

**AAR-MAR Annual Conference
Columbia, Maryland
March 5-6, 2015**

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Registration

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Room 330

Thursday, March 5

Thursday: Session 1 – 10:30 am-12:15 pm

Wildcard Session

Location: Room 359

Title: *Interreligious and Interfaith Dialogue: General Account*

Moderator: Caroline Sawyer

Building Bridges: The Need for Interreligious Dialogue

Remi Alapo, UTS – The Interfaith Seminary

Dialogue Toward a Global Ethic

Nicole Melara, Temple University

Dialogic Humanism for Dialectic Humanity

Heon C. Kim, East Stroudsburg University

Religion, Conflict, and Peace

Location: Room 302

Title: *Reconciliation and the Construction of Religious Identity and Meaning*

Moderator: Dan Randazzo

Religious Peace on an Island of Religious Conflict: Examination of Kwame Nkrumah's Legacy of Religious Pluralism in a Post-Colonial Ghana

E. Abiri Addo, Drew University

Symbolism, Signifiers, and National Identity Cards: Indonesia's Engagement with Religious Pluralism in the Midst of 21st Century Conflicts and the Redefinition of Itself

Tara Bedeau, Union Theological Seminary

Sacred Spaces: Reestablishing a Commitment to God, Land, and People

Michele Stanback, Union Theological Seminary

Contemporary Theology

Location: Room 361

Title: *Contemporary Theology*

Moderator: TBD

Religionless Christianity and Eventual Grace: A Reading of Bonhoeffer through the Lens of Badiou and Levinas

Dorothy Chang, Columbia University

Phenomenology, Eucharistic Ecclesiology, and the Limits of Morality

Dan Wright, University of Virginia

A Causal Bridge: Metaphysical Naturalism as a "Middle of Being" Theology

Rory Misiewicz, Princeton Theological Seminary

Undergraduate Panel

Location: Room 304

Title: *Religion in the Politics of Society*

Moderator: Sabrina MisirHiralall

*Holy Ghosts: An Examination of the Haunting
Insistence of God*

Ryne Beddard, University of Mount Olive

*Shifting the Axis Mundi: Finding Revelatory
Experiences in the Mundane*

Emily Goldberg, Muhlenberg College

*Marriage, Sex, and Contraception: Discerning
the Signs of the Times*

Luis Ramos, Iona College

*The Development of Subcultures: Messianic
Judaism, Community, and Subcultural Identity
Theory*

Katarina Winhauer and Alison Duhan,
McDaniel College

*Religion and Anarchism: Creating a Counter-
Hegemony and a New Society*

Timothy Kyle, Middlesex County College

Scriptural Reasoning

Location: Room 360

Title: *Expanding Scriptural Reasoning*

Moderator: Matthew Vaughan

Prophetic Scriptural Reasoning

Stanley Talbert, Union Theological Seminary

*Scriptural Reasoning, Internal Libraries, and
Reader Response Theory*

Kevin Seidel, Eastern Mennonite University

*One Reality-Many Texts?: Reading the Bible in
a the Pluralistic Context of India*

Geomen George, City Seminary of New York

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or 360**

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Room 360.

Section Chairs Meeting Over Lunch

Location: Room 359

Please retrieve your boxed lunch from the
Second Floor Atrium and convene in Room 359.

Thursday: Session 2 – 1:15-3:00 pm

Christian History and Theology

Location: Room 359

Moderator: Shannon McAlister

*The Unresolved Battle over Revelation in
American Protestantism*

Barbara E. Senecal-Davis, Fordham University

*John Williamson Nevin and His Detractors:
Catholicity, Church History, and the Battle for
the American Ecclesial Soul*

Michael J. Stell, The Catholic University of
America

*Atonement with an Asterisk: Feminist and
Womanist Theologies of the Cross*

Joseph Morgan-Smith, Duquesne University

The Father's Heart: Volf, Luther, and Islam

Justin Nickel, Princeton Theological Seminary

Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Location: Room 361

Title: *Redeeming Sexuality*

Moderator: Kyung-Sun Hong

*Towards a Mary-Jesus Christology as the
Divine Will for Redeeming Human Bodies*

Besem Oben Etchi, Duquesne University

*Affirming Homosexual Union through a
Conceptual Analysis of the Theology of Dietrich
Bonhoeffer*

Trey Palmisano, Towson University

*Sexual Difference: An Avenue of Connection for
Building Bridges in an Age of Religious
Pluralism*

Joyce Ann Konigsburg, Duquesne University

Religion and Leadership**Location: Room 302**

Respondent: Gerald S. Vigna

Bridge to Nowhere: The Poverty of Generic Spiritual Leadership

Andrey Shirin, The John Leland Center for Theological Studies

Religion, Media, and Popular Culture**Location: Room 304**Title: *Online Communities/Worship and Social Media*

Moderators: Jim Siburt and Becky Cecala

Our Lady of the Twittersphere: New Social Media and the Reconfiguration of Catholic Devotional Networks

Jill Krebs, McDaniel College

Virtually Present

Mary Stephen, Princeton Theological Seminary

Queer Spirituality: Reclaiming the Sacred in Virtual Communities and Affirming Spaces

Audrey Ginger, Goucher College

Postcolonial and Religious Studies**Location: Room 363**Title: *Religious Assimilation in Postcolonial Politics*

Moderator: Sabrina D. MisirHiralall

Seeing Through the Eye of the Cow: Eco-Theology and the Planetary Subaltern

Christopher Fici, Union Theological Seminary

Meditation: Zen and Catholic

Jin S. Kim, The Catholic University of America

Commentary

Gregg B. Deehan, Jr., Andover Newton Theological School

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Early Confucian Fallibilism and Dialogue Between Traditions

Tim Connolly, East Stroudsburg University

Iconoclasm Versus Pluralism in Discourse Across Faiths: A Tension Since Hellenism

Caroline Sawyer, SUNY College at Old Westbury

Indonesian Student Leaders Immersion in Religious Pluralism and Democracy

Meliani E. Murtiningsih, Temple University

Contemporary Theology (Panel)**Location: Room 361**Title: *Bridges and Tunnels: Theology, Alterity, and Inter-religious Dialogue in Adult Education**Panelists:*

Benjamin Sax, Heather Miller Rubens, and Homayra Ziad, The Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies

Philosophy of Religion

Location: Room 302

Title: *Theology and Philosophy in Understanding*

Moderator: TBD

The Law of Supersessionism: Levinas Between Rosenzweig and Christian Theology

Jennifer Wang, New School for Social Research

Van Inwagen, Peer Disagreement, and the Ethics of Belief: Epistemological Puzzle and/or Personal Quandary?

Rose Christian, Towson University

Metaphysics and Language Games in Wittgenstein's Lectures on Religious Beliefs

David Bradnick, Stevenson University

Postcolonial and Religious Studies

Location: Room 363

Title: *Theological Justifications for Religious Conquest*

Moderator: Nathan C. Walker

The Theological Misuse of Christianity as a Civilizing Force

Sabrina D. MisirHiralall, Montclair State University

Race and Religion in the United States

Nathan C. Walker, Teachers College Columbia University

Commentary

Fr. John Conley, Loyola University Maryland

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Thursday Dinner & Plenary: 6:30 pm

Location: Second Floor Atrium & Room 210

Comparative Theology as the Quest for Interreligious Wisdom: Defining, Defending, and Teaching Comparative Theology

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York

This lecture will define and defend the work of comparative theology and invite instructors to teach it. I will argue that comparative theology can be understood as the quest for interreligious wisdom, a vital project in a time of robust religious diversity. Just what is comparative theology? Why should it be taught? What promise and what peril do the study and teaching of comparative theology hold? Finally, this lecture will take up the concrete question of how. Just how might comparative theology be taught to undergraduates, seminaries and other classroom contexts?

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Thursday Grad Student Gathering: 9:30 pm - ???

Location: Lobby/Bistro Area of the Marriott Courtyard Columbia (8910 Stanford Blvd.) Dan Randazzo, MAR-AAR Graduate Student Director, invites you to an informal gathering of graduate students. The Bistro, which sells drinks and snacks, closes at 10 pm, but the area will remain open for socializing.

Friday, March 6

8:00-9:00am - MAR-AAR Presidential Address, Business Meeting, & Breakfast
Location: Second Floor Atrium & Room 210

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Contemporary Theology

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A Dialogical Experiment Across the Divide of Black Theology and Anabaptism, through an Engagement with James Cone and John Howard Yoder

Drew Hart, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Black Theology, Ecofeminism, and African Religions: A Pantheistic Conception of God and Response to the Ecological Crisis

Jawanza Eirc Clark, Manhattan College

Holy Spirit and People of Other Faiths: An Indian Pentecostal Perspective

Geomen George, City Seminary of New York

Asian Religions

Location: Room 359

Title: *Asian Religions*

Moderator: Song-Chong Lee

From Integration to Separation: The Changing Status of the Han Kitab Among Globalized Chinese Muslims

Cuma Ozkan, University of Iowa

Interreligious Dialogue of Won Buddhism

Jonghoon Baek and Seulky Kang, Won Institute of Graduate Studies

Religion, Conflict, and Peace

Location: Room 302

Title: *Bridge-Building Amongst the Abrahamic Traditions*

Moderator: Dan Randazzo

Muslim-Christian Relation in Islamic Prophetic Time

Nadeen Alsulaimi, The Catholic University of America

Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam: Witnessing to Peace in the Midst of the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict

Brian Berry, Notre Dame of Maryland University

A Pioneer Metaphor for Catholics and Jews Dating Back to 1885: Flowers Joined in a Gentle Garland

Giuseppe Prigiotti, Duke University

Undergraduate Panel

Location: Room 304

Title: *Spiritual Discovery*

Respondent: Kim Paffenroth

De-Constructing the Meaning of Mindfulness

Shenne Dugtong, Middlesex County College

In La kesh: How Our Religious Distinctiveness Can Connect Us

Jordan Darling, Iona College

A Spirit Filled Mind: Therapeutic Effects of Spiritual Practice in Individuals with Temporal Lobe Epilepsy

Amanda Gvozden, Dickinson College

A Monist Approach to Interpreting Connections

Rigo Gutierrez, Middlesex County College

Philosophy of Religion (Panel)

Location: Room 363

Title: *Theology Without Walls*

Moderator: Jerry L. Martin

Panelists:

Christopher Denny, St. John's University

Jeremy R. Hustwit, Methodist University

Huo-Dong Lee, Drew Theological Seminary

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

Pim (Wilhelmus) Valkenberg, The Catholic University of America

Friday Coffee Break: 10:45-11:00 am

Location: Second Floor Atrium

Friday: Session 2 – 11:00 am-12:45 pm

Religion, Media, and Popular Culture

Location: Room 304

Title: *Religion and Communication*

Moderator: Alexis Waggoner

Murals, Religion, and Baltimore: Art-infused Learning in Religious Studies Courses
Harold Morales, Morgan State University

Traveling the Emmaus road: An examination of how bibles in Manga and graphic novel forms speak to today's youth
Janice McLean-Farrell, City Seminary of New York

Correspondence between Rabbis and Ministers: Letters on Early Twentieth-Century American Zionism
Amy Weiss, New York University

Religion, Gender, and Sexuality

Location: Room 361

Title: *Decolonizing the Divine Feminine*

Moderator: Jea Sophia Oh

Rewriting Herstory, A Postcolonial Ecofeminist Reading of the Birth Myth of the First Korean Kingdom
Jea Sophia Oh, Union Theological Seminary

Ibn Arabi and God's Manifestation in Women
Sayed Hassan "AKhlaq" Hussaini, The Catholic University of America

Hope as Hermeneutic, Joseph(ine) as Gaia
Brian James Tipton, Drew University

Religion and Ethics

Location: Room 363

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Moderator: Jennifer Lancaster

HIV Is Not A Crime: Applying Feminist and Liberatory Social Ethics in the Face HIV Criminalization
Theodore Kerr, Union Seminary

A Theological Examination on the Criteria of Inclusion into the 'Righteous Among the Nations' at Yad Vashem: A Case Study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Trey Palmisano, Baltimore Hebrew Institute

Do We Become Instruments? Intimations of Relational Ethics in the Philosophies of Talbot Brewer and Charles Peirce
Shifa Amina Noor, University of Virginia

Asian Religions

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Moderator: Hyun Choo

Compatibility in an Age of Pluralism: Interaction of Tibetan and Chinese Buddhism in Early Twentieth Century China
Wei Wu, Princeton University

Hwa-Shang Mahayana: Historicity and Rhetoric of the Chinese Chan Penetration In Tibet
Linghui Zhang, University of Virginia

Religious Pluralism in the Post-Mao Era of China in a Context of Protestantism and Lay Buddhist Movement
Yohong Roh, The University of Kansas

Theology, Aesthetics, and Art

Location: Room 302

Title: *Theology, Aesthetics, and Art*

Moderator: Daniel McClain

Theological Aesthetics in Modern Jewish Thought
Benjamin Sax, Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies

Tasting God Across Traditions. The Spiritual Canticle and Rāsa Līlā.
Gloria Maité Hernández, West Chester University

Business Meeting

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MAR-SBL Old Testament

Location: Room 363

Chair: Mark Leuchter

The Prettier Younger Sister: David, Samson, and Jacob Getting Hitched

John Herbst, Regent University

Subversive Tricksters, Effeminate Buffoons, and a Dialogue with Gad Beck: Reading the book of Judges as Ethnic Persistence

Sarah Emanuel, Drew University

Isaiah: Silent Idols; Speaking Text

Katherine E. Brown, The Catholic University of America

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MAR-SBL Old Testament: Writings

Location: Room 210

Chair: Peter Feinman

A Song of Communal Lament or Call to Arms? – Temporal Disorientation in Psalm 137

Dong Sung Kim, Drew University

Hiding Hadassah: The Meaning and Function of the Names

Joshua Alfaro, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

Targum Song of Songs and Immediacy of History

Andrew Litke, The Catholic University of America

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MAR-SBL New Testament: Paul

Location: Room 304

Chair: Kim Paffenroth

Paul's Gentile Mission and Jewish Identity: The Evidence of Joseph and Aseneth
Jill Hicks-Keeton, George Mason University

Gods and Kings: Pseudo-Solomon's Polemic Against Imperial Cult Media and Paul's Speech on the Areopagus
Drew J. Strait, University of Pretoria/St. Mary's University and Seminary

Can we evaluate the early 2nd century state of the Pauline Corpus?
William Gruen, Muhlenberg College

Paul on Exodus 34 in 2 Cor 3
Robert P. Costello, Regent University

MAR-SBL Oxford Handbook on Biblical

Narrative: A Select Preview

Location: Room 210

Chair: Danna Nolan Fewell

Reading Ruth, Reading Desire
Stephanie Day Powell, Drew University
Amy Beth Jones, Drew University
Dong Sung Kim, Drew University

Warring Words in the Book of Daniel
Terry Ann Smith, New Brunswick Theological Seminary

The Social Worlds of the Biblical Narrative
Linda Dietch, Drew University

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MAR-SBL Old Testament: Pentateuch

Location: Room 360

Chair: David Lamb

*“You Will Sweep Out Evil From Your Midst”:
Locating the Apostate Prophet in
Deuteronomy’s Religious Framework*
Julie Deluty, New York University

*Aaron: Prophet of Moses, Priest of God (Exod
4:14-16 and Deut 18:18)*
Virginia Wayland, University of Pennsylvania

Egypt and Israel: From Ramses II to Ramses VI
Peter Feinman, The Institute of History,
Archaeology, and Education

Friday: Session 2 – 11:00 am-12:45 pm

MAR-SBL New Testament: Gospels & Acts

Location: Room 360

Chair: Jason Coker

Which Came First? Prioritizing Luke and Acts
Frank Connolly-Weinart, Saint John’s
University

*Jesus ‘Begotten’ at Baptism and the Intrinsic of
Lukan Narrative: An Internal Investigation of
the Textual Problem of Luke 3:22*
Rory P. Crowley, Green Scholars Initiative

*Significant instability around the figure of
Martha of Bethany in the Fourth Gospel: A text-
critical study*
Elizabeth Schrader, General Theological
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