding:  
Martha Finch, Missouri State University  
**Business Meeting:**  
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding

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**A22-133**  
**Religion and Popular Culture Group, Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group, and Religion, Media, and Culture Group**  
**Theme:** Thinking about Religion, Media, and Culture with Henry Jenkins  
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Convention Center-7B

Diane Winston, University of Southern California, Presiding  
Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University  
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College

Responding:  
Henry Jenkins, University of Southern California

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**A22-134**  
**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group**  
**Theme:** Religious Pluralism, Secularism, and Prosperity: The Contemporary Dynamics of Latin American Religion  
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Hilton Bayfront-311A

Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida, Presiding  
Rebecca Bartel, University of Toronto  
*Faithful Finance: An Exploration into “Credere,” the Relationship between Credit and Belief*

Gabriela Viesca, Regent University  
*Unseemly Traditioning: Exposing Theological Roots of Secularism in Post-Revolutionary Mexico*

Juan Carlos Esparza Ochoa, Pew Research Center  
*Social Hostilities and Religious Diversity in Latin America*

Sonya Maria Johnson, Michigan State University  
*African Meets Indian Now the African is Indian*: Power, Spirit and Habitus in the Red and Black Atlantics

Responding:  
Jessica Delgado, Princeton University  
**Business Meeting:**  
Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami, Presiding

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**A22-135**  
**Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Group**  
**Theme:** Cultivation and Its Consequences  
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Hilton Bayfront-400A

Chakraparthy Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University, Presiding  
Michael Allen, Harvard University  
*When Theory Becomes Practice: Reading as a Method of Cultivation in the Zhuzi yulei and Pañcapādikā-vivaraṇa*

David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota  
*Linji Yixuan and Abhinavagupta on Noncultivation, or “Givenness,” versus Cultivation*

John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University  
*Breathing Buddha Dao: Anāpānasmrti and Spiritual Cultivation in Early Chinese Buddhism*

Responding:  
Alexus McLeod, Colorado State University  
**Business Meeting:**  
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

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A22-136

Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group
Theme: Decolonizing Immersion: Pedagogies for Transformation
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-23C
Johnny B. Hill, Claflin University, Presiding
Melinda McGarrah Sharp, Phillips Theological Seminary
Decolonizing Immersion through Radical Listening: Teaching that Transforms “On All Sides of Harm”
Margi Ault-Duell, BorderLinks
Collective Liberation: The Struggle for Mutual Transformation through Immersion Learning Programs
Jan Holton, Yale University
Crossing Borders of Difference: “Post” Colonial Immersive and Collaborative Learning in Uganda
Melissa Browning, Loyola University, Chicago
Carbon Imperialism: Travel-based Immersion, Environmental Justice, and the Footprint
Katharine Lassiter, College of Mount St. Joseph
Decolonizing Locations of Disability and Theology
Business Meeting:
Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry and Graduate Theological Union, and Darby Ray, Bates College, Presiding

A22-137

Vatican II Studies Group
Theme: The Church and the Churches: The Legacy of Lumen Gentium
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-25C
Massimo Faggioli, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, Presiding
Aurica Nutt, University of Cologne
The “Body of Christ”: Rise and Fall of an Ecclesiological Concept and Its Context in Lumen Gentium
Brian Flanagan, Marymount University
Communion: The Central Idea of the Council’s Documents?
Angela Senander, University of St. Thomas
Faith, Politics, and Episcopal Conferences: Interpreting Lumen Gentium in Light of Gaudium et Spes
Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University
A Circle that Still Cannot be Squared: Lumen Gentium’s Mixed Messages on Magisterium and a Lesson for Pope Francis’ Pontificate
Business Meeting:
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

A22-138

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
Theme: Third Wave Womanism: Mapping the New Terrain of Identity through Discourse
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-26
Pamela Lightsey, Boston University, Presiding
Panelists:
Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Sharon D. Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School
Ronald Neal, Wake Forest University
Responding:
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
Business Meeting:
Tracey Hucks, Haverford College, Presiding

A22-146

Reformed Theology and History Group
Theme: Lament in the Reformed Tradition
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-30B
John L. Thompson, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding
T. J. Dumansky, Yale University
The Signature of the Divine: Finitude and Lament in David Kelsey and Marilynne Robinson
Ekaterina Lomperis, University of Chicago
Why Lament the Blessing of Pain? Calvin and Aquinas in Dialogue
David Gambrell, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Louisville, KY
Good Friday: A Liturgical Theology of Lament
Rebekah Eklund, Loyola University, Maryland
Calvin, Lament, and the Faithfulness of Christ
Business Meeting:
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, and Martha L. Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

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A22-145

Plenary Panel
Theme: Release of PRRI/AAR National Survey on Religion, Values, and Climate Change
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center–20D
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C., Presiding

What do Americans think about climate change, and how do religious and moral beliefs impact their opinions about science, human responsibility, and environmental policies? This panel will feature the release of a new national public opinion survey, conducted by Public Religion Research Institute (PRRI) in collaboration with the AAR. The survey of 3,000 Americans is one of the largest surveys on religion and climate change ever conducted.

The survey explores a range of topics, including Americans’ belief or skepticism about the reality of climate change; the roles that partisanship, religion, and media consumption play in the development of those views; whether Americans see climate change as a manageable problem or an imminent crisis; how committed Millennials are to the issue of climate change; and how important policies that address climate change are to different religious groups.

Panelists:
- Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University
- Willis Jenkins, University of Virginia
- David P. Gushee, Mercer University
- Laurel Kearns, Drew University

P22–106

Karl Barth Society of North America and Eberhard Jüngel Colloquium
Theme: Eberhard Jüngel at 80
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center–29D
R. David Nelson, Grand Rapids, MI, Presiding

9:00 Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions
11:00 Panel Discussion
11:20 Business Session

Ingolf Dalferth, University of Zürich and Claremont Graduate University
Eberhard Jüngel – A Laudatio
John B. Webster, University of St. Andrews
Jüngel: Debts and Questions
George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary
A Reformed Theology of Justification
Paul Hinlicky, Roanoke College
Metaphorical Truth and the Language of Christian Theology

P22–107

North American Paul Tillich Society
Theme: The Philosophical Roots of Tillich’s Thought
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire H

This session explores the impact on Tillich of both the German Classical philosophical tradition in the early nineteenth century, and the work of Heidegger down to 1930.

P22–108

African Association for the Study of Religions
Theme: The State of African Theology Today: A Roundtable Discussion
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire M

S. Kip Eholia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Presiding

The roundtable discussion offers a profile of African Theology from its inception and break from the mission Churches in the 1950s. Before then, there was no conscious engagement between Western mission theology and African culture. African theology was therefore an attempt to bring about such a dialogue. Over the years, other variations of African theology emerged out of particular contexts. Black African theology arose out of the racist context of South Africa. Another significant approach was developed by the Circle of concerned African women that challenged the prevalence of patriarchy in the culture and the Church. We shall consider the methodology and general contributions of professional theologians as well as the stories of the poor in communities where faith is lived concretely, after all it is the poor people that give form and texture to African theology. Indeed it is in their context that African theology is given birth.

Panelists:
- Gwinyai Muzorewa, Lincoln University
- Emmanuel Larrey, Emory University
- Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
- Edward Phillip Antonio, Iliff School of Theology

Responding:
- Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University
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P22-109

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality
Theme: Presidential Address and Annual Meeting
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-33A
9:00 AM – The Future of Past Spiritual Traditions, 2014 Presidential Address
10:30 AM – Business Meeting
Lisa E. Dahill, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Presiding
All are welcome. For more information, please visit the SSCS website, http://sscs.press.jhu.edu/. If you have questions, please contact Anita Houck, Secretary, at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.

P22-111

Polanyi Society
Theme: Tacit Knowing and Social Theory
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Grand Hyatt-Coronado DE
Phil Mullins, Missouri Western State University, Presiding
Charles Taylor, McGill University
Tacit Knowing and Social Theory
Responding:
Phil Mullins, Missouri Western State University
David Rutledge, Furman University
Andrew Grosso, Nashotah House Theological Seminary
The business meeting will follow at 11:15 AM.

A22-100

Ritual Studies Workshop
Theme: Possession, Exorcism, and Psychiatry on Film
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding
The main questions addressed in this film screening are:
• What is the relationship between ethnographic film, ritual healing, and religious experience?
• What possibilities can the medium of film offer for studying ritual healing and religious experience?
• Which aspects of ritual and religion can we express and communicate through film?
• How has ethnographic film influenced our understanding of ritual and religious experience?

This film screening will address these issues based on two recent ethnographic films, namely Vertigo, Vodoun, Verite (Sasha Rubel, 25 min, 2011) and Descending with Angels (Christian Suhr, 75. min, 2013). These films experiment with the use of film as a means for exploring possession ritual in two distinct ways.

Sasha Rubel’s Vertigo, Vodoun, Verite includes footage of possession dances in France and Benin. Rubel uses montage as a cinematographic technique to translate trance-inducing rhythms into a filmic form, incorporating the bodies of viewers directly in the ritual action. The montage is a technique for providing resonance and syncopation between synchronizing sounds and images, humans and spirits, and film subjects and viewers.

Christian Suhr’s film Descending with Angels documents Muslim psychiatric patients in Denmark. These patients find themselves torn between psychiatrists prescribing psychotropic medications and Muslim healers prescribing prayers and exorcism. Here, a montage of footage is used as a method of comparison and critique. By juxtaposing Islamic exorcism and Danish psychiatry, views of the human psyche, science, and religion are turned upside down.

Both films will be shown along with critical presentations by each of the two directors. One respondent, Rane Willerslev, will further elaborate on the possibilities and limitations in applying film to the study of ritual and religious experience.

Panelists:
Sasha Rubel, Independent Scholar and Filmmaker
Christian Suhr, Aarhus University
Responding:
Raine Willerslev, University of Aarhus

P22-102

Søren Kierkegaard Society
Theme: Kierkegaardian Perspectives on Passion, Faith, and Love
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Torre Pines 1
Eleanor Helms, California Polytechnic State University, Presiding
Sharon Krishek, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
The Value of Preferential Love
Micahel Strawser, University of Central Florida
Kierkegaard’s Phenomenology of Love
Mark Tietjen, University of West Georgia
Love’s Faith in Kierkegaard and Weil
Edward F. Mooney, Syracuse University
Faith, Passion, and Undeceived Living

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Adventist Society for Religious Studies
Theme: Ecclesiology in Doctrine and Practice
Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:30 PM
Grand Hyatt–Coronado B
Zane Yi, Loma Linda University, Chris Oberg, La Sierra University, and Maury Jackson, La Sierra University, Presiding
9:00 - Devotional
9:15 - Paper Session #5
11:00 - Worship Sermon
  John Brunt, Azure Hills SDA Church
  Biblical and Contemporary Metaphors for Church
  Ross Winkle, Pacific Union College
  The "Sanctuary Doctrine" and the Hydrological Ecclesiology of the Temple
  Reinder Bruinsma, Almere, Netherlands
  Big Brother Theology
  Rahel Schafer, Andrews University
  Should We Bring Our Dogs to Church? Non-Human Animals and Ecclesiology

A22-139

San Diego Harbor Cruise
Saturday, 9:15 AM–12:30 PM
Meet at Convention Center–Hall A Foyer
Aaron Gross, University of San Diego, Presiding
Join your colleagues and friends on a two hour cruise of the San Diego Bay. First you will travel to the North Bay where a colony of sea lions live on the bait barges near Point Loma, then you’ll venture to the South Bay by Coronado and view the San Diego Skyline. Over 50 landmarks, historic sites and environmental interest points will be seen as you travel over 13 miles. Accompanying us on the cruise will be Michel Boudrias, the chair of the Marine Science and Environmental Studies Department at University of San Diego, who will deliver a presentation on climate change specifically geared to scholars working in the humanities. The presentation will take advantage of the scenic views from the boat to illustrate the impending and already visible effects of climate change in the region. Annual Meetings participants will have a private area to hear Dr. Boudrias talk, or you may venture outside to hear the Captain discuss local landmarks as you pass them. Participants will meet at the Convention Center and walk a mile to the boat dock for the 2 hour cruise. The cost of the tour is $45.
Panelist:
  Michael Boudrias, University of San Diego

P22-103

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Strategies of Mythmaking at Christian Tourist Attractions
Saturday, 9:30 AM–11:50 AM
Hilton Bayfront-202B
This panel theorizes four present-day Christian tourist attractions as sites of ongoing social and mythic formation: The Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY, the Ark Encounter in Williamstown, KY, Bible Walk in Mansfield, OH, and the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, FL. Working from Bruce Lincoln’s observation that “myth is ideology in narrative form,” the papers examine various strategies by which Christian tourist attractions enable visitors to interact directly within mythic configurations. This direct interaction functions as a type of pilgrimage, whereby visitors locate themselves within a mythic trajectory that begins with the creation of the world and points toward an eternity with (or, perhaps, without) Christ.
  Erin Roberts, University of South Carolina
  Mythic Formation at the Holy Land Experience
  Jennifer Eyl, Tufts University
  Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego…and Jesus?: Anachronism as a Constituent Feature of Mythmaking
  Steven Watkins, Northern Kentucky University
  Myth, Anachronism, and Fiction: The Creation Museum’s Production of Scientific and Biblical Misplacements
  James Bielo, Miami University
  How to Build an Ark: Intertextuality and Authority Among Creationist Artists
  Sean Durbin, Macquarie University
  "It is what it is": Rhetoric of Legitimation and Authentic Identity Construction on a Christian Zionist Tour of Israel

A22-140

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Networking for Non-Academic or Alternative-Academic Employment
Saturday, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
Convention Center–14B
Through my work as an intern with my university’s graduate career advising office, I have participated in planning and leading workshops on networking for graduate students. This presentation uses slides to convey information to students about the practice and etiquette of networking, both in person and online, including how to follow up on contacts made via networking. The workshop will include interactive questions and discussion as well as several chances for students to practice the skills we discuss by talking with each other. The final twenty minutes of the workshop will serve as a time for students’ questions and group discussion about students’ interests and concerns regarding jobs outside the professoriate.
Panelists:
  Laura Alexander, University of Virginia
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

P22-110

Society of Christian Philosophers

Theme: Hope, Eschatology, and the Philosophy of History
Saturday, 10:00 AM–12:30 PM
Convention Center-28B
Samuel Newlands, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Michael Lamb, Oxford University
Augustine and the Virtue of Hope
Nancy Bedford, Garrett–Evangelical Theological Seminary
With Love, Hope is Reborn – with Hope, Love is Reborn
Andrew Chignell, Cornell University
Kantian Hope, Immortality, and the Philosophy of History
Stephen T. Davis, Claremont McKenna College
Hope and the Existence of God

A22-142

Plenary Address

Theme: Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Convention Center-20D
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding
The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established by the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1988 to assess the scientific, technical and socio-economic information relevant for the understanding of human induced climate change, its potential impacts and options for mitigation and adaptation. The IPCC has completed four full assessment reports, guidelines and methodologies, special reports and technical papers.

The IPCC has three working groups:
Working Group I: The Science of Climate Change
Working Group II: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability
Working Group III: Mitigation of Climate Change
Rajendra K. Pachauri, chairman of the IPCC, will address the scientific, technical, environmental, economic and social aspects of the vulnerability (sensitivity and adaptability) to climate change of, and the negative and positive consequences for, ecological systems, socio-economic sectors and human health.

A22-141

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Sharing Your PhD: Using the “Religion in North Carolina Digital Collection” to Explore Creative Approaches to Doctoral Formation
Saturday, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
Convention Center-14B
Pauline Kneale and others have highlighted the need for graduate training that both fosters self-awareness of one’s formation and relates to “employability.” The academic job market increasingly requires candidates to demonstrate skills in non-traditional areas such as personal effectiveness, decision-making, and awareness of institutional dynamics. The federally funded Religion in North Carolina Digital Collection demonstrates a new model for training scholars of religion. Data indicates that this project has produced desirable outcomes. These include the acquisition of skills in networking, program development and management, digital humanities, and marketing projects to audiences within and outside the university. This creative partnership between the library and academic departments is a model for producing better prepared and more versatile scholars, with skills important to succeeding in both academic positions and careers outside traditional academia. The presenter will be able to discuss his experience as a participant in this grant funded project.

Panelist:
Kenneth Woo, Duke University

A22-143

Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee Roundtable Lunch

Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Marriott Marquis–Marina D
Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School, 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, although an optional preregistration link is available on the LGBTIQ Committee’s page on the AAR website. Please bring your own lunch; a cash-and-carry station will be available near the room for those wishing to buy their lunches onsite. The roundtable leaders listed were confirmed attendees as of April; other senior scholars in the field may be joining us as well.

Table Leaders:
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Horace Griffin, Pacific School of Religion
W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary

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Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Silver Spring, MD
Mark Jordan, Harvard University
Pamela Lightsey, Boston University
Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University
Randall Miller, Pacific School of Religion
Cameron Partridge, Harvard University
Kathleen T. Talvacchia, New York University
Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

Jennifer McWeeny, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Presiding
Ashby Butnor, Metropolitan State University of Denver
Saba Fatima, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Chela Sandoval, University of California, Sant Barbara
Ruth L. Smith, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Robin Wang, Loyola Marymount University
Sandra A. Wawrytko, San Diego, CA

Jennifer Harvey, Open University
Indigenous Cultural Events, Sovereignty, and Inter-species Relations
Donna L. Seamone, Acadia University
“The Path has a Mind of its Own”: Eco-Agrï-Pilgrimage to the Corn Maze Performance — an Exercise of Cross-Species Sociality
A22-202
Graduate Student Committee
Theme: Graduate Training and Scholarly Formation
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center–23A
Adam D. J. Brett, Syracuse University, Presiding
Graduate training is one of the foundations of our academy. It shapes individual scholars, academic structures and expectations, and conceptual categories and methods within scholarship. This panel considers the following: Are scholars in the academic study of religion "well trained"? For what are students being trained? Through which avenues does scholarly formation take place?
How does graduate training shape scholarly identity and career options? How do mentoring relationships factor into graduate training? What innovative methods and "best practices" have been developed by those doing the training and those experiencing the training? To what extent does this training take into account the conditions of graduate life?
These concerns relate to the larger task of how we might re-envision the relationship of graduate training to the rest of the academy and how a critical re-evaluation of our current practices of scholarly formation could be used shape the future of our discipline.
Panelists:
Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame
David Harrington Watt, Temple University
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA
Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo

A22-204
Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Theme: Work/Life Balance? Relationships and Academic Life
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center–28D
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College, Presiding
As part of the Status of Women in the Profession's multi-year project on work/life balance, this panel will discuss the possibilities and challenges of navigating "relationships" in academic life. The main foci of this discussion will include: academic careers when both spouses/partners are academics; academic and institutional cultures of heteronormativity; career decisions while also taking care of one's elderly parents; and being single amidst academic and institutional cultures of "couple normativity." For more information on the project, go to: https://www.aarweb.org/worklife-balance-project.
Panelists:
Anne Job, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Susan Abraham, Loyola Marymount University
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University
Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University

A22-205
Buddhism Section, Tantric Studies Group, Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group, and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center–30A
John Nemec, University of Virginia, Presiding
Christian K. Wedemeyer's Making Sense of Tantric Buddhism: History, Semiology, and Transgression in the Indian Traditions, published in 2013 and awarded the AAR's prize for Excellence in the Study of Religion (Historical Studies) the same year, offers a renewed estimation of the place of tantric ideas and practices in the history of Buddhism—and Hinduism—by challenging preconceived notions regarding the very dominant practices that have served to marginalize Tantra.
Panelists:
Frank Burch Brown, Graduate Theological Union
Lindsey Jones, Ohio State University, Columbia
Julia Kostova, Oxford University Press
Robert A. Segal, University of Aberdeen
Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College
Applying the ideas of Roland Barthes, Wedemeyer develops a constructive analysis of the many texts that describe tantric transgressive practices and argues, firstly, that they were rarely practiced and, secondly and counter-intuitively, that they served to reinforce normative practices in Buddhism. This panel will explore the implications of this book for our understanding of Buddhist and Hindu tantra, Buddhism in India and Tibet, yogic practice, and, ultimately, Buddhist thought and practice tout court.

Panelists:
- Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin
- David G. White, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University
- David DiValerio, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Responding:
- Christian K. Wedemeyer, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:
- Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado, and John Nemec, University of Virginia, Presiding

A 22-206

Christian Systematic Theology Section and Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Ecclesiological Investigations Group and Roman Catholic Studies Group

Theme: A New Theology of Hope? An Ecumenical Reception of John Thiel’s Icons of Hope (University of Notre Dame Press, 2013)

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-29C

Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

John Thiel’s Icons of Hope: The Last Things in Catholic Imagination (2013) reimagines Roman Catholic eschatology in response to its eclipse in post-conciliar theology and piety. Eschewing a dogmatic restoration of traditional teachings, Thiel instead puts these teachings on a new footing. He anchors them in a Catholic “non-competitive spirituality,” in which the moral value of works does not compete with God’s perfectly gracious gift of salvation, and in which persons of faith do not compete in a “hierarchy of discipleship” that has ascetical values as its ideal. Here heaven offers an unbounded time to consummate the unfinished earthly work of human reconciliation and forgiveness. Finally, Thiel imagines the Last Judgment as a collective event in which individuals confront the wounds inflicted by their broken promises and their corporate entanglement in social sin.

Icons of Hope presents a provocative new “Theology of Hope” in its speculative agenda and ecumenical impulses. In this spirit, this session engages in a constructive ecumenical conversation with Thiel’s project with the aim of promoting a wider debate in Christian eschatology today.

Karen Kilby, University of Durham
- John Thiel’s Icons of Hope: Ressourcement and Aggiornamento
- Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami
- The Dead, the Spirit, and Saints: Latina Eschatology Grounded in Everyday Religion
- Kathryn Tanner, Yale University
- Kant and the Moral Significance of Eschatology
- Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary
- Reclaiming the “Body,” in “Bodily Resurrection”: Thiel’s Provocation of a Re-Imagined Reformed Eschatology

Responding:
- John E. Thiel, Fairfield University

A 22-207

History of Christianity Section

Theme: Bodies, Virtues and the Cultivation of Communities

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-2

Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College, Presiding

Klaus Yoder, Harvard University
- Adiaphorism as Plague: The Early Modern Rhetoric of Ritualized Bodies and its Implications for the Concept of Ritual
- Meredith Minister, Kentucky Wesleyan College
- Bodily Chaos In Ecclesial Order: Mechthild’s Mysticism and Beguine Activism
- Jennifer Jamer, Fordham University
- Embodied Mysticism, Metaphysical Virtue: An Analysis of Palamas’ Spiritual and Ethical Program

A 22-208

Philosophy of Religion Section

Theme: Divine Hiddenness

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-25C

Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz, Presiding

Helen De Cruz, University of Oxford
- Divine Hiddenness and the Cognitive Science of Religion
- Daniel Howard-Snyder, Western Washington University
- Participating in a Meaningful Conscious Relationship with God by Nondoxastic Faith
- Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN
- Discerning God’s Mysterious Presence: Toward a Retrieval of the Spiritual Senses Tradition
- Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame
- Hiddenness and Transcendence
Religion and the Social Sciences Section

A 22-209

Theme: Shifting Representations of Integration: Islam(s) and the Canadian Secular State
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-28A

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University, Presiding
Abdie Kazemipur, University of Lethbridge
On the Integration of Canadian Muslims: Bringing the Social Back in
Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Constructing the Mainstream: Debates in a Theologically Diverse
One-Mosque Canadian City and in Canadian Public Policy on Islam
Melanie Adrian, Carleton University
Faith in the Courthouse: Comparing Canadian and European
Approaches to Islam and Integration
Amelie Barras, University of Montreal
Religious Governance and the Daily Negotiation of Piety: The Case
Study of Practicing Muslims in Montreal

Responding:
Björn Kromdorfer, Northern Arizona University

Business Meeting:
Ann B. McClenahan, Boston Theological Institute, and Gerardo
Martí, Davidson College, Presiding

A 22-210

Religion in South Asia Section

Theme: Classical Women in the Modern World
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-25A

Brian A. Hatcher, Tufts University, Presiding
Nancy M. Martin, Chapman University
Co-creating the Voice of a Saint: Becoming Mirabai/Mirabai
Becoming
Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University
Gendering Emotion in an Evocative Theology: Anjali, Her Body and
Her God
Karen Pechils, Drew University
The Poet Kāraikkāl Ammaiyār, Her Biographer, and a Genealogy of
Feminism
Emilia Bachrach, University of Texas
Reading Family, Gender, and Devotion in Seventeenth Century
Hagiography

Responding:
Perundevi Srinivasan, Siena College

A 22-211

Study of Islam Section

Theme: Islam and the Anthropocene: Biosphere and Climate
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo C

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding
Anand Taneja, Vanderbilt University
Of Birds, Stones and Other Muslim Saints: The Shifting Moral, and
Ecological Landscapes of Delhi
Sufia Uddin, Connecticut College
“The Lady of the Forest” and Ecological Balance in the Sundarban
Amanda Baugh, California State University, Northridge
Community Motivations to Environmental Activism: A Case from
Muslim Chicago
Eleanor Finnegan, University of Alabama
Internet and Intentional Communities: Muslims’ Online and Farm-
based Environmental Activism
Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University
“I Am Setting on Earth a Khalifa:” Questioning Human Beings’
Environmental Authority
Alan Godlas, University of Georgia
Ecological Theory and Resources in Qur’an and Qur’anic Commentary
for Facing Climate Change

Responding:
Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin

A 22-212

Teaching Religion Section

Theme: Linking the Academy to Other Audiences through
Teaching and Learning
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-26

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding
Vincent Biondo, Fresno State
Bridging Cultures through Religious Studies Education Using the
AAR Guidelines
Karen Derris, University of Redlands
More Than Global Citizenship: How Religious Studies Expands
Participation in Global Communities

Responding:
Neelima Shukla-Bhatt, Wellesley College
Alternate Satis: Women Saints in the Mahapanth Tradition in
Gujarat
Perundevi Srinivasan, Siena College

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A22-213

Women and Religion Section, Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group, and Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Group

Theme: Living Beyond the Wounds: The Legacy of Womanist Theology and Womanist Ethics

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-7B

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:
- Katie G. Cannon, Union Presbyterian Seminary
- Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University
- Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College
- Jacqulyn Grant, Interdenominational Theological Center
- Anika Gibbons, Auburn Seminary
- Lenora Knowles, Union Theological Seminary
- Khadijah Abdul-Mateen, Leila Productions
- Michael Roberson, Union Theological Seminary
- Charlene Sinclair, Union Theological Seminary

A22-214

African Diaspora Religions Group

Theme: African Diaspora Religions and Indigenous Theory

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Aqua Boardroom

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver
- Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
- Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University
- Nessette Falu, Rice University

Business Meeting:
- Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding

A22-215

Animals and Religion Group and Death, Dying, and Beyond Group

Theme: Religious and Philosophical Perspectives on Animal Death

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-300A

Alyson Prude, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, Presiding

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University
- Toward the Weeping Willow: An Examination of the Death and Dying of Companion Animals

Beatrice Marovich, Drew University
- Grief Work and “Animal Capital” in a Secular Age

Ryan Fics, Emory University
- To Live the Death of the Other

Rebekah Sinclair, Claremont Graduate University
- The Biopolitics of Extinction: Theorizing Non-Anthropocentric Views of Climate Change from an Animal Studies Perspective

Responding:
- Laura Hobgood-Oster, Southwestern University

A22-216

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group and SBL Biblical Literature and Hermeneutics of Trauma Consultation

Theme: Hermeneutics of Trauma in Biblical Studies and Theology

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire A

Christopher Frechette, Boston College, Presiding

Panelists:
- Peter Yuichi Clark, Graduate Theological Union and University of California, San Francisco Medical Center
- Toward a Pastoral Reading of 2 Corinthians as a Memoir of PTSD and Healing
- Philip Browning Helsel, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Shared Bodily Pleasure as a Treatment for Trauma: Modern Body Therapies and Ecclesiastes’ Injunction to Enjoyment
- Shelly Rambo, Boston University
- Resurrecting Wounds: John 20:24–29, Trauma Theory, and the Doctrine of Resurrection
- Robert J. Schreiter, Catholic Theological Union
- Reading Biblical Texts through the Lens of Resilience

A22-217

Body and Religion Group

Theme: Fragmented and Digitized Bodies

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-32A

Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University
- The Fragmented Body: Alternative Cinematic Visions
- Justin Bailey, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Discerning the Body in Cyberspace: Jaron Lanier, Merleau-Ponty, and Contested Personhood
- Benjamin Durheim, Boston College
- The Virtual Body as Locus of Mediation: Louis-Marie Chauvet Meets Online Gaming

Business Meeting:
- Alexander Darius Orneia, University of Hull, and Shawn Arthur, Appalachian State University, Presiding

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A22-218

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
Theme: Bonhoeffer and Pacifism
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-24A
Philip G. Ziegler, University of Aberdeen, Presiding
Mark Thiessen Nation, Eastern Mennonite Seminary
Eberhard Bethge and "the Myth" of Bonhoeffer the Assassin
Michael DeJonge, University of South Florida
How to Read Bonhoeffer's Peace Statements: Or, Bonhoeffer Was a Lutheran and Not an Anabaptist
Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
Bonhoeffer's Place in the Resistance and Pacifist Circles of His Times
Karen Vernice Guth, St. Catherine University
What Would Bonhoeffer Do? The Misuse of Dietrich Bonhoeffer on Questions of Violence
Chris Dodson, University of Aberdeen
A Risky Business: Conflict, Conspiracy, and the Commandment of God
Responding:
Clifford Green, Hartford Seminary
Business Meeting:
Jennifer McBride, Wartburg College, Presiding

A22-219

Chinese Religions Group and Daoist Studies Group
Theme: The Many Daos of Tao: The Polymathic Arts of Tao Hongjing
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire L
Fabrizio Pregadio, Mountain View, CA, Presiding
Dominic Steavu-Balint, University of California, Santa Barbara
Tao Hongjing and the Three Sovereigns: Assimilation and Negotiation in Early Taoism
Jonathan Pettit, Academia Sinica
Theography: Tao Hongjing’s Remapping of Maoshan
Yan Liu, Harvard University
Toxic Medicinals: Toxicology and Alchemy in Tao Hongjing’s Writings
Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University
The Buddhist Practice of Tao Hongjing: What Can We Know?
Responding:
Gil Raz, Dartmouth College
Business Meeting:
David Mozina, Boston College, and Elena Valussi, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

A22-220

Christian Spirituality Group and SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Group
Theme: The Bible and Climate Change: Twentieth Anniversary of Bill McKibben's The Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job and the Scale of Creation (Eerdmans, 1994; reprint Cowley, 2005)
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-20D
Barbara Rossing, Luther School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding
In 1994 Bill McKibben’s landmark book, The Comforting Whirlwind, drew on God’s speech in Job 38-41 to raise questions about global warming and humans’ role. Join scholars and McKibben in reflecting on the book’s significance, as well as in exploring possibilities for biblical scholarship on Job and other texts for addressing the global climate crisis today.
Panelists:
Kathryn Schifferdecker, Luther Seminary
Ched Myers, Bartimaeus Cooperative Ministries
Theodore Hiebert, McCormick Theological Seminary
Responding:
Bill McKibben, 350.org

A22-221

Cognitive Science of Religion Group and International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-1A
Wesley Wildman, Boston University, Presiding
Panelists:
Justin Barrett, Fuller Theological Seminary
Colleen Shantz, University of St. Michael’s College
Jeffrey Schloss, Westmont College
Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia
Responding:
Ara Norenzayan, University of British Columbia
A22-222

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group
and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
Theme: Religion and Constructions of Violent Alterity
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo B
Jamel Velji, Haverford College, Presiding
Chipamong Chowdhury, University of Toronto
Genocidal Violence, Conflict, and Communalism: Anti-Buddhist Violence in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (Bangladesh)
Nathan French, Miami University
An American Takfīr? Jihādi-Salafism, the US Drone Campaign, and the Implications of a Comparative Negotiation of Permissible Violence
Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbuilt University, and Arnab Mukherji, Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore
Dürkheim’s Dual Stream Violence Hypothesis and Communal Violence
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Fighting Demons in the United States: Third Wave Spiritual Warfare and the Construction of the Non-Evangelical Other
Brian Doak, George Fox University
Monster Violence in the Book of Job as Moral Disorientation and Reorientation
Responding:
Margo Kitts, Hawaii Pacific University

A22-223

Contemplative Studies Group
Theme: Mindful Teaching and Learning: Contemplative Pedagogy in the University Setting
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-4
Sid Brown, University of the South, Presiding
Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University
Religious Studies and Contemplative Studies: Critic, Catalyst, or Collaborator?
Andrew O. Fort, Texas Christian University
Creating Contemplative Studies in the Southwest
Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University
Dynamism in Contemplative Pedagogy: Two Case Studies
Fran Grace, University of Redlands
Student Learning "Under a Microscope": Costs and Benefits
Responding:
Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia
Business Meeting:
Anne C. Klein, Rice University, and Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego, Presiding

A22-224

Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
Theme: Kierkegaard and Nature
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-9
Sheridan Hough, College of Charleston, Presiding
Joseph Westfall, University of Houston-Downtown
Nature’s Irony: The Existential Significance of the Nature of Nature in Kierkegaard
Andrew Weller, Boston College
Faithful Creation: Using Anxiety as the Guiding Principle to Find a Correct Relation to Creation
Ada Jaarsma, Mount Royal University
Kierkegaard and Nature: The Existential Impoer of Epigenetics
Peder Jothen, St. Olaf College
Kierkegaard and an Eco-Sacramental Subjectivity
Business Meeting:
Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University, Presiding

A22-225

Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Theme: Religion as Right: U.S.-Japanese Constructions of “Religion” and “Secular” in International Law
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-28C
Emily Anderson, Washington State University, Presiding
Cara Burnidge, Florida State University
Might as Right(s): American Power and Japanese Rights at the Paris Peace Conference
Jolyon Thomas, Princeton University
The Japanese Birth of Religious Freedom as a Human Right
Anne Blankenship, Central Washington University
US Foreign Policy, Protestants, and Japan: Reconciling Nationalism, Religious Agency and Change, 1921–1941
Responding:
Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University
Business Meeting:
Cassie Adcock, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding
A22-226
Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group and Music and Religion Group
Theme: Law, Love, and Life: Conversations Theological and Musicological with Luther, Bach, and Schweitzer
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Marriott Marquis-Marriott Hall 2

Kiri Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, and Philip Stoltzfus, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding

This session explores the ways in which the music of Johann Sebastian Bach appropriates and extends the theology of Martin Luther, and how Albert Schweitzer, a Lutheran theologian and Bach expert, articulates this legacy for later generations in different global contexts. Weaving together the expertise of theologians and musicologists, the session consists of presentations and a live performance of significant portions of BWV 77 “Du sollt Gott, deinen Herren, Lieben” by The Boston University Marsh Chapel Choir with the Bach Collegium San Diego. The interconnectedness of law and gospel/law and love in the theological visions of Luther and Bach are explored in light of Schweitzer’s philosophy of “Reverence for Life” and with analysis of the numerology and symbolism used in Bach’s music. Interpreted together, Luther, Bach and Schweitzer address the human condition, the God-given-ness of redemption, and the commonality of the creatures’ “Will to Live.”

Panelists:
- Robert Allan Hill, Boston University
- Scott Jarrett, Boston University
- Lawrence Whitney, Boston University

A22-227
Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group
Theme: Panel Discussion of Amanullah De Sondy’s The Crisis of Islamic Masculinities (Bloomsbury Academic, 2014)
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-5A

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Panelists:
- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Tasim Kassam, Syracuse University
- Vincent Cornell, Emory University
- Michael Knight, University of North Carolina
- Kecia Ali, Boston University

Responding:
- Amanullah De Sondy, University of Miami

Business Meeting:
- Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding

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A22-230

New Religious Movements Group
Theme: New Work in New Religions
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-23C
Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

- Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religions, Turin, Italy
- Stephanie Yuhas, University of Colorado
- Erin Prophet, Rice University
- Donald Westbrook, Claremont Graduate University

Painting the Southern Border: New Religions, the Mexican Revolution, and the Visual Arts
Stephanie Yuhas, University of Colorado

The Relationship of Dark Green Religion to the Spiritual But Not Religious Movement
Erin Prophet, Rice University

California Science Fiction, Atlantis, and New Age Apocalypticism: The Construction and Influence of Frederick S. Oliver's Dweller on Two Planets by Phyllos the Thibetan
Shannon Trosper Schorey, University of North Carolina

“The Internet is Holy. Code is Law”: New Religions and Sacral Materiality at the Intersections of Technology and Policy
Donald Westbrook, Claremont Graduate University

Business Meeting:
Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

A22-231

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
Theme: Mindfulness, Contemplation, and the Clinic: Interdisciplinary Perspectives
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire E
Hetty Zock, University of Groningen, Presiding

- Kirk A. Bingaman, Fordham University
- Ira Helderman, Vanderbilt University
- Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
- David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College

A22-232

Queer Studies in Religion Group
Theme: Surveying the Terrain of Queer Studies in Religion
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-10
Kent Brinnan, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

- Matthew Calhoun Shafer, University of Cambridge
- Jacob Erickson, Drew University
- Christine Libby, Indiana University

Eshatology, Distraction, and Utopia: Towards a Political Theology of Queer Futility
Matthew Calhoun Shafer, University of Cambridge

Irreverent Futures: Queer Notes on Eco-Eshatology
Jacob Erickson, Drew University

Failures in Ecstasy
Christine Libby, Indiana University

A22-233

Religion and Cities Group
Theme: “Common Spaces”: Making Religious Meaning in Place
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-313
Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

- Min-Ah Cho, St. Catherine University
- Tommy Casarez, Princeton Theological Seminary
- Michael McVicar, Florida State University

Spirituality in Transit: Examining Marc Augé’s Notion of “Non-Place” in Conversation with Michel de Certeau
Min-Ah Cho, St. Catherine University

A Christian Response to the Marginalized Space of the Southwest Border and Undocumented Immigrants
Tommy Casarez, Princeton Theological Seminary

Responding:
Elise Edwards, Baylor University

Business Meeting:
Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

A22-234

Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Group
Theme: Secular or (Inter-)Religious/Theological Approaches to Religion Education in Public Schools: Theory and Politics
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-3
Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark, Presiding

- Christine L. Cusack, University of Ottawa
- Stéphanie Gravel, University of Montreal
- Marion Maddox, Macquarie University

Deconfessionalization and the Ethics and Religious Culture Program in Québec Elementary Schools: Shaping Citizenship in a Religiously Diverse Society
Christine L. Cusack, University of Ottawa

Québec’s Ethics and Religious Culture Curriculum: Teacher Impartiality and Training
Stéphanie Gravel, University of Montreal

Religion and Dialogue in Modern Societies (ReDi): An International Research Project for School and Society
Marion Maddox, Macquarie University

State-Sponsored Religion in Secular Public Schools: A Comparative Study in Religion-state Relations
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Business Meeting:
Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico, Presiding
A22-235

Religion and Science Fiction Group
Theme: Mutating Religion in Science Fiction
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-30C
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University, Presiding
Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford
Dad Wanted a Boy: Gender, Embodiment, and Transcendence in Gravity and 2001
George Faithful, Seton Hall University
Hail Ripley, Full of Grace: The Evolving Paradigm of Woman as Secular Savior in Apocalyptic Science Fiction Film
Francisco Silva, Universidade Nova de Lisboa
Before Superman There Was Doctor Occult: Esoteric Themes in Superhero Comics of the Golden Age
Art Bamford, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Jessica Knippel, Fuller Theological Seminary
Avengers Disassembled: Exploring the Material Culture of Sacred and Hi-Tech Weapons in Whedon’s The Avengers

Responding:
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University, Presiding

A22-236

Religion, Affect, and Emotion Group
Theme: Affective Economies and Religious Worlds
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-305
Brannon Ingram, Northwestern University, Presiding
Jan an Haack, University of Potsdam
Economy and Affect in Evangelical Mission
Yunus Dogan Telliel, City University of New York
Ritual Words, Affect, and the “Call to Prayer” Reform in Turkey (1932–1950)
Sophie Bjork-James, Vanderbilt University
“I Felt His Love Wash over Me”: Affective Truth in Evangelical Christianity
Jill Petersen Adams, Oxford College of Emory University
Affective Economies of Mourning and Memory: Engaging Buddhism
Jessica Johnson, University of Washington

Responding:
Kevin O’Neill, University of Toronto

Business Meeting:
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, and Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford, Presiding

A22-237

Ricoeur Group
Theme: Revisiting The Symbolism of Evil (Harper and Row, 1967)
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-31C
Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding
Judith Stack-Nelson, Hamline University
Symbols or Metaphors of Evil in the Gospel of Matthew: Exploring Two of Ricoeur’s Seminal Works in an Exegetical Context
Daniel Rober, Fordham University
The Symbolism of Shame: A Ricoeurian Reading of Eleonore Stump’s Wandering in Darkness on Guilt and Shame
Christopher Denny, Saint John’s University, New York
Beyond The Symbolism of Evil: Prelude to a Dialogical Tragic Theology
Jaco Dreyer, University of South Africa
Forgiveness as Response to Evil: A Ricoeurian Perspective

Business Meeting:
Kenneth A. Reynhout, Bethel University, Presiding

A22-238

Sikh Studies Group
Theme: New Technologies, Pedagogies and Communities in Sikh Cultural Reproduction
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-18
Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia, Presiding
Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds
The Rise and Fall of University Sikh Societies in Britain
Nirinjan Khalsa, University of Michigan
Sikh Devotional Music: Mediating Traditional Pedagogy in the University and Online
Rahuldeep Singh Gill, California Lutheran University
Teaching Sikh Tradition through Service Learning: Reflections and Best Practices

Responding:
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University

Business Meeting:
Pashaura Singh, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
A22-239
Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Group
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-22
AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Peter J. Paris, Skillman, NJ
  Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology
  Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
  Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University
  Ross Kane, University of Virginia
Responding:
  Hak Joon Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
  Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton University, Presiding

A22-240
Wesleyan Studies Group
Theme: Wesleyan Theological Perspectives on Embodiment
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-310A
Kirsten Oh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding
  Charles L. Wallace, Willamette University
  Early Wesleyan Perspectives on Food as Bodily Discipline and Political Tactic
  Kyle Tau, Emory University
  Does Faith Require a Body? The Means of Grace and the Spiritual Sensorium in Wesleyan Theology
  Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University
  A Theology of Incarnational Embodiment: Perspectives of Susanna Wesley
  Geoffrey Moore, Southern Methodist University
  Sacramental Suffering in Wesleyan Eucharistic Theology
Responding:
  Sarah Heaner Lancaster, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Business Meeting:
  Priscilla Pope-Levison, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

A22-241
Interreligious Reflections on Immigration Seminar
Theme: Interreligious Reflections on Immigration
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-500
Laura Alexander, University of Virginia, Presiding
  Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University
  Liturgy as Migration: Journeying Beyond the Disengagement of Liturgy and Ethics
  Michael Canaris, Durham University
  Immigration and Ecclesial Receptivity
  Kjetil Fretheim, Norwegian School of Theology
  Majority Church and Immigration
  Jessica Wong, Duke University
  Christianized Bodies, Civilized Bodies: From Immigrant to Cultural Citizen
Responding:
  Joseph Mas, Ohio Hispanic Coalition, Columbus, OH
  Laura Tilghman, University of Georgia
Business Meeting:
  Alexander Y. Hwang, Spalding University, Presiding

A22-242
Religion and US Empire Seminar
Theme: Martin Marty’s Righteous Empire (Harper and Row, 1977) Revisited: Theorizing the Study of Religion and US Empire
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-11B
Tracy Leavelle, Creighton University, Presiding
  Panelists:
    Emily Conroy-Krutz, Michigan State University
    John Corrigan, Florida State University
    Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University
    Jennifer Graber, University of Texas
Responding:
  Martin Marty, University of Chicago
Business Meeting:
  Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University, and Tracy Leavelle, Creighton University, Presiding
Academic Relations Committee and Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Theme: Junior Faculty Activism
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-31B
Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

In what kinds of contemporary campus activism are junior faculty engaged? How do junior faculty’s definitions of activism align and/or conflict with those of the institutions in which they work? This panel examines both conventional and unconventional forms of activism, and the stakes involved for junior faculty. It includes the voices of faculty who make public political stands on issues of the day and those who work in their own institutions to encourage economic, gender, or racial equity. But it also incorporates the activism of those who advocate progressive pedagogies or who understand their teaching — wherever it takes place — to be a work of activism.

Panelists:
Mehnaz Afridi, Manhattan College
Kelly Baker, Chronicle Vitae
Hillary Kaell, Concordia University
Abigail Kluchin, Ursinus College
Yasir Kazi, Rhodes College

Ethics Section
Theme: Which is it — Political Theology or Social Ethics? And Does It Matter?
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-8
Asante Todd, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Panelists:
Keri Day, Brite Divinity School
Maria T. Davila, Andover Newton Theological School
Fred Simmons, Yale University
Ted A. Smith, Emory University

Business Meeting:
Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University, and Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Presidential Panel: The Category of Religion in the Technology of Statecraft: Theorizing Religions as Vestigial States
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-202B
Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich, Presiding

This panel will explore the theory that religions can be productively and interestingly thought of as vestigial states. Naomi Goldenberg describes ‘religions’ as sets of institutions, ideologies and practices that originate with reference to former sovereignties. The term ‘religion’ gains traction through history and is applied to ‘states’ that have been displaced through war, invasion or colonization. Vestigial states – i.e. ‘religions’ – are both tolerated and encouraged as attenuated and marginalized governments within fully functioning nation states as long as most forms of violence are renounced. Indeed, vestigial states tend to behave as once and future states that, although always restive, nevertheless ground the powers that authorize them by recalling earlier, now mystified forms of male sovereignty from which present (i.e. ‘secular’) states arise.

Panelists:
Naomi R. Goldenberg, University of Ottawa
William E. Arnal, University of Regina
Craig Martin, St. Thomas Aquinas College
Kathleen McPhillips, University of Newcastle
Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College
Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

Christian Theological Research Fellowship
Theme: Tribute to Dallas Willard
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo E
Gary Black, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Panelists:
Jan Johnson, Simi Valley, CA
Scot McKnight, Northern Seminary
Mickey Maudlin, HarperCollins
Joe Macariello, Claremont Graduate University
Keith Matthews, Azusa Pacific University
Gary Moon, Dallas Willard Center and Westmont College
Steve Porter, Biola University

Responding:
Jane Willard, Dallas Willard Ministries
Becky Heatley, Dallas Willard Ministries

Business Meeting:
Don Thorsen, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Symbol Key:
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Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion
Theme: Sexual Violence and Sacred Texts
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-33A
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding
Panelists:
  Amy B. Kalmanofsky, Jewish Theological Seminary of America
  Shelly Matthews, Brite Divinity School

P22-241

Society for Comparative Research on Iconographic and Performative Texts
Theme: Manipulating Bibles Ritually and Mythically
Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-311A
James W. Watts, Syracuse University, Presiding
SCRIPT was founded in 2010 to encourage new scholarship on iconic and performative texts, to foster academic discourse about the social functions of books and texts that go beyond their semantic meaning and interpretation.
  Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University
  Saved by the Book: Exploring the Christian Bible as Effective and Affective Object
  Edwin Broadhead, Berea College
  An Abolitionist's Cut Bible: Icon, Myth, and Metaphor
  David Dault, Chicago, IL
  Even Better Than the Real Thing: The KJV as Icon for British Israelism
  Jason Larson, Hotchkiss School
  The Bible as Iconic Archive

P22-200

Association of Practical Theology
Theme: Forming Practical Theologians for Emerging Spaces of Employment
Saturday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM
Marriott Marquis–Santa Rosa
Jaco Hamman, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
How, and how well, is theological education meeting the needs of a shifting employment landscape? This session examines how practical theologians and theological institutions form students for work outside of tenure-track employment in academic life, and/or religious/church leadership, toward livelihood in emerging spaces of work.
Panelists:
  Stephen Graham, Association of Theological Schools
  Barbara McClure, Brite Divinity School
  Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union
  Katherine Turpin, Iliff School of Theology
  Valerie Bridgeman, WomanPreach! Inc.

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Central Baptist Theological Seminary and Luther Seminary
Business Meeting:
  Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University, Presiding

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

A22-300

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: The Promiscuous Term Paper: CV Building through Effective Use of Seminar Papers
Saturday, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM
Convention Center-14B
Graduate school has been compared to sprinting a marathon. How are students to complete the task at hand without going insane or losing all their hair? I propose that they use smart planning, or what I like to call “the promiscuous term paper.” Here’s how it works: when I start a term paper I look at my comprehensive exam reading list and integrate a few of these books into my bibliography. I then submit an abstract of the finished paper to a conference and turn this presentation into an article. At the end I have knocked off four tasks with one assignment. Some may ask if this is legitimate, but in my program at Boston College they actually encourage this sort of thing. This roundtable will get students to think strategically about their work as a multi-faceted project, and not just a one-off assignment.
Panelists:
  Cristina Richie, Boston College

A22-301

Bioethics and Religion Group
Theme: Justice in Personal, Public, and Environmental Health
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-402
Laura Kicklighter, Lynchburg College, Presiding
Emily Trancik, Saint Louis University
Restoring or Destroying Human Freedom?: Deep Brain Stimulation and Thomistic Anthropology
Shin Kwon Kim, University of Oxford
Killing Dirty Germs for Health: From Nurturing Life to Hygiene
Hajung Lee, Boston University
Pursuing Gender Justice and Promoting Health Equity through Interreligious Water Activism
George D. Randels, University of the Pacific
Justice for More Than Just Us? Bioethics and Environmental Health
Business Meeting:
  Laura Kicklighter, Lynchburg College, and George D. Randels, University of the Pacific, Presiding
A22-302

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

Theme: Applying Foucault
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Convention Center-5A
Kati Curtz, Yale University, Presiding
Daniel Moseson, Syracuse University
Foucault, Science, and Power after Thirty Years
Benjamin Fong, University of Chicago
To Judge and To Be Judged: Michel Foucault on Confession
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University
Foucault, Kant, and the Affective Reception of Dramatic Discourse
Responding:
Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University
Business Meeting:
William E. Arnal, University of Regina, and David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

P22-300

Polanyi Society

Theme: Polanyian Extensions of Taylor's Thought
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Convention Center-24C
David Rutledge, Furman University, Presiding
Charles Lowney, Washington and Lee University
The Emergence of Authenticity
Jon Fennell, Hillsdale University
Polanyi's Revolutionary Imaginary
Diane Yeager, Georgetown University
Taylor and Polanyi on Moral Sources and Social Systems
Responding:
Charles Taylor, McGill University

A22-303

Public Understanding of Religion Committee and Religion and Politics Section

Theme: Promise and Peril in the US Government's Engagement with Religious Communities
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-20D
Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding
This panel will discuss recent efforts by the United States government to engage religious communities on domestic and international policy issues. The White House Office of Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships (founded in 2001 as the White House Office of Faith-Based Initiatives) coordinates the executive branch's engagement of religious communities on domestic policy issues, while several offices at the State Department play related roles with regard to US foreign policy. Unique questions of principle and practice arise in both contexts, including the government's use and understanding of "religion"; which religious communities or leaders are selected for "engagement" (are dissenting and minority groups also a part of the process?); the nature of that engagement; the connection to the national security agenda and apparatus; and, not least, the constitutional questions regarding religious establishment. Panelists include a diverse array of scholars and practitioners who have extensive experience with the US government's efforts.
Panelists:
Shaun Allen Casey, US Department of State
Michael Kessler, Georgetown University
David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College
Suhag Shukla, Hindu American Foundation
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

A22-304

Publications Committee

Theme: How to Get Published
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-25C
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding
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; 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 after the conclusion of the formal Q&A. 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:
- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press
- Karen Jackson-Weaver, Princeton University
- Aaron W. Hughes, University of Rochester
- Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology
- Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich
- Anne E. Monius, Harvard University
- John A. Knight, Marist College

A22-305

Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee

Theme: Queering the Profession

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-33B

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding

LGBTIQ persons in the profession often challenge the structures of academia through and beyond the content of scholarship. In this session, we will discuss the approaches individuals have taken to resisting the normative boundaries of the academy while also contributing to new and diverse possibilities of professional practice. Panelists will address the queer histories, foci, and directions of the profession by focusing on one of six topics including hybrid professions, naming injustices, institution building, activisms, inhabiting traditional academic spaces, and intentional alternative academic spaces.

Panelists:
- Kathleen T. Talvacchia, New York University
- Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
- Horace Griffin, Pacific School of Religion
- Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Silver Spring, MD
- Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary
- Cameron Partridge, Harvard University
- Jeremy Posadas, Austin College

A22-306

Women’s Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Shared Gardens: Celebrating Feminist Scholarship Across Generations

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-14A

Kathryn Common, Boston University, Presiding

In this session, panelists will discuss the continuity of feminist theology through working relationships with senior scholars. It is an opportunity for junior scholars to reflect on the personal and professional influence of senior scholars in their scholarship. Along with reflecting on overlapping trajectories in their respective research interests and scholarship, panelists will reflect on the influence and contribution(s) of their foremothers in the discipline of religion, generally, as well as Women’s Studies in Religion.

Adrienne Ambrose, University of the Incarnate Word
Seeing for Life: Perspectives on the Influential Vision of Margaret R. Miles

Julie Miller, University of the Incarnate Word
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza and Feminist Pedagogy

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Gloria Anzaldúa as Foremother of a Chicana/o Theory of Religion

Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University
Her-story and My Quest for Hope and Meaning: Rosemary Radford Ruether

Xochitl Alvizo, Boston University
From Student to Hedge Hag to Friend: Life on the Boundary with Mary Daly

Deidre Nicole Green, University of Copenhagen
Rounding the Table: Remembering Letty M. Russell’s Theological Practice of Hospitality

A22-307

Christian Systematic Theology Section and Transhumanism and Religion Group

Theme: Humanity and Transhumanism

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-29C

Tracy J. Trothen, Queen’s University, Presiding

Paul Scherz, University of Notre Dame
Stem Cells, the Body, and Theological Anthropology

Cambria Kaltwasser, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Measure of Our Days: Assessing the Aims of Radical Life Extension in Conversation with Karl Barth’s Theology of Human Temporality

Ian Curran, Georgia Gwinnett College
Transhumanism, Ultrahumanism, and the Divine Milieu: The Human Future in Teilhard de Chardin’s Spiritual Theology

Patrick Gardner, University of Notre Dame
A Christian Prometheus: Catholic Humanism and Recent Challenges
A22-308

History of Christianity Section
Theme: Trans-Pacific and Pacific-Centered Histories of Christianity
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-2
David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding
  David Scott, Ripon College
  William Yoo, Emory University
  Jennifer Welsh, College of Charleston
  Brandon Bayne, University of North Carolina
Responding:
  Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary
Business Meeting:
  Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Graduate Theological Union, and Daniel Ramirez, University of Michigan, Presiding

A22-309

North American Religions Section
Theme: Racial Formation and Religion
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-28C
Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, Presiding
  Matthew W. Dougherty, University of North Carolina
  Laura McTighe, Columbia University
  Stephanie Gaskell, University of North Carolina
  Tammy Heise, Florida State University
Responding:
  Marilyn McCord Adams, Rutgers University
  Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami

A22-310

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Theme: In Conversation with When God Talks Back (Vintage, 2012)
Author Tanya Luhrmann
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-28A
Shannon Craig-Snell, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Gerardo Marti, Davidson College, Presiding
Panelists:
  Tanya Luhrmann, Stanford University
Responding:
  Marilyn McCord Adams, Rutgers University
  Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
  Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami

A22-311

Religion in South Asia Section and Jain Studies Group
Theme: The Matha: Entangled Histories of a Religio-Political Institution in South India
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-25A
Leslie C. Orr, Concordia University, Montreal, Presiding
  Sarah Pierce Taylor, University of Pennsylvania
  Valerie Stoker, Wright State University
  Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona
Responding:
  Christoph Emmrich, University of Toronto

Symbol Key:
- AAR Award Winners
- especially for students
- focus on employment
- focus on San Diego
- new program unit
- receptions and breakfasts
- sustainability and religion
- tours
- wildcard sessions
A22-312
Study of Islam Section
Theme: Religion, the State, and Islamic Institutions of Higher Education: Authorizing Authority
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo C
Garrison Doreck, University of California, Irvine, Presiding
Harvey Stark, Princeton University
American Religion and Citizenship: Patriotism and the Politics of Compliance
Garrison Doreck, University of California, Irvine
American Muslim Civic Education: Governing through Professionalization and Policy Formation
Nancy A. Khalil, Harvard University
The American Imam and the Struggle for Religious Freedom
David Tittensor, Deakin University
Militant Democracy, Hyper Securitisation, and the Domestication of Muslims: Facing the “Perceived” Threat of Transnational Islam in Australia
Business Meeting:
Frederick Colby, University of Oregon, and Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Presiding

A22-313
Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Theme: Jacques Rancière in Religious and Theological Reflection
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-28D
Niki Clements, Brown University, Presiding
Philip Francis, Manhattan College
Insiders and Outsiders in Aesthetic Experience
Mara Willard, Harvard University
Rancière and Feminist Political Thought
Kevin Minister, Kentucky Wesleyan College
Rancière and Religious Activism: Conceptualizing Religious Involvement in Democratic Social Movements
David R. Brockman, Brite Divinity School
Consensus, Dissensus, and Dialectical Democracy: How Rancière’s Thought Can Contribute to a Political Theology
Business Meeting:
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Presiding

A22-314
Women and Religion Section
Theme: Women, Embodiment, and Authority Across Religious Traditions
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-7B
Nami Kim, Spelman College, Presiding
Courtney Wilder, Midland University
The Mormon Mommy Blogger: Analyzing the Writing of Contemporary LDS Women
Ashlee Andrews, Indiana University
Cooking the Home: Food, Bodies, and Authority in Bengali Hindu Women’s Domestic Gastronomic Rituals
Sara Swenson, Liverpool, NY
Ideal Womanhood and the Liberated Ascetic: Theologies of Self-Denial Among US Progressive Era Women
Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College
“The Kingdom in the Midst”: African American Apostolic Pentecostal Eschatological Paradoxes in Practice
Responding:
Debra Majeed, Beloit College
Business Meeting:
Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Presiding

A22-315
African Religions Group
Theme: Mental Health and Religion in Nigeria: Yoruba, Muslim, and Pentecostal Perspectives
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-3
Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Ayodeji Ogunaikhe, Harvard University
Divine Diagnosis: A Case Study in Traditional Yoruba Approaches to Mental Illness
Yushau Sodiq, Texas Christian University
Mental Health and Religion: The Case of Muslims with Mental Health Issues in Nigeria
Overonike Olademo, University of Ilorin
Mental Health and Religions in Yoruba Land
Donatus Pius Ukppong, University of Uyo
Mental Health and Religious Practices: Redefining Mental Disorders and Spirituality in Africa
Responding:
Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

A22-316

Animals and Religion Group

Theme: Rethinking Animals and Religion through Literature

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-300A

David Clough, University of Chester, Presiding
Matthew Hotham, University of North Carolina
Soul Birds, Man Mules, and Dead Dogs: Animal Religion, Beauty
Hybridity, and the Boundaries of the Human in Nizami Ganjavi's
Makhdum al-Asrar
Jennifer Caplan, Syracuse University
I Am Only A Cat: Images of Humanity and Animality in Jewish
Graphic Novels
Matthew Eaton, University of St. Michael's College
Theologizing with the Dog-man: Interspecies Relationships in
Coetzee's Disgrace and the Gospel Traditions
Responding:
Andrea Dara Cooper, University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill
Business Meeting:
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding

A22-317

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities
Group, Black Theology Group, Womanist Approaches to
Religion and Society Group, SBL Feminist Hermeneutics of
the Bible Group, SBL Women in the Biblical World Section,
and SBL Minoritized Criticism Group

Theme: Celebrating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Jacquelyn
Grant's White Women's Christ and Black Women's Jesus (Scholars
Press, 1989)

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-10

Susan E. Hylen, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:
Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University
Vanessa Lovelace, Chicago Theological Seminary
Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross
David A. Sánchez, Loyola Marymount University
Jin Yong Choi, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School
Althea Spencer Miller, Drew University

Responding:
Jacquelyn Grant, Interdenominational Theological Center

A22-318

Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group

Theme: Writing Theology in Postmodernity: Form, Genre, and
Style

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire A

Jacob Erickson, Drew University, Presiding
Blake Huggins, Boston University
For the Criticism of Everything (Not) Existing
Wesley Barker, Mercer University
Writing Theology through Indeterminate Flesh: Uncertainty and
Knowing the Other
Hollis Phelps, Mount Olive College
Theology as Form of Life: Rethinking Confession in Postmodern
Religious Thought
Eric Barreto, Luther Seminary, and Jacob Myers, Emory
University
Strange Speech for Strange Times: Language, Hybridity, and the Paul
of Acts

Business Meeting:
Marion S. Grau, Graduate Theological Union, and Shelly Rambo,
Boston University, Presiding

A22-319

Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group

Theme: Buddhist Pedagogy: Applying Buddhist Principles to
Teaching

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Aqua E

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, Presiding
Vanessa R. Sasson, Marianopolis College
Renunciation as Pedagogy
Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy
“The Buddha Speaks with but One Voice, and Each Sentient Being
Understands in Accordance with His/Her Type”: A Buddhaharmanas-
Inspired Pedagogy
Abraham Velez de Cea, Eastern Kentucky University
Interreligious Mindfulness: A New Pedagogical Application
Gereon Kopf, Luther College
Peace through Self-Awareness: A Model of Peace Education Based on
Buddhist Principles

Responding:
Sid Brown, University of the South

Business Meeting:
Grace G. Burford, Prescott College, and Christopher Ives,
Stonehill College, Presiding
A22-320

Buddhist Philosophy Group
Theme: **Ethics, Aesthetics, and Enlightened Cognition**
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-1A
Richard Nance, Indiana University, Presiding
Pierre-Julien Harter, University of Chicago
*Ethics and the Buddhist Person: A Defense of Non-self against Deconstruction from the Perspective of the Path*
Jake Davis, City University of New York
*Grounding Ethics in the Qualities of Heart*
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
*The World According to Kegon: Holography, Holochrony, and the Philosophy of Form in the Writings of Kūkai and Dōgen*
Adam Valerio, Temple University
*Nonthinking: Intentionality, Discrimination, and Enlightened Cognition in Dōgen’s Shikantaza Meditation*
Responding:
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University

A22-322

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group
Theme: **The Violence of Non-Violence**
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo B
Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University, Presiding
Pieter G. R. De Villiers, University of the Free State
*The Violence of Nonviolence in the Reception History of the Apocalypse of John*
Torkel Brekke, University of Oslo
*Religious Legitimization in the Indian Army*
John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University
*Aihimsa and its Ambiguities: The Buddha and Aghulimala*
John Sobolais, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Violently Peaceful: Tibetan Self-Immolation and the Problem of the Non/Violence Binary*
Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame
*The Cultural Violence of Nonviolence: Mediating the "Strategic" and "Principled" Divide in Nonviolent Social Change*
Responding:
Hans G. Kippenberg, Jacobs University Bremen

A22-323

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
Theme: **Georges Florovsky and Changing Paradigms of Modern Orthodox Theology**
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-310A
Brandon Gallaher, University of Oxford, Presiding
Panelists:
Matthew Baker, Fordham University
George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary
Cyril J. O’Regan, University of Notre Dame
Vera Shevzov, Smith College
Responding:
Paul Gavrilyuk, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN

A22-325

Evangelical Studies Group and Christian Theological Research Fellowship
Theme: **Moral Theology: Imagining the Body**
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-23A
Jason Sexton, University of Southern California, Presiding
Matthew Anderson, Concordia University, Montreal
*A Spectacularly Transgressive Permanence: Augustinian Reflections on Ed Hardy’s California Tattooing Ethos*
Steven Smith, Fuller Theological Seminary
*The Tortured Body: Solitary Confinement in California and Community Organizing as Theological Response*
Bill Such, The Jesus Center
*Imaging the Homeless Body in California*
Joy J. Moore, Fuller Theological Seminary
*Shades of Brown: Hollywood and the Mediating of Racial Identity*

A22-326

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
Theme: **Ritual Objects and Materiality in the Study of Native American Traditions**
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-30A
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding
Miguel Aguilera, Arizona State University
*Maya Persons, Places, and Things: Relational Theory and Maya Blood Offerings to the Ceiba Tree*
Marc Blainey, University of Toronto
*Ayahuasca as “Teacher Plant”: An Ethno-Metaphysics of Santo Daime’s Botanical Sacrament*
Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University
*Animacy and Agency in Puppets, Masks, and Other Ritual Objects*
John McGraw, University of Aarhus
*La Vara: Divining Bundle of the Highland Maya Ritual Specialist*
Thomas Offit, Baylor University, and Garrett Cook, Baylor University
*The Way of the Mask: The Intersection of Ritual and Value in Highland Guatemalan Religious Dance Masks*
Suzanne Owen, University of Chester, Presiding
A22-327

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group, Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Group, Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group, and SBL Bible and Cultural Studies Section

Theme: Decolonizing Pedagogies Project: Senses, Bodies, and Education

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-22

Lauren Guerra, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

This panel, part of the Decolonizing Pedagogies Project, engages the topic through an analysis of the experiences of educators in the classroom, the space of learning and the place from which an educator teaches, and the struggles involved in the process.

Patrick Reyes, Claremont Lincoln University
Decolonizing Critical Pedagogies in Theological Education: The Power of the Body that Questions

Alka Arora, California Institute of Integral Studies
Embodiment, Spirituality, and Decolonization: Toward an Integral Feminist Pedagogy

Heike Peckruhn, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver
Pedagogical Performances: Fluid and Shifting Recognition and Embodied Knowledge Creation in the Classroom

A22-328

Practical Theology Group

Theme: Opening the Field of Practical Theology (Rowman and Littlefield, 2014) — Exploring a New Textbook through Intersectionality

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire M

Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:
Courtney T. Goto, Boston University
Dale P. Andrews, Vanderbilt University
Gordon S. Mikoski, Princeton Theological Seminary
Katherine Turpin, Iliff School of Theology
Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University

Responding:
Nancy J. Ramsay, Brite Divinity School

Business Meeting:
Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology, and Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

A22-329

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group

Theme: Pragmatism: Epistemology, Ethics, and Experience Part 1: Epistemology and Experience

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-24

Joseph Winters, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

Panelists:
Sam Houston, Florida State University
Lisa Landoe Hedrick, University of Chicago
Michael Raposa, Lehigh University

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

A22-330


Theme: Why We Disagree about Climate Change (Cambridge University Press, 2009): A Zygon Panel on Science, Religion, and Values

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-4

Willem B. Drees, Tilburg University, Presiding

Panelists:
Mike Hulme, King’s College London
Jonathan Moo, Whitworth University
Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University
Annick Hedlund-deWitt, Delft University of Technology

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

Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology, and Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

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- Professional Practices and Institutional Location Sessions
- Quad Sponsorship
- Receptions and Breakfasts
- Sustainability and Religion
- Tours
- Wildcard Sessions
A22-331

Religion and Migration Group
Theme: Online/Offline Religiosity in Muslim Migration Context
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-23C
Franz Volker Greifenhagen, Luther College, University of Regina, Presiding
Panelists:
  Roxanne D. Marcotte, Universite du Quebec a Montreal
  Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University
  Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland
  A. Brenda Anderson, University of Regina
Business Meeting:
  Ilsup Ahn, North Park University, Presiding

A22-332

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Theme: The “Reality” of Popular Religion: Cases from the Contemporary Mediascape
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-31C
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
  Mara Einstein, City University of New York
  Preachers of L.A. Celebrity, Reality and Religion
  Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado
  The Amish in the Media Panopticon: Lessons for the Rest of Us
  Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado
  Post-Islamist Sounds: Nasheed and Qur’anic Recitation on YouTube and the Modern Muslim Self
  Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa
  Ultra-Orthodox on TV and Film: A Match Made in Heaven
Business Meeting:
  Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and Chad Seales, University of Texas, Presiding

A22-333

Religion, Memory, History Group
Theme: Mending Fragmented Memories: Historiographies in the Abrahamic Paradigm
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-411A
Tim Langille, University of Pittsburgh, Presiding
  Nathaniel Morehouse, University of Manitoba
  Memories of the Martyrs’ Executioners in Tertullian and Prudentius
  Carol Symes, University of Illinois
  Everyman His Own Sacred Historian: Liturgy, Commemoration, and the Immediate Historiography of the First Crusade
  Mona Hassan, Duke University
  Channeling Muslim Memory through History
  Daniel Holton, University of California, Santa Barbara
  The Ends of Diaspora: Jan Assmann and William Dever on the Production of Early Israel’s Cultural Memory
Responding:
  Robert Gibbs, University of Toronto
Business Meeting:
  Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University, Presiding

A22-334

Religion, Sport, and Play Group
Theme: Violence in Religion and Sport
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-313
Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary, Presiding
  Dan Mathewson, Wofford College
  Atomic Elbows and Altar Calls: Christian Professional Wrestling in Poor White Southern Culture
  Scott Strednak Singer, Temple University
  Redeeming Sports Violence: Mixed Martial Arts Ministries as a Remedy for Gender Anxieties in American Evangelicalism
  Matthew Humphries, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
  Choose Death: Sacrifice in the World of Professional Wrestling
Responding:
  Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University
  Arthur Remillard, Saint Francis University
Business Meeting:
  Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary, and Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

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A22-335

Ritual Studies Group
Theme: Ritual Assembly and the Dynamics of Democracy
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-520
Donna L. Seamone, Acadia University, Presiding
Paul-Francois Tremlett, Open University
Occupy Hong Kong: The Citizen-Assemble in the Heart of the Capitalist Utopia
Sidsel Roalkvam, University of Oslo
Ritually Addressing Wrongs: Negotiating Citizenship in Rural Uttar Pradesh
Gitte Buch-Hansen, University of Copenhagen, and Marlene Ringgaard Lorensen, University of Copenhagen
The Consumption of Democracy: The Ritual Politics of the Meal
Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo
The Politics of Ritual Memorial Design in Post-Terror Norway
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
The Interreligious Choir of Civilizations: Representations of Democracy and the Ritual Assembly of Multiculturalism in Antakya, Turkey
Responding:
Morny Joy, University of Calgary
Business Meeting:
Grant H. Potts, Austin Community College, Presiding

A22-336

Roman Catholic Studies Group
Theme: Beyond Man of the Year: Assessing Celebrity and Substance in the Papacy of Francis I
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-11B
Orlando Espin, University of San Diego, Presiding
Panelists:
Massimo Faggioli, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota
Anselm Min, Claremont Graduate University
Maureen O’Connell, Fordham University
Timothy Harvie, St. Mary’s University College, Alberta, Canada
Paula Kane, University of Pittsburgh
Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University
Business Meeting:
Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University, and Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University, Presiding

A22-337

Space, Place, and Religion Group and SBL Space, Place, and Lived Experience in Antiquity Section
Theme: Building Memory: Theorizing Past and Present Urban Religious Spaces
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-9
Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter's University, Presiding
Andrew R. Krause, McMaster University
Synagogues as Thirdspace in Josephus’ Antiquitates Judaicae
Victoria Ballmes, University of California, Santa Barbara
Narratives of Empowerment: The Emergence of the Grand Synagogue in Antiquity
Heba Mostafa, University of California, Berkeley
Umayyad Legitimacy and the Commemoration of Bani Isrā’îl at al-Haram al-Sharif in Jerusalem
Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University
Urban Spaces and Christian Beginnings: Cultivating a Critical Spatial Imagination
Chad Haines, Arizona State University
Towards an Epistemology of the Alley: Negotiating Muslimness in the Everyday
Responding:
Mark K. George, Iliff School of Theology

A22-338

Tantric Studies Group
Theme: Out For Blood: Sacrifice, Tantra, and Normative Hinduism
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-32A
Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Xenia Zeiler, University of Helsinki
Eradicating with Blood: Text and Context of Animal Sacrifice in Tantric and Tantra-Influenced Destructive Rituals
Joel Bordeaux, Colgate University
Blood in the Mainstream: Kali Puja and Tantric Orthodoxy in Early Modern Bengal
Sravana Borkataky-Varma, Rice University
Red: An Ethnographic Study of Cross-Pollination of Vedic and Tantric in Shakta Assam
Ehud Halperin, Tel Aviv University
Between Flowers and Dead Buffaloes: Negotiating Tantric and Brahmanic Values in Contemporary Kullu Valley of the West Himalaya
Responding:
Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University
A22-339
Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Theme: The Eclipse of Gender?: Postsecularity and Difference in the Future of Continental Thought
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-31A
Daniel Barber, Institute for Cultural Inquiry, Berlin, Presiding
Noelle Vahanian, Lebanon Valley College
Look, a Human Being! Anthropomorphic Solipsism in Postsecular Thought
Karen Bray, Drew University
On Ignorant and Insightful Chickens: Why Žižekian Postsecularity Might Need Halberstami’s Shadow Feminism
Beatrice Marovich, Drew University
Negotiating Terrain: Postsecularity and Cohabitation
Katharine Moody, University of Liverpool
Is a Postsecular Paul a Feminist Paul? The Suspension of Identity Politics and the Politics of Identity Suspension
Responding:
Elaine Graham, University of Chester
Business Meeting:
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

A22-340
Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group
Theme: Explorations of Contextual Theology
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-30C
Sharon Peebles Burch, Interfaith Counseling Center, San Anselmo, CA, Presiding
Victor Ezigbo, Bethel University
Paul Tillich, Method of Correlation, and Contextual Theology: Constraining “Human Context” as an Indispensable Source of Theology
Stephen Butler Murray, Ecumenical Theological Seminary
Alienation, Liberation, Survival: Paul Tillich’s Theological Anthropology as Source for Black and Womanist Theologies
Jamall Calloway, Union Theological Seminary
The Ontological Fire of Tillich and Baldwin
Bryan Wagner, Davis and Elkins College
Theonomy and Religious Socialism
Business Meeting:
Sharon Peebles Burch, Interfaith Counseling Center, San Anselmo, CA, Presiding

A22-341
Wildcard Session
Theme: Contemporary Scholars, Contemporary People, and Belief In Spirits: Folklore, Religion and the Supernatural
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-502A
Kerry Noonan, Champlain College, Presiding
Robert Glenn Howard, University of Wisconsin
Hearing the Spirit: A Discourse Approach to Folklore of the Supernatural
Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University
Comparativism Unbound: The Life and Work of David Hufford
David Hufford, Pennsylvania State University
The Experience-Centered Approach to Spiritual Belief: Understanding the Persistent Enchantment of Modernity
Responding:
Sabina Magliocco, California State University, Northridge
Business Meeting:
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College, Presiding

A22-342
Exploratory Sessions
Theme: Occupying Latino Male Bodies
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-18
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
By invitation only.
Panelists:
Luis Leon, University of Denver
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University
Santiago H. Slabodsky, Claremont Lincoln University, Claremont School of Theology
Chris Tirres, DePaul University
Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida

A22-343
Global Perspectives on Religion and HIV/AIDS Seminar
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-206
Lynne Gerber, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Panelists:
Anthony Petro, Boston University
Kris Trujillo, University of California, Berkeley
James Matarazzo, University of Oxford
Melissa Browning, Loyola University, Chicago
Business Meeting:
Lynne Gerber, University of California, Berkeley, and Anthony Petro, Boston University, Presiding
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

A22-344

Religion and the Literary in Tibet Seminar
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-6D
Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding
Bryan J. Cuevas, Florida State University
Hagiography and Polemic: A Few Remarks on the Composition of the Life of Ra Lotsawa
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
Oral Styles of Versification in the Love Letters of a Buddhist Visionary Couple

A22-345

Stand-alone MA Programs in Religion Seminar
Theme: “What Can I Do with an MA in Religion?”: Exploring Non-Academic Careers and Pursuits
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-500
Brian Wilson, Western Michigan University, Presiding
Panelists:
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University
Martha Finch, Missouri State University
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado
Carl Raschke, University of Denver
Nathan Schneider, Brooklyn, NY
Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara
David T. Stewart, California State University, Long Beach
Business Meeting:
Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University, Presiding

A22-347

Religion and Disability Studies Group
Theme: Disability, Animality, and Relationality: Intellectual Disability in Christian Theology, Community, and Liturgy
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-26
Jason Hays, Lexington Theological Seminary, Presiding
Wayne Morris, University of Chester
We Are Nothing Special!: Disability and What It Means to Be Human
David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver
Not Another Capacity-Based Anthropology: Theologizing Cognitive Disability in Dialogue with Molly Haslam

Erinn Staley, Wellesley College
Room on the Pew: Neurodiversity and Intellectual Disability in Christian Liturgy and Community
Rebecca Spurrier, Emory University
Articulations of Difference: Disrupting Ritual, Disabling Liturgy
Responding:
Molly Haslam, Nashville, TN
Business Meeting:
Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College, and Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

A22-348

Exploratory Sessions
Theme: Cross-Cultural and Interreligious Explorations of Hagiography
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-202A
Rico Gabriel Monge, University of San Diego, Presiding
Panelists:
Bahar Davary, University of San Diego
Kerry San Chirico, University of Hawai‘i
Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai‘i
Sarah Harding, Naropa University
Nicholas Denysenko, Loyola Marymount University
Joel Gruber, University of California, Santa Barbara
Responding:
Lauren Griffin, University of California, Santa Barbara

A22-349

Comparative Theology Group and Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group
Theme: Interreligious Responses to Climate Change
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-29A
Anthony James Watson, Brown University, Presiding
Ian Mevorach, Boston University
Sallie McFague and Seyyed Hossein Nasr on Climate Change: Negotiating Ideological Obstacles to Common Ground
Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College
Seinaru Hoshi (Sacred Planet): A Comparative Theology of Ecology for Shinto–Christian Dialogue
Daniel Scheid, Duquesne University
Catholic Common Good, Buddhist Interdependence, and the Practice of Interreligious Ecological Ethics

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Michael VanZandt Collins, Boston College

On Divine (Im)Passibility and Ecological Degredation: Islamic Contributions to Christian Theology

Responding:

Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America

A22-350

Contingent Faculty Task Force
Theme: Contingency in Religious Studies: A Roundtable
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Marriott Marquis-Marina F

David Harrington Watt, Temple University, Presiding

According to the American Association of University Professors, 76% of instructional staff at American universities are non-tenure track positions. 50% of faculty hold part-time positions. The modern university relies heavily on contingent labor for student instruction. While there is much general information about the experiences of non-tenure track faculty in the humanities, this roundtable explores how the adjunctification of higher education impacts the work and lives of religious studies scholars. Relying upon short presentations, each panelist explores the effects of contingency in our lives. Additionally, the panelists are members of the new AAR Contingency Task Force, and we are eager to hear the audience's experiences of contract labor. The AAR realizes that contingency is a major issue to address and hopes to find ways to support non-tenure track faculty.

Panelists:

Kerry Danner-McDonald, Georgetown University
Amy Hale, Golden Gate University
Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University
Kelly J. Baker, ChronicleVitae

A22-351

Religion and Science Fiction Group and Religion, Film, and Visual Cultures Group
Theme: A Not-So Quiet Night in Sleepy Hollow: Television’s Reimaging of Race, Gender, Religion, Politics, and the Apocalypse
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Convention Center-22

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding

Panelists:

Diane Winston, University of Southern California
Henry Jenkins, University of Southern California
Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania

A22-343a

Søren Kierkegaard Society
Theme: Kierkegaard’s Use of the Passion Narratives
Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo D

Matthew Brake, George Mason University, Presiding

Interest in Kierkegaard’s use of the Bible has been increasing in recent years. This session explores Kierkegaard’s interpretation of and theological use of the passion narratives, in particular with regard to the ways in which these narratives illuminate his theology of the atonement.

Sylvia Walsh, Stetson University

The Passion and Atonement of Christ in Kierkegaard’s Communion Discourses

David J. Gouwens, Brite Divinity School

The Passion Narratives in Kierkegaard’s For Self-Examination and Judge for Yourself?

Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary

Kierkegaard, the Cross, and Kenosis

A22-346

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: From Advisor = Mentor to Color Matching: Questioning Common Assumptions About Mentoring in Religious Studies and Theology
Saturday, 5:00 PM–6:00 PM
Convention Center-14B

Much of what graduate students are told about mentoring and career paths at the beginning of their graduate studies is often insufficient and inadequate. Many students are told their advisor is their primary mentor and sole source for career advice (the conventional model of apprenticeship), erratic mentoring is better than no mentoring, every student has equal access to mentors, and that someone of your own race/ethnicity will automatically be a superior mentor. So what are the elements of mentoring and how can graduate students increase their own capacity for mentorship? Drawing from the lived experience of graduate students and related research on mentoring in graduate education, this presentation will discuss mentoring styles (individual, group or network), functions (career, psycho-social, informal or formal), and creative mentee strategies. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own mentor network map to apply within the context of their mentoring and support practices.

Panelists:

Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

A22-400

Friends of the Academy Reception
Saturday, 6:00 PM–7:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-AAR Suite

Jack Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Individuals who have been members of the AAR for 40 years or more and those whose generosity allows us to continue many of our special programs are invited to a reception hosted by the AAR Board of Directors.

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The panelists—international, inter-professional, inter-disciplinary—are border-crossers and bridge-builders who have contributed significantly to scholarship on religious plurality, interreligious dialogue, teaching religious diversity, conflict resolution, justice and reconciliation. Discussion will explore the promises and possibilities of interreligious education in our global, postmodern age.

God Beyond Borders is the first book in Horizons in Religious Education, a new series from the Religious Education Association.

Panelists:
- Marianne Moyaert, VU University, Amsterdam
- Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology
- Mary Elizabeth Moore, Boston University

Responding:
- Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook, Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Graduate University

Saturday, 7:00 PM and Later

P22-403
Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
Theme: Philosophical Paradigm Challenge in Dialogue with Philosophy of Science
Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM
Omni-Boardroom 1
Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Presiding
The cutting-edge reflections on three areas of Nishida Philosophy, Perception Theory, and Fazan’s Mereology will be presented.
- Agnieszka Kozyra, University of Warsaw
- Nishida Kitaro’s Philosophy of Absolute Nothingness and Percy W. Bridgman’s Theory of Operationalism
- Kin Cheung, Temple University
- Implications of Fazang’s Theory of Causation and Mereology for Mechanistic Causation and Reductive Mereology

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

P22-301
College Theology Society
Theme: Liturgical Celebration
Saturday, 6:00 PM–7:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Cardiff

A22-401
Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR) Editorial Board Meeting
Saturday, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM
Convention Center–6C
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

A22-410
Contingent Faculty Reception
Saturday, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM
Grand Hyatt-AAR Suite
AAR members who work at colleges and universities on a contingent or contractual basis are welcome to meet and greet each other at this reception hosted by the AAR’s new Contingent Faculty Task Force. Please RSVP by Friday, November 7, by e-mailing Sarah Levine (slevine@aarweb.org).

P22-400
Religious Education Association
Theme: God Beyond Borders: Interreligious Learning and Global Possibilities
Saturday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Carlsbad
Harold Horell, Fordham University, Presiding
How can people of differing religious traditions learn from one another? What within each religious tradition inspires its congregations to build interfaith cooperation? How can they work together to bring the wisdom of religious traditions into public discussions of socio-moral issues?
This panel discussion will focus on these and other questions as it explores the groundbreaking book God Beyond Borders: Interreligious Learning Among Faith Communities by Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook. The book offers a comprehensive overview of current practices of interreligious learning in faith communities in the United States. It discusses interreligious families, clergy groups, chaplaincies, and community organizations; and examines interreligious encounters, prayer, and social action.

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

P22-409
Film: Trails of Hope and Terror
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-300A
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, and Vincent De La Torre, Denver, CO, Presiding
The film Trails of Hope and Terror, based on the book by the same name which was written by Miguel De La Torre, explores the plight of the undocumented Latin American immigrant from their perspectives. Through the stories of two young teenage girls—one a story of hope while the other a story of terror—the film explores how the present broken immigration laws creates oppression and repression. The film focuses on why we have an immigration problem, how the militarization of the borders creates abuse and death to many
crossing borders, and how some, based on their religious convictions, stand in solidarity with the disenfranchised. This film is designed to unmask the underlining causes of oppression on our southern borders which the national immigration narrative ignores. The estimated time of the film is 1 hour. A trailer to the film can be watched at: http://vimeo.com/79285280.

P22-404
European Society of Women in Theological Research Colloquy
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Miramar
Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Everyone is welcome to this colloquy featuring Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza’s recent books entitled Memory and Movement (Fortress, 2014), Changing Horizons (Fortress, 2013), and Transforming Vision (Fortress, 2011). For additional information, please contact Susanne Scholz at sscholz@smu.edu.
Panelists:
Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California
Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego
Karen Baker-Fletcher, Southern Methodist University
Todd Penners, Austin College
Responding:
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

P22-405
College Theology Society
Theme: In the Valley of Dry Bones: An Open Conversation about California’s Water Crisis
Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Mission Hills

P22-406
Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: Finding the Theistic Foundations of Morality
Saturday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-300B
Paul Copan, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Presiding
Panelists:
David Baggett, Liberty University
Angus Menuge, Concordia University, Milwaukee
Scott Smith, Biola University
Steve Dilley, St. Edwards University

A22-402
Plenary Address
Theme: Updates from the Front Lines of the Climate Fight
Saturday, 7:30 PM–8:30 PM
Convention Center-20D
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding
Bill McKibben, author, environmentalist, and founder of 350.org, will describe the current state of global warming through an explanation of the basic math and science of climate change. He will share updates on the movement working to end our reliance on fossil fuel energy and create a world powered by renewable sources. The talk will be presented alongside photos from countless demonstrations and of the people working to protect our shared future.
Panelists:
Bill McKibben, 350.org

A22-402
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Reception
Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM
Marriott Marquis-Marriott Hall 1
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.

A22-406
Film: Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippy Preacher
Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Group
Lonnie Frisbee was a young hippie seeker fully immersed in the 1960s counter culture when he claimed to have experienced an encounter with God while on an acid trip. This event so transformed him that Lonnie became an itinerant Christian evangelist, something of a John the Baptist of Southern California who compelled thousands of fellow spiritual seekers to make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. During the 1970s Lonnie Frisbee became widely known as California’s “hippie preacher,” the quintessential “Jesus freak” whose pictures frequented such magazines as Time and Life as the media told the story of a burgeoning “Jesus movement.” Lonnie Frisbee provided the charismatic spark that launched the Calvary Chapel church into a worldwide ministry and propelled many fledgling leaders into some of the most powerful movers and shakers of the evangelical movement. During the 1980s Lonnie was at the center of the “signs and wonders” movement, one that focused on reviving the practice of spiritual power through diving healing, speaking in tongues and other demonstrative manners of manifesting the power of God. But besides his influence and beyond the miraculous stories that swirled in the wake of his life, what makes the story most fascinating is that his call into the ministry came while deeply involved in the Laguna Beach homosexual scene. Treated with contempt by the ministers whom he helped establish, Lonnie has been written out of their collective histories. He died as a result of the AIDS virus in 1993.
This is the question at the core of this investigation. Through interviews with Muslim students and faculty at UA, this documentary attempts to address the following: How do Muslim female students carve a space for self-expression in a culture that thinks of Muslims as terrorists and Muslim women as backward and voiceless? While the veil is not the only thing by which Muslim women define themselves, how do they navigate the cultures of the Deep South? And in a place where College Football becomes the bond that ties all—beyond religion, culture, race and ethnicity, is there something more quintessentially Southern than female Muslim students in the stadium in their houndstooth scarfs and pompons shouting “Roll Tide!”

Out of the Fire

Narrative short film, 2010 TRT: 11 mins
Produced and Directed by AAR member, Dr. Jeanette Reedy Solano
Featuring Homeboy Industries former gang members turned poets, this narrative short follows Marco, newly released from prison, as he chooses between returning to his gang family or reconciling with his 4 year old daughter and starting over. The talented musicians, poets, and artists of Homeboy Industries enrich the film. It is a faith-based story of despair, discipline, discovery, and hope.

A22-412

Films: Voices of Muslim Women
Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Aqua D
Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding

When one thinks of the American Deep South, the images of veiled Muslim students strolling in University of Alabama campuses is the last thing that comes to mind. Yet, Muslim students are part of UA culture in the same way Muslim communities have been part of the cultural make up of the South since the beginning. However, one still wonders how do Muslim women, in a predominately Christian society that has unflattering views of Islam and Muslims, to say the least, negotiate their identities.
Tomáš Halík, a Czech priest and philosopher who risked imprisonment for illegally advancing religious and cultural freedoms after the Soviet invasion of his country, and has since become a leading international advocate for dialogue among different faiths and non-believers, won the 2014 Templeton Prize.

Panelists:
  Tomáš Halík, Charles University
  Responding:
  Charles Taylor, McGill University

**A22-405**

**LGBTIQ Scholars / Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception**
Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Convention Center-6F
LGBTIQ scholars, scholars of LGBTIQ studies, and friends are invited to a reception. Come network, see old friends, and make new ones! Sponsored by the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee.

**A22-407**

**Film: Bless Me Ultima**
Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-305
Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton, Presiding
Sponsored by the Latin/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
A drama set in New Mexico during WWII, centered on the relationship between a young man and an elderly medicine woman who helps him contend with the battle between good and evil that rages in his village.

**P22-408**

**Templeton Prize Reception**
Saturday, 9:45 PM–11:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Marriott Hall 3

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*SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23*

**A22-411**

**AAR Annual Business Meeting**
Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM
Convention Center-6E
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding
Join the AAR Board of Directors for a continental breakfast and a brief business meeting.

**P23-1**

**Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting**
Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM
Marriott Marquis-Encinitas
Ravi M. Gupta, Utah State University, Presiding

**P23-2**

**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies**
Theme: **Old Buddhist Texts: New Womanist Thought**
Sunday, 8:30 AM–11:30 AM
Marriott Marquis-Miramar
Deborah Buchanan, Lane College, Presiding
Reading together in community in friendship has been the focus of the Buddhist Resources for Womanist Reflection gatherings between scholars in Buddhist Studies and Womanist Religious Thought since 2009. Together, these scholars have engaged in interreligious critical conversation and dialogue about the contributions that each field makes to the other on issues of justice, peace, and compassion when reading Buddhist texts from Sri Lanka, Tibet, and Japan. The Womanist scholars on this panel will share reflections on their engagement with particular Buddhist texts, showing how a Womanist lens can freshly illumine aspects of Buddhism and how Buddhism can provide new resources for Womanist reflection.

Panelists:
  Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
  Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
  Tracey Hucks, Haverford College
  Keri Day, Brite Divinity School
  Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Responding:
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P22–408

Templeton Prize Reception
Saturday, 9:45 PM–11:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Marriott Hall 3
A23-100

Graduate Student Committee
Theme: Graduate Student Business Meeting and New Member Welcome
Sunday, 9:00 AM–10:00 AM
Convention Center-14B
Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Like most “business meetings” at the Annual Meeting, this one is open to all and is an opportunity to share your ideas and feedback. What events would you like to see the Graduate Student Committee plan in the future? What are your main concerns as a student member within the American Academy of Religion? How can the Graduate Student Committee better represent student needs? This is also an opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about student resources and initiatives. You will have an opportunity to meet the regionally elected student directors who serve on the Graduate Student Committee and represent students on their regional board of directors. This is also a great opportunity to network with other student members and to learn tips for making the most of your Annual Meeting experience and AAR membership.

A23-101

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
Theme: Mothers, Motherhood and the Maternal Body in Comparative Asian Contexts
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-305
Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College
"A Mother’s Heart is Tender”: Buddhist Depictions of Mother-Love
Jessey J. C. Choo, Rutgers University
Riding a Guilt Trip to Heaven: Childbed Practices and Women’s Salvation in Medieval China
David Mozina, Boston College
Giving Birth to the Divine: The Role of the Maternal Body in Daoist Self-Divinization
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago
The Divine Mother Comes to Michigan
Responding: Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

A23-102

Afro-American Religious History Group
Theme: Africana/Americana: Race Politics and the Making of American Religious Histories
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Convention Center-10
Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Panelists:
Laurie Maffly-Kipp, Washington University, Saint Louis
Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College
Wallace Best, Princeton University
Jonathan L. Walton, Harvard University
Jacob S. Dorman, The University of Kansas
Business Meeting:
Josef Sorett, Columbia University, and LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College, Presiding

A23-103

World Christianity Group
Theme: Negotiating Traditions in Twenty-first Century World Christianity: Richard Twiss, Babu wa Loliondo, and the “New Old” Norwegian Clergy
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-501B
Jane Carol Redmont, Roslindale, MA, Presiding
Mika Vähäkangas, Lund University
Negotiating Religious Traditions: Babu wa Loliondo’s Theology of Healing
Jason Purvis, University of Florida
Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology
A New Old Spirituality in Scandinavian Context: Norwegian Clergy as Spiritual and Religious

P23-146

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions
Theme: Rethinking Conversion in Graeco-Roman Antiquity
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-410B
Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound, Presiding
Zeba Crook, Carleton University
“What Have You Done for Me Lately?”: Patronage and Conversion in the Ancient Mediterranean
Nicola Denzey, Brown University
I Cannot Be Other Than What I Am

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A23-104
Publications Committee Meeting
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-18
Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding

A23-105
Theological Education Committee Meeting
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-Aqua Boardroom
Jeffrey Williams, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

A23-106
Plenary Address
Theme: Religion and the Roots of Climate Change Skepticism
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-20D
Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding
In the face of a robust scientific consensus that the Earth’s climate is slowly changing and that humans are at least partly responsible for this change, a persistent and vocal minority of skeptics has gained traction in American public discourse. Some skeptics reject scientific findings about global warming trends; many others deny human responsibility for the trends. In both cases, religious beliefs about God’s sovereignty frequently undergird the skepticism and influence the larger debates about how societies can mitigate climate change or adapt our way of life to adjust to the new realities.
This roundtable brings together four internationally renowned scholars and religious leaders—a Christian evangelical climate scientist, a professor of modern Jewish philosophy and rabbinical thought, an historian of science specializing in debates about climate change, and an evangelical leader in the “creation care” movement—to discuss climate change skepticism and its role in religious communities. A robust discussion among panelists and the audience will follow opening comments from each speaker.
Panelists:
Hanoch Ben-Pazi, Bar-Ilan University
Richard Cizik, New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good, Oak Ridge, TN
Katharine Hayhoe, Texas Tech University
Naomi Oreskes, Harvard University

A23-107
Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee, Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee, and Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Theme: Negotiating Disclosure
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-26
Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding
Academics often face challenging questions about whether, when, and how to disclose personal information within the academy—in graduate school, on the job market, or to fellow colleagues. In this session, panelists will address complexities of negotiating disclosure related to disability, sexual identity, family status and pregnancy, racial/ethnic identity and/or religious perspectives and commitment. We pay particular attention to intersectionality as a tool for examining interlocking systems of oppression, attending to dynamics of power and privilege, and resisting the tendency to put different identities under erasure. We will discuss the approaches individuals have taken to disclosure in diverse institutional contexts, opportunities to make strategic use of disclosure, the lines between public and private disclosure, and legal considerations surrounding disclosure.
Panelists:
Darla Schumm, Hollins University
Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School
Thelatic Young, Bucknell University
Kecia Ali, Boston University
Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University

A23-108
Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
Theme: Sounds and Sights in Religious Conversation: East-West
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-32A
Emily Suzanne Clark, Gonzaga University, Presiding
Stephanie Rumpza, Boston College
representation and Iconoclasm in Sergei Bulgakov and Jean-Luc Marion
Colette Walker, Graduate Theological Union
The Ki of Dow: Adaptations from Japanese Buddhist Aesthetics in the Art Pedagogy of Arthur Wesley Dow
Andrew McKee, Florida State University
“My Gift to America”: Maxo Vanka’s Murals and Memories of Steel
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University
Interreligious Soundscapes: The Aesthetics of the Antakya Choir of Civilizations and the Blending of Musical Traditions, Visual Imagery, and Choreographic Styles
A23-109
History of Christianity Section and Religion in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500–1650 CE Group
Theme: Anti-Judaism in Fifteenth and Sixteenth Century Europe: Continuity and Change
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-24A
Debora Klepper, Boston University, Presiding
Erika Tittel, University of Chicago
Marranos, Pharisees, Hebrews and Sadducees: The Persistent Menace of Jewish Flesh in Fifteenth–Century Spain
David Price, University of Illinois
Abrogating and Preserving Legal Tolerance of Judaism in Germany
Ralph Keen, University of Illinois, Chicago
Erasmus, the Church Fathers, and the Jews
Vincent Evener, University of Chicago
The Hope of Jewish Conversion in the Reformation: Caspar Gueltet’s Response to Luther’s That Jesus Christ Was Born a Jew (1523)

A23-110
Philosophy of Religion Section
Theme: Literature and the Philosophy of Religion
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-25C
Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago, Presiding
Stephen Innes, King’s College London
Hannah Arendt and Joseph Conrad: On the “Idealist” and the Development of the Banality of Evil
Jason Bartulis, University of Chicago
First-Person Authority, Third-Person Methodologies, and the Status of the Mind in Contemporary Theory and Literature
Paul W. Gleason, University of Virginia
Visionary Experience in Marilynne Robinson’s Gilead
Albert Silva, University of California, Santa Barbara
Wallace’s Walden: David Foster Wallace’s This Is Water as a Spiritually Didactic Text

A23-111
Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Contraception, Corporations, and Conscience: Evolving Appeals to Religious Liberty in the Context of US Health Care
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-4
Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding
Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University
The Corporately Produced Conscience: Emergency Contraception and the Politics of Workplace Accommodations
Charlene Galarneau, Wellesley College
Health Care Sharing Ministries and the Affordable Care Act
Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University
The End of Religious Liberty? Discriminatory Laws, Religious Rhetoric, and Efforts to Shape the Body Politic
Responding:
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University
Business Meeting:
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C., and Najeenba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

A23-112
Teaching Religion Section
Theme: How Should We Teach Asian Religions to “Western” Undergraduates?
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-9
Paul Crowe, Simon Fraser University, Presiding
Jason Fuller, DePauw University
A Reluctant Phenomenologist: Teaching “Introduction to Asian Religions” in a Midwestern Liberal Arts Setting
Hillary Rodrigues, University of Lethbridge
Confessional Ethnography in the Classroom?
John Clifford Holt, Bowdoin College
Against Textbooks? What Are the Alternatives?
John Harding, University of Lethbridge
Narratives for Teaching Asian Religions

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A23-113

African Religions Group
Theme: Nexus of Exclusion: Homophobia, Law, and Religion in Contemporary African Politics
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-28A
Dianna Bell, Florida State University, Presiding
Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds
A New Constitution for “a Christian Nation”: LGBTI Rights and the Anti-Discrimination Clause in Zambia
Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University
Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
Côte d’Ivoire and the New Homophobia, or The Autochthonous Ethnic and the Spirit of Neo-Liberalism
Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University
Moral Revolution or Cultural Oppression: Sexual Orientation and the Rhetoric of Law and Religion in Africa
Responding:
Frieda Ekotto, University of Michigan

A23-114

Augustine and Augustinians Group and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-23A
Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa, Presiding
Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University
Carl Hughes, Texas Lutheran University
Contrasting Luther and Kierkegaard as “Augustinian” Readers of Scripture
Janna Gonwa, Yale University
Eros, Agape, and Neighbor-Love as Ontological Gift
Helene Russell, Christian Theological Seminary
The Passion of Faith and the Work of Love: Barrett, Augustine and Kierkegaard on Salvation, Faith and Love
Responding:
Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary

A23-115

Body and Religion Group and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Group
Theme: Religion, Affect, and Embodiment: New Approaches
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University, Presiding
Jacob Meiring, University of Pretoria
Theology in the Flesh: A Model for Theological Anthropology as Embodied Sensing
Jyoti Raghu, University of Oxford
Merleau-Ponty, Michel Henry, Affect, and Neuroscience: Reading God’s Affective Self-manifestation in the Flesh as the Redemption of the Embodied, Affective Self
Jason N. Blum, American University in Cairo
William James on How to Study Experience
Jay Johnston, University of Sydney
Detached Immersion: Subtle Materiality and the Self-Environment Interface
Justice Anquandah Arthur, University of Bayreuth
Bodily Language and Metaphors in Pentecostalism: A Study of Charismatic Preaching in Ghana

A23-116

Buddhist Philosophy Group
Theme: Ethics in/of Buddhist Non-dualism
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-22
Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University, Presiding
Yaroslav Komarovski, University of Nebraska
How Virtuous is the Ultimate Virtue? Conflicting Buddhist Interpretations of the Virtuous Dimension of Ultimate Reality
Davey Tomlinson, University of Chicago
The Madman’s Government of Self and Others
Sara L. McClintock, Emory University
Beyond Kusala and Akusala: Buddhist Ethics in the Face of Non-duality
piiyopah damiano, Emory University
Unreasonable Behavior: Ethics of Buddhist Non-dualism in a Modern Context
Responding:
Jay Garfield, Yale-NUS College
Business Meeting:
Richard Nance, Indiana University, and Sara L. McClintock, Emory University, Presiding
A23-117

Childhood Studies and Religion Group and Confucian Traditions Group
Theme: Nurturing Moral Children: Confucian Visions of Parenthood and Childhood
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-310A

Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, Presiding

Erin Cline, Georgetown University
Families of Virtue: Prenatal and Infant Moral Cultivation in Early Confucianism

Keith Knapp, The Citadel
Forever the Child: Confucian Conceptions of Childhood as Envisioned in Early Medieval Filial Piety Tales

Theresa Kelleher, Manhattanville College
Parents and Children in Zhu Xi’s Xiaoxue Text

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University
Two Confucian Theories on Children and Childhood: Commentaries on the Analects and the Mengzi

Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College
Children of Nobility: New Confucian Thought and International Adoption

Responding:
Sarah Schneewind, University of California, San Diego

A23-118

Christian Spirituality Group
Theme: Christian Spirituality and the Cognitive Sciences: An Emerging Conversation
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-2

Claire Wolfteich, Boston University, Presiding

Mark Graves, Fuller Theological Seminary, Kevin Reimer, Azusa Pacific University, Michael Spezio, Scripps College, Andrea Beckum, Fuller Theological Seminary, Remya Nair, California Institute of Technology, and Warren Brown, Fuller Theological Seminary
Community of the Downwardly Mobile: Scientific Study of Kenotic Habitats in L’Arche

Michael Spezio, Scripps College, and Brent Field, Princeton University, and Kevin Reimer, Azusa Pacific University, and Mark Graves, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Remya Nair, California Institute of Technology, and Andrew Dreitcer, Claremont School of Theology
Heartfulness as Mindfulness: Imitatio of Affectivity and Perspective in Christian Contemplative Practice

A23-119

Class, Religion, and Theology Group
Theme: Fresh Engagements with Class, Religion, and Theology
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-31A

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College, Presiding

Hollis Phelps, Mount Olive College
Debt, Class, and Theology: A Critical Theological Proposal

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
Disrupting Theological Complicity in the Disappearing of the Working Class

Claudio Carvalhaes, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Worship and Social Class Struggle

Julie Mavity Maddalena, Southern Methodist University
White Women’s Dogs, Black Women’s Babies: Class Analysis and the Lives of Single, Working-Class Mothers

Responding:
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University

A23-120

Comparative Religious Ethics Group
Theme: The Social Body
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-30D

Jonathan Crane, Emory University, Presiding

Amy Hyne, University of Texas
Being Natural, Being Pure: Locating “Sanity” in Classical India

Richard Amesbury, Universität Zürich
Is the Body Anterior to Religion? Circumcision, Religious Minorities in Germany, and the Right to Bodily Integrity

Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
For Personal Health or Social Welfare? A Study of “Mindful Eating” Practices in America and Taiwan

Sam Hole, University of Cambridge
The Significance of John of the Cross’s Account of Contemplative Ascent for a Theory of the Loving Transformation of the Emotions

Andrea Hollingsworth, Boston University
The Architecture of Apophasis: Exploring Options for a Cognitive Scientific Interpretation of the Via Negativa

Business Meeting:
Glenn Young, Rockhurst University, Presiding

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Responding:
Jonathan Schofer, University of Texas

Business Meeting:
Beverley Foukls McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

A23-121

Contemporary Islam Group
Theme: New Trends in Islamic Law
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-28C
Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq, Presiding

Hamid Mavani, Claremont Graduate University
Two Shi’i Jurisprudential Methodologies to Address Contemporary Challenges: Traditional Ijtihad and Foundational Ijtihad

Fatima Seedat, University of Cape Town
Sex Difference and the Making of Women in Islamic Law

Mohammed Ghaly, Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics
Physicians as Co-Muftis

Fachrizal Halim, McGill University
Reconfiguration of Islamic Legal Authority in the Digital Age: Neo-Madhhab, Ijtihād, and the Idea of Legitimacy

Responding:
Sherman Jackson, University of Southern California

Business Meeting:
Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, and Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg, Presiding

A23-122

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group, Gay Men and Religion Group, Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Group, Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group, and Religious Conversions Group
Theme: Evolving or Born this Way: Conversion and Identity
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-307

Hannah Hofheinz, Harvard University, Presiding

In regards to religious identity and conversion this panel seeks to examine issues relating to how conversion establishes and destabilizes identity formation. Jewish, Evangelical Christian, and Fundamentalist Christian cases are explored where belonging to gender strict faith communities with conventional and predetermined sexual identity templates makes individual human conversion/reconversion/change necessary. In the Pagan case, the community itself converts the sexual identity of its deities—not only its symbolisation but its conceptualization—by letting gender fluidity evolve in the divine keeping a strong experiential tie between individual experience of gender and interpretations of the world of spirit. Panelists make use of historical material, ethnography and personal experiences. The panel seeks to examine deeply the questions of what is ideal and what is real, and asks whether an evolving Goddess (or God) makes a difference.

Leigh Ann Hildebrand, Graduate Theological Union
Born This Way? Ketesh, AbaravRaha, Getefet Fetish and Jewish Conversion

Rachel Morgain, Australian National University
Goddess Evolving: Gender Transformations and Feminist Contestations in Reclaiming Paganism

Philip Francis, Manhattan College
Sex Versus Certainty: An Ethnography of Evangelical Deconversion

Lisa Powell, St. Ambrose University
Sex, Gender, and Desire in Christian Conversions

A23-123

Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Group
Theme: From "Keepin' It Real" to "Keepin' it Right": Hip-Hop, Representation, and Epistemology
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-31C
Andre E. Johnson, Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding

L. Benjamin Rolsky, Drew University
"This Dark Diction, Has Become America's Addiction": Religion, Race, and Hip-Hop in a Neo-Liberal Age

Beth Singer, University of Cambridge
Black, White or Blue? The Indigo Children, Hip Hop, and Interrogating Assumptions about the Race and Aims of "New Agers"

Joseph Winters, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
More than Human: Batallle, Kanye, Eminem, and the Monstrous Quality of the Sacred

Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University
Appropriation and Appreciation: Hip Hop as a Critical Category in the Study of Indigenous Religious Traditions with Special Attention Paid to Afrika Bambuataa and the Zulu Nation

Business Meeting:
Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University, and Christopher Driscoll, Rice University, Presiding

A23-124

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group
Theme: Topos Revisited: Ecological, Epistemological, Ethical Habitations
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-3

Carol White, Bucknell University, Presiding

Karen deVries, University of California, Santa Cruz
Prodigal Daughters and the Earthbound at the Edge of the Anthropocene

Ronald Bernier, Wentworth Institute of Technology
Vision, Voice, and Difference: The Gendered Space of Liberation

A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida
Experiments in Equity: Food, Feminism, and Intentional Communities

Kevin Minister, Kentucky Wesleyan College
Producing Refuse and Refusing to Produce: Religion and the Production of a Throw Away Economy

Responding:
Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union

Molly Hadley Jensen, Southwestern University

Business Meeting:
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming, and Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University, Presiding
A23-125

Hinduism Group and Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Theme: The Politics of Religious Sentiment: Religion and the Indian Public in the Light of the Doniger/Penguin Affair
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-7B
Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding
Panelists:
Elaine Fisher, Columbia University
J. Barton Scott, Montana State University
Cassie Adcock, Washington University, Saint Louis
Chad Bauman, Butler University
Thomas Blom Hansen, Stanford University
Rupa Viswanath, University of Gottingen
P. Pratap Kumar, University of KwaZulu Natal
Gerald J. Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara
Responding:
Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University

A23-126

Islamic Mysticism Group
Theme: Islamic Mysticism in the Contemporary Age
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-25A
Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Presiding
William Rory Dickson, South Dakota State University
Father or Friend? Shifting Models of Authority in North American Sufism
H. Talat Halman, Central Michigan University
Avatārī Sufism: The Reorientation of Sufism in the West
Torang Asadi, Duke University
Gender, Identity, and Modernity in the Shah Mughboudi Schisms
Summar Shaob, Emory University
Emplotting Sacred Biography: The Construction of Fariduddin Qadri’s Hagiology and its Historiographical Importance for Minbar al-Qur’ān
Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha
The Chinese Science of Arabic Letters: Figurations of Muhammad as the Perfect Human
Responding:
Robert Rozenhal, Lehigh University
Business Meeting:
Omid Safi, Duke University, and Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Presiding

A23-127

Japanese Religions Group
Theme: Keeping the Dead Alive: Varieties of Ritual Memorialization in Japanese Zen Buddhism
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-23C
Pamela Runestad, Elon University, Presiding
Patricia Fister, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan
Commemorating Life and Death: The Memorial Culture Surrounding the Rinzai Zen Nun Mugai Nyodai
Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University
The Creative Healing Power of Contemporary Japanese Women’s Soto Zen Memorial Practices
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
Ritual Memory Bodies at Eiheiji Monastery, Japan
Steven Heine, Florida International University
Samurai Memoriahs and Popular Religion at Two Sōtō Zen Temples
Responding:
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
Business Meeting:
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, and Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding

A23-128

Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group and Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
Theme: Borderland Religions: Crossing, Inhabiting, and Innovating Traditions
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-311A
Luís Leon, University of Denver, Presiding
Michael Jimenez, Fuller Theological Seminary
Barth’s Far and Near Neighbor at the Borderlands
Jennifer McWeeny, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
The Colonial, Catholic Body: Ontologies of Oppression and Resistance in the Chicana-Irish Borderlands
William Escalante, Michigan State University
Aguí No Tenemos Muertos: Culture, Religion, and Identity in US Día de los Muertos Celebrations
Christian Ramirez, Michigan State University
Roots of Route: Mexican Migration from the Veracruz “Contact Zone”
Jennifer Schepers Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Day of the Dead and the Invention of Public Religion in California
Responding:
Nancy A. Pineda-Madrid, Boston College

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Mormon Studies Group and Sociology of Religion Group  
Theme: Joseph Smith's First Vision: New Methods for the Analysis of Experience-Related Texts  
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Convention Center-5A  
J. Spencer Fluhman, Brigham Young University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara  
- Steven C. Harper, LDS Church History Library, Salt Lake City, UT  
Responding:  
- Kathleen Flake, University of Virginia  
- Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

**A23-130**

Nineteenth Century Theology Group  
Theme: Gendered Categories in Nineteenth Century Religious Thought and Social Theory  
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Hilton Bayfront-520  
Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University  
  *The Gender of Enthusiasm: Kant’s “On a Newly Arisen Superior Tone in Philosophy” (1796)*  
- Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University  
  *Women, Ethical Formation, and Narratives of Modern Morality*  
- Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College  
  *Sexuality and Marriage in Marianne Weber’s Typology of Religions*  
- Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute  
  *A Tale of Two Daughters: Jane Addams, Winifred Rauschenbush, and the Social Critique of Paternalism*  
Business Meeting:  
- Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding

**A23-131**

Open and Relational Theologies Group  
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Convention Center-28D  
Brenda Colijn, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Richard Rice, Loma Linda University  
- John Sanders, Hendrix College  
- David Basinger, Roberts Wesleyan College

**A23-132**

Religion and Humanism Group  
Theme: What Kind of Anthropocentrism is Appropriate in the Anthropocene? Answers from Emerson and Thoreau  
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Hilton Bayfront-502A  
Molly Farneth, Princeton University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Willemien Otten, University of Chicago  
  *Thinking Nature: Towards a “Natural” Conversation with the Religious Past*  
- C.J. Dickson, Princeton Theological Seminary  
  *A Succession of Moods*  
- Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Princeton University  
  *The Society Thoreau Sought in Walden Woods*  
- Carly Lane, University of Chicago  
  *“The Starry Heavens above Me and the Moral Law within”: Transcendentalism’s Claim Against Deep Ecology*  
Responding:  
- Maria Antonaccio, Bucknell University  
- J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University, and Slavica Jakelic, Valparaiso University, Presiding

**A23-133**

Religion in the American West Group  
Theme: Western Borderlands: Families and Congregations  
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Convention Center-30C  
John-Charles Duffy, Miami University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Rebecca Tatum, Union Theological Seminary  
  *Babies, Bodies, and Borderlands: Parteras in Territorial New Mexico*  
- Sarah Koenig, Yale University  
  *“With Her Aid I Got along Nicely”: Native American Wet Nurses and Domestic Boundary-Crossing in the Nineteenth-Century American West*  
- Brennan Keegan, Duke University  
  *Extractive Societies and Denominational Adaptation: Evangelical Revivals in Nineteenth-Century Montana*  
- Jason Allen Redden, University of Manitoba  
  *Methodist Revivals and the Role of Affect in the Constitution of Indigenous Christian Communities in the Late Nineteenth Century Pacific Northwest*  
Responding:  
- Colleen McDannell, University of Utah  
- Brett Hendrickson, Lafayette College, Presiding

A23-134

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group
Theme: The Role of Christianity in the Rwandan Genocide Twenty Years After
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-313
Jill Petersen Adams, Syracuse University, Presiding
Ruth Katharina Heckelsmüller, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
Victor Thasiah, California Lutheran University
Tim Horner, Villanova University
Kate E. Temoney, Florida State University

Violence, Christian Conversion, and African Religion: A Postcolonial Reading of Bantu Philosophy by Placide Tempels (a Belgian Missionary in the Congo)

Countering Complicity: Rwandan Political Theology after Genocide

Breaking the Toxic Silence: How the Vatican Can Apologize for Rwanda


Responding:
Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia

A23-135

Religion, Media, and Culture Group
Theme: Seeing is Believing/Believing is Seeing: Visual Religion in the Legacy News Media
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-30A
Diane Winston, University of Southern California, Presiding
Rachel Lindsey, Washington University, Saint Louis
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West
Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa

Responding:
Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado
David Morgan, Duke University

A23-136

Religion, Memory, History Group and Ricoeur Group
Theme: Contested Memories: Problematizing Present Practices
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-411A
Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University, Presiding

The Past as Present: Religion and the Use of History
Kate DeConinck, Harvard University

The In/Visibility of al Qaeda at Sites of 9/11 Remembrance: Causes and Consequences
Darryl Ferguson, University of Chicago

Paralysis Overcome: Guilt and Forgiveness in Interpersonal Relations in Two Works of Paul Ricoeur
Michael Deckard, Lenoir-Rhyne University, and Mindy Makant, Lenoir-Rhyne University

Responding:
Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University
David Reinhart, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

A23-137

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
Theme: Political Theologies of Border Construction and Binationalism in Palestine-Israel
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-29C
Sally Stamper, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Issam Aburaya, Seton Hall University
Samuel Brody, University of Cincinnati
Peter Dula, Eastern Mennonite University
Hannah Mayne, University of Toronto
Loren Lybarger, Ohio University

Responding:
Alain Epp Weaver, Mennonite Central Committee
A23-138

Secularism and Secularity Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group

Theme: Yoga’s Religious or Secular Identities: Contemporary Debates

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-33B

Patton Burchett, New York University, Presiding

Seth Powell, Harvard University

The Yoga Case: The Imbrication of Yoga and Religion in Sedlock vs. Baird

Jason Birch, Oxford University

Hathayoga: Postures for Moghuls and Maharajas

Allison E. Fish, University of California Davis

Translating Yoga’s Value: The Co-mingling of Modern Law, Biomedical Science, and South Asian Spirituality in the Global Marketplace

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis


Julie Meadows, Generous Reader Editing, Clinton, SC

This Might Be Religion: Yoga Teacher Training, Moral Formation, and the Problem of Yoga’s Religious Status

Responding:

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University

Business Meeting:

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University, and Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

A23-139

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group

Theme: Monk, King, Tantrika: Negotiating Power in Tibet

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-11B

Brandon Dotson, Ludwig Maximilians Universität München, Presiding

Adam Krug, University of California, Santa Barbara

Pakpa Lama’s Advice to Prince Jibik Temür: Buddhist Ethics in the “Heyday of Poisons”

Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley

Power and Compassion: Negotiating Buddhist Kingship in Tenth-Century Tibet

Jann Ronis, University of California, Berkeley

Jikmé Lingpa’s Epistles to the Dharma King and Queen of Dergé: Skillful Means and Classicism

José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara

Mipam’s Vision of the Just Buddhist Ruler in His Treatise on Political Ethics

Daniel Hirshberg, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

“When I Was King…: Memories of Sovereignty in the Construction of Enlightened Identity

Business Meeting:

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, and Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding

A23-140

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group

Theme: A Contribution to Political and Cultural Theology? Paul Tillich’s Method of Correlation

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-29A

Frederick J. Parrella, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Marijn de Jong, KU Leuven, and Ulrich Schmiedel, University of Oxford

Compromised Correlations: Experience and the Concept of Correlation

Daniel Miller, Landmark College

Democracy and Deicide: Paul Tillich’s Principle of Correlation as a Resource for Political Theology

Eric Weed, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

The Demony of Christianity: Tillich’s Concept of the Demon and the Deconstruction of Religious Racism

Christophe D. Ringer, Christian Brothers University

Paul Tillich, Charles Long, and the Religious Situation in America

A23-141

Exploratory Sessions

Theme: New Perspectives on Religion in the Philippines

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-202A

Adrian Hermann, University of Munich, Presiding

Giovanni Maltese, University of Heidelberg

The Politics of Contradictory Identities in Contemporary Filipino Pentecostal/Charismatic Christianity: A Case Study for an Entangled History of Religion in the Philippines

Esmeralda Sanchez, University of Santo Tomas

The Spirituality of El Shaddai DWXI-PPFI: An Attempt to Understand a Filipino Catholic Charismatic Movement

Deirdre de la Cruz, University of Michigan

Spiritual Histories: Filipino Ghosts and Global Occultisms at the Turn of the Twentieth Century

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University

Muslim and Moro: Constructing Islamic Identity through Material Culture in the Philippines

Responding:

Smita Lahiri, Harvard University

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A23-142

Wildcard Session
Theme: Videographic Methods in Studying Ritual
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-1A
Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding
Rituals were a staple, if not the dominant subject matter, of visual anthropology from its beginning at the dawn of the twentieth century. Even so, the use of audio-visual technology has been slow in coming to the ethnographic study of religion generally and the study of ritual specifically. University teachers have appropriated films in classrooms but rarely reflected methodologically and theoretically on AV technology or treated documentary video as primary subject matter. This session is built around responses to the videography of four books on ritual:

- Ronald L. Grimes, Ritual Studies International, Waterloo, ON
  "The Craft of Ritual Studies" (Oxford University Press, 2013)

Responding:
- Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
- Barry Stephenson, Memorial University
- Performing the Reformation: Public Ritual in the City of Luther
  (Oxford University Press, 2010)

- Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University
- Lee Gilmore, San Jose State University
- Theater in a Crowded Fire: Ritual and Spirituality at Burning Man
  (University of California Press, 2010)

Responding:
- Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico
- Ute Huesken, University of Oslo
- Vishnu's Children: Prenatal Life-cycle Rituals in South India
  (Harrassowitz Verlag, 2009)

Responding:
- Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

Among the questions we expect to discuss are: How are scholars currently using video to study ritual? What does video offer that writing does not? What are the problems with using videographic methods? How are visual presentations related to verbal arguments? What are the theoretical implications of using video to study ritual? What’s the next step?
Business Meeting:
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding

A23-155
Contingent Faculty Task Force Meeting
Sunday, 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Grand Hyatt-AAR Suite
Kelly J. Baker, Chronicle Vitae, Presiding

A23-152
Chinese Religions Group
Theme: Alien Buddhism: The Buddhist Practices of Non-Chinese Empires in China
Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-23B
Paul Copp, University of Chicago, Presiding
Stephanie Balkwill, McMaster University
Kings, Buddhas, and Caves: Mingling Mythologies in the Buddhas of Tuoba Yungang and Longmen
Jonathan Dugdale, University of Birmingham
Placing Pagodas: A New Framework for the Religious Architecture of the Late Dynasty
Michelle McCoy, University of California, Berkeley
Astral Deities and Visual Culture in the Tangut Xi Xia Kingdom
Wen-shing Chou, Hunter College
Recentering the Buddhist Universe: Wutai Shan in the Making of Qing Imperial Buddhism
Responding:
Johan Elverskog, Southern Methodist University

A23-153
Liberal Theologies Group
Theme: Liberal Theologies and Nature
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-Aqua D
Anita L. Bradshaw, Minneapolis, MN, Presiding
Anne Katrin Lemmel, TU Dresden
Gordon D. Kaufman’s Theology and the Challenge of Climate Change
Brandon Daniel-Hughes, John Abbott College
Semiotic Orthodoxy: A Naturalist Reassessment of Postliberal Norms
Sheri Prud’homme, Graduate Theological Union
Naturalizing Whiteness: Thomas Starr King’s Theology of Nature and the Project of Nation Building
Lydia Willsky, Whittier College
Nature’s Apostles: Henry David Thoreau, Native Americans, and the “Wild” Theology of Nature
Responding:
Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary
Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee
Business Meeting:
Daniel McKanan, Harvard University, Presiding

A23-154
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
Theme: Losing Faith, Healing Prayer, and Medicine in Diverse Communities
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-400A
Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Alastair Lockhart, University of Cambridge
An International Perspective on the Religious Function of Novel Spiritual Healing
Michael Haycock, Claremont Graduate University
Pandemic and Plague: Early Pentecostals, the 1918 Spanish Flu, and the Globalization of Epidemiology
Arlene Macdonald, University of Texas Medical Branch
In the Name of the Guru: The Guru Nanak Emergency Centre, Sikh Gurdwaras, and the Pursuit of Religious and Health Equality
Gila Silverman, University of Arizona
“I’ll Say a Mi Sheberach for You”: Prayer and Healing among Liberal American Jews
Jonathan Morgan, Boston University
Losing Faith in Depression: Toward a More Expansive Relationship between Religion and Depression in African American Communities
Responding:
Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary
Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee

P23-100
Colloquium on Violence and Religion
Theme: René Girard, Secular Modernity and Politics
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Marriott Marquis-Carlsbad
Martha J. Reineke, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
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.
Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University
René Girard and Secular Modernity: Christ, Culture, and Crisis by Scott Cowdell: A Reflection
William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University, and Thomas Ryba, University of Notre Dame and Purdue University
Resisting Violence and Victimisation: Christian Faith and Solidarity in East Timor by Joel Hodge: A Conversation
Responding:
Scott Cowdell, Charles Stuart University
Joel Hodge, Australian Catholic University

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P23-102
Society for Hindu-Christian Studies
Theme: Aesthetic Theory and Practice in Hindu and Christian Experience
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Marriott Marquis-Del Mar
Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Presiding
Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University
Aesthetics in Hindu-Christian Studies: A Theological Framework
Roselle M. Gonsalves, University of Calgary
Hail Devi, Full of Grace: Aesthetic and Marian Worship in Mumbai, India
Jon Douglas Anderson, Catholic University of America
The Aum and the Cross: Indian Catholic Architectural “Inculturation” and Its Discontents
Patrick Beldio, Catholic University of America
The Androgynous God-Man: The Aesthetic Ideals of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Early Christian Thought
Responding:
Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville
Business Meeting:
Ravi M. Gupta, Utah State University, Presiding

P23-107
Theta Alpha Kappa Board Meeting
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Omni-Boardroom 2

P23-130
Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion
Theme: Feminist Biblical Studies in the 20th Century
Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront–Sapphire A
Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Presiding
Panelists:
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College
Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University
Cynthia M. Baker, Bates College
Elsa Tamez, United Bible Societies
Yak-hwee Tan, CWM Ltd/Taiwan Theological College and Seminary
Denise K. Buell, Williams College
Joseph A. Marchal, Ball State University
Monica Melanchthon, United Faculty of Theology
Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

A23-144
Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Effective Teaching: What We Know From Research on Learning
Sunday, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
Convention Center-14B
In the past 25 years, research on how people learn has expanded considerably, and is being translated into scholarly work on effective pedagogy. Books like How Learning Works: 7 Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching, by Susan Ambrose, et.al, (Jossey-Bass 2010) and Cheating Lessons: Learning from Academic Dishonesty (Harvard University Press, 2013) use insights from cognitive science, educational psychology and organizational behavior to offer strategies for enhancing the ways that we can most effectively teach the content and skills our students need to learn. This interactive workshop focuses on bringing effective, research-based teaching strategies into the religious studies classroom.
Susan Hill is the Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Professor of Religion at the University of Northern Iowa.
Panelist:
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa

A23-145
Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Teaching with Technology: Practical Advice and Best Practice
Sunday, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
Convention Center-14B
This roundtable discussion will focus on the merits and challenges of teaching with technology. Topics will include innovative ways to bring media and technology into a range of classroom settings, strategies for effective online teaching, and online resources for student learning and assessment. Participants will receive teaching resources and have a chance to discuss their own classroom needs. How can technology help you reach different kinds of learners? Can technology save you time during planning and grading? How did the roundtable presider set his shirt on fire with a video projector during class? We will discuss all of this and more!
Panelist:
Joshua Canzona, Georgetown University
Society for the Study of Chinese Religions Meeting
Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
Marriott Marquis-Laguna
Please join us for the meeting of the Society for the Study of Chinese Religions. The meeting is open to all.

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy
Theme: Emerging of Eco-Social Ethics: Emphasis on the Indian Root
Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM
Omni-Gaslamp 5
Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation are all part of today's global discourse. This panel examines the positive contribution we find in ancient Indian traditions, to enrich our understanding and action in the 21st century.

- Mary Jeanne Larrabee, DePaul University
  *A Buddhist Social Ethic: Decentering the Realized Self*
- Martin T. Adam, University of Victoria
  *On the Ethical Implications of Buddhist Ideas of Equality*
- Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley and University of Melbourne
  *Animal Ethics, Ecological Consequences, and Bio-Species Justice*

Presidential Address
Theme: Interrupting Your Life: An Ethics for the Coming Storm
Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Convention Center-20D
Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
This talk will explore the possibilities offered by religious texts, living practices and received traditions as we face the urgent problem of climate change and the chaos it has already begun to create. Climate change is happening now, impacting most urgently the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable human communities. It will raise the complex ethical questions we face both globally and individually, and ask about our duties as scholars within the American Academy of Religion.

Panelist:
- Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

Public University Department Chairs Meeting
Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Convention Center-18
Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida, Presiding
This session provides a forum for the chairs of religion/religious studies departments/programs at public universities to discuss issues related to teaching about and conducting research on religion in this particular context.

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee and Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Theme: Women's Mentoring Lunch
Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Convention Center-6D
Michele Saracino, Manhattan College, Presiding
Women who are graduate students and new scholars to a luncheon with over thirty womanist, feminist, and LGBTQ midcareer and senior scholars are invited. Women will have the opportunity to mentor and be mentored in a context where every question is valued. The lunch costs $10 per person; sorry, no refunds. Registration is limited to 100. Go to https://aar.wufoo.com/forms/2014-womens-mentoring-luncheon/ to register.

Mentors:
- Kecia Ali, Boston University
- Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
- Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University
- Lorilii Biernacki, University of Colorado
- Rita Brock, Brite Divinity School
- Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
- Maria Del Socorro Castañeda-Liles, Santa Clara University
- Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
- Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Silver Spring, MD
- Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West
- Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University
- Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
- Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
- Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary
- Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
- Angella Son, Drew University
- Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology
- Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University
- Nargis Virani, New York, NY
Panelists:
Raj Balkaran, University of Calgary

Panelists:
Kwabena Asamoah Gyadu, Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana
Melissa Browning, Loyola University, Chicago
Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge
Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University

Responding:
Esther Acolatse, Duke University

Panelists:
Joel Stoker, Arizona State University
A23-201

Academic Relations Committee
Theme: Survey of the Long Term Impacts of Liberal Education on Religious Studies Majors
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-3
Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University, Presiding
In 2010, the AAR received a grant from the Teagle Foundation to study the long-term impact of liberal education on religious studies majors. With the help of the institutional research team at Georgia State University and the Academic Relations Committee, a survey instrument was developed and piloted in five schools in 2012. Surveys were sent to religious studies majors who had graduated from these schools between 1970 and 2010; 425 surveys were completed and returned for a response rate of 49%. In 2014 dozens more schools participated in the survey (24 of which were helped by small seed grants from the AAR to defray costs). This session will discuss the very promising results from the study with a focus on how this data can help strengthen the case for strong programs of religious studies at our institutions.
Panelists:
Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University
Sandra Lee Dixon, University of Denver
Jane S. Webster, Barton College
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College
Henrietta L. Wiley, Notre Dame of Maryland University
Joe Blosser, High Point University

A23-202

Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Theme: The Doniger Affair: Censorship, Self-Censorship, and the Role of the Academy in the Public Understanding of Religion
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-20D
Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, Presiding
In February 2014, Penguin India agreed to cease all publication of Wendy Doniger's The Hindus: An Alternative History (2009) in connection with the settlement of a defamation lawsuit in India about the book. This alarming development raises major issues for the academic study of religion: censorship, self-censorship, the methodological challenges of authenticity and representation, and tensions between insider and outsider perspectives. Focusing on the Doniger book controversy, this panel will explore the issue of censorship, how identity politics is employed to challenge what constitutes viable scholarship, and how the AAR can maintain a robust, responsible, and open debate on controversial issues, based on well-researched scholarship from many perspectives, to further the public understanding of religion.
Panelists:
Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

A23-203

Conversation with the Excellence in Teaching Award Winner, Shafique N. Virani
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-520
Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding
Panelist:
Shafique N. Virani, University of Toronto

A23-204

Women's Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Taking Root: Publishing New Books on Gender and Religion
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-14A
Marcelle Grano, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding
This session presents scholars who have published books in the discipline of Gender and Religion, in 2013 and 2014. This panel of AAR and SBL authors will provide an overview of their books as well as share their perspectives on current research being published in gender and religion. These scholars will also share their experiences regarding strategies and mechanics for getting gender and religion books published, and to offer advice for those seeking publication of their book manuscript. One free copy of Women, Ritual, and Power: Female Imagery of God in Christian Worship (SUNY Press 2014) will be given away at the session.
Panelists:
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College
Women, Ritual, and Power: Placing Female Imagery of God in Christian Worship
Nicola Slee, The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education
The Faith Lives of Women and Girls
Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University
Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Feminist Reconstruction of Biography and Text
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge
Baby, You Are My Religion: Women, Gay Bars, and Theology before Stonewall

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A23-205

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section, Mormon Studies Group, New Religious Movements Group, Religion and Popular Culture Group, and Religion and Science Fiction Group**

**Theme:** *Extraterrestrial Mormonism: Orson Scott Card’s Ender Series and Battlestar Galactica*

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-33B

Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming, Presiding

Mormonism sparks the imagination because of its epic history, theology, cosmology, and its resilience. As such its themes have been taken up in popular cultural forms, especially in science fiction literature, television, and film. This session explores Mormonism and its consequences in outer space as imagined and played out in the wildly popular *Battlestar Galactica* television series, and the science fiction worlds and actors elaborated in the *Enders Game* series by Mormon author Orson Scott Card.

Daniel Wyche, University of Chicago

*Ender as Parrhesiastes: Truth-telling as Spiritual Exercise in Orson Scott Card’s Speaker for the Dead*

Meredith Ross, Florida State University

*House of Card: Ender’s Game and Speculative Fiction as Vehicle for Religio-Political Values*

Christopher Ashley, Union Theological Seminary


Responding:
Margaret Toscano, University of Utah

A23-206

**Ethics Section**

**Theme:** *Moral Frameworks, Popular Culture and Constructive Ethics*

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-25A

Biko Gray, Rice University, Presiding

Will Livingston, Vanderbilt University

*Winter is Coming: The Religio-political Dimensions of Climate Change in Game of Thrones as an Ethical Challenge to Modern Complacency*

Xavier Pickett, Princeton Theological Seminary

*A Scaffolding of James Baldwin’s Moral Psychology*

Courtney Bryant, Vanderbilt University

*And the Burdens of Our Hearts Rolled Away: Black Film as Cultural Catharsis and the Simulation of Solidarity*

Responding:
Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

A23-207

**History of Christianity Section**

**Theme:** *Rethinking Church, State, and Sovereignty: Comparative Historical Contexts in the Americas*

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-10
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding

Panelists:
Roberto Blancarte, Colegio de México
Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University
Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan

A23-208

**North American Religions Section, Study of Judaism Section, Religion and Food Group, and Space, Place, and Religion Group**

**Theme:** *“Jewish Food” in the American Marketplace: Contested Forms*

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-2
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding

In the United States, kashrut observance to the letter of the law has diminished for many Jews, even as “Jewish food” has become increasingly popular. This panel will explore a number of spaces, texts, and forms that have been associated with “Jewish food,” arguing that these culinary habits and products have been central to the negotiation of authenticity, community, and Jewish difference. Jews have made decisions about what to eat, how to eat, and how to describe their food practices on the basis of convenience, price, local cultures, family traditions, and personal feelings and tastes rather than according to legal obligation or enclosed culinary canons. Contributing to the growing scholarship on religion and food, the visual and material cultures of religion, and Jews and commerce, this panel argues that these decisions about cooking and eating are not inauthentic or secular, however, but constitute lived religious practices and performances.

Shari Rabin, Yale University

*Sleeping and Eating Jewish: The Kosher Boardinghouse in Nineteenth Century America*

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester

*A Jewish Joy of Cooking? How a Twentieth Century Cookbook Containing Frog’s Legs, Snails, and Ham Became a Beloved Jewish Icon*

Rachel Gross, Princeton University

*“Referendum on the Jewish Deli Menu”: A Culinary Revival*

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A23-209

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group
Theme: Psychological and Sociological Perspectives on Multiple Religious Identities
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-9
Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding
Ryan Williams, University of Cambridge
Religious Hybridity Reconsidered: Social and Cognitive Processes in Interfaith Contact
Dennis Kelley, University of Missouri
The Red Road to Sobriety: American Indian Approaches to Healing from Alcohol Addiction
Myoungheun Yun, Vanderbilt University
Cultivating the Self: A Comparative Inquiry into Kohutian and Neo-Confucian Selfhood

A23-210

Study of Islam Section, Contemporary Islam Group, and Islamic Mysticism Group
Theme: Looking Back, Looking Forward: A Conversation about the Past and Future of Islam, Liberation and Gender Justice with Amina Wadud and Farid Esack
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-24A
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Panelists:
Amina Wadud, Starr King School for the Ministry
Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg

A23-211

Women and Religion Section, Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group, Native Traditions in the Americas Group, and Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-31A
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Panelists:
Elisa Facio, Eastern Washington University
Irene Lara, San Diego State University
Lara Medina, California State University, Northridge
Responding:
Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis

A23-212

African Diaspora Religions Group
Theme: African Diaspora Religions: How Far Have We Come?
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Aqua Boardroom
Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding
Panelists:
Yvonne Daniel, Smith College
Elizabeth West, Georgia State University
Margarita Simon Guillory, University of Rochester
Moses Biney, New York Theological Seminary

A23-213

Black Theology Group
Theme: Black Theology: The Political and the Aesthetic
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-29C
Eboni Marshall Turman, Duke University, Presiding
Anthony Neal, Paine College
Howard Thurman’s Mystical Logic: Creatively Encountering Oneness
Michelle Wolff, Duke University
Whiteness and Soweto’s Black Madonna: Subject Formation and Political Resistance
Joseph Drexler-Dreis, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Frantz Fanon’s Praxis of Decolonial Love as Theological Locus
Raymond Carr, Pepperdine University
Theology in the Mode of Monk: The Pneumatological Impulse in the Theologies of Karl Barth and James Cone
Responding:
Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College

A23-214

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group
Theme: Theological Biography
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-23A
Stephen Haynes, Rhodes College, Presiding
Panelists:
Charles Marsh, University of Virginia
Christiane Tietz, University of Mainz
Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
James Carroll, Suffolk University

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A23-215

Buddhist Philosophy Group and Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Group

Theme: Roundtable on Jonathan Gold’s Paving the Great Way: Vasubandhu’s Unifying Buddhist Philosophy (Columbia University Press, 2014)

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-22

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University
- Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago
- John D. Dunne, Emory University
- Richard Nance, Indiana University
- Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University
- Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University

Responding:
- Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

A23-216

Cognitive Science of Religion Group


Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-28A

James Van Slyke, Fresno Pacific University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Tyler Greenway, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Gregory S. Foley, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Justin L. Barrett, Fuller Theological Seminary

Children’s Understanding of Intentional Agents: Revisiting the Preparedness Hypothesis

Erin Smith, California Baptist University

Creation Beliefs: The Default of the Mind or the Product of Culture?

Rebekah Richert, University of California Riverside

Concepts of God and Prayer in Christian and Muslim Children

A23-217

Comparative Theology Group

Theme: The Divine and Human Image in Many Mirrors: Comparative Perspectives on Theological Anthropology

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-7B

Holly Hillgardner, Bethany College, Presiding

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College

Networks of Resistance: Nagarjuna’s Emptiness and Moltmann’s Sociality as Resources for a Relational, Dynamic, Embodied, Egalitarian Concept of the Soul

R. Brad Bannon, Harvard University

Nicholas of Cusa’s Trinitarian Image Dei as EcoSpiritual Creativity: Theophany, Theosis, and the Concordant Life Divine

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University

The Image Dei in Thirty-Six Glimpses: Abhinavagupta’s Wisdom for a Holistic Christian Anthropology

Jonathan Edelmann, Mississippi State University

The Lord and his Likeness: Gaudīya Vaiṣṇava Tradition’s Post-liberation Theology in a Comparative Context

A23-218

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group

Theme: New Paganism(s) around the Globe

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-23C

Chas Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Presiding

Daniela Cordovil, Pará State University

The Cult of Afro-Brazilian and Indigenous Gods in Brazilian Wicca: Symbols and Practices

Shai Feraro, Tel Aviv University


Dmitry Galtsin, Library of Russian Academy of Science, St. Petersburg, Russia

Divine Feminine in the Silver Age of Russian Culture and Beyond

Responding:
Adrian Ivakhiv, University of Vermont
A23-219

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group**

Theme: **The Frankfurt School: Foundations and Fixations**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM  
Convention Center-28C  
Katja Rakow, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Joel Harrison, Northwestern University  
*Routinization, Rationalization, Renunciation: Weber’s Account of Christian Asceticism and its Relation to the History of Critical Theory*

Agata Bielik-Robson  
*“Pulling the Brake”: Benjamin, Agamben, and the Anti-Progressive Messiah*

Bryan Wagoner, Davis and Elkins College  
*The “Imaginary Witness”: Adorno’s Inverse Theology*

Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba  
*Discourses on ‘Postsecularism’ in the Web of the Religion/Secular Binary*

Responding:  
Devin Singh, Yale University

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A23-220

**Daoist Studies Group**

Theme: **Beyond the Daoist Canon: Alternative Approaches to the Study of Daoist Ritual**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM  
Convention Center-32A  
David Mozina, Boston College, Presiding

Sun Meizi, National Chengchi University  
*A Study on the Luck Replenishing Ritual (Da Buyun Yishi 大補運儀式) as Performed by Red-Head Ritual Masters in Northern Taiwan*

Lichien Hung, National Chengchi University  
*Fate and Fortune: Concealing the Soul from Affliction*

Tyler Feezell, National Chengchi University  
*Numinous Officer’s Jiao Liturgy (Lingguan Jiaoke 靈官醮科) in Late Imperial Jiangxi*

Responding:  
Mark Meulenbeld, University of Wisconsin

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A23-221

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group**

Theme: **Strategic Negotiations with Feminism on the Borders: Rhetoric in American Homiletics, “On-the-Move” Ethics in Ecofeminism**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM  
Convention Center-30A  
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming, Presiding

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, University of Cape Town  
*The Praxis-oriented Ecological Ethics of Ivone Gebara*

Cona Marshall, Michigan State University  
*Is God Sexist?: Black Women’s Homiletic Rhetoric Rendered Invisible*

Responding:  
Elizabeth Gish, Western Kentucky University

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A23-222

**Mysticism Group**

Theme: **One Cosmos, Many Paths: Mysticism of Nature from Carpenter to Entheogens and Posthumanism**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM  
Hilton Bayfront-501B  
Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose, Presiding

Jason James Kelly, Queen’s University  
*Edward Carpenter: The Lost Prophet of Spiritual Ecology*

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary  
*Entheogens and Mystical Experience: New Research and Perennial Questions*

Chad Pevateaux, St. Mary’s College of Maryland  
*More Radical: From Empiricism to Enactivism and Posthumanism in the Study of Mysticism*

Responding:  
William Parsons, Rice University

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A23-223

**Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group**

Theme: **The Journal of Religion and Film: Past, Present, and Future**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM  
Convention Center-31C  
John Lyden, Grand View University, Presiding

Panelists:  
William L. Blizek, University of Nebraska, Omaha  
Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University  
Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary

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Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-25C
Joseph Wiunikka-Lydon, Emory University, Presiding
Daniel Philpott, University of Notre Dame
Just and Unjust Peace: An Ethic of Political Reconciliation
Responding:
James McCarty, Emory University
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology
Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University
Business Meeting:
Megan Shore, King’s University College, and Lane Van Ham, Metropolitan Community College–Penn Valley, Presiding

A23-225

Roman Catholic Studies Group
Theme: It’s Never Just War: Exploring Violence and Roman Catholicism
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-30C
Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University, Presiding
John Seitz, Fordham University
Altars of Ammo: Violence, Photography, and US Catholics in WWII
Joel Hodge, Australian Catholic University
A Spirituality of Suffering and Resistance: The Catholic Church in East Timor during the Indonesian Occupation
Daniel Cosacchi, Loyola University, Chicago
An Ecologically Just War Theory: A Catholic Reevaluation
Responding:
Margaret R. Pfeil, University of Notre Dame

A23-226

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Theme: Sovereignty (Re)Considered
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire A
Eric Boynton, Allegheny College, Presiding

Peter Capretto, Vanderbilt University
Sovereignty and its Defenses: Psychoanalytic Conflict and the Theologico-Political in Derrida’s The Death Penalty
Adam Stern, Harvard University
The Survivor and the Sovereign (On Benjamin and Rosenzweig)
Tommy Givens, Fuller Theological Seminary
Divine Election and Sovereignty: The Politics of “the Messianic”

A23-227

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
Theme: Tibetan Letters, Buddhist Lives: Epistolary Approaches to the Study of Tibetan Buddhism
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-310A
Benjamin Bogin, Georgetown University, Presiding
Christina Robinson, University of Virginia
Toward a Tibetan Buddhist Epistolary Standard: Letters and Buddhist Institutions
Dominique Townsend, Columbia University
Mastering the Art of Correspondence: Letters and Buddhist High Culture
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
Buddhist Love Letters: An Exploration of Epistolary Intimacy and Tibetan Literary Style
Responding:
Roger Jackson, Carleton College

A23-228

Wildcard Session
Theme: Relearning the Madrasa: Religion, Politics, History, and Postcoloniality
Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Convention Center-28D
Bilal Ibrahim, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding
Hasan Azad, Columbia University
“Education: A Lifestyle Choice”: Educating Muslims at Elbraim College
Aun Ali, McGill University
The School of Hillah: Twelver Shi’ism in the Ilkhanid Era
Yasir Kazi, Rhodes College
The Role of the Nizāmiyya Colleges in the Shaping of Sunni Islam
Emad Hamdeh, Montclair State University
The Fall of the Traditional Madrasa System and the Rise of Salafism
Faisal Malik, University of Toronto
Colonial Policy, Educational Reform and the Madrasa: The Making of Pakistan’s Madrasa System

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A23-229

*Wildcard Session*

Theme: **The New Iconoclasm**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-11B

Eric Reinders, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:
- Megan O'Neil, Barnard College and Columbia University
- Richard Clay, University of Birmingham, UK
- Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Simon Cane, Birmingham Museums Trust, UK
- Anna Marazuela Kim, University of Virginia

A23-230

*Wildcard Session*

Theme: **Climate Debt, Race Debt, Climate Colonialism: Forging a Just Future**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-29A

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University, and Jennifer Harvey, Drake University

*Climate Debt, Race Debt, Climate Colonialism: Forging a Just Future*

Willie J. Jennings, Duke University

*Restoring the Moral Integrity of Geographic Life*

Carmen Gonzalez, Seattle University School of Law

*International Law and Policy from a Climate Justice Perspective*

A23-234

*Employment Services Advisory Committee*

Theme: **Religious Studies and Nonprofit Management**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-America’s Cup C-D

Recent research data indicates that students who study religion often pursue careers in nonprofit administration. Given the historical connection between religious communities and nonprofit organizations, it is natural to consider how religious studies as an academic field can collaborate with the professional training offered in nonprofit management education. This workshop, led by the Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Georgia State University, will reflect upon possible collaborations, using their own department’s Concentration in Religion and Nonprofit Management program as a model for students seeking employment outside of the academy.

Panelist:
- Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

P23-200

*Colloquium on Violence and Religion*

Theme: **New Directions in Mimetic Theory**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Marquis-Carlsbad

Nikolaus Wandinger, University of Innsbruck, Presiding

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.

David Dawson, University of Costa Rica

*The Head Beneath the Altar: Hindu Mythology and the Critique of Sacrifice*

Matthew Pattillo, The New School for Social Research

*Reflections on Flesh Becomes Word: A Lexicography of the Scapegoat or, the History of an Idea*

Robert A. Segal, University of Aberdeen

*The Use of Girard’s Theory of Myth in Flesh Becomes Word*

William Johnsen, Michigan State University

*Words Alone are Certain Good: David Dawson’s Flesh Becomes Word*

Responding:
- Brian Collins, Ohio University
- David Dawson, University of Costa Rica

A23-231

*Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee Meeting*

Sunday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Convention Center-18

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

A23-232

*Student Lounge Roundtable*

Theme: **Designing a Successful College Course**

Sunday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM

Convention Center-14B

This interactive session focuses on strategies for designing a college course that you want to teach and that your students will want to take. Together, we’ll develop a course description, think about how to choose course texts/activities, develop course goals and outcomes, design effective assignments, and create exams/projects that will measure what you want your students to learn.

Susan Hill is the Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Professor of Religion at the University of Northern Iowa.

Panelists:
- Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa
### Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

#### A23-233

**Historical Gaslamp Tour**

**Sunday, 2:15 PM–4:00 PM**

Meet at Convention Center-Hall H Foyer

This walking tour includes architecturally significant structures of the period from Old City Hall (1874) to the Romanesque style Keating Building (1890) to the Baroque Revival Louis Bank of Commerce (1888), along with fascinating stories of the people and characters that shaped the destiny of San Diego. From William Heath Davis, who first attempted the building of “New Town,” to Alonzo Horton who came here in 1867 and finished the job, the cultural heritage of San Diego speaks through the buildings of a by-gone era that stand as testimony to its richness. The tour costs $15 and takes 90 minutes, including the William Heath Davis House Museum. The group will depart from the Convention Center and walk to the William Heath Davis House at 410 Island Avenue. The actual tour will be held 2:30–4:00 pm, so feel free to join the Chinese Historical Museum and Garden Tour that ends at 2 pm, just around the corner. (Please register separately for this, as there is a maximum capacity.)

### Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:00 PM

#### A23-250

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

**Theme:** Partnering Communities and Universities: The Transformative Power of Community-Engaged Research, Scholarship, and Teaching

**Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:00 PM**

Convention Center-14B

The Carnegie Foundation defines “community engagement” as the “collaboration between institutions of higher education and their communities...for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.” This work serves to cultivate: 1) academic inquiry and scholarship; 2) the public good. Through serious community engagement, humanities scholars can answer charges of social irrelevance and elitism. Emory University is a leader in these areas. This roundtable will share lessons learned over the last decade, further synthesized in a graduate seminar, “Partnering Communities and Universities: The Transformative Power of Community-Engaged Research, Scholarship, and Teaching.” This roundtable will define assumptions that ground and motivate engaged learning research and praxis and propose pedagogical models and research methodologies shown to be effective for engaged scholarship and teaching. Sharing lessons learned through this session will enrich current understandings and point to new directions for the future of the humanities.

**Panelists:**
- Sara Williams, Emory University
- Elizabeth Whiting Pierce, Emory University
- Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University

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### P23-202

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

**Theme:** Introducing Theory in the Classroom Workshop

**Sunday, 2:45 PM–5:05 PM**

Marriott Marquis-Solana

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University, Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Suzanne Owen, University of Chester, and Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba, Presiding

This workshop—limited to approximately 15 participants—will focus on practical steps for introducing theory in the classroom. If you are interested in participating, please email the organizer, Tara Baldrick-Morrone (tbaldrickmorrone@kampp.ner.edu). Participants will also be asked to read three essays on theory and the introductory course in preparation for the workshop (essays are TBD). The organizers will place the participants into groups by question before the workshop. The three questions that we will address are:

1. **Who?** Which theorists should be included in an introductory course, and which theorists should be excluded? Just as we must be self-conscious with our choices of data, so too must we be with our choices of theory. Simply, “why ‘this’ rather than ‘that’”?

2. **What?** If “there is nothing that must be taught,” what data should be included in an introductory course? How does one decide what to keep and what to discard? Are there “necessary” data that one must teach when covering certain ideas?

3. **Where?** Where should theory be placed in the structure of a course? At the end after the data have been presented? At the beginning in order to provide a lens through which the data should be considered? Throughout the semester? What are the benefits/drawbacks of each approach?

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### A23-251

**American Academy of Religion and the British Association for the Study of Religion**

**Theme:** Opportunities and Obstacles in Pilgrimage Study: Research Traditions in a Global Context

**Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM**

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Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Since the 1990s a wide range of research on religious pilgrimage and related phenomena has developed which is informed by different disciplinary and linguistic traditions linked to national structures of knowledge production and an increasingly globalized economy of academic publication dominated by Anglophone presses. This diversity could be considered a strength in the sense that research on pilgrimage can find multiple audiences and is not confined by dominant theoretical tradition or substantive problematic. Yet, disciplinary and linguistic boundaries have limited the dissemination of knowledge regionally and globally—hence, the aim of this panel is foster a broader vision and explore avenues where those from different traditions can engage in productive dialogue.
Panelists:
John Eade, University of Roehampton
Simon Coleman, University of Toronto
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

A23-252

Arts Series: Material Religion and Pilgrimage in Mexico: Mary, Matter, Meaning and The Road to the Tepeyac
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-15B
Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Mexican–British photographer, Alinka Echeverria’s award winning photographic series, The Road to Tepeyac, consists of three hundred photographic portraits of believers on pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Each on carries a sacred burden on their back as they make their journey: mobile altars, oversized framed prints, family photographs, large statues. Echeverria’s photographs evoke the themes of religious materiality, pilgrimage and sacred sojourn, artistic and religious hybridity and pastiche, ritual engagement with holy images, among many others. The artist will speak about her work, with two scholars responding drawing on their own research and exploring themes evoked in Echeverria’s photographs. Ample time provided for question and answer with the artist.
Panelists:
Elaine Peña, George Washington University
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley
Alinka Echeverria, San Jeronimo Lidice, Mexico

A23-253

Polishing Paper Proposals!
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-500
Proposing papers is much like any other type of writing, it gets better with practice. The AAR Annual Meeting is one of the most competitive academic Call for Papers, and rejection is just part of the process experienced by all, no matter what stage you are in your career. Still, there are some simple steps (tricks of the trade) that you can implement to ensure that your proposal will be as rigorous and compelling as possible. Join Program Committee members Whitney Bauman and Miguel A. De La Torre for a session devoted to helping demystify the proposal writing process. Feel free to bring a proposal that you are working on and make revision notes during the session or ask us specific questions about. You can even email potential proposals prior to the session (at least 3 weeks) for feedback! All are welcome regardless, but please RSVP to this event if you are inclined to attend so that we can get an idea of how many will be present: wbauman@fiu.edu.
Panelists:
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

A23-254

Marty Forum: Charles Taylor
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-20D
Michael Kessler, Georgetown University, Presiding
Author and philosopher Charles Taylor, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Philosophy at McGill University, is the recipient of the 2014 Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion. At the Marty Forum, Professor Taylor will be interviewed by Miroslav Volf, Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology at Yale Divinity School, and Founding Director, Yale Center for Faith and Culture. The Marty Award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the public understanding of religion.
Panelists:
Charles Taylor, McGill University
Miroslav Volf, Yale University

A23-255

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Religious Studies and the Crisis of the Humanities
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-23A
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding
The humanities today are under fire. The study of religion, marginalized as both a topic and a field, appears doubly threatened. Indeed the field’s most powerful recent movements have argued against the field’s putative object of study—“religion.” Self-consciously normative work, in philosophy of religion, religious ethics, and related areas, is often viewed with suspicion. In this context, but in defiance of the dire prognoses, this roundtable contends that now is the time for the academic study of religion to push back against its multiply marginalized status. The academic study of religion should enable not just skeptical critique of traditional norms, values, and practices, but energizing encounters with them as well. We gather scholars working at this nexus to discuss what this work means, what its strengths and weaknesses are, and what this means for the future of religious studies in the academy.
Panelists:
Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University
Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A23-256

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section, Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group, Music and Religion Group, and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group and Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies

Theme: Interreligious Aesthetics

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-33B

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Given that images, ritual and music are often integral to the experience of religious devotion and worship, it is important to understand the ways in which aesthetic practices are experienced as religious. This session will explore the role of artistic expression in various modes of worship through a comparative look at several religious traditions as well as a consideration of aesthetics as a medium for interreligious engagement.

Peter Doebler, Graduate Theological Union

*Seeing the Things You Cannot See: (Dis)-solving the Sublime in Interreligious Aesthetics through the Paintings of Hiroshi Senju*

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University

*Rasa: A Framework for the Aesthetics of Interreligious Engagement*

Peter Schadler, Oxford University

*Ritual Preparation for Artistic Production: The Spiritual Aesthetics of Spiritual Ascetics in the Abrahamic Faiths*

Responding:

William A. Dyrness, Fuller Theological Seminary

A23-257

Buddhism Section

Theme: Traitors to the Buddha?: Issues in Translating Buddhist Texts

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-11B

Asuka Sango, Carleton College, Presiding

Panelists:

Brian Ruppert, University of Illinois
Sarah Harding, Naropa University
Richard D. McBride, Brigham Young University, Hawai‘i
Ryan Overbey, University of California, Berkeley

A23-258

North American Religions Section

Theme: American Religion and Politics

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-2

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding

Tobin Shearer, University of Montana

*Striking at the Sacred: The Violence of Prayer, 1961–1966*

Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Waterloo

*Religions Plus: Constitutional Contradictions and an Argument for the Special Protection of Indigenous Religious Freedom in Canada*

Heather White, New College of Florida

*Stonewall as Sacred History: Ritual Practice and the Making of a Movement "Myth"*

A23-259

Study of Judaism Section

Theme: Adorno and Judaism

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-206

Annika Thiem, Villanova University, Presiding

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago

*Judaism as Method? The Case of Adorno*

Claire Katz, Texas A and M University

*Can There Be Education after Auschwitz?*

Martin Shuster, Johns Hopkins University

*Adorno, Judaism, and Negative Theology*

A23-260

African Religions Group, Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group, Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group, and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Theme: Lessons Learned? Religious and Political Violence in Central Africa Twenty Years after the Rwandan Genocide

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-5A

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

Two decades after the Rwandan Genocide, President Kagame still leads Rwanda. Rwanda’s gacaca courts that judged genocide perpetrators only closed in 2012, and violence continues just beyond Rwanda’s border in the neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo. Recently, conflict again erupted in the Central African Republic, featuring genocidal violence against Muslims, especially in the western part of the country. With a long record of violence in the central African region, one wonders what, if anything, we have learned from the Rwandan genocide.

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Our panelists seek to respond to this question with reflections drawn from Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the Central African Republic. The panelists examine the role of Catholicism in the Rwandan genocide, the status of violence in the Central African Republic as "religious," and the possibility that religious discourses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo might contribute to peacebuilding as much as to conflict.

Joseph D. Moser, Northwestern University
Presidents and Priests: Rwandan Religious Imagery from Commemorative Narrative to Territorial Security
M. Christian Green, Emory University
Naming “Religious” Conflict in the Central African Republic
Mutombo Nkulu-N’Sengha, California State University Northridge
Religion, Politics, Violence, and Healing in the Congo

Responding:
Jean DeBernardi, University of Alberta

A23–263

Christian Spirituality Group
Theme: Perspectives on Spiritual Direction: Historical and Contemporary
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Aqua E
Janet Ruffing, Yale University, Presiding

Christopher Johnson, University of North Dakota
The Role of Spiritual Direction in Meditating a Contemplative Classic: Fr. Nikon Strandman, Gerald Palmer, and the English Philokalia
David Crawley, Laidlaw College
Co-authoring Stories of Faith and Hope: Narrative Approaches to Spiritual Direction

Janna Gosselin, University of Southern California
Julian of Norwich as Spiritual Director: Julian’s Theodicy of Soul Growth

A23–262

Chinese Religions Group
Theme: Religion and Modernity in China
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-7B

Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Xiaofei Kang, George Washington University
Gender and Revolutionary Modernity: Yan’an’s Anti-Superstition Campaign, 1944–1945

Michael Walsh, Vassar College
The Constitution of Religion in China and the Intimate Religious Life of the Nation

Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University
The Labor-Merit Relationship: Building a Space for Religion in China Today

Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara
Performing Ancestor Sacrifice: Between Ritual Governmentality and Modern Sovereignty

Responding:
Jean DeBernardi, University of Alberta

A23–264

Hinduism Group
Theme: Making a Hindu Saint: The Politics of Shaping Legacies
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-30A

Daniel R. Gold, Cornell University, Presiding

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington
Vernacularizing Jnaneshwar

Patton Burchett, New York University
Remembering a Rasik: Politics and Authority in the Memory of the Bhakti

Dean Accardi, University of Texas

Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis
The Other Trinity: Music, Sainthood, and the Saurashtras of Madurai

Jonathan Loar, Emory University
From "Neither/Nor" to "Both/And": Reconfiguring the Legacy of Shirdi Sai Baba in Hagiography
AAR Award Winners

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A23-265

Islamic Mysticism Group
Theme: Hypocrisy, Evil, and Talking Too Much: Early and Medieval Sufism
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-28C
Rkia Cornell, Emory University, Presiding
  Jeremy Farrell, Emory University
  Matthew Lynch, University of North Carolina
  Rafal Stepiew, Columbia University
"When Will the Limitless Be Tamed in Talk?" On the Multiplicity of Poetic Voices in Rumi’s Masnavi
Responding:
  Jawid Mojaddedi, Rutgers University

A23-266

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Theme: Bless Me Ultima
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-25A
Jeremy Cruz, Boston College, Presiding
  Wendy Arce, Graduate Theological Union
Curanderas, Hechiceras, and Paranormal Activities: A Comparison of the Cultural and Religious Portrayals of Latina/os in Bless Me, Ultima and Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones
  Néstor Medina, Regent University
Awestruck with Ultima
Responding:
  Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton

A23-267

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Group and World Christianity Group
Theme: Ring of Fire: Developments in Pacific Rim Christianity
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-28A
Sung-Deuk Oak, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding
  Rachel Morgain, Australian National University
Fijian Pentecostalism in the Building of New Social Worlds
Responding:

A23-268

Practical Theology Group
Theme: Human Finitude: Insights from Dis/ability, Islam, and Conflict
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-9
Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
  Naomi Annandale, Vanderbilt University
  Aaron Ghilioni, Trinity College Queensland
  Leanna Fuller, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Responding:

A23-269

Queer Studies in Religion Group and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group
Theme: Queer(y)ing the Colonial Encounter
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-29C
Jennifer S. Leath, Columbia University, Presiding
  Colby Dickinson, Loyola University, Chicago
  Sunera Thobani, University of British Columbia
  Sitara Thobani, Oxford University
  John Crow, Florida State University
Responding:

Robert Gallagher, Wheaton College Graduate School
"Me and God, We’d Be Mates": Toward an Aussie Contextualized Gospel

Sarita Gallagher, George Fox University
String Bands and Jesus: Charismatic Indigenous Worship in Oro Province, Papua New Guinea

Business Meeting:
  Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, and Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Symbol Key:
A 23-270

Reformed Theology and History Group
Theme: Fresh Perspectives on the Doctrine of Creation in the Reformed Tradition
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-30C
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, Presiding
Keith Starkenburg, Trinity Christian College
Neil Arner, University of Notre Dame
David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary

Place God’s Creation: Resurrection and Belonging
Recent and Historical Reflections on Creation’s Moral Order
God’s Creating Work, Common Grace, and Kelsey: Polishing a Reformed Gem

A 23-271

Religion and Ecology Group
Theme: Religious Climate Change Activism: A Comparative Appraisal
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-22
Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, Presiding
Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University
Anders Lundberg, Linnaeus University
Richard Fox, Universität Heidelberg

Religious Climate Change Activism: The Growth and Diversification of a Social Movement
Constructing Environmentalism as a Faith Issue: A Study of Church of Sweden Environmental Activists
Religion, Climate Change, and International Disaster Response
Following Super-Typhoon Haiyan: Reproducing and Resisting Colonialism in the Philippines

Kjetil Fretheim, Norwegian School of Theology
Oil, Gas, and Climate Change: Religious Responses

A 23-272

Religion, Media, and Culture Group
Theme: Interface: Mixing and Mobility
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-23C
Curtis Coats, Millsaps College, Presiding
Larissa Carneiro, North Carolina State University
David Felmate, Auburn University, Montgomery
Tayyab Zaidi, University of Wisconsin

Portable Radios and Postal System: On the Creation of an Imagined Christian Landscape in America
“Fixing the Dramaturgy”: Erving Goffman, Mass Media, and Critical Performances of Religion in the Editing Age
Twitter and the Religious Problematics of American Islam

A 23-273

Ricoeur Group and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group
Theme: Reading Ricoeur as a Contemporary Philosopher of Religion
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-31C
Kenneth A. Reynhout, Bethel University, Presiding
E. P. (Petruschka) Schäffmer, Protestant Theological University
Spencer Moffatt, Luther Seminary
Jean-Pierre Fortin, University of St. Michael’s College

The Wager of Reassessing the Sacred: Reconsidering Ricoeur’s Hermeneutic Turn in Times of Re-enchantment
From Idols to Symbols: Ricoeur and Žižek on God, Evil, and the Tragic

A 23-274

Ritual Studies Group
Theme: The Craft of Ritual Studies (Oxford University Press, 2014) by Ronald L. Grimes, Author Meets Critics
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-29A
Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen, Presiding

Panelists:
Tod D. Swanson, Arizona State University
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
Marko Geslani, Emory University
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Responding:
Ronald L. Grimes, Ritual Studies International, Waterloo, ON, Canada

A 23-275

Sociology of Religion Group
Theme: To Green or Not to Green, and Everything in Between: Assessing Trends, Patterns and Gaps in Scholarship on Religion and the Environment
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-4
Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Robin Veldman, University of Florida
Evan Berry, American University
Bernard Zaleha, University of California Santa Cruz

Toward A Broader Conceptualization of Religions’ Engagement with the Environmental Crisis
Do Not Throw Your Pearls Before Swine: What is Valuable In Religion in Ecology?
Was Lynn White Right?: Exploring the Contemporary Anti-Environmentalist Counter-Reformation among American Conservative Christians
A23–276
Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group
Theme: Ecowomanism 101: A Roundtable Discussing Vital Themes and Trajectories
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-26
Michele Watkins-Branch, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
   Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
   Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
   Christopher Carter, Claremont School of Theology
   Chandra Taylor Smith, Vanderbilt University

A23–277
Exploratory Sessions
Theme: Islam, Gender, Women: The State of the Field
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-10
Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding
Panelists:
   Mahdi Tourage, King’s University College, University of Western Ontario
   Saadia Yacoob, Duke University
   Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq
   Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

A23–279
Wildcard Session
Theme: Decentralizing Pedagogies: Opportunities and Challenges for Religious Studies and Theological Education
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-25C
Angela Tarango, Trinity University, Presiding
Panelists:
   Chris Tirres, DePaul University
   Gregory Cuellar, Austin Seminary
   Santiago H. Slabodsky, Claremont Lincoln University, Claremont School of Theology

A23–280
Wildcard Session
Theme: Modern-Islamic Political Formations: Thinking through Wael Hallaq’s Impossible State
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Convention Center-31A
Wael Hallaq, Columbia University, Presiding
Rushain Abbasi, Harvard University
The Muslim-as-Citizen in America
Yuenmei Wong, University of Maryland
Sharia-Queers: Islamic Law and The Construction of New Muslims’ Sexual Identities In Malaysia
Hasan Azad, Columbia University
“The Islamic State Is Not a Dream”: Hizb ut-Tahrir's Thinking through the Modern State

A23–281
Law, Religion, and Culture Group
Theme: Burwell vs. Hobby Lobby: Reflections on Religious Liberty in the US
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo A
Bronwyn Roantree, Harvard University, Presiding
The Supreme Court’s decision in Burwell vs. Hobby Lobby (2013) has generated significant controversy. Does the decision dangerously over-extend the scope of religious rights, or does it fall comfortably within the Court’s tradition of granting exemptions on religious grounds? What role, if any, ought issues of gender, reproductive rights and corporate identity play in debates surrounding religious freedom? This roundtable event promises to cut through the polemic, as panelists situate the decision within the longer historical debates surrounding reproductive rights, corporate rights and religious liberty. The session will include significant time for conversation amongst panel members and attendees.
Panelists:
   Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University
   R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, Saint Louis
   David Little, Harvard University
   Mark Goldfeder, Emory University School of Law

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A23-282

Employment Services Advisory Committee

Theme: Online Pedagogies and Leveraging Online Experience in the Job Market

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
Grand Hyatt-America's Cup CD

Higher education is rapidly transforming as online learning revolutionizes teaching and precipitates paradigm-shifts. Ivy League schools now offer online classes for degree credit. Long-established graduate programs are going online. Purely negative assessments of the swift growth in online learning obscure the manifold opportunities and hitherto unseen vistas it presents.

This workshop explores online teaching and learning along with strategies to secure online teaching experience advantageous in the job market. Pedagogical topics surveyed will include principles for designing and teaching quality courses on par with traditional on-ground courses, utilizing course management system resources to maximize student learning outcomes, asynchronous and synchronous instruction, and tips for saving time without sacrificing instructional quality. Job-market strategies will include ways to gain online experience, develop marketable online knowledge and skill sets, and present competitive online expertise when applying for full-time positions.

Panelist:
Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University

Responding:
Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, University of Iowa

P23-344

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: Teaching for a Culturally Diverse and Racially Just World

Sunday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM
Marriott Marquis-Cardiff

Nadine S. Pence, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, and Paul Myhre, Wabash College, Presiding

This mini-workshop will explore within a 90 minute session specific dimensions of the co-authored work Teaching for a Culturally Diverse and Racially Just World, edited by Eleazar Fernandez as they pertain to teaching practice and leveraging institutional change.

Participants in this mini-workshop will be able to take away particular strategies that they can use in their own teaching and institutional contexts. Issues to be explored will involve a range of topics, including: When Subject Matter: The Bodies We Teach By; The Content of Theological Education Today and Tomorrow; Curriculum as Formational Praxis for Faculty, Students, and their Communities; Teaching Disruptively: Pedagogical Strategies to Teaching Cultural Diversity and Race Goals: Identify specific ways by which faculty and administrators can foster academic environments that work toward a culturally diverse and racially just world; Share specific strategies by which faculty can adjust teaching practices for cultural diversity and racial justice.

Panelists:
Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Eastern University
Willie J. Jennings, Duke University
Boyung Lee, Pacific School of Religion
Mai-Anh L. Tran, Eden Theological Seminary
Eleazar S. Fernandez, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
Women's Lounge Roundtable

Theme: New Plantings: Emerging Scholar’s Vision of the Future of Feminist Theology and Scholarship

Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center–14A

Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University, and Hannah Bacon, University of Chester, Presiding

This session invites early career researchers and emerging scholars to debate the future(s) of feminist theology in light of their own research. It provides a platform for upcoming scholars to reflect upon how their own work is shaping and re-shaping feminist discourse in religion and to speak about their own personal and professional formation. As such, this session encourages the creative work of weaving new visions. It invites panelists to discuss the direction of feminist scholarship in the 21st century — to name areas of scholarship and debate which they believe may need extending, transforming, reworking or redefining in light of global and contemporary challenges — and to do this in consort with reflection on how their own thinking has been challenged.

Melinda Bielas, Claremont School of Theology
Feminism, Art, and Hermeneutics

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University
Co-presentation: Tilling the Soil? Rethinking Gendered Subjectivity in Feminist Theology

Jeanine Viau, Loyola University, Chicago
Postfeminist and/or F-ing Queer: A Permanent Exercise of Serious Doubting

Emily Pennington, University of Chester
Taking Back the Future: Redeeming Eschatology as a Source of Hope for Women

Gina Messina-Dysert, Ursuline College
FemReligionFuture: The New Feminist Revolution in Religion

Wine and Religion: A Pairing of the Spirits Tour

Sunday, 4:15 PM–8:00 PM

Meet at Convention Center–Hall H Foyer

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding

Participate in a unique session at the San Diego Cellars winery, where you may listen to a presentation on wine and religion, and afterward enjoy a pairing flight consisting of six different regional wines paired with light fare. You’ll learn the wine origins, nuances, and rationale for the pairings. Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and an amateur vintner himself, will present a talk entitled “In Vino Sanctorum: Finding Religion in the Fruit of the Vine.” Informed by over 60 interviews with wine makers in France, Australia, and the United States, his paper examines the way that wine acts as a surrogate for religion in the lives of contemporary wine makers. Drawing upon the concept of implicit religion, Lloyd-Moffett presents some common characteristics of spiritual wine makers. Finally, he queries which unique characteristics of wine offers the potential to transform the mere production of a common beverage into a holistic spiritual vocation. Participants will meet at the Convention Center, take the trolley (light rail) to Little Italy, and then walk 0.4 miles to San Diego Cellars. Registration for this event will only be open until Friday, November 21 at 6 pm PST.

Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

In Vino Sanctorum: Finding Religion in the Fruit of the Vine

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: The Ethics and Politics of Queer Identity in the Field

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:00 PM

Convention Center–14B

This roundtable will include a discussion on identity politics, with a special focus on issues faced by queer-identified researchers. My interest in this topic arises from my own experiences as a queer researcher among primarily non-queer populations. While my proposed discussion questions arise from ethnographic research, they are relevant to scholars who utilize other methodologies, including archival research. The discussion will explore a variety of questions, including: What are some common experiences of queer researchers among non-queer research populations? What challenges does visibility (or invisibility) pose? What ethics regarding disclosure are involved? How does the choice to disclose or not disclose affect researchers’ relationships with consultants as well as what data is collected? What about queer researchers’ experiences might be particular to work in religious studies?

Panelists:

Stephanie Bilinsky, Arizona State University
How to Propose a New Program Unit
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-18
Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, and Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding
Join the Director of Meetings and the Program Unit Director for an informal chat about upcoming Annual Meeting initiatives as well as the guidelines and policies for proposing a new program unit.

Conversation with the 2014 Religion and the Arts Award Winner, Makoto Fujimura
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-30A
Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding
Makoto Fujimura is an artist, writer, and speaker who is recognized worldwide as a cultural shaper. A Presidential appointee to the National Council on the Arts from 2003–2009, Fujimura served as an international advocate for the arts, speaking with decision makers and advising governmental policies on the arts.

Fujimura’s second book, *Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art and Culture*, is a collection of essays bringing together people of all backgrounds in a conversation and meditation on culture, art, and humanity. In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, Crossway Publishing commissioned and published *The Four Holy Gospels*, featuring Fujimura’s illuminations of the sacred texts. In 2011 the Fujimura Institute was established and launched the *Four Quartets*, a collaboration between Fujimura, painter Bruce Herman, Duke theologian/pianist Jeremy Begbie, and Yale composer Christopher Theofanidis, based on T.S. Eliot’s Four Quartets. The exhibition will travel to Baylor, Duke, and Yale Universities, Gordon College and other institutions around the globe.

Panelists:
- Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
- William A. Dyrness, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Makoto Fujimura, Fujimura Institute, New York, NY

Responsible Research Practices Seminar
Theme: Toward an AAR Code of Conduct
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-24A
Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
The American Academy of Religion has issued guidelines on many moral issues, including statements about best practices for employers and teachers; but, unlike many other ACLS organizations, the AAR has had no ethical code regarding research. That will change soon. Using the format of the AAR seminar, the AAR's president-elect, Thomas Tweed, will convene a small group of scholars to discuss the issues, solicit member comment, and draft a code of conduct. As the participants now see it, that code will offer moral principles and practical suggestions about planning, conducting, and representing research. However, the members of the seminar—and the AAR—have no intention to adjudicate claims about unethical behavior or to take part in the review process that is the responsibility of the Institutional Review Board at the researcher’s own institution. Rather, the purpose of this code is to generate conversation about the moral challenges of research and to provide tentative guidelines about responsible conduct.

In this public session, the participants hope to pass on the tentative results of their deliberations. During this gathering, attendees will have a chance to ask questions and make comments about the initial draft.

The open process will conclude with a second AAR Seminar session in 2015, when the participants hope to present and discuss the revised draft of the statement. Along the way, they will consult with representatives of other ACLS organizations and solicit comment from AAR program units, standing committees, and working groups. AAR members who want to offer reflections are welcome to contact either Thomas Tweed, president-elect (ttweed@nd.edu) or Jack Fitzmier, executive director (jfitzmier@aarweb.org).

Panelists:
- Jack Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion
- Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University
- Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology
- John Kelsay, Florida State University
- Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
- Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University
- Randall Styers, University of North Carolina
- Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida
A23-306

Special Topics Forum
Theme: Unsettled: Critiquing Categories of Professional Identity in American Higher Education
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-7B
Daniel Sack, Washington, DC, Presiding
The conventional notion of the academic guild is increasingly detached from economic and professional realities of higher education in the 21st century. Both “adjunctification” and “bureaucratization” within higher education have become rallying cries for various constituencies, generating increasingly robust public and professional discussions about the role of higher education in American society. But whereas both issues can (and have) productively magnify systemic inequalities among the professoriate and within administrative hierarchies, the discussants in this roundtable seek to nuance these blanket categorizations through their own experiences of unsettled professional identities. Composed of “hybrid” academics/administrators within the university structure and trained academics who have redirected professional aspirations into other vocations (non-profit, journalistic, or otherwise), this discussion is not an echo chamber of grievances but a structured interrogation of changing professional roles within the academy as well as the role of academia in American public life.
Panelists:
Candace West, Stanford University
Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University
Matthew C. Weiner, Princeton University
Rachel Lindsey, Washington University, Saint Louis

A23-307

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee
Theme: Hiring for Diversity in the Context of Recent Supreme Court Decisions
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-23A
James Logan, Earlham College, Presiding
Recent Supreme Court decisions favor university admissions policies that prioritize admission without reference to race over an institution’s desire to create diverse communities through race-sensitive admissions policies. Many schools have revisited institutional commitments to cultural diversity not only in admissions policies, but also with regard to hiring practices. This session explores the role of faculty and administrators as advocates for cultural diversity in the face of continuing constitutional challenges to affirmative action.
Panelists:
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University
Maureen O’Connell, La Salle University
Scott Paeth, DePaul University
Kimberly West-Faulcon, Loyola Law School

A23-308

Buddhism Section
Theme: Buddhism and Capitalism: Religious Economies in Modernizing Asia
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-11B
Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding
James Mark Shields, Bucknell University
Rethinking “Buddhist Economics”: Foundations for a Post-Socialist Critique of Capitalism
Alexandra Kaloyanides, Yale University
Buddhist Buildings and Christian Classrooms: Land-Ownership Disputes over Religious Schools in Nineteenth-Century Burma
Matthew King, University of Toronto
Buddhist Formations during Asia’s First Socialist Revolution in Mongolia
Responding:
Rebecca Bartel, University of Toronto

A23-309

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Theme: Creator God, Evolving World (Fortress Press, 2013): A Panel Discussion
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire E
Celia Deane-Drummond, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Panelists:
Andrew Davison, University of Cambridge, Westcott House, Cambridge
Stephen Sours, United Methodist Church, Mountaintop, PA
Darrel R. Falk, Point Loma Nazarene University
Responding:
Cynthia Crysdale, University of the South
Neil Ormerod, Australian Catholic University
A23-310

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
Theme: Comparative Messianism: Messianism and the Political
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-502A
Kurt Anders Richardson, University of Toronto, Presiding
  - David Novak, University of Toronto
    Modern Jewish Messianisms
  - A. Azfar Moin, University of Texas
    The Messianism of Muslim Kings and its Impact on Islam in Early Modern Times
  - Elaine H. Pagels, Princeton University
    Apocalyptic Messianism: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics
Responding:
  - Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

A23-311

Philosophy of Religion Section and Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Theme: What is “Theological” about Theology? A Conversation between Analytic and Continental Perspectives
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo E
Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge
  - Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary
  - Kevin Hector, University of Chicago
  - Andrea C. White, Emory University

A23-312

Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Retooling the Climate Change Debate: New Social, Theological, and Philosophical Perspectives
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-20D
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C., Presiding
  - Daniel DiLeo, Boston College
    Catholic Policy Criteria for US Climate Change Mitigation: Recommendations from Thomistic Virtue Ethics and Catholic Social Teaching
  - Robin Veldman, University of Florida
    Social Factors Influencing Conservative Christians’ Attitudes toward the Environment and Climate Change
  - Jeffrey Morgan, University of Notre Dame
    Diffuse Complicity, Climate Change, and the Priority of Conscientious Reflection

A23-313

Religion in South Asia Section and Study of Islam Section and Hinduism Group and Jain Studies Group and Sikh Studies Group
Theme: Region or Tradition in the Study of South Asian Religions?
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-10
Carla Bellamy, City University of New York, Presiding
This panel explores the relative value and drawbacks of region-based vs. tradition-based approaches to the study of religions with a connection to South Asia. In recent years, scholars have developed nuanced understandings of South Asian religiosity as simultaneously informed by and defiant of traditional religious labels. While tradition-based and regionally informed analyses of religions of South Asia enrich and nuance one another, these approaches can also compete, in both theoretical and practical ways. This panel explores what is gained and what is lost when we emphasize region or tradition in our scholarship and teaching on South Asian religions.
  - Richard H. Davis, Bard College
    "Hindu Religious Traditions": Pedagogical Reflections
  - John E. Cort, Denison University
    Jain Studies: Advantages and Disadvantages to a Tradition-Based Approach
  - Illyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont
    Is One an "Islamicist" or a "South Asianist"?
  - Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia
    The Multiple Locations of Sikh Studies

Business Meeting:
  - Richard H. Davis, Bard College, and Rupa Viswanath, University of Gottingen, Presiding

A23-314

Women and Religion Section and Liberation Theologies Group
Theme: Decolonizing Pedagogies: Senses, Bodies, and Education
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-3
Socorro Cañáñeda-Liles, Santa Clara University, Presiding
  - Wendy Arce, Graduate Theological Union
    Fierceness and Four-Inch Heels: Exploring the Experiences of Young Women of Color Professors in the Undergraduate College Classroom
  - Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton, and Joyana Dvorak, DePaul University
    Embodiment, Community Partners, and Spirituality: Exploring a Model of Alternative Break Trips
  - Matilde Moros, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
    Teaching and Learning to Resist the Sexual Enterprise of Christianity in the Americas

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Anthropology of Religion Group and Religion and Migration Group
Theme: We are What We Eat: Ethnographies of Migration, Identity and Food Practice
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-25C
Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding
Rachel Brown, Wilfrid Laurier University
Bread Without Borders: Food and Transnational Identity
Melissa Borja, City University of New York
Refugee Resettlement, Religious Change, and Ritual Animal Consumption in Hmong America
Oguz Alyanak, Washington University, St. Louis
The French “Faux Halal” Scandal: An Anthropological Intervention

A23-316

Comparative Religious Ethics Group
Theme: New Approaches in Comparative Religious Ethics: Gender Analysis and Ethnographic Data
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-202A
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Lauren Cosgrove, The Florida State University
The “Third Wave” of Comparative Religious Ethics and Women: Important Lessons from Postcolonial Feminism
Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
Renewing Foodways, Restoring Ethical Integrity with Land, Water, and Living Beings: Comparing Sustainable Agriculture Projects in Muslim and Judeo-Christian Locations in the Contemporary U.S.
Responding:
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University

A23-317

Contemporary Islam Group
Theme: Making Muslim American Musics
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-30C
Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding
Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University
Consuming Qawwals: Hollywood and Muslim Devotionals
Michael Knight, University of North Carolina
Five Percenters and the Problem of Islamic Hip-Hop
Maytha Alhassen, University of Southern California
Bellydancing, Bombs, and Back Beats: Representation of the Middle East in Hip Hop

A23-318

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group, Middle Eastern Christianity Group, and World Christianity Group
Theme: Middle Eastern Christians, Collective Memory, and the “Arab Spring”
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-29A
Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University, Presiding
Deanna Womack, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Syrian Protestant Nahda: Evangelical Faith in the Springtime of Arabic Literary Production, 1860–1915
Tamar Wossoian, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Syrian Armenians and the Arab Spring: Haunting Memories of the Genocide
Hiroko Miyokawa, National Institutes for the Humanities, Tokyo, Japan
The Establishment of the Coptic Museum and its Nationalization in Twentieth-century Egypt
Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union
From “Persecuted Minorities” to Native Peoples: The New Discourse of Christian Communities in the Levant
Gaétan du Roy, Université Catholique de Louvain
The Charismatic Movement and Coptic Activists in the Egyptian Revolution
Responding:
Rico Gabriel Monge, University of San Diego
A23-319
Ecclesiastical Investigations Group and Vatican II Studies Group
Theme: The Ecumenical Impact of Unitatis Redintegratio Fifty Years after Vatican II
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-32A
Peter De Mey, Catholic University of Leuven, Presiding
Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University
Ecclesiality Then and Now: The Recognition of other Christian Communities After Fifty Years
Minna Hietamäki, Helsinki University
Roman Catholic Influences on the Idea of Ecumenical Recognition
Anastacia Wooden, Catholic University of America
Limits of the Church in Unitatis Redintegratio
Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon
An Anglican Perspective on the Future of Unitatis Redintegratio

A23-320
Gay Men and Religion Group
Theme: Tongues United: Gay Men and the Sacrament of Sex
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-2
Jay E. Johnson, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Kent Brinnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Forgetting the "Rectum" at Our Peril: Sketching Leo Bersani's Competing Ethical Visions
W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary
A Spirituality of Grindr
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University
Swallowing as Sacrament
Responding:
Sharon Fennema, Graduate Theological Union
Business Meeting:
W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

A23-321
Indigenous Religious Traditions Group
Theme: Postcolonial Indigenous Narratives, Identity and Theological Thought
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-23C
Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College, Presiding
Stanley Thayne, University of North Carolina
The Blood of Father Lehi: Indigeneity and the Book of Mormon
Orenda Boucher, University of Ottawa
Once Upon Another Time: Counter-Hagiographies and Pilgrimage
Sylvia Marcos, Claremont Graduate University, Universidad Autonoma del Estado de Morelos
Teologia India: Indigenous Contributions to Theological Thought
Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College
O'odham Songscapes: Journeys to Magdalena Remembered in Song

A23-322
International Development and Religion Group, Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Group, Ritual Studies Group, and Space, Place, and Religion Group
Theme: Places of Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism in Asia: Assessing Environmental and Economic Impacts
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-4
Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University, Presiding
Travel to religious sites in Asia creates extensive religious, economic, and environmental consequences. These papers utilize recent ethnographic research to examine such places and assess the relationship between tourism, pilgrimage, and ritual in travelers' activities. The first, focusing on the holy lake in Pushkar, India, utilizes Catherine Bell's work to consider how environmentalism becomes ritualized and thereby makes place sacred. The second considers the Bishnoi of central Rajasthan in India and examines the relationship between village tourism and the discourse of authenticity concerning the Bishnoi's well-known environmentalism. The last, focusing on Mt. Puto in China's Zhejiang province, interrogates the theories of pilgrimage of Victor and Edith Turner, John Eade, and Michael Sallinow, arguing for recognition of the hetero-topic nature of pilgrimage space. Echoing the presidential theme of religion and climate change, these papers chart new ways of understanding the complex intersection of travel, religious places, and environmental sustainability.

Responding:
Courtney Bruntz, Graduate Theological Union
Describing the Contemporary Chinese "Pilgrim": Strategies and Methods for Religious Tourism
Drew Thomases, Columbia University
Making Pushkar Paradise: Hindu Ritualization and the Environment
Vincent Burgess, Cornell University
The "Original Tree Huggers": Environmentalism, Asceticism, and Bishnoi Village Tourism

A23-323
Islamic Mysticism Group
Theme: Gender, Power, Perversion, and Suffering in the Margins of Sufi and Piety Literature
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-28C
Karen Ruffle, University of Toronto, Presiding
Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University
Reading the Qur'an on the Margins? Towards Situating Pious and Sufi Women within the Formative and Early Medieval Reception History of the Qur’an
Mahdi Tourage, King's University College—University of Western Ontario
Margins of the Body and Bodies on the Margin: Queering the Bodies in Sufi Texts
Laury Silvers, University of Toronto
Reading on the Social Margins in Narratives of Early Piety and Sufi Women in Ibn al-Jawzi’s Sifat al-safwa and al-Sulami’s Dhikr al-niswa
Responding:
Homayra Ziad, Trinity College
A23-324

Japanese Religions Group
Theme: New Frameworks in the Study of Japanese Religions
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-310A

Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding
Bryan Lowe, Vanderbilt University
Composing Kingship and Cosmos: Prayer, Genre, and Ritual in Early Japan
Ethan Bushe, Old Mill Creek, IL
Zen Practice and Aesthetic Theory: A Genealogy of Fujiwara no Shunzei’s Poetics of Nonduality
Takashi Miura, Princeton University
Redefining Yonaoshi as a Popular Religious Concept: Tokugawa Bureaucrats Deified as Kami of Yonaoshi
Jesse LeFebvre, Shuchiin University
Christian Wedding Ceremonies—“Non-religiousness” in Contemporary Japan

A23-325

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Group
Theme: Film Discussion: Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippy Preacher
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-28A

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding
Panelists:
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton
J. Terry Todd, Drew University
Responding:
David Di Sabatino, Long Beach, CA

A23-326

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group
Theme: Rethinking Chaplaincy in Cross-Cultural Perspective
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-33B

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Luther Seminary, Presiding
Daijaku Judith Kinst, Graduate Theological Union
Revisioning Chaplaincy: Contributions from Buddhist Chaplaincy Graduate Education
Andre van der Braak, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
The Rise of Buddhist Chaplaincy in an Interfaith Context, and its Implications for the Reframing and Revising of Clinical Pastoral Education
Beth Glover, Fordham University
Shaking the Foundations: Reimagining Clinical Pastoral Education in Light of Personal and Cultural Trauma in a Global Society
Responding:
Curtis W. Hart, Weill Cornell Medical College

A23-327

Reformed Theology and History Group and Schleiermacher Group
Theme: The Doctrine of Election in Schleiermacher and the Reformed Tradition
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-520

Martha L. Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding
Kevin Vander Schel, Villanova University
Election in Christ: Grace and Redemption in Schleiermacher’s Christian Faith and Ethics
Joseph Lenow, University of Virginia
Chosen in the Spirit: The Pneumatocentrism of Schleiermacher’s Doctrine of Election
Joshua Ralston, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Rewriting Calvin: Schleiermacher on Election and Substitutionary Atonement
Paul Thorsell, The Master’s College

A23-328

Religion and Disability Studies Group
Theme: Biography, Body, and the Narration of Disability in Christian and Muslim Contexts
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-26

Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding
Sean O’Neil, Miami University
Black and Broken Sporting Bodies: Pentecostal Life Writing at the Intersection of Religion, Sports, Disability and Race
Philip Lorish, University of Virginia
Disabled Bodies and the Body of Christ: Reflections on Stanley Hauerwas’ Use of the Disabled
Ari M. Gordon, University of Pennsylvania
Following a Blind Companion: The Ethical and Legal Biography of Ibn Umm Maktum
A23-329

Religion and Ecology Group
Theme: The Activism and Philosophy of Sunderlal Bahuguna
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-22
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
  - Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University
  - Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
  - Bidisha Mallik, University of North Texas
Responding:
  - George James, University of North Texas

A23-330

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Theme: Inventing Religions: The Cultural Creation of Consumer Communities
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-25A
Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding
Ben Brazil, Earlham School of Religion
Making Fantasy Real: Youth Travel Culture and Alternative Realities in the 1960s and 1970s
Brandon Dean, University of Iowa
Superman on a Sunday Morning: An Examination of the Church Directed Marketing of Man of Steel (2013)
Erica Hurwitz Andrus, University of Vermont
Lego Apotheosis: How an Invented Religion Helped Create the Bionicle Empire

A23-331

Religion and Sexuality Group
Theme: Regulating Black Bodies: Black Sexualities and Christianities
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-31C
Josef Sorett, Columbia University, Presiding
Raedorah Stewart, VISIONS, Inc., Bethesda, MD
Burnt Sienna: Ethnography of a Preacher, Painter, and the Erotic
Sarah Dreier, University of Washington
Is God against Gays in Africa? The Promise of Inclusive Sexual Politics within a Postcolonial Global Church
Whitney Bond, Candler School of Theology
Even Me: Creating Spaces for Sexually Queer Bodies in the Black Church
Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Indiana University–Purdue University, Indianapolis
Postblackness, Christianity, and the Black Christian Public
Responding:
  - Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa
  - Stephen J. Shoemaker, University of Oregon

A23-332

Science, Technology, and Religion Group
Theme: Technology and Human Transformations
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-29C
James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding
Virginia Bartlett, Cedar Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
Transforming Pregnant Women into Mothers, Fetuses into Miracles, and Medical Technology into Divine Intervention: Exploring How Maternal-Fetal Surgery Influences Medical, Social, Religious, and Moral Understandings of Who We Are
Joshua Wise, Catholic University of America
Identity or Instrumentality? Considering Virtual Union with Apollinaris of Laodicea and Athisus of Alexandria

Business Meeting:
  - Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, and Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

A23-333

Exploratory Sessions
Theme: Marian Apparitions
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-500
Sandra Zimdars-Swartz, University of Kansas, Presiding
Jill Krebs, Drew University
Marian Apparitions and Catholic Identity
Joseph Laycock, Piedmont Virginia Community College
Heaven on Earth: Apparitional Movements, Space, and Power
J. Gordon Melton, Baylor University
Marian Apparitions and Catholic Piety
Responding:
  - Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa
  - Stephen J. Shoemaker, University of Oregon

A23-334

Wildcard Session
Theme: Mission in Comparative Perspective—Atheist, Mormon, and Inter-religious Views
Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-9
Janice Rees, Charles Sturt University, Sydney College of Divinity, Presiding
Aaron Ghiloni, Trinity College Queensland
Towards a Comparative Missiology
David Golding, Claremont Graduate University
From Dusting Feet to Saving Souls: Mormon Missions in Thought and Practice
Jesse Smith, Western Michigan University
Mission for Atheists: How Activists Promote an Atheist Worldview

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### A23-335

**Wildcard Session**

**Theme: Faith and Religious Participation**

**Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Convention Center-5A**

Robin Dembrow, Presiding

Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz  
*Faith without Conviction: Engagement and the Religious Life*

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo  
*Embodying Religious Multiplicity: Exploring Multiple Religious Participation*

James Arcadi, University of Bristol  
*How to Make the Church with Words: The Perlocutionary Effect of Eucharistic Illocutionary Acts*

### A23-336

**Employment Services Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Convention Center-19**


### P23-300

**Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Board of Directors Meeting**

**Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Hilton Bayfront-310B**

### P23-301

**Theta Alpha Kappa Annual Meeting and Reception**

**Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**Grand Hyatt-Harbor I**

### P23-346

**African Association for the Study of Religions**

**Theme: Religion, Environment, Society, and Postcoloniality in Theological Perspective: The Ecumenical Theology of Jesse N. K. Mugambi**

**Sunday, 5:00 PM–7:00 PM**

**Hilton Bayfront-Indigo B**

S. Kip Elolia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Presiding

This panel will addresses selected themes from the major religious and theological works of Jesse N. K. Mugambi, who in his intellectual career has shaped religious and theological discourse in Africa and contributed significantly to global ecumenism. Panelist will engage in a critical exploration and analysis of Mugambi’s thought and what is emerging as the “Nairobi School” by discussing postcoloniality, Christian responsibility and theological activism in the wake of growing socio-political crisis; the image and symbol of Jesus in liberation and reconstruction, ecological and environmental degradation, and the philosophical and textual groundings of his work in dialogue with sacred texts of the Christian tradition in ecumenical dialogue.

Panelists:
- Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
- Mika Vähäkangas, Lund University
- Diane Stinton, Regent College
- Knut Holter, School of Mission and Theology Stavanger, Norway
- Ernst M. Conradie, University of the Western Cape
- Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

### P23-400

**Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting and Annual American Journal of Theology and Philosophy Lecture**

**Sunday, 5:45 PM–8:45 PM**

**Marriott Marquis-Del Mar**

5:45–6:15 PM - Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting

6:30–8:00 PM - *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* Annual Lecture

Panelists:
- Catherine Keller, Drew University

### A23-400

**International Members’ Reception**

**Sunday, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM**

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

A reception for international members of the AAR. Winners of the Collaborative International Research Grants will be announced. By invitation only.

### A23-405

**Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Reception**

**Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM**

**Convention Center-6C**
P23-347

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion
Theme: New Teachers Dinner
Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM
Marriott Marquis-Solana
Annual gathering of new teachers for dinner and directed conversations about the first years of teaching. Nomination of new teachers for participation is required. September 30 deadline. Contact: Paul O. Myhre, Associate Director, Wabash Center: myhrep@wabash.edu.

P23-401

Société Internationale d’Études sur Alfred Loisy
Theme: Panel on William Portier, Divided Friends (CUA Press, 2013)
Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-206
Jeffrey Morrow, Seton Hall University, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Sandra Yocum, University of Dayton
  - David Schultenover, Marquette University
  - Charles J. T. Talar, University of St. Thomas, Houston
Responding:
  - William L. Portier, University of Dayton

P23-402

Evangelical Philosophical Society
Theme: Punishment and Christian Love
Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-300B
Gregory Bock, Walters State Community College, Presiding
Panelists:
  - Yutaka Osakabe, University of Aberdeen
  - Jeffrey Cervantez, Crafton Hills College
  - Gregory Bock, Walters State Community College
  - Chad Bogosian, Grand Canyon University
  - Daryl Charles, John Jay Institute

A23-403

Film: Call Me Kuchu
Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-305
Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, Presiding
Sponsored by the African Religions Group
Call Me Kuchu is a 2012 American documentary film directed by Malika Zouhali-Worrall and Katherine Fairfax Wright. The film explores the struggles of the LGBT community in Uganda, focusing in part on the 2011 murder of LGBT activist David Kato.
Panelists:
  - Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge
  - Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University
  - Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

A23-404

Film: Kumaré
Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-307
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
Sponsored by the Religion and Popular Culture Group
A provocative social experiment-turned-documentary, Kumaré follows American filmmaker Vikram Gandhi who transforms himself into the stereotype of a wise Indian guru, hoping to prove the absurdity of blind faith. Instead, he finds himself forging profound connections with people from all walks of life — and wondering if and when to reveal his true self. Winner of South by Southwest's Audience Award, Kumaré is seen by many as insightful look at faith and belief. For instance, Stephen Holden of the New York Times and Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun-Times, praised the film's message of “finding the guru within.” Many movie reviewers, however, have criticized Gandhi’s deception as immoral, and have compared the deception by Gandhi to Sacha Baron Cohen’s Borat character. Others partially forgive Gandhi for realizing that the experiment had grown out of his control.
Panelists:
  - Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado
  - Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston
  - Michael Altman, University of Alabama
  - Tony S. L. Michael, York University

The collapse of Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker's televangelical empire in the late-1980s was one of the most entertaining religious scandals in American history — a captivating mix of sexual sin, unholy greed, and, for unsympathetic observers, bizarre characters. Perhaps the most unintentionally entertaining player in the extended media drama was the diminutive Tammy Faye, whose love of shopping, heavy makeup, and penchant for tears earned her widespread ridicule.

As an amusing symbol of the "ludicrously tragic," however, Tammy Faye also acquired a coterie of "campy" fans, two of whom, Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato, selected her as a documentary subject. Steeped in camp's characteristic blend of ironic mockery and genuine affection, The Eyes of Tammy Faye revels in common representations of the televangelist as a kooky religious flake, while at the same time rehabilitating her as an exemplar of an authentic Christianity centered on tolerance and compassion.
John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Celebrate the achievements of the 2014 AAR award winners at the ceremony and reception held in their honor.

**Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion**
Charles Taylor, McGill University

**Excellence in Teaching Award**
Shafique N. Virani, University of Toronto

**Religion and the Arts Award**
Makoto Fujimura, Fujimura Institute, New York, NY

**2014 Best In-depth Reporting on Religion Awards**

- **First Place**: Peggy Fletcher Stack, *Salt Lake Tribune*
- **Second Place**: Jaweed Kaleem, *Huffington Post*
- **Third Place**: Matthew Brown, *Deseret News*

**2014 Excellence in the Study of Religion Book Awards**

- **Analytical–Descriptive**
  - Anya Bernstein
  - *Religious Bodies Politic: Rituals of Sovereignty in Buryat Buddhism*
  - University of Chicago Press, 2013

- **Constructive–Reflective**
  - Willis Jenkins
  - *The Future of Ethics: Sustainability, Social Justice, and Religious Creativity*
  - Georgetown University Press, 2013

- **Historical Studies**
  - Kyle Harper
  - *From Shame to Sin: The Christian Transformation of Sexual Morality in Late Antiquity*
  - Harvard University Press, 2013

- **Textual Studies**
  - Andrew Quintman
  - *The Yogi and the Madman: Reading the Biographical Corpus of Tibet’s Great Saint Milarepa*
  - Columbia University Press, 2013

**2014 Best First Book in the History of Religions**

Anna Sun
*Confucianism as a World Religion: Contested Histories and Contemporary Realities*
Princeton University Press, 2013
Individual Research Grants

Julius Bailey, University of Redlands
“That Hardy Race of Pioneers”: The History of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the American West

Kim Haines-Eitzen, Cornell University
Listening to the Desert in Late Antiquity: Landscape, Sensory Experience, and the Religious Imagination

Harold Morales, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Latino Muslim by Design: Race, Religion, Media & the Making of Minority Identities in America

Brian Pennington, Elon University
Natural Disaster and Divine Agency: Hindu Theodicies of Climate Change

Leela Prasad, Duke University
Moved by Gandhi — A Documentary Film

Mark Rowe, McMaster University
Female Priests in Japanese Temple Buddhism

SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College
Islam, Tradition, and Democracy: The Case of the Deoband Madrasa

Collaborative Research Grant

John Corrigan, Florida State University; Diana Fritz Cates, University of Iowa; Anna Gade, University of Wisconsin; M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University; June McDaniel, College of Charleston; Sarah Ross, Universität Bern; Donovan Schaefer, Haverford College; Linda Woodhead, Lancaster University; and Mark Wynn, University of Leeds
How Do We Study Religion and Emotion?

International Dissertation Research Grant

Deanna Womack, Princeton Theological Seminary
Research Destinations: Lebanon, Egypt, and Turkey

Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation Research Fellowship

Jaspreet Kaur, University of Oxford
Research Destinations: Los Angeles, California

2014 Regional Development Grants

Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University and Joshua Dubler, University of Rochester
Religious Studies Inside and Outside Prison Walls: A Workshop

Ariel Schwartz, Northwestern University
Graduate Conference on “Religion and the Natural Elements”

Amy Hale, Golden Gate University
Meeting the Challenge of Transitions: Employment Workshops for Religious Studies Scholars and Religious Professionals

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego
Conference on Contemplative Studies
A24-1

Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfast
Monday, 7:15 AM–8:45 AM
Convention Center-6A
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding
Program Unit Chairs are invited to a breakfast featuring information on upcoming program initiatives and celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

A24-100

Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: Dollars and Cents: Making Sense of Funding Education and Academic Research
Monday, 9:00 AM–10:00 AM
Convention Center-14B
When graduate students want to fund their education or academic research, how do they find funding? Once they find it, how do they go after it? And once they get it, how do they renew funding? This workshop will explore these three questions through an anecdotal, practiced-based approach that unravels some of the mystery associated with securing external funding for educational and research purposes. The workshop content will be informed by my combined experience securing $447,000 in private and federal grants, managing a $1.1 million grant, personally receiving $110,000 of outside scholarship and grant funding for educational purposes, and being awarded $107,000 in merit-based scholarships. Drawing from my experience as a Proposal and Fundraising Associate at a research university and theological training, I will include tips and tricks relevant to fundraising, illustrations inspired by past grant writing successes and failures, and theological reflections about the limits of fundraising.
Panelists:
Dustin Benac, Duke University

A24-101

Study of Judaism Section
Theme: Revisiting Sources, Reimagining Disciplines: Judaism and the Academic Study of Religion
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-502A
Shaull Magid, Indiana University, Presiding
Elias Sacks, University of Colorado
Ritual Theory and Jewish Enlightenment: Mendelssohn and Contemporary Debates
Paul Nahme, University of Kansas
The Formations of the Secular in German Judaism: Hermann Cohen’s Critique of Pantheism
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
The “Nones” and the Jews
Responding:
Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University
Business Meeting:
Aaron W. Hughes, University of Rochester, and Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University, Presiding

A24-102

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Theme: “Right Back at You!”: Documentary Film, Fandom, and Feeling
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-500
Daniel White Hodge, North Park University, Presiding
Adrian Hermann, University of Munich, and Lydia Marie Reynolds, Canyon City, CO
Documenting the “Father of Lights”: The Aesthetics of a Contemporary US Charismatic-Christian Documentary Film and its Audience Reception
Denis Bekkering, University of Waterloo
From The American Music Show to The Eyes of Tammy Faye: Camp, Fan Media, and Religious Rebranding
Brett Potter, Toronto School of Theology
Liminal Cinema: The Varieties of Religious Experience in the Films of Peter Mettler
Responding:
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton
Business Meeting:
Ken Derry, University of Toronto, and Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding

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A24-103
Scriptural Reasoning Group
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-520
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia, Presiding
Mark James, University of Virginia
“Pairs” and Other Patterns in Hegel’s Logic
Molly Farneth, Princeton University
Adams and Hegel on the Endurance of Difference
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University
Logic and Ontology: Consequences for a Theology After Hegel
Responding:
Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh
Business Meeting:
Rumee Ahmed, University of British Columbia, and Simeon Zahl, University of Oxford, Presiding

P24-139
North American Association for the Study of Religion
Theme: Conceptual Issues in New Testament Scholarship
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-314
Jennifer Eyl, Tufts University, Presiding
Sarah Rollens, University of Alabama
Inventing Tradition in Thessalonica
Ian Brown, University of Toronto
Epistemology and the Production of History: “History” as a Discipline and Object in the Study of Early Jesus People
Emma Wasserman, Rutgers University
Gods, Religions, and Divine Exceptionalism: The Case of So-called Idolatry
Responding:
Craig Martin, St. Thomas Aquinas College

A24-104
Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee and Theological Education Committee
Theme: Invisible Disabilities and Hidden Illnesses in the Academy: Fostering Cultures of Accessibility
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-26
Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College, Presiding
This panel aims to illuminate the barriers faced by scholars and students experiencing invisible disabilities (whether one’s own or a member of one’s intimate household), including mental health disabilities, chronic illness, invisible physical and sensory disabilities, chronic fatigue, and chronic pain. The session examines how institutions and individuals are working to create policies and practices that improve accessibility, and that facilitate the professional success and personal well-being of scholars and students living with disabilities.

Panelists:
Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Raedorah Stewart, VISIONS, Inc., Bethesda, MD
Naomi Annandale, Vanderbilt University
Thomas E. Reynolds, Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology

A24-105
Arts, Film, Literature, Media, Popular Culture, Visual Culture, and Religion Cluster
Theme: The Worlds of Disney: Imagineering Ideologies
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-7B
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding
There is a sign that hangs over the entrance to Disneyland which reads: “Here you leave the world of Today and enter the world of Yesterday, Tomorrow, and Fantasy.” This session is devoted to the exploration of those worlds, from Disney's Magic Kingdom to its fantasy films, from its theme parks to its theme cruises, from its iconic ears to its creations of femininity and masculinity. Presentations will cover the many facets of the industrious, imaginative, and ideological enterprise that is Disney, including the environment, death, moral education, and the rewriting of history.

Panelists:
Jason Lantzer, Butler University
Jennifer Porter, Memorial University
Bron Taylor, University of Florida
Annalee Ward, University of Dubuque

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

A24-106
Christian Systematic Theology Section
Theme: Being Human in Relation
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-9
David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding
David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver
The Other Side of Agency: Constructing a Relational Ontology in Light of Cognitive Disability
Sungho Lee, Graduate Theological Union
Becoming Humans through Other Animals: A Reconstruction of Relational Anthropology in Dialogue with Animal Studies
Allison Covey, University of Toronto
Becoming Imago Trinitatis: Human Uniqueness, Animal Alterity, and the Relationality of Being
Petra Turner, University of Virginia
The Human Being in Relation: The Psychological Analogy in a Christological Register

Business Meeting:
Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding
A24-107

History of Christianity Section and Religion in Europe Group
Theme: The Impact of World War I on European Religious Ideas and Identities
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo B

Todd Green, Luther College, Presiding
Patrick Michelson, Indiana University
"War, Asceticism, and the Paradox of Religion in the Russian Orthodox Church, 1914–1917"
Greg Goalwin, University of California, Santa Barbara
"Religion, Nationalism, and Boundary Formation in the 1923 Greco-Turkish Population Exchange"
Ulrich Schmiedel, University of Oxford
"The Politics of Europeanism: World War I and Ernst Troeltsch’s Political Theology"

Kevin L. Hughes, Villanova University
"Christianity is Never Triumphant": Henri de Lubac, La Nouvelle Theologie, and the Crucible of the Great War

The business meeting for the Religion in Europe Group will immediately follow this session over lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please meet outside the session room at 11:30 AM to attend.

A24-108

North American Religions Section
Theme: Religious Communitarianism, Utopianism, and the “Race Problem” in Nineteenth Century North America
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-25A

Leigh E. Schmidt, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding
Max Mueller, Harvard University
Kathleen Williams, Vanderbilt University
"That Soothing Mass of Miraculous Life”: Race and Selective Breeding in the Oneida Community
Elisa Pulido, Claremont Graduate University
Integrating Utopia: A Mormon Attempt at Nahua Assimilation in the Mexican Borderlands (1887)

Responding:
Leigh E. Schmidt, Washington University in St. Louis

A24-109

Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Religious Symbols and Secularisms: Contemporary Perspectives from Canada and Turkey
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-31A

Richard Amesbury, Universität Zürich, Presiding
Laure H. Steenhuisen, Georgetown University
"Deep State" and Turkey: Secularisms and Islamisms in the Erdogan v. Gulen Conflict
Claire Sadar, Boston University
Iftar on Istiklal: Public Performance of Religion during the Gezi Park Protests
Zaheeda Alibhai, Carleton University
Canadian Family Values: The Ban on Face Coverings during the Canadian Citizenship Ceremony
M. Christian Green, Emory University
Quebec Charter of Values: Secularism, Nationalism, and Islamophobia?

A24-110

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Theme: Remembering Jean Bethke Elshtain (1941–2013)
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-28D

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding
Panelists:
Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University
Eric Gregory, Princeton University
R. Marie Griffith, Washiington University, Saint Louis
David Novak, University of Toronto
Daniel Philpott, University of Notre Dame

A24-111

Religion in South Asia Section
Theme: Making a Word One’s Own: “Translation” Across South Asian Languages and Communities
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-2

Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding
Gil Ben-Herut, University of South Florida
Translating a Metaphor: Vernacularization at the Verse Level in the Kannada Poetic Treatise the Kavirajamargam

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Peter Valdina, Emory University
Translation Communities and Patanjali’s Yoga Sutra

Eric Steinschneider, University of Toronto
The Politics of Equivalence: Translating Advaita Vedanta in a Nineteenth-Century Tamil Commentary

Shankar Nair, Harvard University
Translating the “Path of the Ancient Sages”: Hinduism in Islamic Terms in a Mughal Translation of the Yoga-Vasistha

### A24-112

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

**Theme:** When God Undoes You: The Lost Object, the Violent Lover, and the Unsovereign Self

**Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM**

**Convention Center-24A**

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Jessica A. Boon, University of North Carolina
*(Divine) Love Hurts: Erotic Pain as Mystical Discourse in Hadewijch of Antwerp*

Linn Tonstad, Yale University
*The Sovereignty of the Sacrificial Self: Kenotic Discontents*

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago
*Supplanting Sovereignty with Sovereignty? Masculinist Longings for Theological Realism in Contemporary Theory*

Sarah Bloesch, Southern Methodist University
*Loss of God and Loss of Self: Deification, Desire, and Melancholy*

Responding:
Kathryn Tanner, Yale University

### A24-113

**Women and Religion Section and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group**

**Theme:** Body as Bridge: Women’s Embodiment in Yoga from West Bengal to the West Coast

**Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM**

**Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire A**

Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Sravana Borkatoky-Varma, Rice University
*Speaking to the Female Serpent: Ethnographic Study of Kundalini Rising in a Woman’s Body*

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
*An Early Voice of Womanhood in American Yoga*

Amy Champ, Endicott College and University of Phoenix
*Healing, Transformation, and Empowerment: Pedagogical Methods of Western Yoginis*

Anna Pokazanyeva, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Yoga Body, Yoga Pants: The Feminization, Sexualization, and Pornification of Yoga*

Jennifer Aubrecht, University of California, Riverside
*The First Lady of Yoga: Gendered Whiteness and South Asian-ness in Indra Devi’s Career as a Hollywood Yoga Instructor*

Responding:
Cynthia Ann Humes, Claremont McKenna College

### A24-114

**African Religions Group**

**Theme:** New Perspectives on Religion and Agriculture in Africa from Senegal, Ghana, and Nigeria

**Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM**

**Convention Center-4**

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding

Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College
*Dinka Religious Critiques of Colonial and Post-colonial Agricultural and Environmental Policies*

Samuel Etikpah, University of Oslo
*Kundum: Ritual Interaction with Nonhumans in a Ghanaian Agricultural Festival*

Jude Aguwa, Mercy College
*God, Humans, and Farm Work in Igbo Society in Nigeria: Past and Present*

Responding:
Albert K. Wuaku, Florida International University

Business Meeting:
Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, and Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

### A24-115

**Afro-American Religious History Group**

**Theme:** Trajectories in the Study of Afro-American Religious History

**Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM**

**Convention Center-29C**

Sarah Azaransky, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Vaughn Booker, Princeton University
*Mary Lou’s Mission: The Bel Canto Foundation as a Jazz Woman’s Religious Leadership*

Laura McTighe, Columbia University
*Black Gods of the Gulag: Diasporic Religious Imaginaries in the Prison Capital of the World*

Alexis S. Wells, Emory University
*Womb Ethics and Female “Common Sense”: Gendering “Slave Religion” in the Colonial and Antebellum Lower South*

Jamal Drake, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Ethnography, Negro Folk Religion, and the Cultural Deficit Hypothesis in the New Deal Era*

Responding:
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
Theme: Islamic Liberation Theology and Decolonization

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-31C

Charles W. Amjad-Ali, Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE), Presiding

This panel focuses on the subject of Islam, decolonisation and liberation in different contexts. As an important theme within postcolonial studies a clearer understanding of definitions, approaches and difficulties of the struggle for decolonisation, liberation and self-autonomy is required as well as the implications of talking about Islam in a liberative way in a (post)colonial and post-9/11 world. Against this backdrop, the speakers discuss the following questions from the various perspectives of postcolonial studies and liberation theology in relation to Islam and Muslims: On what basis do people attempt to critique and break with an oppressive present? How and on what basis do people formulate change and movements for a different future? and How is “decolonisation” and “liberation” defined, conceptualized and approached? In answering this question, the panelists will each draw explicitly on their own research or area of engagement

- Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg
  *Islamic Liberation Theology and the Challenge of Dialogical Co-optation for Good Neighbourliness in an Age of Empire*

- Itrath Syed, Simon Fraser University
  *Competing Secularisms and the Production of the Good Muslim/Post-Muslim*

- Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University
  *Transnational Feminism, Anti-colonial Possibilities, and the Representation of Muslim Women*

- Sherman Jackson, University of Southern California
  *Islamic Liberation Theology: From What? For What?*

Responding:
- Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

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**A24-117**

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group

Theme: Bonhoeffer’s Bold Experiment in Theological Education

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Aqua E

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Presiding

- Christopher Holmes, University of Otago
  *"The Subject of Contemporization: The Holy Spirit and the Task of Theological Education"

- Chad Lakies, Concordia University, Portland, OR
  *Appropriating Bonhoeffer’s Innovations in Theological Education: Community for Resistance in a World of Cultural Captivity*

- Aaron Klink, Duke University
  *Formed by Christ through One Another: What American Theological Education Can Learn from Finkenwalde*

- Preston Parsons, University of Cambridge
  *Church Discipline and Theological Education: Finkenwalde and the Riddle of Freedom*

- Jacob Phillips, King’s College London
  *No Conditional Clauses in Christ: Interpreting the Finkenwalde Experiment with Wilhelm Dilthey’s “Concrete Universality”*

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**A24-118**

Buddhism in the West Group

Theme: Buddhism, Capitalism, and Consumer Culture

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-3

Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Presiding

- Charles D. Orzech, University of Glasgow
  *Why Has the Buddha Become a Neo-Axial Thinker: World Religions and Invocations of the Axial Age in the Era of Global Capital*

- Susan Zakin, University of Chicago
  *Fetishizing Buddhism: Branding and Self-Branding through Buddhist Practices of the Self*

- Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University
  *Mindfulness Meditation in US Public Schools*

- Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee
  *Made in China: Consuming Zen in the Contemporary U.S.*

- Jørn Borup, Aarhus University
  *Buddha Cool: Is There a Transnational Looping Effect in Buddhist Asia?*

Responding:
- David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding
**Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group**

**Theme:** Buddhist Feminism(s): Texts and Communities  
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Hilton Bayfront–Sapphire M  
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego, Presiding

Lisa Battaglia, Samford University  
*Only Skin Deep? Female Embodiment and the Paradox of Beauty in Indian Buddhism*

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama  
*New Buddhist Women Across Borders: Buddhism Influences and Interactions in Alternative Histories of Asian Feminisms*

Ching-ning Wang, Dharma Drum University  
*A Great “Man” is No Longer Gendered: Chan Nuns’ Gender Identity and Practice in Contemporary Taiwan*

Ashby Butnor, Metropolitan State University of Denver  
*Understanding the Social Embeddedness of Zen Buddhist Practice: A Feminist Analysis of Bodymind (Shinjin) Cultivation*

Responding:  
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

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**Childhood Studies and Religion Group**

**Theme:** Reading, Religion, and Childhood: Sacred and Political (or Profane?) Constructions  
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Convention Center–25C  
Naomi Wood, Kansas State University, Presiding

Sally Stamper, Seton Hall University  
*Through a Glass Darkly: Theological Recourse to Literature for Young Children*

Naomi Wood, Kansas State University  
*A Lie, a Pretty Story, or a Map? Believing in a Book in Terry Pratchett’s* *The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents*

Emanuelle Burton, University of Chicago  
*What Has Athens to Do With Manhattan? The Greek Pantheon and American Theopolitics in the Last Olympian*

Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University  
*Modern Chinese Literature as Children’s Literature?—A Story of Secularism and Religion-Making*

Business Meeting:  
Marcia Bunge, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding

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**Chinese Religions Group**

**Theme:** Educating Religious Experts for the Nation: Institutions and Curricula for Christian, Han Buddhist and Daoist Specialists in Modern China  
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Convention Center–28C  
Gregory Adam Scott, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Christopher Daily, University of London  
*Missionaries or Ministers? The Search for an Effective Means of Educating Protestant Christians in Late-Qing China*

Douglas Gildow, Princeton University  
*The Development of Buddhist Seminaries in the People’s Republic of China since 1980*

Rongdao Lai, University of Southern California  
*The Wuchang Ideal: Buddhist Education and Identity Production in Republican China (1911–1949)*

Der–Ruey Yang, Institute of Cultural Anthropology, Nanjing University  
*Cultivating New-Styled Missionaries of Daoism: The On-going Experiment of the Shanghai Daoist College*

Xiaobo Yuan, University of Chicago  
*The Politics of Self-Exile: Underground Christian Schools in China*

Responding:  
Stefania Travagnin, University of Groningen

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

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**Ecclesiological Investigations Group**

**Theme:** The Church in Times of War  
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Convention Center–28A  
Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Presiding

Ann Hidalgo, Claremont Lincoln University, Claremont School of Theology  
*Suffering and Resistance: Liberation and the Church in the Salvadoran Civil War*

Betsy Perabo, Western Illinois University  
*Churches at War: The Conflict Between Protestant and Orthodox Missions in the Russo-Japanese War*

Miriam Perkins, Emmanuel Christian Seminary  
*Race and the American Jeremiad: The Impact of the Vietnam War on African American and White Evangelical Preaching on September 11, 2001 and 2011*

Jesse Zink, University of Cambridge  
*Catastrophe and Conversion: The Differential Growth of Dinka Christianity in Sudan’s Civil War*

Joel Hodge, Australian Catholic University  
*War, Solidarity and Resistance in East Timor: The Role of Catholic Faith and Church during the Indonesian Invasion and Occupation*

Business Meeting:  
Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University, and Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Presiding
A24-124

Hinduism Group
Theme: The Goddess and the King: Navarātri, Navarātra and Durgāpūjā in South Asia
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-310A
Ute Huesken, University of Oslo, Presiding
Silje Lyngar Einarsen, Aarhus University
The King, the Goddess, and Politics of Ritual Innovation: Āśvinā Navarātrī in Benares
Ina Marie Lunde Ikama, University of Oslo
Variations on Killing a Demon – Ritual Enactments of the Goddess’ Fight with the Buffalo Demon
Moumita Sen, University of Oslo
Politics, Religion, Art in the Durga Puja of Bengal
Responding:
Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

A24-125

Japanese Religions Group and Religion and Popular Culture Group
Theme: Leisure in Modern and Contemporary Japanese Religions
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-11B
Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College, Presiding
Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University
Understanding Sōka Gakkai’s Campaign-Based Ethos: How Enjoyable Activities Constitute Campaigns for Institutional Expansion and Individual Cultivation within Sōka Gakkai in Japan
Justin Stein, University of Toronto
Daniel Friedrich, McMaster University
For Myself, Nembutsuji, Jōdo Shinshū, and Japanese Society: The Function of Play in the Buddhist Women’s Association
Jessica Main, University of British Columbia
Scouting and Serious Play: The Role of Playful Activity in the Moral Cultivation of Shin Buddhist Youth in Japan
Responding:
Clark Chilson, University of Pittsburgh

A24-126

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Theme: Cruzando Fronteras: Latina/o Catholic/Pentecostal Dialogue Centered on Issues of Immigration in Honor of Otto Maduro
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-1A
Altagracia Perez, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding
Cláudio Carvalhaes, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
“Canta y no Llores,” Finding Joy in the Midst of the Struggle
Claudia Guzman, University of Dayton
Suffering of Orphaned Children on the Mexico/USA Border
Lloyd Barba, University of Michigan
California’s Cross: The Roots and Routes of Rural Pentecostalism
Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
Moved by the Spirit: La Frontera y la Ciudad as Locri para un Pentecostal y Catholic Teología en Conjunto
Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University
Pentecostal Politics or Power: A Latino Pastor’s Response to Arizona’s Anti-immigration Laws
Business Meeting:
Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

A24-127

Lesbian–Feminist Issues and Religion Group
Theme: Outlaws and In-Laws: New Constructions of Family from Bowties and Brassieres to Bootlickers and Beyond
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-23A
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver, Presiding
Jennifer Stockwell, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
Female Kinships: Reimagining the Potential of Lesbian–Feminism
Leigh Ann Hildebrand, Graduate Theological Union
High Shine, Heart and Soul/Sole Care: Bootblacking, Families of Choice, and Women’s Leather Community
Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University
An Antisocial, Afro-Pessimist Sociality? Envisioning Kinship and Belonging beyond Assimilation
Responding:
Kathryn Bond Stockton, University of Utah
Business Meeting:
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

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**Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Group**

**Theme:** Extending Moral Injury: Examining Moral Injury as an Interdisciplinary Resource for Scholars and Practitioners

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-33B
Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, Presiding

- Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University
  *Where Am I From?: Bullying, The Immigrant Muslim Experience, and Moral Injury*

- Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University
  *Way Down in the Hole: Imprisonment and Moral Injury*

- Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, Emory University
  *Moral Injury as Inherent Critique: The Prophetic Possibilities of a New Term*

- Jessica Vazquez-Torres, CrossRoads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training
  *Does Moral Injury Have a Race? On Moral Injury and the Experience of Racialization in the United States*

**Business Meeting:**
Rita Brock, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

**Music and Religion Group**

**Theme:** Religious Dimensions of the Performing Voice

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-22
Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding

- David Stowe, Michigan State University
  *Babylon Revisited: History, Memory, and Forgetting in Psalm 137*

- Andrew Moss, Durham University
  *John Coltrane’s A Love Supreme: Voicing the Spirit of a Modern Psalmist*

- Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
  *"Religion" in and beyond A Love Supreme*

- Sarah Dees, University of Tennessee
  *Public Displays of Reconciliation: Healing Historical Trauma through Music*

- Genevieve Nrenzah, University of Bayreuth
  *Watch Night Wonders by Nana Kwaku Bonsam: Changing Notions of Indigenous Religious Performances in Ghana*

**Business Meeting:**
Philip Stoltzfus, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding

**Native Traditions in the Americas Group**

**Theme:** Oral Tradition, Identity, and Cultural Revitalization

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University, Presiding

- Denise Marie Nadeau, Concordia University, Montreal
  *Indigenizing Water Protection: Transmitting Water Teachings and Responsibilities*

- Cutcha Risling Baldy, University of California, Davis
  *No’olchwin-ding, No’olchwin-te (To Grow Old in a Good Way): The Revitalization of the Hupa Women’s Coming of Age Ceremony*

- Darren Iammarino, San Diego State University
  *The Nazca Geoglyphs: A Pictographic Creation Story?*

- Margaret Field, San Diego State University
  *Sacred Water Imagery in Yuman Oral Tradition*

**Responding:**
Michael Zogry, University of Kansas

**Business Meeting:**
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding

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Quaker Studies Group
Theme: Quaker Ethics and Peace
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-300A
Carole Dale Spencer, Earlham School of Religion, Presiding
Stephanie Midori Komashin, Hokkaido University
How Ecology, Economics, and Ethics Brought Winstanley and Nitobe to Quakerism
Lonnie Valentine, Earlham School of Religion
Quakers and the War Tax Concern: A Theo-historical Approach
Timothy J. Burdick, Bellevue, WA
The Pacifiﬁc Wars: Evangelical Quakers and the American Friends Service Committee
Daniel Randazzo, University of Birmingham
A Quaker Way of Reconciliation: Liberal Quaker Testimony as a Virtue Ethic for Reconciliation Theology
Responding:
Marie Vandenbark, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire
Business Meeting:
Jon Kershner, University of Lancaster, Presiding

A24-134
Religion and Ecology Group
Theme: Contemplative Environmentalism: Religion and Resilience in the Face of Climate Change
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-20D
Aaron Weiss, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding
Elizabeth McAnally, California Institute of Integral Studies
Integral Water Consciousness: Cultivating Mutually Enhancing Relations between Humans and Water
Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies
The Ecology of Dusk: Contemplation, Imagination, and Ecological Perception
Elizabeth Allison, California Institute of Integral Studies
Epistemic Silences: Investigating Epistemic Injustice in the Context of Climate Change
Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College
Practices of Spaciousness in the Face of Climate Change
Business Meeting:
Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, and Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University, Presiding

A24-135
Roman Catholic Studies Group
Theme: The Landscape of Catholic Diversity: Ethnographic Reports
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-23C
Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University, Presiding
Patricia R. Johnston, University of Iowa
Contestation, Conﬂict, and Compromise: Popular Catholicism at the St. Antony Shrine in Chennai
Eric Hoines del Pinal, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Rupture and Continuity in a Q’eqchi’-Maya Parish: The Paradox of Charismatic Catholicism
Danae Faulk, University of Missouri
“Pshhh, It Was the Nuns!” Rethinking the Role of Catholic Educators in Language Loss Narratives in Southwest Louisiana
Katherine Dugan, Northwestern University
Saints Remixed: Millennial Catholics and Twenty-ﬁrst Century Devotionalism
Responding:
Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside

A24-136
Schleiermacher Group
Theme: New Directions in Schleiermacher Studies
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-411A
Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Henk Van den Belt, University of Groningen
Friedrich Schleiermacher on the Reformed Orthodox Doctrine of Predestination
Daniel Pedersen, Princeton Theological Seminary
Schleiermacher and Reformed Scholastics on the Divine Attributes
Shelli Poe, Millsaps College
Friedrich Schleiermacher’s Dogmatics as a Resource for Ecological Economics
Ben Fulford, University of Chester
The Constrictions of Piety and the Possibilities for Lament: Consolation, Redemption and Fragility in Friedrich Schleiermacher
Business Meeting:
Steven Jungkeit, Harvard University, and Shelli Poe, Millsaps College, Presiding

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A24-137

Sociology of Religion Group and Critical Research on Religion

Theme: Religious Identity and Political Power
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-32A

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding
Hildegunn Valen Kleive, Høgskulen i Volda
Young Tamils and Spirituality in Norway
Ida Marie Høeg, Centre for Church Research
The Terror Attacks on Norway – 22 July 2011: Interreligious Funerals as Response to Terror
Daniel Enstedt, University of Gothenburg
Understanding Islam, Apostasy, and Disaffiliation in Present-day Sweden
Marion Maddox, Macquarie University
Neoliberal Dominance and "Resurgent Religion": Coincidence, Elective Affinity, or Causation?
Pinky Hota, Smith College
Indigeneity, Piety, and Belonging: The Aesthetic Politics of Hindu Nationalism

Responding:
Warren Goldstein, Harvard University

Business Meeting:
Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University, and Warren Goldstein, Harvard University, Presiding

A24-138

Space, Place, and Religion Group

Theme: Of Souls and Soils: Land and Faith in Modernizing America
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-30C

Darren Dochuk, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding
Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois
The Gospel of Mork: Mowers and Morality at a New Deal Mission
Kathryn Gin Lum, Stanford University
Shaping Souls and Spaces: Missionaries and the Nineteenth-Century Hawaiian Landscape
Brendan Pietsch, Nazarbayev University
Growing Healthy Children in the Moral Suburbs
Alison Greene, Mississippi State University
Keepers of the Holy Earth: Southern Radical Christianity and the Farmer after the New Deal

Responding:
Darren Dochuk, Washington University, Saint Louis

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Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University, and David Bains, Samford University, Presiding

A24-139

Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Group

Theme: Inaugural Session: Shared Magic and Contested Authorities in Eastern Late Antiquity
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-501B

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Presiding
Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University
Disease and Bodily Injury in the Jewish Aramaic Bowls from Sasanian Mesopotamia
Charles Haberl, Rutgers University
Incantation Texts as Witnesses to Mandaeian Scripture
Sara Ronis, Yale University
Rabbi, Magi, and Demons, Oh My! Religious Identity Formation and the Demon in Sasanian Babylonia
James Walters, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Chronicle of Beit Slok: Religious Competition and Urban Space in Late Antique Persia
Paul Dilley, University of Iowa
Alos Schrieb Zarathustra? New Manichaeans Sources for the Law of Zarades
Robert J. Morehouse, Mt. Paran Christian School
Ascetic Lushes: Ephraem of Nisibis' Characterization of Mani and Manichaeans as Drunkards in Context

Responding:
Darren Dochuk, Washington University, Saint Louis

Business Meeting:
James McGrath, Butler University, Presiding

A24-140

Transhumanism and Religion Group

Theme: Technologies, Identities, and the Unknown Future
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire E

Tracy J. Trothen, Queen's University, Presiding
Adam Pryor, Bethany College
The Erotic Cyborg: Investigating Desire and Technologies of Human Enhancement
Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
Cultures of Technology: Western Futurism in Indian Science and Technology
Nikolas Zanetti, Boston University
Identity Extended: A New Solution to the Ontological Problem of the Virtual Eucharist

Responding:
J. Jeanine Thweatt-Bates, Newark, NJ
Ted Peters, Graduate Theological Union

Business Meeting:
Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Presiding

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Western Esotericism Group
Theme: Lived Esotericism: A Focus on the Shift between Narratives, Practices, and Experiences in Western Esotericism
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-5A
Marco Pasi, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Presiding
Egil Asprem, University of California, Santa Barbara
Why “Esotericism” Cannot Be Lived: On Dismantling and Reassembling the Experiential Building Blocks of a Complex Cultural Concept
Joshua Gentzke, Stanford University
Inscribing Experience: Jacob Böhme’s Linguistic-Corporeal Practice of the “Language of Nature”
Thomas Willard, University of Arizona
W. B. Yeats and the Order of the Alchemical Rose
Erik Davis, Rice University
Between the Saucer and the Stone: Alchemy, Media, and Science Fiction in Terence McKenna’s Experiment at La Chorerra
Alastair Lockhart, University of Cambridge
Implementing a Mass-Market Esoteric Healing in the Twentieth Century

Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Group
Theme: Women of Color, Hope, and the Politics of Resistance
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-30A
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Georgetown University, Presiding
Eunjoo Kim, Graduate Theological Union
A Reinterpretation of North Korean Refugee Women’s Spaces in a Perspective of Postcolonial Feminist Theology
Shabana Mir, Millikin University
Dance, Body, and Gaze: Muslim American Women’s Identities
Leah Gunnning Francis, Eden Theological Seminary
These “holes, They Always Get Away: Young Black Males, Risk, and the Hope for Survival in the Age of Trayvon Martin
Maria Liu Wong, Columbia University
Embodying a Strategy of Hope and Resistance: A Global Collaborative Inquiry of Christian Women Leaders in Theological Education

Christian Zionism in Comparative Perspective Seminar
Theme: Christian Zionism in Comparative Perspective
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire L
Goran Gunner, Church of Sweden Research Unit, Uppsala, Sweden, Presiding
Mark Clatterbuck, Montclair State University
Tribal Alliances: Israel in the Religious Imagination of Crow and Navajo Pentecostals
Maria Leppäkari, Åbo Akademi University
Beneficial Blessing of Israel: Contesting Theoretical Boundaries of Religious Action among Christian Zionists
Roger Baumann, Yale University
“Answering the Knock at Midnight”: Christian Zionist Outreach and Activism in American Black Churches
Timo R. Stewart, University of Helsinki, and Aron Engberg, CTR Lund University
Alternative Genealogies of Christian Zionism – The Cases of Finland and South Africa
Laura Jenkins, University of Cincinnati
A Lost Tribe Found: Jews of Mizoram and the Return to Israel
Responding:
Ginger Hanks Harwood, La Sierra University
**A24-152**

Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group and SBL Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Section

**Theme:** In Memoriam: Glen Stassen  
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Hilton Bayfront-Indigo C  
Elizabeth Phillips, Westcott House, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Emily Filler, St. Olaf College  
- Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary  
- Jennifer McBride, Wartburg College  
- Jacob Cook, Fuller Theological Seminary  
- David P. Gushee, Mercer University

**A24-153**

Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group

**Theme:** Toward a Field of Interfaith Studies: Emerging Questions and Considerations  
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Hilton Bayfront-204  
Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University, Presiding  
Panelists:  
- Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago, IL  
- Jeanie Diller, University of Toledo  
- Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Responding:  
- John L. Esposito, Georgetown University  
Business Meeting:  
- Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School, and Homayra Ziad, Trinity College, Presiding

**P24-148**

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions

**Theme:** “Religious Violence” in the Ancient World  
Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM  
Convention Center-7A  
Barbette Stanley Spaeth, College of William and Mary, Presiding  
Jill Marshall, Emory University  
*The Violence of Prophecy: Female Prophets and the Force of Gods and Men*  
Carl Rice, North Carolina State University  
*Destroying the Judean Temple on Elephantine: An Act of Religious Persecution?*  
N. Clayton Croy, Trinity Lutheran Seminary  
*Killing Me Softly: Roman Reluctance in Early Christian Martyrdoms*

**A24-133**

Qur’an Group and SBL Qur’an and Biblical Literature Group

**Theme:** Medieval Muslim Engagement with the Qur’an and Bible  
Monday, 9:30 AM–11:30 AM  
Hilton Bayfront-305  
Daniel A. Madigan, Georgetown University, Presiding  
Ashoor Yousef, University of Toronto  
*Tafsīr Nasrānī: The Christian Commentary on the Qur’an During the Abbasid Period*  
Aparicio Monica, University of Amsterdam  
*Engaging the Bible in the Late Medieval Peninsula: Ta’ṣīḍ al-Milla and the Mudejar Polemics with the Jews*  
Younus Mirza, Allegheny College  
*Medieval Muslim Intertextuality: Ibn Taymiyya’s Commentary on Whose Daughter Moses Married*  
Gerard Wiegens, University of Amsterdam  
*The Iberian Author Ahmad b. Qāsim al-Ḥaǧarī (d. after 1642) on Reading the Bible*  
Samuel Ross, Yale University  
*Explaining the “Turning Point” in Muslim Biblical Scholarship: Why did al-Biqā’i Decide to Use the Bible to Interpret the Qur’an?*

**A24-145**

Balboa Park Transportation

Monday, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM  
Meet at the Convention Center-Hall H Foyer  
Treat yourself to any number of attractions or museums on this four and a half hour trip. The bus will leave from the San Diego Convention Center and travel to Balboa Park. Participants will have the opportunity to visit one or more of several museums, attractions, and gardens on your own, some of which are complimentary. More information can be found here to plan your visit: [http://www.balboapark.org/visit](http://www.balboapark.org/visit). The cost of the round-trip transportation is $30 (by comparison, taking a taxi round-trip would cost approximately $36).

**A24-146**

San Diego Zoo Trip

Monday, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM  
Meet at the Convention Center-Hall H Foyer  
Hop on a bus directly from the San Diego Convention Center to the famous San Diego Zoo. The zoo houses over 3,700 animals of more than 650 species and subspecies, and pioneered the concept of open-air, cageless exhibits that re-create natural animal habitats. More information can be found here to plan your visit: [http://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/plan-your-day](http://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/plan-your-day). The cost of the tour is $55 and includes basic park admission and round-trip transportation. If you choose to enjoy the 99 acre park after 12:30 PM, the zoo will stay open until 5:00 PM, and an average one-way taxi fare is $18.
**Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM**

**A24-147**

**Biblical Art in the San Diego Museum Tour**

Monday, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM
Meet at the Convention Center-Hall H Foyer
Start your day at the San Diego Art Museum with a one hour, decent-led tour of the Renaissance and Baroque, Asian, Persian, and the Art of the Americas galleries. The Museum's collections are all encompassing, with objects from across the globe, and ranging in date from 5,000 B.C. to the present. Perhaps best known for its Spanish old master paintings, the Museum holds a broad collection of European, American, Latin American, and Asian Art. Among the most important aspect of the Museum's holdings in Asian art are the world-class South Asian paintings from the encyclopedic collection of Edwin Binney III; Buddhist sculpture of China and Japan; Ukiyo-e woodblock prints; and a wide variety of ceramics, metalwork, and decorative arts ranging in date from about 1,600 BCE until the present-day. The European collection also holds strong groups of paintings ranging from the Renaissance and Baroque eras to Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. Recently, the Museum has made significant acquisitions of contemporary art and photography, and of art from Africa, Oceania, and the indigenous peoples of the Americas. You will have ample time to explore the museum on your own after the tour. The cost of the tour is $40 and includes museum admission and round-trip transportation.

**A24-148**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

**Theme: Eating Disorders, Food Issues, and Managing Graduate School**

Monday, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM
Convention Center-14B
Food can be an issue in graduate school. From not having the time or resources to cook and consume the healthiest or most desirable food, to being pressured to eat free food given at graduate school events, food and the social situations surrounding food permeates all areas of graduate school life. These pressures can be particularly stressful for those with or in recovery from eating disorders. I will share some of my experiences of being in graduate school while in recovery from an eating disorder, and will then offer a place of support, brainstorming, and discussion of how to best manage the added stress of recovery in graduate school. While this discussion will focus on the experience and how to help those with eating disorders, this discussion may be useful for those with dietary restrictions, those trying to change their eating habits, and those who struggle with body image.

Panelist:

Maria Carson, Syracuse University

**A24-155**

**Employment Services Advisory Committee**

**Theme: Envisioning Academic Alternatives**

Monday, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM
Grand Hyatt-America's Cup C-D
How do we sustain ourselves as scholars when most academic jobs are casual and part-time? The shift away from tenure-track positions has only continued, creating new financial, social, and emotional challenges for those who entered academia hoping for professorships. This new academic job market demands a creative, entrepreneurial approach to making a living – as well as the willingness to collaborate in maintaining the academy’s mission to serve the public. This workshop is designed to help academics in the Humanities and Social Sciences to approach academic work as only one part of a wider picture that potentially integrates a variety of income streams. Participants will examine their own history and relationships to academia, and become more empowered through discovering marketable skill sets they may not know they possess. We will strategically build sustainable life strategies, considering what activities and relationships bring us real joy and can therefore be maintained in the long term.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Reframe the issue of work/life balance in the context of an academic career
- Describe their abilities in terms of marketable skill sets
- Consider alternatives to traditional research, teaching, publishing and academic engagement

Panelists:

Amy Hale, Golden Gate University

**A24-149**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

**Theme: Time Management: The Coveted Key to a Healthy Work-Life Balance**

Monday, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM
Convention Center-14B
Making time for family, friends, and yourself is often one of the biggest challenges a graduate student must face. The pitiful state of the academic job market has led to mounting expectations on graduate students who hope to eventually get a job. The familiar idiom “publish or perish” is no longer accurate: now early-career researchers must publish, teach, present at and organize conferences, engage in self-promotion, and maintain a strong digital presence or perish. These expectations have the potential to easily overwhelm even the most hardened graduate student. Time and priority management could quite possibly be the key to success in this sort of environment. This workshop will serve as a guided open forum in which students will be able to discuss both successful and unsuccessful priority and time management techniques, while brainstorming potential new techniques.

Panelists:

Christine Atchison, Kingston University

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**Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM**

**A24-150**

**Program Committee Meeting**
Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Convention Center-18
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding

**A24-151**

**Women’s Caucus Leadership Team Meeting**
Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Convention Center-14A
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, and Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Come hear about ongoing Women’s Caucus projects and help plan for the 2015 conference. All are welcome.

Panelists:
- Marcelle Grano, California Institute of Integral Studies
- Hannah Bacon, University of Chester
- Marsha Thrall, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Kathryn Common, Boston University
- Kathy McCallie, Phillips Theological Seminary
- Alicia Panganiban, Regent University
- Rosemarie Daher Kowalski, Northwest University

**A24-154**

**Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee**
Theme: Connecting Conversations Luncheon
Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM
Convention Center-6C
Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding
The Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee (PWD) is hosting a luncheon for scholars and students with disabilities, as well as anyone interested in disability issues in the Academy. The lunch will follow our Special Topics Forum on Invisible Disabilities and Hidden Illnesses in the Academy: Fostering Cultures of Accessibility. Please join us for informal conversation and a chance to build connections with colleagues. Registration for the lunch costs $13 and is limited to 100 people. If you would like to add this event to your registration, please contact the AAR Registration Bureau at reg@aarweb.org for assistance.

Table Hosts:
- Naomi Annandale, Vanderbilt University
- Monica Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
- Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA
- Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston University
- Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College
- Darla Schumm, Hollins University
- Raedorah Stewar, VISIONS, Inc., Washington, DC
- Tom Reynolds, Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology
- Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University

**Monday, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM**

**A24-200**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**
Theme: Seeking Sanity: Balancing Graduate Work with Marriage, Children, and Employment
Monday, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM
Convention Center-14B
To say that my PhD experience has been stressful is an understatement. My first child was born a year before I began my studies, my second child was born 2 weeks before my classes begun, and my third (and final!) child was born as I was preparing for my comprehensive exams. In addition, I have balanced a full-time job and have logged thousands of miles a year commuting to and from school. Now that I have made it to the dissertation stage (which cuts down on the commute) and all three of my children are finally sleeping through the night (which cuts down on the coffee), I feel like I’ve finally made it! If selected, I would be honored to chat about how I made it all “work” with other students who may be facing similar challenges in their own academic journey. Success is possible.

Panelists:
- Brandon Turner, The Catholic University of America

**A24-244**

**Employment Services Advisory Committee**
Theme: Marketing Matters for Academics: It’s Not Just a Corporate Thing!
Monday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM
Grand Hyatt-America’s Cup CD
Contrary to popular opinion, marketing is not just a “corporate thing.” It is a vital facet of commerce and public affairs. In fact, the shift in technology to all things digital has increased the significance of marketing, and all of its assets (driven in part by the exponential growth in social, new, and digital media), within industries that do not normally implement marketing, communications, or branding tactics. Are your books available for sale? Are you called upon as an expert for the media? Do you give talks or lectures during conferences? Is your CV published online? Do you blog or write op-eds? If so, you engage in the promotional aspect of marketing. Have you been compelled to act or comment as a result of a crisis: #Bringbackourgirls, #EbolaOutbreak, #Ferguson, #Gaza, #ISIS, #MH370, or #Sewol? Crisis management and public relations are marketing functions. Using industry lingo and popular, relatable examples, participants will learn marketing principles. Participants will also review and discuss pop culture and other case studies by industry.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:
1. Define aspects of marketing;
2. Pinpoint attributes and assets that increase marketability;
3. Draft a brand-driven marketing plan;

This workshop is for individuals who want to 1. Learn aspects of marketing, 2. Launch a successful marketing campaign, or 3. Increase awareness or sales of a person, product, or entity. Faculty, administrators, consultants, experts/gurus, entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, staff, career changers, and others who desire to understand and utilize marketing principles for personal or professional gain are encouraged to attend this workshop.

Panelists:
- Isha Edwards, EPiC Measures

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A24-201
Ethics Section
Theme: Victims’ Rights and The Prison Industrial Complex
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront–Sapphire M

Christopher Driscoll, Rice University, Presiding
Sunder John Boopalan, Princeton Theological Seminary
Examining the Undermining of Victims in Ethical Thinking about Wrongs in Contemporary Political Theology
Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College
Bridging Critical Scholarship and the Victims’ Rights Movement: The Voices of Incarcerated Persons
Alexandra Chambers, Vanderbilt University
Double Jeopardy: Rethinking Victims’ Rights through the Experiences of Battered Incarcerated Women
Andrew Krinks, Vanderbilt University
Theologizing Abolitionism: Prisons, Property, and the Trespass of Blackness

A24-202
Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group
Theme: Writing Theology in Postmodernity: Literary Authors Shaping Theology
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront–310A
Shannon Craigo-Snell, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding
Mark S. Burrows, Bochum University of Applied Sciences
Theological Writing and the Transgressions of Poetry: Rainer Maria Rilke as Bricoleur and Provocateur
Timothy Hiller, University of Chicago
David Foster Wallace’s Moral Vision and the Writing of Theology
Adam Braun, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Disruptive Christologies: Vonnegut’s Radical Christological Vision in Slaughterhouse Five
Lauren Smelser White, Vanderbilt University
“Freaking” the Normate: The Performance of Extraordinary Bodies in Flannery O’Connor’s Fiction

A24-203
Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group and SBL Violence and Representations of Violence Among Jews and Christians Section
Theme: Religion and Self-Inflicted Violence
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront–Indigo B
Christine Marquis, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding
Marie Pagliarini, Saint Mary’s College
Spiritual Tattooing and Pain in the San Francisco Bay Area
Jack Downey, La Salle University
Dying They Live: Suicide Protesting as Automartyrdom
Michael Buhrmester, University of Oxford, and Jonathan Lanman, Queen’s University Belfast
For Cause or Kin? Religious Fusion, Not Religious Belief, Underlies Self-Sacrifice
Responding:
Julie J. Ingersoll, University of North Florida

A24-204
Comparative Religious Ethics Group and Religion and Food Group
Theme: Religion and Industrial Food: Resisting and Reproducing Technologies of Corporatism
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Convention Center–31C
Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
Milk Maids, Cheesy Goodness, and Corporate Solidarity: Liberation Theology, Neoliberalism and Dairy Production in Central Ecuador
Laura Hartman, Augustana College
Slow Food, Slow Church: Eco-Gastronomy as Ecclesiology
Chad Seales, University of Texas
Drive-thru Jesus: Religious Technologies of the Fast Food Age
Responding:
Jennifer Ayres, Emory University
A24-205

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Indigenous Religious Traditions Group**

**Theme: Edgy Indigeneity: Transgender, Altered States, and Willful Elisions**
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Convention Center-30A

Maria Cristina Vlassidis Burgoa, Harvard University, Presiding

Suzanne J. Crawford O’Brien, Pacific Lutheran University
*Kaumuma-nupska: Gender and Power in the Life of a Transgender Indigenous Prophet on the Columbia Plateau*

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach
*Nacajo Transgender Healing in Sydney Freeland’s (Nacajo) Drunktown’s Finest (2014)*

Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College
*Altered States and Other Dangerous Crossings: Land, Gendered Space, and Spirit Possession in Tsimi Nada, South India*

Devaka Premawardhana, Colorado College
*“Makhua Women Have No Religion”: Refusing Religious Borders in Northern Mozambique*

Responding:
Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University

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A24-207

**Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group**

**Theme: Religion as a Social Determinant of Public Health**
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
Convention Center-4

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University School of Medicine, Presiding

John Blevins, Emory University
*Tracing the Influences of Religions on Health Across Global Contexts*

Paul Root Wolpe, Emory University
*Ethics and Policy for Religion and Public Health in the Twenty-first Century*

Eric Reinders, Emory University
*Taiji (T’ai-chi) in Taoism*

Karen D. Scheib, Emory University
*Christian Commitment to Public Well-Being: John Wesley’s “Sensible Regimen” and “Primitive Physic”*

Ellen Idler, Emory University
*Religion and Physical Health from Childhood to Old Age*

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A24-208

**Academic Relations Committee Meeting**
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-18

David Harrington Watt, Temple University, Presiding

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A24-209

**Social Theory and Religion Cluster**

**Theme: Feminism and Subjectivity in the Study of Religion**
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-9

Michelle Morgan, New Haven, CT, Presiding

2014 marks the thirty- and forty-year anniversaries of key works in French social theory, including Julia Kristeva’s *Revolution in Poetic Language* (40th anniversary) and Luce Irigaray’s *Speculum of the Other Woman* (40th) and *An Ethics of Sexual Difference* (30th). In honor of their legacies, the panelists in this session explore related questions of feminism and subjectivity in the study of religion. With reference not only to Irigaray and Kristeva, but also to Michel Foucault, Judith Butler, and Saba Mahmood, they treat critical turns in affect theory and speech act theory, the ethics of alterity, and the discursive formation of subjectivity as a crucial category in the study of religion.

Abigail Kluchin, Ursinus College
*An Alternative Lineage for Affect Theory: Returning to Irigaray’s Speculum de l’Autre Femme and Kristeva’s Revolution du Langage Poétique*

Wesley Barker, Mercer University
*Signifying Flesh: The Ambiguity of Desire and the Possibility of Alterity in Irigaray’s Ethics of Sexual Difference*

Samantha Langsdale, University of London
*Framing Historical Women’s Agency: A Critical Reading of Speech Act Theories*

Constance Furey, Indiana University
*Hermeneutics of Intersubjectivity: Foucault, Butler, and Limit Experiences*

Responding:
Morny Joy, University of Calgary

Business Meeting:
William E. Arnal, University of Regina, Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University, and Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, Presiding
**A24-210**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and SBL Bible and Visual Art Section**

**Theme: Biblical Art in the San Diego Museum**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-313

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Daniel Rober, Fordham University

*George Rouault's Le Christ et Mammon in the San Diego Museum of Art: The Aesthetics of Social and Economic Justice*

Leonora Onarheim, University of Oslo

*Memento Mory in The Deposition (Late Fifteenth Century) and The Lamentation of Christ (ca. 1460–1475) at the San Diego Museum of Art*

Angela Yarber, Wake Forest University

*Salamania in Text, Canvas, and Stage: Where Does Bernardino’s Salome Belong?*

Ela Nutu, University of Sheffield

*Luini Bernardino at the San Diego Museum of Art: Salome, Modesty and Vanity*

Responding:

David M. Gunn, Texas Christian University

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**A24-211**

**Buddhism Section**

**Theme: Buddhist Femininities: Demystifying the Essential Feminine**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire L

Karma Leksh Tsomo, University of San Diego, Presiding

Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo

*Mindfully Feminine? The Role of Meditation in the Production and Marketing of Gendered Lifestyles*

Robekkah Ritchie, Freie Universität Berlin

*Sikkhamat: The Aesthetics of Asoke Ascetics*

Matthew Mitchell, Duke University

*Ordination, Education, Individual Choice, and Social Context in the Construction and Deployment of Buddhist Femininities in Early Modern Japan*

Michelle J. Sorensen, Columbia University

*Feminine Identities in Buddhist Chöd*

Responding:

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama

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**A24-212**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

**Theme: Human Ends: Defication, Transformation, and Human Freedom**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-2

Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

Nindyo Sasongo, Seattle University

*Toward a Trinitarian Theology of Erotic Experience: The Passionate Mysticism of Hadewijch of Brabant and the Question of Sexuality*

Sam Hole, University of Cambridge

*Pneumatology, the Transformation of the Human, and Freedom in John of the Cross*

Kirsten Guidero, Marquette University

*Deification as Human Ontology: Some Problems and Resources within the Tradition*

Daniel Wade McClain, Loyola University, Maryland

*Between the Angel and the Animal: Creatively Telos and Human Particularity*

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**A24-213**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

**Theme: Metaphors and Metaphysics in the “Erotic” Figuring of the Godhead: Jewish, Christian, Islamic, and Hindu Visions and Expressions**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-520

Karen Pechilis, Drew University, Presiding

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College

*Female Desire in the Song ofSongs: Love–Sickness and Other Gendered Metaphors*

Gloria Hernández, West Chester University

*Tasting God: Metaphor and the Senses in John of the Cross’s Spiritual Canticle*

H. Talat Halman, Central Michigan University

*Love is the Wine: The Poetry of God as the Beloved and the Beautiful*

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University

*The Krishna Bhakti of Caitanya: Erotic Metaphorical-Metaphysical Constructions*
North American Religions Section and Roman Catholic Studies Group

Theme: Catholic But Not Roman: Independent Catholicism in the Modern Americas
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-30C

Robert L. Green, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding
Matthew Butler, University of Texas (Austin)
*Ever Unfaithful? Independent Catholicism in Modern Mexico*

Tshepo Masango Chéry, University of Texas
*The Caribbean Diaspora and Catholic Expression in the African Orthodox Church*

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College
*Intimate Catholics*

Julie Byrne, Hofstra University
*Sweetheart and Archbishop*: The “Conjugal Episcopacy” of Herman and Meri Spruit and the History of US Catholicism

Responding:
J. Michelle Molina, Northwestern University

Philosophy of Religion Section

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-204

Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina
*The Cosmos Revisited: Some Presiding Remarks*

Panelists:
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Martin Kavka, Lehigh University
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

Responding:
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

Religion in South Asia Section

Theme: Dalit Religion: Adaptation, Assertion and Alterity in India
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-29A

Nancy M. Martin, Chapman University, Presiding

J. E. Llewellyn, Missouri State University
*Dalit Saint,* Brahman Hagiographer

Eliza Kent, Colgate University
*A Home Where You Are Not Welcome: Dalit Ambivalence and Temple Entry Campaigns*

James Taneti, Union Presbyterian Seminary
*Feminine Deities and Female Priests: The Matangi Tradition in South India*

Responding:

Gajendran Ayyathurai, Columbia University

Business Meeting:
Carla Bellamy, City University of New York, and Valerie Stoker, Wright State University, Presiding

Study of Islam Section

Theme: Discourses by/on Muslims in Minority Contexts
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire E

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Harvard University
*Pedagogies of Social Change: Activism, Benevolence, and the Creation of a *Muslim Elite* in France*

Lisa Irving, Macquarie University
*Environmental Ethics as Islamic Ethics: Perceptions of Environmentalism as Obligatory Islamic Practice from the United Kingdom*

Brendan Newlon, University of California, Santa Barbara
*The Prophet Loved Green: Environmentalism in American Muslim Identity Discourse*

Zaid Adhami, Duke University
*I’m Not Convinced … I’m Just Submitted*: Certainty with Doubt in American Islam

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College
*Islam According to Comedy Central: Why Stewart and Colbert Deliver News that Others Cannot*

Responding:
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

Teaching Religion Section and SBL Teaching Biblical Studies in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Group

Theme: Spirituality and Religion in the Classroom: A Symposium
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-6D

David B. Howell, Ferrum College, Presiding

Panelists:
Alexander Astin, University of California, Los Angeles
Helen Astin, University of California, Los Angeles
Jennifer Lindholm, University of California, Los Angeles
A24-219

Women and Religion Section and Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
Theme: (En)gendered Power: The Crafting of Socio-Religious Female Identity in Eastern Orthodox Christianity
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-24C
Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Rosanne Morici, Syracuse University
Photography, Power, and Post-Ioniclastic Seeing in the Russian Church-Museum
Sarah Riccardi, Missouri State University
Enshrining Gender: The Role of Home Icon Corners in the Configuration of the Female Orthodox Self
Elena Kravchenko, University of Texas
Constructing an Orthodox Self: Overlapping Authority and Diverging Desire in the Veneration of Icons and their Referents
Aaron Sokoll, University of California, Santa Barbara
(Un)official Authority: The Case of the Female Diaconate among Evangelical-turned-Orthodox Women
Responding:
Nadieszda Kizenko, State University of New York, Albany

A24-220

African Religions Group, International Development and Religions Group, Religion and Ecology Group, and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group
Theme: Religious Responses to Climate Change and Climate Challenges in Africa
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-24C
Christopher Duncanson-Hales, MindGap Scholastics, Ontario, Canada, Presiding
As apocalyptic scenarios for climate change and its impacts on the Global South gain attention, religious authorities and ethicists are interpreting changing climate patterns in moral terms or taking ritual action to address them, giving scholars of religion opportunities to assess the religious and ethical aspects of the current situation. Religious studies therefore has contributions to make to these topics. Along these lines, this panel explores religious responses to climate challenges in Africa from diverse methodological and historical perspectives.

Topics include an exploration of the hermeneutics of Ifá divination practices in Nigeria, Larry Rasmussen’s “earth ethics” as a possible basis for ecological peacebuilding in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and encounters between Christian Afrikaner missionaries and indigenous rain specialists in South Africa. Our respondent brings her research on religious responses to climate change in Mali to bear on the discussion.

Retief Muller, Stellenbosch University
The Influences of Cultural Relativism and Indigenous African Approaches to Rain on Afrikaner Missionary Practices in Late Nineteenth to Early Twentieth Century Masabonalnd and Nyasaland
Arlene Montevcchiero, Duquesne University
Toward Ecological Peacebuilding in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
Oludamini Ogunnaikhe, Harvard University, and Ayodeji Ogunnaikhe, Harvard University
Divining for the Environment: An Ifa Response to the Ecological Crisis
Responding:
Dianna Bell, Florida State University

A24-221

Animals and Religion Group, Religion and Disability Studies Group, SBL Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World, and SBL History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism Group
Theme: Corporeality and Difference: Animality, Disability, and Gender in Rabbinic Literature
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-26
Rachel Neis, University of Michigan, Presiding
This panel brings together scholars working on rabbinic literature through the lenses of animal studies, disability studies, gender studies, queer theory, and sensory studies. Through critical examination of texts centered on animal bodies, gender-blurred embryos, blemished brides, blind sages, and the androgynos, we aim to consider how bodily difference and corporeal deviance is marked and managed in rabbinic literature.

The panel aims to examine the theoretical and textual overlaps and blurred edges between these identity categories, about the way in which animality becomes gendered, for example, or how women’s disability becomes particularly fraught through the sexual charge of rabbinic culture affords to men’s visual engagement with women’s bodies.

Panelists:
Jonathan Crane, Emory University
Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University
Max Strassfeld, University of Michigan
Gwynn Kessler, Swarthmore College
Responding:
Virginia Burrus, Drew University
A24-222

Anthropology of Religion Group

Theme: Religious and Secular Entanglements: Ethnographies of Negotiation
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-32A

James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
Secular Is as Secular Does: Religion, Culture, and Science in Modern India

Marc Loustau, Harvard University
Intimate Atheism: Family Life, Temporality, and Secularization at a Catholic Shrine in Romania

Courtney Dorroll, University of Arizona, Wofford College
The Spatial Politics of Turkey’s Justice and Development Party

Stephanie Wolfe, Northwestern University
Seeing God, Seeing Injustice: The Evangelical Disciplining of Vision in Urban America

Business Meeting:
Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding

A24-224

Childhood Studies and Religion Group and SBL Children in the Biblical World Section

Theme: Children and Sacrifice
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-500

John Martens, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

Tracy Lemos, Huron University College
Child Sacrifice and the Personhood of Children in Ancient Israel

Kristine Henriken Garroway, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion
2 Kings 6:24–7:7 A Case of Unintentional Eliminatory Killing

Tsui Yuk Louise Liu, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Offering of Isaac and its Reception: Mediating Children and Sacrifice in Early Judaism and Early Christianity of Isaac

Kathleen Gallagher Elkins, Rutgers University
Mother Abraham: Ancient Christian and Jewish Mothers Valiantly Sacrificing Their Children

Jeffrey Williams, Brite Divinity School
Dying to Save: Child Sacrifice and Martyrdom in Harry Potter and The Hunger Games

A24-223

Black Theology Group

Theme: Destabilized Racial Identities and Social Activism in Black Theological Perspective
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-28D

Andrew Prevot, Boston College, Presiding

Panelists:
Amaryah Jones-Armstrong, Vanderbilt University
Brian Bantum, Seattle Pacific University
Steven Battin, University of Notre Dame
Andrea C. White, Emory University
Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University

Responding:
Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:
Andrea C. White, Emory University, Presiding

A24-225

Confucian Traditions Group

Theme: Confucian Secularism
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-502A

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona, Presiding

Albert Welter, University of Arizona
Confucian Secularism and the Administration of Buddhism in China (Based on Zanning’s Topical History of the Buddhist Order, Compiled in the Song Dynasty)

Ding-hwa Evelyn Hsieh, Truman State University
Confucianism and Liberal Arts Education: Learning, Thinking, and Reading to “Serve Humans” (Shiren 事人)

Charles B. Jones, Catholic University of America
The Jesuit–Confucian Encounter in Late Ming China and the Formation of the “Secular”

Ivan Hon, University of Wales, Lampeter
Confucian Secularism or Religiousness?: Perspective from Contemporary Chinese Intellectuals’ Arguments on the Religious/Secular and Sacred/ Profane Dichotomy in Confucianism

Sarah Mattice, University of North Florida
Confucianism, Transcendence, and Secular Categorization

Business Meeting:
Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, and Yong Huang, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Presiding
**A24-226**

**Gay Men and Religion Group and Law, Religion, and Culture Group**

Theme: Nuptial Symbolics beyond the Law: The Construction of Religion and Sexuality in Debates on the Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Convention Center-23C  
Anne-Marie Korte, Utrecht University, Presiding  
David Bos, University of Amsterdam, VU University, Amsterdam  
"Equal Rites before the Law": Dutch Celebrations of Same-Sex Relationships, 1969–1970  
Marco Derks, Utrecht University  
A Disappointing Afterparty? Debates on Marriage Registrars in the Netherlands  
Mariecke van den Berg, VU University Amsterdam  
Rings for the Rainbow Family: The Introduction of Same-Sex Marriage in Sweden  
Responding:  
Heather White, New College of Florida  
Marvin M. Ellison, Portland, ME

**A24-227**

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group**

Theme: Dialogue among Three Strands of Dialogue Researchers  
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Convention Center-5A  
Patrice Brodeur, University of Montreal, Presiding  
Leonard Swidler, Temple University  
Perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue and Theology: Parallel Constructions of Dialogue  
Mohammed Abu-Nimer, KAICIID Dialogue Centre  
Perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue in the Context of Conflict and Peace Studies: Potentials and Challenges  
Anne Koch, University of Munich, and Karsten Lehmann, KAICIID Dialogue Centre  
Perspectives on Sociology: Modelling Pluralism from Inward and Outward  
Responding:  
Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama

**A24-228**

**Liberation Theologies Group**

Theme: Borders of Sex  
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Convention Center-29C  
Hannah Hotheinz, Harvard University, Presiding  
Terry Reeder, Syracuse University  
Marriage Without Borders  
Ame Victoria Adkins, Duke University  
Uncontested Arrivals: Baartman, Borders, and the Theopolitics of the Global Sex Trade  
Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College  
Sex with God: Theology, Sex, the Sex Trade, and Sex Trafficking  
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver  
Materializing Sex in the Borderlands: Sexualized Bodily Mattering, Meaning, and Interrelatedness  
Jared Vazquez, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology  
El Vaiwen: Queer Latina/os at the Borders of Latinidad  
Responding:  
Lisa Isherwood, University of Winchester  
Business Meeting:  
Santiago H. Slabodsky, Claremont Lincoln University, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

**A24-229**

**Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group**

Theme: Body Matters!  
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Convention Center-25A  
Kirsí Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Presiding  
Else Marie Wiberg Pedersen, University of Aarhus  
From Body to Body: A Post-Gender Politics for the Global Luther  
Elizabeth Gerle, Uppsala University  
Desiring Bodies — Revitalizing Theology and Ethics  
Ekaterina Lomperis, University of Chicago  
Christian Bodies in Pain as Spiritual Battlefields: Bodily Suffering in Martin Luther’s Thought  
Courtney Wilder, Midland University  
Luther, Swinton, and the Vanishing Self: Christ’s Power over Despair, Suicide, and Dementia  
Amy Marga, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul  
The Redeeming Act of Giving Birth: Martin Luther’s Theology Concerning the Bodies of Mothers  
Ted Peters, Graduate Theological Union  
The Body Politic and Revelatory Terrorism

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A24-230

Mormon Studies Group
Theme: Mormon Identities
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-28A
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding
Booker Alston, University of Cape Town
Gobo Fango: Latter-day Saint, South African Slave, or African American Hero?

Marie-Therese Maeder, University of Zurich
Unity in Diversity: Self-representation Strategies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Commercial Series "I Am a Mormon"

Michael Hamilton, Principia College
School Lunches, Fundamentalist Mormons, and Community Ecology
Responding:
Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College

Business Meeting:
Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming, Presiding

A24-231

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
Theme: Neoplatonism and Romanticism
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-411A
Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge, Presiding
David Albertson, University of Southern California
Geometrical Images as Contemplative “Icons” in Fifteenth-Century Christian Neoplatonism

Alexander Hampton, University of Cambridge
Poesie as Anima Mundi: The Creative Romantic Synthesis of Realism with Idealism

Jennifer Gurley, Le Moyne College
Ralph Waldo Emerson and Platonic Methexis

Business Meeting:
John Kenney, Saint Michael’s College, Presiding

A24-232

Qur’an Group and Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group
Theme: Exegetical Twists and (Un)Ethical Turns: Genre and Interpretation in the Quran and Muslim Moral Literature
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-25C
Syed Rizwan Zamir, Davidson College, Presiding
George Archer, Georgetown University
“Green Decorations”: Reflections on Themes in the Ring Structures of Qur’an 18:27–46 and 18:60–82

Leyla Ozgur Alhassen, University of California, Berkeley
Humor and Playfulness in Qur’anic Stories: A New Approach to Interpreting Dialogues in Qur’anic Stories

Maryam Ashraf, Charlottesville, VA
Between Sinful Temptress and Pinnacle of Piety: The Reimagination of Zulaykhâ in Sufi Poetry

M. M. Nauman Faizi, University of Virginia
Moses the Mesmerist: Sayyid Ahmad Khan’s Exegesis of the Qur’an

R. Brian Siebeking, University of Virginia
“David Guessed That We Had Tested Him” (Q 38:24): A Pious “Sin” in the Tales of the Prophets
Responding:
Ayesha S. Chaudhry, University of British Columbia

A24-233

Religion and Popular Culture Group
Theme: The Hidden, Transgressive and Camouflaged in Popular Religion
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center-1A
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
Joseph Laycock, Piedmont Virginia Community College
“Time Is a Flat Circle”: True Detective and the Reciprocal Relationship between Horror Fiction and Moral Panic

Jeremy Guida, University of California, Riverside
Midnight Transcendence: Midnight Movies and the Institutionalization of Spirituality

Jackson Stephenson, Humboldt State University
“East Meets West via Lucifer”: Perennialist and Syncretist Appropriations of Tantra within Extreme Metal Music

Alyssa Beall, West Virginia University
Gnostic Terror: Weeping Angels, The Walking Dead …and a Merman

Responding:
Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College

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**A24-234**

**Religion in Southeast Asia Group**  
Theme: *Islamic and Christian Conflicts over Authority in Southeast Asia*  
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Hilton Bayfront-501B

Richard Fox, Universitäti Heidelberg, Presiding

- Verena Meyer, University of Wisconsin  
  *The Proper Dwelling of Knowledge: Center and Periphery in the Serat Caborlek*
- Megan Brankley Abbas, Princeton University  
  *Muslim but Not Arab: Theorizing about Religion and Culture in Indonesia*
- Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside  
  *Of Tradition and Authority: Colonial Discourses in the East Indies and Malaya*
- Eu Kit Lim, Iliff School of Theology  
  *What's in a Name? Race, Religion, and the Struggle for Capital in the Control and Use of 'Allah' in Postcolonial Malaysia*

Responding:

- Jason Carbine, Whittier College
- Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University, Presiding

**A24-235**

**Western Esotericism Group and SBL Esotericism and Mysticism in Antiquity Group**  
Theme: *Imaginative Narratives, Rituals and Practices in Esotericism*  
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Convention Center-28C

Kelley Coblentz Bautch, St. Edward’s University, Presiding

- Rebecca Lesses, Ithaca College  
  *Ritual and Esotericism in Joseph and Aseneth*
- Claire Fanger, Rice University  
  *Prophecy and the Practice of Poetry in Alan of Lille’s Anticlaudianus*
- Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo  
  *Kabbalistic Sex: Literature into Ritual*
- Matthew Dillon, Rice University  
  *Entering Eternity through Images of the Past: Erans Religionism, Gnostic Rituals, and the Nag Hammadi Library in Laurence Caruana’s The Hidden Passion*
- Massimo Intruvigine, Center for Studies on New Religions, Turin, Italy  
  *Fascinax Strikes Again: Rosicrucianism and European Dime Novels, 1909–1949*

**A24-236**

**World Christianity Group**  
Theme: *Ecumenisms, Cultures, and Mission in Latin(a/o) America*  
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Convention Center-31A

Jane Carol Redmont, Roslindale, MA, Presiding

- Jakob Egeris Thorsen, Aarhus University  
  *The Transformed Role of the Catholic Church in the Religious Field of Guatemala*
- Ray F. Kibler, Claremont, CA  
  *‘Breaking Down the Walls of Immigration’: Religious Conciliar Ecumenism and the Destruction or Reconstruction of Difference in San Diego County*
- Justin Doran, University of Texas  
  *On a Wing and a Prayer: The Canadian Roots of Brazilian Neo-Pentecostalism*
- Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Southern Methodist University  
  *The Cincinnati Plan for Mexico in Hindsight: One Hundred Years Later*

Responding:

- Ana Maria Bidegain, Florida International University
- Jane Carol Redmont, Roslindale, MA, Presiding

**A24-237**

**Yogācāra Studies Group**  
Theme: *Panel Discussion of the Saṃdhinirmocana-sūtra, Chapters Seven, Eight, and Nine*  
Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM  
Convention Center-3

C. John Powers, Australian National University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Robert M. Gimello, University of Notre Dame
- William S. Waldron, Middlebury College
- Chen-Kuo Lin, National Chengchi University
- Jay Garfield, Yale-NUS College
- A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo
- Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University

Responding:

- Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University
- C. John Powers, Australian National University, Presiding
**A24-238**

**Material Islam Seminar**

Theme: **Devotional Objects and Embodiment in Islamic Traditions**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront–Aqua C

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Christiane Gruber, University of Michigan  
*Prophetic Products: Muhammad in Contemporary Iranian Visual Culture*

Nathan Tabor, University of Texas  
*Lyrical Geographies: Reconfiguring Indo-Muslim History through Graveside Recitation*

Nathan Hofer, University of Missouri  
*The Material and Social Nature of Medieval Sufi Khalwa*

Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina  
*Beyond Decoding: Abl al-Bayt and Cultural Production in Contemporary Iran*

Responding:
David Morgan, Duke University
Kenneth George, Australian National University

Business Meeting:
Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding

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**A24-241**

**Ecclesial Practices Group and Practical Theology Group**

Theme: **Beyond Description in Practical Theology: Analysis, Norms, Revised Praxis**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront–Sapphire A

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden Research Unit,  
*What and Where is Your Church’s Actor-Network Theory as a Conversation Partner in Ethnographic Ecclesiology*

Marlene Ringgaard Lorensen, University of Copenhagen, and Kirsten Donskov Felter, University of Copenhagen  
*Identities in Transition: The Role of Place in Encounters between Migrants and Ethnic Danes in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark and in Theological Research*

Sean Gross, Graduate Theological Union  
*Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide: A Catholic Approach to Practical Theological Methodology*

Marc Lavallee, Barry University  
*Spiritual Discernment and Practical Theological Hermeneutics*

Responding:
Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Esperanza College of Eastern University

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**A24-243**

**Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group**

Theme: **Richard King’s *Orientalism and Religion* (Routledge, 1999): Fifteen Years of Colonial Encounters and Postcolonial Impacts**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM
Convention Center–29B

Syed Adnun Hussain, St Marys University, Presiding

  - Michael Altman, University of Alabama  
    *Hinduism and American Protestantism: Playing Out Domestic Debates Abroad*

  - Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University  
    *Asian Religions, Textualism, and American Law: Reading Richard King’s Orientalism and Religion in the U.S.*

  - J. Barton Scott, Montana State University  
    *Rethinking “Mystic Hinduism”: Orientalism, Religion, and the Historicity of Critique*

  - Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College  
    *Postcolonial Comparisons: Richard King, Mystic Modernities, and Indian Monks*

Responding:
Richard King, University of Kent

Business Meeting:
Syed Adnun Hussain, St. Marys University, and Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston, Presiding

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**A24-239**

**Religious Architecture Tour**

Monday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM
Meet at Convention Center–Hall H Foyer

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, David Bains, Samford University, and Rick Kennedy, Point Loma Nazarene University, Presiding

This bus tour explores how San Diego’s religious landscape has been shaped by a variety of immigrant communities and international contacts. It will likely include an exploration of noted architect Robert E. Des Lauriers’s use of architectural modernism in the Islamic Center of San Diego (1986), formerly the Abi Bakr Al Siddiq Mosque; as well as the more traditional styles and spaces of the Spanish-revival Chinese Mission (1927), now the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum; a small Portuguese chapel on Point Loma (1922); and Our Lady of the Rosary Church (1925), a landmark church in Little Italy featuring murals by the immigrant painter Fausto Tasca. Visiting Shelter Island, the tour will also consider the mid-twentieth-century use of Polynesian architecture and Tiki decoration, including religious imagery, to evoke the free-thinking and free-living sought by many in Southern California. The cost of the tour is $30.
The reasons for this are not difficult to discern: American evangelicals tend to be politically conservative, and link climate change to ‘liberal’ causes of which they are skeptical, particularly the role of government in protecting the poor. American evangelicals also tend to link climate science to other forms of science that they question, most obviously evolutionary theory, and to a general perception that scientists are anti-religion. This suggests that if one wishes to reaches evangelicals, it may be useful to remind them that not all solutions to climate change involve big government, and many scientists, historically and currently, have been people of faith.

Panelist:
Naomi Oreskes, Harvard University

**Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM**

**A24-340**

**Plenary Address**

Theme: The Role of Religion in Mediating Conflicts and Imagining Futures: The Cases of Climate Change and Equality for Women

Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Convention Center-20

Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University, Presiding

Jimmy Carter served as the thirty-ninth president of the United States from 1977 to 1981. His administration negotiated the Panama Canal treaties, the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel, the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union, and U.S. diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China. In 1982 President Carter became University Distinguished Professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and founded The Carter Center, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that actively addresses international and national issues of public policy. He is the author of twenty-eight books and numerous articles. In 2002, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In this panel, President Carter will answer questions about his efforts to address climate change both during and after his administration, and his latest book, *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power* (Simon and Schuster, 2014). Questions will be posed by Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University and Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, but additional questions may be submitted at https://aar.wufoo.com/forms/questions-for-president-carter/ before November 15. This session will be followed by a book signing. Warwick’s Books will be selling *A Call to Action* Monday, 8:30 AM–3:30 PM only in Booth 1109 in the Exhibit Hall. Books cannot be purchased during the signing.

Panelists:
Jimmy Carter, The Carter Center
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University
A24-300

Arts, Literature, and Religion Section, Childhood Studies and Religion Group, Chinese Religions Group, and Japanese Religions Group
Theme: Oh Hell! The Infernal in Children's Literature
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-313
Rebekah Richert, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Representations of hell open up questions about the boundaries of childhood and the flexibility of religious categories in modern societies. Although hell, together with related ideas of death, sin, and punishment, may not always be considered an appropriate topic for children, it has by no means disappeared from children's literature. As hell is re-imagined and re-presented for a younger audience, its depiction illustrates shifting rapprochements between religious ideas and social norms. These new geographies of the infernal are the subject of this panel, which examines representations and transformations of hell in children's literature from the 1970s to the present, bringing together papers on Taiwanese, Japanese, North American, and British children's fiction and picture books. Comparative in scope, the panel focuses on visual and textual narratives shaped by Buddhist scripture, Jewish storytelling, and Welsh myth.

Natasha Heller, University of California, Los Angeles
Sinners and Saviors: Revisioning Hell for Children
Heather Blair, Indiana University
Hell and Humor in Secular Japanese Picture Books
Jodi Eichler-Levine, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh
Where the Wild Hells Are: Dystopia, Darkness and Monstrosity in American Jewish Children's Literature
Meira Levinson, City University of New York
"Grandfather Gwyn" and the "Most Unhappy Child": Gwyn ap Nud, Welsh Underworlds, and Subversive Reading in Diana Wynne Jones's The Merlin Conspiracy and Dogsbody

Responding:
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West

A24-302

Evangelical Studies Group
Theme: Stanley Grenz and Evangelical Theology: Celebration and Fragmentation
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM
Convention Center-28D
Joy J. Moore, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Derek Tidball, Spurgeon's College
About the Book: Stanley Grenz and Evangelical Theology: Celebration and Fragmentation
Megan K. DeFranza, Gordon College
Late Twentieth-Century Evangelicalism and Women
F. LeRon Shults, Agder University
The Real Scandal of the Evangelical Mind (and Culture)
Roger E. Olson, Baylor University
The Postconservative Evangelicalism of Stanley Grenz
John R. Franke, Yellowstone Theological Institute
Embracing Plurality: The Missional Future of Evangelical Theology
Veli-Matti Karkkainen, Fuller Theological Seminary
How to Do Evangelical Theology in a "Post-" World?

Business Meeting:
Paul Barton, Seminary of the Southwest, Presiding

A24-304

Buddhism Section and Religion and Sexuality Group
Theme: Buddhism and Sexuality
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire L
Jann Ronis, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College
The Inauspicious Womb: How Buddhist Birth Narratives Make Female Asceticism More Conceivable
Or Porath, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Sacred Cosmology of Male-Male Love: Nyakudō no Kanjinchō and the Way of Youths
Vesna Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Making of Monastic Sexual Morality in Mongolia's Pastoral Culture
Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University
A Dry Treatise on Passion? Reconsidering Ju Mipam's Contribution to Kāmaśāstra Literature in Tibet
Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
Sex, Scandal, and the Shadow of the Roshi: The Interplay of Religion, Psychology and Sexuality in American Zen Buddhism

Responding:
José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara
A24-306

North American Religions Section and Religion and Popular Culture Group
Theme: Monsters and Monstrosity
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-30C
John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding
Panelists:
  Richard Callahan, University of Missouri
  Edward Blum, San Diego State University
  Dana Logan, Indiana University
  Scott Poole, College of Charleston
Responding:
  Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Business Meeting:
  Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding

A24-307

Philosophy of Religion Section
Theme: Philosophy and the Study of Religion
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-204
Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College, Presiding
  Andrew Dole, Amherst College
  Revisiting Social Functionalism in Religious Studies
  William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
  After the Philosophy of Religion
  Rosemary Blackburn-Smith Kellison, University of West Georgia
  Religious Ethics after the Critical Turn in Religious Studies
  Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University
  The Academic Study of Religion and the "Truth Question"
Responding:
  Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University
Business Meeting:
  Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame, and Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University, Presiding

A24-308

Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Conservative Christian Politics 2.0
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-2
John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding
  Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia, and Sam Speers, University of Virginia
  The Purpose Driven Politics of Saddleback Church
  Kit Kirkland, University of St. Andrews
  Mere Republicanity? How the Millennials Are Changing the Christian Right–GOP Picture
  Fredrik Gregorius, Linkoping University
  Politics in the Shadow of the Apocalypse: A Study of Social and Political Activism in an Apocalyptic Evangelical Church in the United States
  Matthew Taylor, Georgetown University
  Scripturalist Politics: American Fundamentalists, Egyptian Salafis, and the Challenge of Religious Democracy

A24-309

Religion and the Social Sciences Section
Theme: Fieldwork in Theology and Ethics: A Methodological Conversation with Anthropologists about Ethnography
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-9
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, Presiding
  Panelists:
  Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
  C. Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University
  Traci C. West, Drew University
  Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
Responding:
  Marla Frederick, Harvard University
  Don Seeman, Emory University

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A24-310

Study of Islam Section
Theme: Texts, Contexts, and Interpretations
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront–Sapphire E
Frederick Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding
John Zaleski, Harvard University
Human Action, Autonomy, and Moral Responsibility, according to Ibn
Hazm al-Andalusi
Teheesen Thaver, Bard College
Exegetical Space and the Shaping of Shi’i Identity: Shaykh Abu al-
Futuh Razi’s Persian Qur’an Commentary
Hunter Bandy, Duke University
Humanizing Divine Ecology within the Islamicate Deccan
Sabahat Adil, University of Chicago
Memorializing al-Maqqarī: The Life, Work, and Worlds of a
Mediterranean Muslim Thinker
Susan Gunasti, Ohio Wesleyan University
An Ottoman Qur’an Commentary for the Republic: Elmalılı
Muhammed Hamdi Yazır’s Hak Dini, Kur’an Dili and the
Canonization of a Religious Text in Modern Turkey
Responding:
Nargis Virani, New York, NY

A24-311

Teaching Religion Section and Wabash Center for Teaching
and Learning in Theology and Religion
Theme: Demonstrating a Teaching Tactic: Helping Students with
Texts, Contexts, and Concepts
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-7B
Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding
Lynne Cropper, University of Iowa
Enhancing Undergraduate Students’ Understanding and Appreciation
for Primary Texts
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa
Experiencing the Dao in the Introductory World Religions Class
Sarah Sours, Duke University
Performing “Strange” Texts: Teaching the Bhagavad Gita
Yusef Hayes, NorthShore Community College
“To See a World…” in a Banana: An Exploration of No Self,
Interbeing, and Interrelationship with the Earth in a Buddhist
Context
Mara Brecht, St. Norbert College
Generate Research Questions through Turabian and Digital
Collaboration
Business Meeting:
Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

A24-312

Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Theme: Catherine Keller, Cloud of the Impossible: Negative Theology
and Planetary Entanglement (Columbia University Press, 2014)
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-10
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding
Panelists:
Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University
Karmen MacKendrick, Le Moyne College
Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas
Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
Responding:
Catherine Keller, Drew University

A24-313

Women and Religion Section and Contemporary Islam
Group
Theme: Engendering Islamic Authority: Shifting Contexts of
Media and Interpretation
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-33B
Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, Presiding
Sajida Jalalzai, Columbia University
Muslim Chaplaincy in North America: Gender, Sexuality, Authority
Harold Morales, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Gender in the Survey of Latino Muslims
Taraneh Wilkinson, Georgetown University
Hermeneutic Queries of Gender Equivalence
Krista Riley, Concordia University, Montreal
Interpreting Islam Online: Gender and Embodied Experiences in
Muslim Women’s Blogs
Responding:
Susan Abraham, Loyola Marymount University

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African Religions Group and Lesbian–Feminist Issues and Religion Group
Theme: LGBTIQ African Women, Religious Identities, and Marginalization in Africa
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center–29A
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Frieda Ekotto, University of Michigan
African Lesbians as Commodity in Sub-Saharan Africa
Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University
Indigenous African Concepts of Alternative Sexual Lifestyle
Rajes Gunda, Bamberg University
Pakasipiti: Fighting Patriarchy within the LGBTIQ Movement in Zimbabwe
Prince Karakire Guma, Social Economic Research and Development
Gays, God and the Global Rise of Anti-Gay Legislation in Africa
Responding:
Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

A24-315

Afro-American Religious History Group and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Group
Theme: Founding Facts and Fictions: Racial and Ethnic Difference in Early US Pentecostalism
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center–25A
Adam Bond, Virginia Union University, Presiding
Lindsey Maxwell, Florida International University
The Pneuma Network: William Seymour, Diversity, and Viral Campaigning in Early Pentecostalism
Wolfgang Vondey, Regent University
Black Liturgy before Azusa Street: Retelling the Narrative of American Pentecostalism
Justin Doran, University of Texas
Leavening Lucy Farrow: Gender and Race in Early Pentecostalism
Responding:
David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary

A24-316

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group
Theme: The Bible: Postcolonial, Indigenous, Ethical, and Cultural Engagements
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center–25A
Leslie R. James, DePaul University, Presiding
Robert L. Green, College of the Holy Cross
Felipe Guaman Poma de Ayala and Justice in Early Colonial Peru: An Indigenous Reading of the Catholic Bible
Janneke Stegeman, VU University Amsterdam
Reading the Bible in Contested Spaces: An Ethical Perspective
Itohan Idumwonyi, Rice University
Towards a Postcolonial Reflection on Gender, Narrative Theology and Decolonizing Christianity in Africa
John Rogers, Union Theological Seminary
Speaking To Their Environment: The Maya Community and the Sermon On the Mount
Ariella Werden-Greenfield, Temple University
Mases and Rastafari Biblical Hermeneutics: Reading Revolution, Righteousness and Repatriation
Responding:
Stacy Davis, Saint Mary’s College

A24-317

Body and Religion Group
Theme: Performing and Policing Bodies
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center–3
Alexander Darius Ornella, University of Hull, Presiding
Candice Benbow, Duke University
And the Twerk Shall Make You Free: Reclaiming Black Women’s Bodies from Theological Oppression
Hannah Bacon, University of Chester
Watch your Weight and Count your Syns! How the Discourse of Syn Encourages and Facilitates Practices of Body-policing among Women within One UK Secular Commercial Weight Loss Group
Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary
The “Unholy” White Dress: When Black Church Holyrollers Become Fashion Police
Paul Morris, Syracuse University
Giving Weight and Overcoming the Spirit of Gravity: Contra Dance as Theopraxis

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Karli Robinson-Myers, Georgia State University
*The Embodiment of Baldwin: An Interpretaive Dance Adaptation of Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Ann Duncan, Goucher College
*Childbirth as Religious Performance: Quaker and Mormon Women and Paradigms of Faith and Motherhood*

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**A24-318**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Group**  
**Theme: Animism and Paganism: The Dialog Continues**  
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM  
Convention Center-28A

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding  
Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania  
*Relational Ethics, Ritual, and the New Animism*

Kimberly Kirner, California State University, Northridge  
*Honoring Nature: Contemporary Animist Paganisms and Practical Dimensions of Sustainability*

Graham Harvey, Open University  
*Bear Feasts, Ritual Play and the New Animism*

Chris Crews, The New School  
*Earth Bound Animists Friends vs. Human Enemies: Latour's Gaia and the Anthropocene Geostory*

Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University  
*New Animism — A New Theology?*

Responding:  
Fritz Detwiler, Adrian College

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

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**A24-319**

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and SBL Religious World of Late Antiquity Section**  
**Theme: Brent Nongbri’s Before Religion: A History of a Modern Concept (Yale University Press, 2013): Critical Engagement**  
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM  
Convention Center-25C

Cynthia M. Baker, Bates College, Presiding  
Andrew Durdin, University of Chicago  
*Religio without Religion: Reflections on Recent Debates in Roman Religion and Religious Studies*

James Broucek, Iowa State University  
*Historicizing the Concept of Religion: A Prerequisite to Critical Research, or an Intrinsically Interesting Subject?*

Kathleen M. Sands, University of Hawai’i  
*The “Religious” and “Secular” Meanings of “Playing Indian”: An Assessment of Brent Nongbri’s Before Religion*

Nathan Rein, Ursinus College  
*Beyond Religion: Directions for Research Following Nongbri’s Before Religion*

Responding:  
Brent Nongbri, Macquarie University

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**A24-321**

**Ecclesiological Investigations Group**  
**Theme: The Church’s Mission and the Poor**  
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM  
Convention Center-31C

Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University, Presiding  
Daniel Horan, Boston College  
*The Pope, the Poorerllo, and Postmodernity: Evangelical Poverty as a Strategy of Power according to Francis of Assisi and Michel Foucault*

Joseph McGarry, St Margaret’s Anglican Church  
*The Church for Others: The Being of the Church and Advocacy for the Marginalized in the Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Eli Valentin, Monroe College  
*Pope Francis and Orlando Costas: Theologizing from the Margins*

Christina McRorie, University of Virginia  
*Consuming Generously: A Case for Political Consumerism as a Practice of “Generous Solidarity”*

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University  
*A Church for the Poor: the Liberative Ecclesiology of Dario Lopez Rodriguez*

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**A24-322**

**Gay Men and Religion Group**  
**Theme: Jesus Is Still Acting Up! Celebrating Bob Goss’ Scholarship and Ministry Twenty Years Later**  
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM  
Convention Center-23C

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Panelists:  
Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Silver Spring, MD  
Jay Michaelson, Brown University  
Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School  
Mark Jordan, Harvard University  
Responding:  
Robert Shore-Goss, MCC/UCC in the Valley, North Hollywood, CA

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A24-323

Hinduism Group
Theme: The Expansive Bhāgavata
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-310A
 Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida, Presiding
 Anand Venkatkrishnan, Columbia University
 Bhakti on the Move: The Bhāgavata Purāṇa in Medieval History
 Neeraja Poddar, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA
 The Kanoria Bhāgavata and Its Copies: An Examination of the Life of a Narrative
 Ravi M. Gupta, Utah State University
 A Bespoke Bhāgavata: Tailoring a Translation to the Methods of the Text
 Shrivatsa Goswami, Radha Raman Temple, Vrindavan, India
 The Bhāgavata Yajña: Journey of a Narrator
 Responding:
 John Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University

A24-324

International Development and Religion Group
Theme: Faith-Based Organizations, Development, and Climate Change in the Global South
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-29B
J. P. Swanson, Arizona State University, Presiding
Evan Berry, American University
Their Hearts Were Strangely Warned: A Changing Climate for Christian Faith Based Organizations
Hans Geir Aasmundsen, University of Bergen
The Lausanne Movement: Holistic Mission and the Climate Crisis
Ulil Amri, University of Washington
Faith-based Organizations and the Governmentality of Climate Change in Indonesia
Dekila Chungyalpa, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.
Why the Environmental Movement Needs Religion
Brian K. Pennington, Elon University
Climate Change, Natural Disaster, and Anti-theodicy in the Indian Himalayas
Business Meeting:
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

A24-325

Korean Religions Group
Theme: Gender, Enlightenment, and Politics in Korean Society
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Debernire Torrey, University of Utah, Presiding
Seong-Uk Kim, Olivette, MO
Chōshū and Confucianism: the Buddhist–Confucian Intersection in Late Chosŏn
Uri Kaplan, Duke University
From Preachers to Teachers: The Creation of an Orthodox Buddhist Lay Education System in Contemporary Korea
Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School
Evangelicals’ Adaptive Engagement in South Korean Politics, 1945–2012
Nami Kim, Spelman College
Korean Protestant Right’s Anti-LGBT Movement and the Politics of Gender
Liora Sarfati, Tel Aviv University
Male and Female in Korea’s Shamanic Spirit Mediation (Musok)
Responding:
Richard D. McBride, Brigham Young University, Hawai’i
Business Meeting:
Debernire Torrey, University of Utah, and Richard D. McBride, Brigham Young University, Hawai’i, Presiding

A24-327

Middle Eastern Christianity Group and SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Section and SBL Syriac Literature and Interpretations of Sacred Texts Section
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-305
Cornelia Horn, Saint Louis University, Presiding
Julia Lillis, Duke University
Fertility and Fragility: Ephrem’s Discourse on Virginal Bodies
Jason Scully, Seton Hall University
Free Will and Ascetical Labor: How Babai the Great Fixes the Platonic Conception of the Soul
Cynthia J. Villagomez, Winston-Salem State University
Holy Hunters in Early Medieval Syriac Monastic Texts
David Michelson, Vanderbilt University
The Syriac Gazetteer (www.syriaca.org/geo): A New Reference Work for the Geographic Environment of Middle Eastern Christianity
Susan Ramsey, Carthage College
Exploring the “Harbor (Full) of Rest” in Pseudo-Macarius and Isaac of Nineveh: A Foundation for a Holistic Theology of Creation
A24-330

Religion in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500–1650
CE Group

Theme: Identity and Otherness: Reflections on David Freidenreich’s Foreigners and their Food (University of California Press, 2011)

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-300A

Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

Jordan D. Rosenblum, University of Wisconsin
   *A Recipe for Jewishness: Freidenreich, Foreigners, and Their Food in Ancient Jewish Literature*

Najam Haider, Barnard College
   *Alcohol and Identity: Deconstructing Muslim Debates Regarding Intoxicants in Early Islam*

Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College
   *Manna, Milk, and Mysticism*

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas
   *Comparing Otherings: Notes on David Freidenreich’s Comparative Method*

A24-331

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group


Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-307

Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

Panelists:
   Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
   David Patterson, University of Texas, Dallas
   Henry F. Knight, Keene State College
   Khaleel Mohammed, San Diego State University

Responding:
   Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield

Business Meeting:
   Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

A24-333

Religious Conversions Group

Theme: When the Rhetoric of Religious Conversion Becomes Violent

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-500

Alexander Y. Hwang, Spalding University, Presiding

Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
   *Conversion-centric Ideology and the Massacre at Wounded Knee*

Jeremy Sabella, Yale University
   *Saints Go Marching: Conversion, Coercion, and National Identity in Rios Montt’s Guatemala*

Chad Bauman, Butler University
   *Violence and the Rhetoric of Religious Conversion in the Work of Swami Dayananda Saraswati*

Business Meeting:
   Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University, Presiding

A24-332

Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group

Theme: Strangers in Strange Lands: Narratives and Ethics of Immigration, Land, and Exile

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-501B

Elizabeth Phillips, Westcott House, Presiding

Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University
   *Immigration, Phinehas, and the Midianites*

Tommy Givens, Fuller Theological Seminary
   *The Post-Modern Christian Romance of Exile: Ecological Irresponsibility and the Underestimation of Borders*

Silas Allard, Emory University
   *Reimagining Asylum: Alternative Narratives of Flight in Sacred Scripture*

Responding:
   David P. Gushee, Mercer University

Business Meeting:
   Emily Filler, St. Olaf College, Presiding

A24-335

Science, Technology, and Religion Group

Theme: Narrative and Storytelling in Science and Religion

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-28C

Nancy R. Howell, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding

Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh
   *“Heresical, Dangerous, and Potentially Subversive”: The Problem of Science and Religion in Aldous Huxley’s Brave New World*

Ann M. Pederson, Augustana College
   *A Hermeneutics of Place: Telling Stories in Religion and Science*

Katelyn Carver, Harvard University
   *A Spirituality of Narrativity: Storytelling as a Neurological and Theological Imperative for Meaning Making*

John Bugbee, Mount Saint Mary’s University
   *Evolutionary Biology and the Logic and Theology of “Story”*

Responding:
   Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University

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Secularism and Secularity Group

Theme: Secular Religiosity? Negotiating Competing Claims of Secular and Religious
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront–Sapphire A
Joseph Blankholm, Columbia University, Presiding
  Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara
  "I Did It to Perform Ceremonies": The Universal Life Church and Secular Religiosity
  Laura S. Levitt, Temple University
  Liberal Jewish Feminist Religion on the Secular Religious Divide: Complicating Legacies
  Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford
  Being and Noneness: Post-atheism, Religion, and the Intransigence of Data
  Josef Sorett, Columbia University
  "The Answers were Apocryphal": Religion and the (Secular) Politics of Black Culture in the Post-War Period
Responding:
  Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College
Business Meeting:
  Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Social Science Research Council, Brooklyn, NY, Presiding

Tantric Studies Group and Yogācāra Studies Group

Theme: Tracing Threads of Tantric Inter(dis-)connectivity: An Analysis of the Exegetical Links between the Yogācāra and Pratyabhijñā Lineages
Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM
Convention Center-32A
Lorili Biernacki, University of Colorado, Presiding
  Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University
  Yogācāra Plus a Playful God Equals Kashmir Śaivism
  Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University
  Yogācāra as a Bridge to Philosophical Tantra
  Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
  Truth and Dialogue: Reconfiguring the Philosophical Exchange between Trika and Yogācāra Systems
  Isabelle Ratié, Austrian Academy of Sciences
  The World within Consciousness — Once More on the Relationship between Buddhist and Śaiva Philosophical Idealisms

Responding:
  Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College

Film: Mental

Monday, 7:00 PM–10:30 PM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Japanese Religious Group
Mental (Seishin; 2008, 135 minutes) is a documentary film focuses on the lives of patients, doctors and staff in a small mental clinic in Okayama, Japan. The director Soda Kazuhiro is a Japanese documentary filmmaker based in New York, and is known for his observational style and method of documentary film-making. Mental gives an unvarnished look at the everyday life of people with various mental illnesses—schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, panic disorder, and personality disorder—showing such scenes as waiting rooms filled with patients and smoke, consultations and treatments of patients by Dr. Yamamoto, staff members negotiating with government agencies to maintain quality services, patients talking to one another and to Soda, who remains invisible but present behind the camera.

Having graduated from Tokyo University with a major in religious studies, Soda sees the similarities between the perception of mental illness and that of “religion” in Japan; there is the moralizing imperative to domesticate or demonize them, and to establish the “us/them” dichotomy. “Mental” profoundly destabilizes such dichotomies with the power of intimate and engaged observation.

The film won the Best Documentary Award at both the Pusan International Film Festival and the Dubai International Film Festival in 2008, Special Jury Mention at the 2009 Miami International Film Festival, Outstanding Documentary Award at the 2009 Hong Kong International Film Festival, and Inter-religious Jury Prize at Visions du Réel in 2009.

Panelists:
  Pamela Runestad, Elon University
  Clark Chilson, University of Pittsburgh
Responding:
  Soda Kazuhiro, Laboratory X
A24-401

Film: In God’s House: The Religious Landscape of Utica, NY
Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-305
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding
This documentary explores the sacred spaces of the rustbelt city of Utica, New York, once a thriving port on the Erie Canal and now a key refugee relocation center. In the midst of changing demographics, the buildings of bygone eras continue to stand and be adapted to the different transitory users that embody them. On one hand an ethnographic study, this video is also an artistic exploration of the spatial practices of these places. This includes a Bosnian mosque operating in a converted Methodist church; Jewish synagogues, one Reform and one Conservative, now meeting in one building due to economic realities; an American Baptist congregation that has been revived due to an influx of Burmese Karen refugees; a Vietnamese Buddhist Temple that retrofitted an Episcopalian church; a Roman Catholic church at the same site for almost two hundred years, but now with services in English, Vietnamese, and Spanish; and an African-American church worshipping in the midst of the former Jewish quarter. Each site has undergone unique changes that reflect and influence the social life surrounding them, and demonstrates the linkage between buildings and the communities’ abilities to sustain themselves. Directed by Robert Knight. Produced by S. Brent Plate.

A24-402

Film: Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed
Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hilton Bayfront-307
John Lyden, Grand View University, Presiding
Sponsored by the Religious, Film, and Visual Culture Group
Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed is a documentary that originally aired on the History Channel in 2007, commissioned by George Lucas to mark the 30th anniversary of the original Star Wars film. It provides a perspective on how the series of six films made use of mythological, religious, and historical material to construct a pastiche that represents a modern myth to its fans. Clips from the films are interpreted by journalists, filmmakers, politicians, and scholars including Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw, Newt Gingrich, Stephen Colbert, Peter Jackson, and Kevin Smith, among others. John Lyden, who was also interviewed in the film, will introduce it and lead a discussion on the creation and marketing of the films, their mythological and religious import, and their links to the development of fan culture and the “religion” surrounding the film. Directed by Kevin Burns. 90 minutes.

A24-403

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**A25-100**

**History of Christianity Section**

Theme: *The Impact of World War I on US Religious Ideas and Identities*

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM  
Convention Center-29A  
Daniel Ramirez, University of Michigan, Presiding  
Cindy K. Wesley, Wesley House Methodist Theological College  
*The Culture War at Home: The Impact of the First World War on German-speaking Baptists and Methodists in the United States*  
Joshua Jeffery, Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
*Origins of the National Security and Intelligence State: Systematic US Government Surveillance and Suppression of Religious Dissent during the Great War, 1917–1918*  
Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Fighting VD for God and Country: Christian Pioneers in Military Sex Education during World War I*  
Eve Tibbs, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*A Clash of American and Greek Religious Nationalism in Greece and America before WWI*

**A25-101**

**Religion in South Asia Section**

Theme: “Where Class Meets Religion”: Reshaping the Middle-Class and Hindu Worlds in Contemporary India

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM  
Convention Center-30C  
Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University, Presiding  
Deonnie Moodie, Harvard University  
*Cleaning up Kalighat: Class Contestations of the Temple Space*  
Nicole Wilson, Syracuse University  
*I Watched Brahmans and Learned*: Brahmmin Religious Practice and Middle-Class Status in Tamil Nadu, South India  
Jennifer Ortegren, Emory University  
*What’s in a Murti?: Ganesh Chaturthi and The Performance of Aspirational Middle-Class Identities*  
Daniel Cheifer, Syracuse University  
*Hindu Modernity for the Masses: Gandhian Populism in the Gayatri Pariwar*

Responding:  
Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University
A25-102
Study of Islam Section
Theme: Political Authority and Theology
Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-411A
Frederick Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding
Gregory A. Lipton, Macalester College
All the King’s Light: Rethinking Ibn Arabi’s Religious Pluralism as Political Metaphysics
SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College
Revolutionary Hermeneutics: Reimagining the Political in Colonial Time
Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston
‘Why Critique?’: Defining Modern Scholarship and Religious Authority in the Islamic Republic of Iran
Responding:
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University

A25-103
Animals and Religion Group and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group
Theme: Animals in Tibetan and Himalayan Religions
Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM
Convention Center-30A
Derek Maher, East Carolina University, Presiding
Brandon Dotson, Ludwig Maximilians Universität München
The "Beloved Pair": Horse and Man in Early Tibetan Funerals
Geoff Barstow, Otterbein University
Vegetarianism and Monasticism in the Late Tibetan Renaissance
Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College
The Very Boundaries of What It Means To Be "Human": Monsters, the Folkloric Notion of “Half-Human,” and Othering in the Landscapes of the Tibetan Imaginary
Responding:
Ivette Vargas-O’Bryan, Austin College

A25-104
Eastern Orthodox Studies Group
Theme: Ecological Theology
Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM
Convention Center-29C
Peter Galadza, Saint Paul University, Presiding
Zachary Ugolnik, Columbia University
The Nature of Oil: Oil and Its Implications in the Poetry of Ephrem the Syrian
Andrew M. Sharp, University of Virginia
Orthodox Christians, Muslims, and the Environment: The Case for a New Sacred Science
Ekaterini Tsalampouni, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
A New Heaven and a New Earth: An Orthodox Eco-exegetical Approach of Apocalyptic Biblical Texts
Responding:
Christina M. Gschwandtner, Fordham University

A25-105
Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group and Niebuhr Society
Theme: Kierkegaard, Reinhold Niebuhr, and Current Political Theology
Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM
Convention Center-24A
Mark Gingerich, University of Otago, Presiding
Howard Pickett, Washington and Lee University
How (Not) to Write a Kierkegaardian Political Theology: Heidegger, Niebuhr, and Levinas on Anxiety and Non-reciprocal Neighbor-love
Deidre Nicole Green, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen
Sickness, Sin, and Selflessness: Using Kierkegaard to Illuminate Niebuhr and Saiving
William Walker, Claremont Graduate University
Striving for the Good in the Face of Uncertainty: The Paradox of Faith and Politics in Søren Kierkegaard and Reinhold Niebuhr
Responding:
Jodie Lyon, University of Georgia
A25-106
Religion and Sexuality Group
Theme: From the Charmed Circle to Sacred Kink: Theorizing Boundaries in Religion and Sexuality
Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-502A
Devin Kuhn-Choi, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Presiding
Brett Krutzsch, Temple University
“Thinking Sex,” Gay Martyrdom, and the American Protestant Secular
Farah Zeb, University of Exeter
Exploring Queer Theology through Queer Women’s Lived Experiences
Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University
Eschatological Transgressions: Promiscuous Visions of Last Things for the Here and Now
Michelle Mueller, Graduate Theological Union
Embracing the Ordeal Path: Sacred BDSM among Contemporary Pagans
Responding:
Megan Goodwin, Elon University

A25-107
Religion, Affect, and Emotion Group
Theme: New Materialism, Religion, and Climate Change
Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront-202A
Liane Carlson, Columbia University, Presiding
Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
Feeling for Hyperobjects: Animistic Affects in the Anthropocene
Zayin Cabot, California State University, East Bay
Ecologizing Vibrant Matter Through Amerindian Perspectivism
Courtney O’Dell-Chaib, Syracuse University
Eyeless Shrimp, Clawless Crabs, and Me? Nomadic Becomings and Affect in the Post-Deepwater Horizon Anthropocene

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A25-108
Ethics Section
Theme: Occupy Then and Now
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM
Hilton Bayfront–Sapphire M
Christophe D. Ringer, Christian Brothers University, Presiding
Panelists:
Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School
Nathan Schneider, Brooklyn, NY
David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College

A25-109
Arts, Literature, and Religion Section
Theme: Sensuous Wisdom: Artful Scholarship on Religious Art
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-31A
Steven P. Hopkins, Swarthmore College, Presiding
Gabrielle Tayac, Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C.
Nations Rise in Sky Domes: Sensing the Haudenosaunee and Algonquian Cosmos at the National Museum of the American Indian
Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Whiteness Moving About
Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University
Visual Scripture: Painting Emptiness with the Heart Sutra
Miranda Shaw, University of Richmond
Dancing Words: Writing about Tantric Buddhist Dance

A25-110
Buddhism Section
Theme: Buddhism in and across Borders
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-305
Christian K. Wedemeyer, University of Chicago, Presiding
Nathan McGovern, National Taiwan University
Confronting an Emerging Brahmanical Challenge: An Examination of the “Encounter Dialogs” Between the Buddha and Brahmans among the Early Buddhist Sutras
Blayne Harcey, Iliff School of Theology
Nāgārjuna’s Śūnyatā: Constructing Mahāyāna through Interpretive Borders
Rafal Stepien, Columbia University
Xin Wen, Harvard University
Locating and Dislocating the Sacred: A Khotanese Buddhist Site and its Afterlives in Nepal and China
Yasmin Cho, Duke University
Blurring Boundaries between Names and Robes: Lay Female Renunciation Practices in Contemporary Tibetan Society
Christopher Jensen, McMaster University
Oneiric Visions and Social Realities: Sleep and Dreams in the Biographies of Eminent Monks Literature (Gaoseng Zhuan)
A25-111

Christian Systematic Theology Section
Theme: The Human: Body, Soul, and (Holy) Spirit
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-23A
Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding
Darren Sumner, Fuller Theological Seminary, Northwest
Jesus the ‘Imago Dei’: Does Humanity Have an Innate Capacity for Divine Incarnation?
Andreas Nordlander, University of Gothenburg
The Emergence of Soul: Retrieving Augustine’s Potentialism for Contemporary Theological Anthropology
Kyle Tau, Emory University
Taste and See That the Lord is Good: A Proposal on the Relationship between the Spiritual and Bodily Senses
Marc Cortez, Wheaton College
A Spirit-ed Account of the image Dei: Reconnecting Pneumatology and Christology in Contemporary Theological Anthropology

A25-112

Comparative Studies in Religion Section
Theme: Religion at the Crossroads: Experimentation, Innovation, and Change in Hinduisms and Buddhisms as Practiced in Contemporary Asia
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-33B
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College, Presiding
Antoinette DeNapoli, University of Wyoming
‘Religion is Technology’: Experimental Hinduism through the Lens of Vernacular Asceticism in North India
June McDaniel, College of Charleston
Religious Change and Adaptation in Indonesian Hinduism
Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College
Family Temples and Individual Rights: Ritual Experimentation in Japanese Lay Buddhism
John Nelson, University of San Francisco
‘Experimental Buddhism’: Tracking Religious Affiliation and Innovation in Contemporary Japan
Responding:
John Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University

A25-113

North American Religions Section
Theme: Clean Capital: Discourses of Purity and Efficiency in Twentieth Century America
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-23C
Nicole Kirk, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding
Matthew Bowman, Georgetown University
A Fast Infiltration: Mormons, the FBI, Religion, and Politics in Late Twentieth Century America
Kati Curts, Yale University
Brave New Lord: Henry Ford and the Dirt of Modernity
Darren Grem, University of Mississippi
Charles McCrory, Florida State University
Responding:
John Corrigan, Florida State University

A25-114

Philosophy of Religion Section
Theme: On the “Architecture” of Christian Ethics
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-28D
Celia Deane-Drummond, University of Notre Dame, Presiding
Derek Alan Woodard-Lehman, Princeton Theological Seminary
Euthyphro Reformed: Divine Command After Kant, Hegel, and Barth
Charles Lockwood, Harvard University
Kant, Virtue, and Christian Ethics
Autumn Alcott Ridenour, Merrimack College
Union With Christ: Toward a Christological Virtue Ethics Rooted in the Theologies of Augustine and Barth
Bharat Ranganathan, University of Notre Dame
Paul Ramsey’s Christian Deontology

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Religion and Politics Section
Theme: Empire and Revolution, Security and Peace
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-28C
Robert F. Shedinger, Luther College, Presiding
Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
The Islamic Liberation Ethics of Malcolm X: Malik El-Shabazz in the Crucible of the Arab Cold War
Douglas Irvin, Rutgers University
Interreligious Pursuits of Lasting Peace: The Legacy of the UN Genocide Convention and the New Interreligious Demand for Enforcing Cosmopolitanism Law
Kristina Benson, University of California, Los Angeles
The Securitization of Islam and Manifestations of Post-9/11 Muslim American Identity
Tiffany Puett, University of Waterloo
Theorizing Empire: American Pluralism, Religious Freedom, and Imperial Mechanisms

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Study of Judaism Section
Theme: Judaism, Secularism, and the Study of Religion
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Hilton Bayfront-206
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University, Presiding
Shira Billet, Princeton University
Between Philosophy and Anthropology: The Philosophical Defense of Judaism in the Academic Study of Religion
Alan Verskin, University of Rhode Island
“White Falashas” and “Black Jews”: Joseph Halévy on Race, Color, Judaism and Semitism
Yaniv Feller, University of Toronto
Debating Essences: Leo Baeck’s Critique of Adolf Harnack and the Study of Religion
Eliyahu Stern, Yale University
The Secularization of the Kabbalah and the Origins of Jewish Socialism

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Theology and Religious Reflection Section
Theme: Medieval Exemplarity and Its Afterlife
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-303
Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University, Presiding
Robert Davis, Fordham University
Corpus, Animal, Saint: Affect and Exemplarity in The Life of St. Francis
Brett Grainger, Villanova University
Imitatio Christi, Imitatio Naturae: Thomas Coke’s Pursuit of Spiritual Progress through Contemplation and Imitation of the Book of Nature
Rachel Smith, Villanova University
Spectacle and Dissimulation: Female Exemplarity in Thomas of Cantimpré
Martha Newman, University of Texas
Emotion, Experience, and Community: Monastic Exempla around the Year 1200
Margaret Gower, Saint Mary’s College
Theology and Hagiology in Christine de Pizan’s Cité des Dames

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Women and Religion Section and Ritual Studies Group
Theme: Ritual Intersections: Gender, Body, Authority, and Performance
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-25A
Colleen D. Hartung, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Sundari Johansen, California Institute of Integral Studies
The Body of the Goddess: Social and Ritual Dimensions of Gender, Knowledge, and Power at the Kamakhya Temple of Assam
Nermeen Moustafa, University of Toronto
Immediacy and Affirmation: Qur’ān in the Absence of the Musbah
Maren Haynes, University of Washington
Performing ‘Manly’ Worship Music: Ritualizing Hegemonic Masculinities and Homosocial Theology at Mars Hill Church in Seattle
Rebecca Scharbach Wollenberg, Oberlin College
God is in the Mikveh: Clorox, Nailbrushes, and the Creation of a Female Priesthood
Kandace S. Geldmeier, Syracuse University
Bathing Your Dead Baby: Religious Dilemmas, Biomedical Rituals

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Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group
Theme: Borders, Resistance, and Theological Imaginings of Home
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-25C
Rachel A. R. Bundang, Convent and Stuart Hall, Presiding
Henry Kuo, Graduate Theological Union
An Asian American Theological Awakening: Mondialization and the Church
JuneHee Yoon, Drew University
Border Dwellers: Imagining an Ethical Diasporic Community for Korean American Christians
Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Graduate Theological Union
Decolonizing Colonial Resistance: A Religious Perspective on the AAAS and NAHIS Boycotts of Israeli Academic Institutions
Ren Ito, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto
Rethinking Borders in Theologies of Migration
Responding:
Nancy A. Pineda-Madrid, Boston College

Business Meeting:
Devin Singh, Yale University, and Michael Sepidoza Campos, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
A25-120

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group
Theme: Key Concepts in the Study of Religion
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-22

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Shailly Patel, University of North Carolina
Many Marvels: Variations of Magical Discourse in Early Christian Traditions
Joseph Blankholm, Columbia University
The Intertwined Genealogies of Secularism and Humanism
Sonia Hazard, Duke University
The Construction of Agency as a Category in the Study of Religion
Elana Jefferson, Emory University
"Religion" and the Politics of Materiality: Confronting Immaterial Religion through Reflections on Vodoun Materialist Orientations

Responding:
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University

A25-121

New Religious Movements Group
Theme: Reappraising the Study of New Religious Movements
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-28A

Torang Asadi, Duke University, Presiding

Panelists:
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Daniel McKanan, Harvard University
Timothy Miller, University of Kansas
Philip Deslisse, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jill Krebs, Drew University

A25-122

Nineteenth Century Theology Group
Theme: Religion Re-Conceptualizing Romanticism
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-307

Alexander Hampton, University of Cambridge, and Arthur McCalla, Mount Saint Vincent University, Presiding

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University
Religion, Secularization, and British Romanticism

Emily Dumler-Winckler, Princeton Theological Seminary
Burke and Emerson on Sublimity and Beauty in Religious Experience

George Medley, King's College, University of London
History is Divine Art: F. W. J. Schelling's Spätphilosophie as Orthodox Romantic Theology

Joshua Gentzke, Stanford University
Performing Human Freedom: Rethinking Schelling in the Context of Esoteric Spirituality

A25-123

Platonism and Neoplatonism Group
Theme: Image and Idol in Neoplatonism and Christian Platonism
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-501B

John Kenney, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

Panelists:
Sean Hannan, University of Chicago
The Proliferation of Mental Images in Book XI of Augustine's De Trinitate
Gerald Boersma, Saint Bonaventure University
Ascent through the Image in Ambrose’s De Isaac
Ky Heinze, The Catholic University of America
The Reciprocity of Sacrifice in Porphyry's On Abstinence from Killing Animals
Todd Krulak, Carmel, IN
Powers and Poiēsis: Statue Animation and Divine Manifestation in Praxu’ In Timeus 1.330-31

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Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group
Theme: Pragmatism: Epistemology, Ethics, and Experience Part 2
Pragmatism and the Ethics of Reform
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Hilton Bayfront-520

Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Presiding

Stephen Bush, Brown University
Heroes and Citizens: William James on Social Change
Jacob Goodson, Southern Methodist College
"The Woman Question": James’ Negotiations with Natural Law Theory and Utilitarianism
David Craig, Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis
Practicing Healing Mercies: Pragmatic Bioethics and the Affordable Care Act

Responding:
Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado
A25-125

Qur'an Group

Theme: Shaping the Qur'an in Tradition
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-32A

Joseph Lumhard, Brandeis University, Presiding

Mun'im Sirry, University of Notre Dame
Modern Approaches to Qur'anic Criticism of Other Religions

Yasir Ibrahim, Montclair State University
Teaching Qur'anic Recitation between the Performative and Literary Traditions

Joshua Mugler, Georgetown University
Polished by Tongues: al-Ma'arri and the Qur'an

Ayse Polat, University of Chicago
The Evolution of the Print of the Qur'an in Ottoman Istanbul

Shady Nasser, University of Cambridge
The Probity of Qur'an and Hadith Transmitters

Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University
Portrayals of Hafsa bt. 'Umar b. al-Khattab as a Transmitter of Quranic Materials: Towards a Reevaluation of the Question of Contextual Credibility

Responding:

Katherine Merriman, University of North Carolina
Ethnographic Islands And the Geographic Expanse of History: West African Muslims in New York City

Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology

A25-126

Science, Technology, and Religion Group

Theme: Time In Eternity (University of Notre Dame Press, 2012): A Discussion of Robert John Russell's New Book
Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
Convention Center-31C

Christopher Southgate, University of Exeter, Presiding

Panelists:

Antje Jackelén, Church of Sweden
David Wilkinson, Durham University
Johanne Stubbe Teglbjaerg Kristensen, Copenhagen University
Adam Pryor, Bethany College

Responding:

Robert Russell, Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, Berkeley, CA

A25-127

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Religion and Cities Group

Theme: Negotiating the Meaning of Religious Space in the Diaspora
Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
Convention Center-30C

Ann B. McClanahan, Boston Theological Institute, Presiding

Alexander McKinley, Duke University
The Sacred Second: Religious Moments in a Colombo Marketplace

Rupa Pillai, University of Oregon
Ticketing the Deotas: Conflicts over the Use of Public Space by Caribbean Hindus in New York City

Responding:

Wendy Deichmann, United Theological Seminary
Morris L. Davis, Drew University

A25-128

Teaching Religion Section and Anthropology of Religion Group

Theme: The Site Visit: Practical and Ethical Reflections on Sending Undergraduates into the Field
Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
Convention Center-30C

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Presiding

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Doing Ethnography in Undergraduate Classrooms: A Case Study of "Religion in Philadelphia"

Mark Banas, Georgia Perimeter College, and Jason Flato, Georgia Perimeter State College
Student Perspectives on the Efficacy of the Religious Site Visit Assignment

Responding:

Tara Nancy Doyle, Emory University

A25-129

Religion in Europe Group and Secularism and Secularity Group

Theme: European Formations of the Secular
Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
Convention Center-30A

Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Groningen, Presiding

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College
Inserting Gender into Formative Theories of Secularization

Ulrike Spohn, University of Muenster
Challenging the Topos of "Religion and Violence" in Theories of the Secular State

Brian P. Bennett, Niagara University
Esperantism: Between the Religious and the Secular

Elayne Oliphant, Brown University
Funding French Catholic "Culture": The Limits of Secular-Catholicism in a Capitalist Age

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Wesleyan Studies Group

Theme: Recent Historical Writing on American Methodism
Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
Convention Center-29A

Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Presenter:

Christopher H. Evans, Boston University

Responding:

Wendy J. Deichmann, United Theological Seminary
Morris L. Davis, Drew University

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