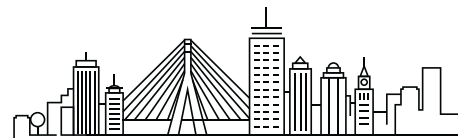




PROGRAM SESSIONS



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

P16-400



Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Paper Session I: Adventist Studies**

Thursday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

John Brunt, Edmonds Adventist Church
Rescuing Paul from the Reformation?

Mathilde Frey, Walla Walla University
Righteousness by Faith: When Abraham Was Cynical and Righteous at the Same Time

Eike Mueller, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
Luther and Antisemitism

Business Meeting:

Tarsee Li, Oakwood University, Presiding

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

P17-5

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Devotional**

Friday, 8:00 AM–8:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

A17-101

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

Friday, 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-AAR Suite

Lerone Martin, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding

A17-102



Anti-Islamophobia Workshop

Theme: **Confronting Islamophobia: Equipping Scholars of Religion to Understand and Challenge Anti-Muslim Bigotry**

Friday, 8:00 AM–5:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Jefferson (Third Level)

Todd Green, Luther College, and Homayra Ziad, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Presiding

Panelists:

Zareena Grewal, Yale University

Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Tech University

Khalil Abdur Rashid, Harvard University

Josh Seftel, Director and Producer of *The Secret Lives of Muslims*

Simran Jeet Singh, Trinity University

Najeeba Syeed, Claremont School of Theology

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P17-6



Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Paper Session II: Biblical Studies and Paper Session III: Historical Studies**

Friday, 8:30 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Kevin Burrell, Burman University
Five Hundred Years of Reformation? What Luther's 95 Theses Did Not Change in Christendom

Matthew Lucio, Iowa-Missouri Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists
Luther and Loyola: Spiritual Crisis, Consolation, and Conversion

Nicholas Miller, Andrews University
Martin Luther to Martin Luther King, Jr.: Protestant Roots of Modern Civil Rights

Warren Trenchard, La Sierra University
Five Hundred Years of Reformation: Five Hundred Years of Sola Scriptura

Michael W. Campbell, Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies
The Perspicuity of Scripture, the Reformation, and Ellen G. White: Exploring the Meaning and Contours of "Plain Reading" for Seventh-day Adventism

Douglas F. Morgan, Washington Adventist University
After Babylon Falls: Adventist Identity and the Radical Reformation Impulse

Alan Parker, Southern Adventist University
Adventist Millennials' Perceptions of Traditional Evangelistic Presentations on the Antichrist

Business Meeting:

Tarsee Li, Oakwood University, Presiding

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Friday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

P17-107

North American Paul Tillich Society

Theme: **Creative Justice and Resistance**

Friday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Olmsted (Fifth Level)

P17-103

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting

Friday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Vermont (Fifth Level)

A17-113

Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting

Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Connecticut (Fifth Level)

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

A17-100

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

Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Rhode Island (Fifth Level)

Kathleen T. Talvacchia, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

A17-114

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting

Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Orleans (Fourth Level)

Nargis Virani, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

A17-104

International Connections Committee Meeting

Friday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Exeter A (Third Level)

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

A17-105



Theological Education Workshop

Theme: **Resisting Injustice in the Age of Trump**

Friday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-312 (Third Level)

Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver, Presiding, Presiding

See page 68 for details.

Panelists:

Jacqueline Lewis, Middle Collegiate Church and The Middle Project

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Marie Alford-Harkey, Religious Institute, Bridgeport, CT

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

A17-106

Comparative Hagiology Workshop

Theme: **Cross-cultural Approaches to Religious Life Writings**

Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University, Presiding

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A17-107/S17-103



THATCamp - The Humanities and Technology Camp AARSBL2017

Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

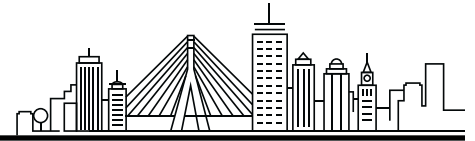
Hynes Convention Center-208 (Second Level)

Eric Smith, Iliff School of Theology, Michael Hemenway, Iliff School of Theology, and Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina, Presiding

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Especially for Students			



P17-104

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **Subjects**

Friday, 10:00 AM–11:50 AM

Fairmont Copley Place-State Suite A (Lower Lobby Level)

P17-105



International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies

Theme: **Mochizuki's Doctrinal History of Pure Land Buddhism in China**

Friday, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-103 (Plaza Level)

Kenneth Tanaka, Musashino University, Presiding

All too little known outside circles of specialists working on Japanese Buddhism, Shinko Mochizuki (1896–1948) is one of the pioneering giants of modern Buddhist studies. Mochizuki is perhaps best-known for the encyclopedia of Buddhism (*Bukkyō daijiten*, 1933, 10 vols.) that he edited, and which is still in print today. The work being featured in this panel discussion, *Pure Land Buddhism in China: A Doctrinal History* (tr. Leo Pruden, ed. Richard K. Payne and Natalie Quli; *Chūgoku Jōdo kyōrishi*, published in 1942), was based on a lengthy series of lectures he gave on the history, thought and practice of Pure Land Buddhism in China. The work remains a resource for Japanese Pure Land Buddhist scholarship, and has now been made available in English translation. In order to bring this publication up to date, the translation has been complemented by a second volume of four supplemental essays—a biographical study of Mochizuki (Daniel Getz), and bibliographical essays on scholarship since Mochizuki's publication in Chinese (Charles B. Jones), Japanese (Mark L. Blum), and English (Scott A. Mitchell). These four contributors will discuss the importance and value of Mochizuki's work, and its continuing relevance for Pure Land Buddhist studies.

Panelists:

- Daniel A. Getz, Bradley University
- Charles B. Jones, Catholic University of America
- Mark L. Blum, University of California, Berkeley
- Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies

P17-108

Polanyi Society

Theme: **Polanyian Perspectives: New Voices**

Friday, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Falmouth (Fourth Level)

Thomas Lynn, Cincinnati, OH
Biological Reductionism: Its Limitations, Its Liabilities: Recalling Michael Polanyi

Matthew Elmore, Duke University
Tacita Scientia: Reading Aquinas with Michael Polanyi

Martin Beddeleem, University of Montreal
Michael Polanyi: Pivotal Figure of Early Neoliberalism

A17-108

American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee Meeting

Friday, 10:30 AM–1:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon C (Third Level)

Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University, Presiding

A17-112



Museum of African American History, MLK Archive and Marsh Chapel Tour

Friday, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall CD in the Convention Center

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A17-109



Religion and Media Workshop

Theme: **Between Fake News and Natural Media**

Friday, 11:00 AM–6:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston, and Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

See page 69 for details.

Panelists:

- John Durham Peters, Yale University
- Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado
- Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

P17-106

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Business Session III**

Friday, 11:30 AM–12:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Tarsee Li, Oakwood University, Presiding

P17-109

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **How Learning Works: Research on Learning as a Resource for Teaching Theology and Religion**

Friday, 12:00 PM–5:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-107 (Plaza Level)

What if we designed courses and teaching activities in theology and religion based on how people actually learn? Recent advances in cognitive neuroscience, social psychology, and other areas of educational research provide exciting new clues into the processes by which learning takes place. But busy teachers often lack time to engage in extensive study of contemporary learning theory to inform their teaching. In this 5-hour workshop, participants will be introduced to a framework of seven principles of learning that research has shown can enhance learning in significant ways. Participants then will have the opportunity to work in-depth with one or more of these principles in relation to a course they teach. We will explore strategies for teaching; share expertise and provide feedback on learning-based teaching practices; and consider the particular, subject-specific implications such understandings of learning may have for the teaching of theology and religion.

We will begin with a buffet lunch at noon, and conclude with a reception for participants ending at 5:30. Participants will be asked to read, before the workshop, one chapter that will be provided by the Wabash Center. Space is limited. Pre-registration is required. Send an email to Beth Reffett, reffettb@wabash.edu. Registration deadline is November 1. For additional information, see: <http://wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/2017-pre-conference-workshop>.

Panelists:

- Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
- Joyce Ann Mercer, Yale University

A17-111



Museum of African American History, MLK Archive and Marsh Chapel Tour

Friday, 12:30 PM–5:30 PM

Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall CD in the Convention Center

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A17-110

Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Franklin (Fifth Level)

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University, Presiding

P17-242



North American Paul Tillich Society

Theme: **Book Review: *Prophetic Interruptions* by Bryan Wagoner**

Friday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Clarendon (Third Level)

Bryan Wagoner, Davis and Elkins College, Presiding

Responding:

- Ronald Stone, Carnegie Mellon University
- Russell Re Manning, Bath Spa University
- Christian Danz, Universität Wien

P17-230

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **Objects**

Friday, 1:00 PM–2:50 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-State Suite A (Lower Lobby Level)

P17-231

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting

Friday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Vermont (Fifth Level)

A17-200

Graduate Student Committee Meeting

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Bhakti Mamtara, University of Florida, Presiding

A17-210

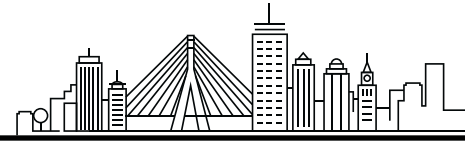
Regional Coordinators Meeting

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Orleans (Fourth Level)

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P17-232

Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship

Theme: **The Patristic Foundations of the Reformed-Orthodox Ecumenical Dialogue**

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-109 (Plaza Level)

Thomas A. Noble, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding

Building upon his book, *Thomas F. Torrance and the Church Fathers* (Wipf & Stock, 2014), Jason Radcliff’s paper will offer an introduction, critical assessment, and constructive extension of the Reformed-Orthodox Dialogue spearheaded by T. F. Torrance in the late 1980s. It will explore in particular how the Dialogue’s ecumenical use and creative interpretation of the Trinitarian and Christocentric theology of the Church Fathers has much to offer contemporary Trinitarian theology. For more information go to www.fttorrance.org.

1:00 PM - Business Meeting for all members

1:40 PM - Lecture

2:45 PM - Question and Answer

Panelists:

Jason Radcliff, University of Edinburgh

P17-241

Harvard Religious Literacy Project and American Academy of Religion

Theme: **FBI and Religion Scholars: Reflecting on the Past 25 Years**

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Offsite-Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Ave, Sperry Room, Andover Hall 116

Philip Heymann, Harvard University, Presiding

In the years following the 1993 confrontation between the FBI and a religious community called the Branch Davidians, religion scholars have occasionally offered the FBI advice regarding dissident religious groups who are less commonly well-understood and who come into conflict with law enforcement. The American Academy of Religion has served as an interlocutor for the Critical Incident Response Group and has also established a relationship with the FBI Academy through its National Academy. The mutual hope of religion scholars and the FBI officials with whom they have interacted has been that consultation might lead to better outcomes than occurred with the Branch Davidians. This panel will reflect on the interaction between religion scholars and law enforcement officials over the past 25 years and what may be learned from that experience to inform interaction going forward.

Welcoming remarks will be provided by Diane L. Moore, Director of the Religious Literacy Project, Harvard Divinity School. After the panelists speak, there will be time for the panel to respond to questions from the audience.

Panelists:

- Eileen Barker, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Michael Barkun, Syracuse University
- David T. Resch, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Robin Montgomery, Brookfield, CT
- Steven Weitzman, University of Pennsylvania
- Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College
- Gregory B. Saathoff, University of Virginia

Responding:

Nancy Ammerman, Boston University

P17-243

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Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit

Theme: **Womanist Consultation**

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-101 (Plaza Level)

A17-201



Brand You: Creating Your Own Brand for Academic Survival Workshop

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-108 (Plaza Level)

Paula L. McGee, Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding

See page 69 for details.

A17-202



Ethnography and Theology Workshop

Theme: **The Use of Ethnography for Theological Research**

Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-313 (Third Level)

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto, Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden Research Unit, Uppsala, Sweden, Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, and Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding

See page 70 for details.

Panelists:

- Angela Cowser, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology
- Karen Kilby, University of Durham
- Peter Ward, MF Norwegian School of Theology

A17-203



Academic Relations Committee Leadership Workshop

Theme: **Digital Media and Communications**

Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-309 (Third Level)

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee, and Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

See page 70 for details.

Panelists:

Jeremy Hughes, University of Tennessee

Responding:

- Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University
- Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
- Brian M. Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

A17-204



Teaching Religion and Disability Studies Workshop

Theme: **Engaging Curriculum and Pedagogy with Intersectionality and Communities**

Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-102 (Plaza Level)

Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University, Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Central Florida, and Raedorah Stewart, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding

See page 70 for details.

Panelists:

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

A17-205



Boston City Tour

Friday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall CD in the Convention Center

See page 9 for details.

P17-233

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Paper Session IV: Theological Studies**

Friday, 1:30 PM–3:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Zdravko Zack Plantak, Loma Linda University, Presiding

Adelina Alexe, Andrews Theological Seminary
Subjectivity in Hermeneutics: Moving beyond Misunderstanding, Misuse, and Abuse

Jason Hines, Adventist University of Health Sciences
The Question of Slavery and the Principle of Sola Scriptura

Richard Rice, Loma Linda University
Assurance and Its Aftermath: The Reformation and Divine Determinism

Charles Scriven, Adventist Forum
The World as Moral Responsibility: Calvin Light on Reading—and Misreading—the Bible

A17-206



Women's Caucus

Theme: **Gathering and Workshop on Resilience and Vulnerability in Transforming Lives and Scholarship**

Friday, 1:30 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-305 (Third Level)

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Come enjoy the camaraderie of the Women's Caucus and network with other scholars. Learn about the Women's Caucus and join in this workshop-style session as we engage the 2017 AAR conference theme, Religion and the Most Vulnerable with the Women's Caucus theme of Resilience. Come participate and join in this exciting conversation as we reflect on how we engage topics of vulnerability and resilience both in our scholarship and in our personal and professional lives. Share your ideas on how we might offer pathways towards resilience and care for the most vulnerable in our society within classroom settings and in our pedagogies in our endeavor to catalyze transformations in peoples lives and in our scholarship.

Panelists:

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary

P17-244

Polanyi Society Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, 1:30 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Boardroom (Third Level)

A17-207



The Public Scholars Project Workshop

Theme: **Practical Skills for the Public Scholar**

Friday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay D (Second Level)

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding and Benjamin Marcus, Newseum Institute Religious Freedom Centre, Washington DC, Presiding

Co-sponsored by the AAR Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion and the Newseum Institute Religious Freedom Center

See page 71 for details.

Liz Kineke, CBS Religion & Culture
How to Respond to Requests for Information from Journalists

Vanessa Zoltan, Harvard University
Learning How to Speak for Camera and Radio

Simran Jeet Singh, Trinity University
The Effective Use of Social Media

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Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary
Writing for the Internet

Evan Berry, American University
Bridging the Gap between Policy and Academic Research

P17-234

International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies

Theme: **Shinran in the Light of Heidegger and Levinas**

Friday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-103 (Plaza Level)

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, Presiding

This panel presents work in an ongoing project jointly sponsored by the Institute of Buddhist Studies and the Ryukoku University Research Center for World Buddhist Cultures. The project seeks to explore resources in recent continental philosophy for illuminating Shinran's Pure Land Buddhist path, focusing on the thought of Heidegger and Levinas. The panelists will present papers treating a variety of philosophical themes and issues that suggest resonances with aspects of Shinran's thought — such as non-willful comportment, attunement, and dwelling in the philosophy of Heidegger and conscience, incapacity, and the Other in Levinas. The expectation is that probing such resonances will both cast fresh light on the implications of current philosophical topics and further suggest paths toward developing cogent and compelling contemporary understandings of Shinran's thought.

Bret W. Davis, Loyola University, Maryland
Gelassenheit and the Entrusting Heart: Toward a Dialogue between Heidegger and Shinran

James Fredericks, Loyola Marymount University
Shinran and Attunement (Bestimmtheit)

Ryan Coyne, University of Chicago
"This Burning House": Heidegger, Shinran, and the Meaning of Licensed Evil

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University
On the Sources of Morality: Reading Shinran with Jankelevitch and Levinas

Leah Kalmanson, Drake University
The (Non-)Practice of Not-Directing-Merit: Levinas, Shinran, and the Impossibility of Doing Good

Dennis Hirota, Ryukoku University
Shinran and Heidegger on Dwelling

Responding:

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University

P17-235

International Bonhoeffer Society Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon F (Third Level)

P17-245



Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Theme: **The Legacy and Challenges of Raimon Panikkar**

Friday, 2:00 PM–7:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Massachusetts (Fifth Level)

Raimon Panikkar (1918–2010), a self-described Buddhist-Christian-Hindu, has been widely acknowledged as one of the most influential religious thinkers of the twentieth century. To celebrate Panikkar's legacy and examine his challenges for religious studies and theology, the Lutterworth Press (Cambridge, UK) is bringing out a volume, *Raimon Panikkar: A Companion*, edited by Peter C. Phan and Young-chan Ro, with fifteen essays on various aspects of Panikkar's thought.

At this session the participants will respond to other than one's own essays. The purpose of the session is for the contributors (and the audience) to learn more about Panikkar beyond the areas of one's own expertise. The session also includes other presenters than those contributors to the forthcoming book.

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles
Raimon Panikkar as a Christian Thinker: An Appreciation

Michiko Yusa, Western Washington University
Raimon Panikkar and the Silence of the Buddha

Jyri Komulainen, University of Helsinki
Panikkar the Dialogical Man: Religion and Religions

Abraham Velez de Cea, Eastern Kentucky University
Hermeneutics, Myth, Symbol, Religious Language

Young-chan Ro, George Mason University
Mysticism and Spirituality in Raimon Panikkar

Leo Lefebure, Georgetown University
Who's Is Playing with Whom? The Many Dwelling Places of Wisdom in the Theology of Raimon Panikkar

Anselm Min, Claremont Graduate University
The Trinity and the Cosmotheandric Vision: Reflections on Panikkar's Intercultural Theology

Roberta Cappellini, Florence, Italy
Gender and Sexuality in Raimon Panikkar's Vision

Fred Dallmayr, University of Notre Dame
Sacred Secularity and Prophetism: A Tension in Panikkar's Work?

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

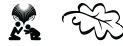
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
An Epilogue, After Panikkar

Erik Ranstrom, Rosemont College
Raimon Panikkar and the Contemplative Life: Lessons for a Spiritual Director in the Ignatian Tradition

Mark Banas, Georgia State University
Panikkar at the Movies: Examples of Myth and Logos in Film

Seungchul Kim, Nanzan University
Venture in the Forest: Reading and Translating Raimon Panikkar

A17-208



Religion and Ecology Workshop

Theme: **Integrating Ecology and Justice**

Friday, 2:30 PM–5:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-311 (Third Level)

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, and John A. Grim, Yale University, Presiding

See page 71 for details.

Panelists:

- Willie J. Jennings, Yale University
- Jace Weaver, University of Georgia
- Heup Young Kim, Korea Forum for Life and Science
- Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Graduate Theological Union
- Frederique Apffel- Marglin, Smith College
- Grove Harris, Temple of Understanding
- Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University
- Erin Lothes, College of Saint Elizabeth

P17-236

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Business Session IV**

Friday, 3:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Tarsee Li, Oakwood University, Presiding

P17-237

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **Scholars**

Friday, 3:00 PM–4:50 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-State Suite A (Lower Lobby Level)

P17-238

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: **Human Flourishing: Biblical, Theological and Philosophical Issues**

Friday, 3:00 PM–6:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Olmsted (Fifth Level)

Chris Armstrong, Wheaton College, Presiding

Marc Cortez, Wheaton College

How are the “Natural” and “Spiritual” Telos of the Human Person Interrelated: Biblical Contours on Flourishing

David Horner, Biola University

Human Flourishing in Ancient and Medieval Thought

Greg Forster, Trinity International University

Contested Visions of Flourishing: The Challenge of Pluralism

Responding:

Jay Wood, Wheaton College

A17-209



Teaching Hinduism Workshop

Theme: **Teaching Tales: Narrative and Pedagogy in the Hindu Studies Classroom**

Friday, 3:30 PM–6:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-207 (Second Level)

Arti Dhand, University of Toronto, Presiding

See page 71 for details.

Steven Lindquist, Southern Methodist University

Teaching Stories about Teaching Self: Upanishadic Narrative in the Classroom

Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

Teaching Hinduism with Mahābhārata Dialogues: Intertextuality and Thematic Continuity in Divine/Human Encounters

Vishwa Adluri, City University of New York

Re-imagining the Mahābhārata: A Report from the Kochi-Muziris Biennale

Joydeep Bagchee, University of Munich

Myth and History: Teaching Hinduism through Narratives

Elizabeth Mary Rohlman, University of Calgary

The Dynamic Canon of the Puranas and the Ethnography of the Classroom

Raj Balkaran, University of Toronto

How the Goddess Teaches Hinduism: Decoding Divergent Boons

Jeffrey Brackett, Ball State University

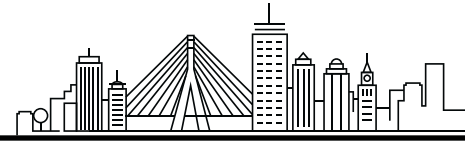
Translation, Transcreation, and Tukaram

Shana Sippy, Carleton College

Stories to Grow on: Shaping Hindu Subjects and Morals through Narrative Pedagogy in the Hindu Diaspora

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P17-239

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Sectional Meetings**

Friday, 3:30 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Martin Hanna, Andrews University
Christian Theology and History

Erhard Gallos, Andrews University
New Testament

Alden Thompson, Walla Walla University
Old Testament

Zane Yi, Loma Linda University, and Timothy Golden, Walla
Walla University
Philosophy and Ethics

Ernest Furness, Southeastern California Conference of Seventh-
Day Adventists
Practical Theology

Paul Dybdahl, Walla Walla University
World Religions/Missiology

P17-240

Karl Barth Society of North America

Theme: **Karl Barth and the Reformation**

Friday, 3:30 PM–6:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Michael J. Root, Catholic University of America
Barth, the Reformation, and Roman Catholic Theology Today

Christoph Schwöbel, University of Tübingen
Karl Barth and Martin Luther

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

P17-310

International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion

Theme: **The Importance of History and Psychology when Applying Theoretical Models in CSR: Bridging the Gap between Cognitive Historiography and Experimental Psychology**

Friday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Arnold Arboretum (Fifth Level)

In this session, scholars from different disciplines who teach the Cognitive Science of Religion discuss how they teach it and provide advice for others.

P17-311

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Theme: **What Buddhists and Christians Can Learn from Muslims**

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-New Hampshire (Fifth Level)

In the current climate, constructive interreligious dialogue with Islam is a critical task for both Buddhism and Christianity. In this panel, several different examples of either Buddhist or Christian engagement with Islam are described, including the positive outcomes of the engagement. Two Muslim scholars offer a response and suggestions for further dialogue.

Glenn Willis, Misericordia University
Tawhid and Surrender: Islamic Challenges for Buddhist Modernism

John Sheveland, Gonzaga University
Radicalization and Mercy: Christian Theological Learning from the Open Letter to al-Baghdadi

Kunihiko Terasawa, Wartburg College
A Buddhist Fascination with Islamic Mysticism: In Case of Toshibiko Izutsu 井筒俊彦 and Ibn Arabi

Responding:

Bahar Davary, University of San Diego

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

P17-312

Society of Christian Philosophers

Theme: **Neglected Conceptions of Faith**

Friday, 4:00 PM–7:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Adams (Seventh Level)

Andrew Chignell, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Teresa Morgan, Oxford University
Celsus, Origen, and the Evolutions of Faith

Dennis Lindsay, Northwest Christian University
"Moses' Faith" in Josephus and the New Testament

Dan McKaughan, Boston College, and Michael Pace, Chapman
University
Judeo-Christian Faith as Loyalty and Trust

Responding:

Daniel Howard-Snyder, Western Washington University

P17-315



Polanyi Society

Theme: **Polanyian Perspectives**

Friday, 4:00 PM–7:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Boston Common (Fifth Level)

Jon Fennell, Hillsdale University
Can Alasdair MacIntyre Relieve Grene's Polanyian Regret?

Charles Lowney, Hollins University
Should We Be Pluralists or Emergentists?

Esther Meek, Geneva College
Contact with Reality: Then and Now

There will be a business meeting at 6:45 PM.

A17-301

Religious Literacy College-Wide Project Planning Meeting

Friday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM
Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

A17-300

Department Chairs' and Program Coordinators' Reception

Friday, 5:30 PM–7:00 PM
Marriott Copley Place–AAR Suite

The Academic Relations Committee invites leaders in departments to a social gathering on the eve of the annual conference. Come join us: learn about the work of the Committee; suggest future program initiatives; and meet colleagues from across the country and around the world.

P17-314

Feminist Studies in Religion Boards Pre-Conference/Forum

Friday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM
Westin Copley Place–Helicon (Seventh Level)

A17-403

Status of LGBTIQ Persons, People with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and Women in the Profession Committees Joint Meeting

Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Hynes Convention Center-203
Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding

P17-410

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Theme: **Reform and Reformers in Hindu-Christian Perspective**
Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex Center (Third Level)

Reid Locklin, University of Toronto, Presiding

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's (1483–1546) Theses and the genesis of the Protestant Reformation in Europe. In commemoration of this event, this panel will explore the categories of "Reform" and "Reformers" in the context of Hindu-Christian Studies, by examining specific comparative cases in South Asia, from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries. The respondent will draw the case studies into conversation with one another and with key points of Luther's theology.

Jon Keune, Michigan State University
Religious Reformers as Agents of Social Change? A Comparative Historical View of Eknath's and Luther's Interpreters

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto
The Victorian Luther: How the British in India Reimagined the Reformation

Srilata Raman, University of Toronto
The Wandering Bottle Gourd Guru: Post-sectarian Reformations and Dalit Charisma in Nineteenth–Twentieth Century South India

Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College
B. R. Ambedkar and Hindu Reformations: Caste, Liberty, and Democracy

Responding:

Kristin Johnston Largen, Gettysburg Seminary

P17-412

Søren Kierkegaard Society Banquet

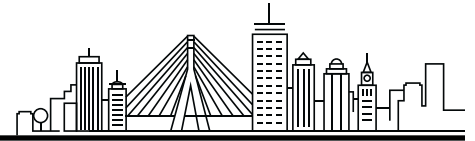
Friday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
Offsite–St. Botolph Club, 199 Commonwealth Ave

The cost is \$54, or \$65 with wine. For graduate students and recent PhDs seeking full-time employment, the cost is \$21, or \$27 with wine. Advance reservations are required. Please contact Carl Hughes (chughes@tlu.edu) with questions.

George Connell, Concordia College
Kierkegaard and the Spatial Turn

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P17-403

Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies

Theme: **You, Darkness From Which I Come: A Performance and Discussion of a Contemporary Musical Setting of New Translations of Rilke's Poems**

Friday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Offsite-Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street, Mary Lyon Hall Delvyn Case, Wheaton College, and Mark S. Burrows, Protestant University of Applied Sciences, Presiding

The musical portion will be performed by Margot Rood, soprano, and Brady Millican on the piano. This event is free and open to the public and will be followed by refreshments.

Responding:

Andrew Shenton, Boston University

A17-400



Film: *Yemanjá: Wisdom from the African Heart of Brazil*

Friday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Constitution (Second Level)

Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver, Presiding

Yemanjá: Wisdom from the African Heart of Brazil, is a documentary film that examines the indigenous values of the Afro-Brazilian religion Candomblé, through the voices of four elder spiritual mothers. Women are at the apex of leadership in many of the oldest and most traditional ritual communities in this tradition. *Yemanjá* centers their visions and wisdom as it explores intersections of African-based religious practice with issues of environmental ethics, racial justice, healing and religious tolerance in contemporary Brazil. The title, *Yemanjá*, honors the Yoruba/Brazilian Goddess of the oceans, the sacred mothering energy of Candomblé. Narrated by Pulitzer-prize winning author Alice Walker, the film explores the philosophical legacy of Africans enslaved in Brazil. *Yemanjá* powerfully compels viewers to reconsider relationships with the natural world and with each other as members of the human community. This film relates to the African Diaspora Religions unit's theme, "Medicine and Mothering in African Diaspora Religions."

Panelists:

Donna Roberts, Filmmaker

A17-401



Film: *Dawn of the Abyss: The Spiritual Birth of Swamiji*

Friday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Christian Hackbarth-Johnson, University of Salzburg, Presiding

The unique life of Henri Le Saux/Swami Abhishiktananda reveals the spiritual dynamism which lies in the encounter of Christianity with Hindu mysticism. Can this dynamism be brought into a film and speak to a public more than forty years after the depicted events? What is the legacy of Abhishiktananda for our time of globalization and new policies of national and religious identity? What can be the role of mysticism, whether monastic or not monastic, today? Watch the trailer for the film at <http://english.solarsproductions.com/>.

Panelists:

Sudhakshina Rangaswami, Fort Washington, PA

Catherine Cornille, Boston College

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles

Peter Kovach, Bethesda, MD

Nadya Pohran, University of Cambridge

Responding:

Fabrice Blée, Saint Paul University

A17-402



Film: *Get Out*

Friday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B (Second Level)

Get Out is a 2017 American horror film written, produced and directed by Jordan Peele. The film follows a young interracial couple who visit the mysterious estate of the woman's parents.

P17-411



Feminist Studies in Religion Boards Reception

Friday, 8:30 PM–10:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Helicon (Seventh Level)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

A18-1

Yoga Class

Saturday, 7:00 AM–8:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Empire (Seventh Level)

Join us for a 50-minute energizing and waking yoga class, appropriate to all levels of practitioners. Fun flow will incorporate the whole body — stretching into the legs, releasing tension in the shoulders, opening up the heart with some gentle back bending. All with a great playlist to get you ready for the day. Towels will be provided. Please wear comfortable clothing. The cost for yoga is \$25.

P18-5

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting

Saturday, 7:30 AM–8:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University, Presiding

A18-2



New Members' Breakfast and Annual Meeting Orientation

Saturday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Jack Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, and Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding

A18-3



Regional Officers' Breakfast

Saturday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Hynes Convention Center-301 (Third Level)

Elizabeth Hardcastle, American Academy of Religion, 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 AAR staff about AAR Board actions and deliberations and regional initiatives being undertaken by the AAR.

P18-6

Feminist Studies in Religion

Theme: **EFSR Board Meeting**

Saturday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Maine (Fifth Level)

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

P18-110

European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism

Theme: **Esotericism in Non-Western Cultures? Critical Assessment of Buddhist and Islamic Esotericism**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Fairmont Copley Place-Copley Room (Lobby Level)

P18-111

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Paper Session V: The Promise of Adventism**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Mindy Bielas, Claremont School of Theology

Stop Sacrificing our Daughters: An Analysis of Sexism in Adventist Education

Zdravko Zack Plantak, Loma Linda University

Does Adventism Inspire Young Adventists?

A18-100



Graduate Student Committee

Theme: **Religious Scholars as Humanitarians: Publications, Pedagogies, and the Protection of the Most Vulnerable**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Chase L. Way, Claremont Graduate University, and Bhakti Mamtara, University of Florida, Presiding

This panel debates the ethical obligations that scholars of religion owe to the most vulnerable members of global society, particularly in the wake of the 2016 US presidential election. Through a combination of presentations and workshop activities, it will provide a safe space in which junior and senior scholars can explore how they might develop their academic careers while simultaneously making meaningful contributions to the pursuit of social justice. The featured speakers of this panel work on a diverse range of topics at the nexus of humanitarian and scholarly work, including the advancement of non-human animal rights, the lived experience of Muslim feminists, and the creation of public humanities projects that weave together knowledge about faith, the environment, and social equality for educational purposes.

Brianne Donaldson, Rice University

Religious Studies and Ethical Curiosity: Class Projects That Reveal Unseen Stories in a Midwest Slaughterhouse Town

Nayawiyah Muhammad, Claremont Graduate University

The Women's Mosque of America and Social Justice in American Mosques

A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida

Sacred Waters, Contested Histories, and the Public Good in the American South

Responding:

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

A18-101



Anthropology of Religion Unit

Theme: **Vulnerability and Reciprocity in the Fieldwork Encounter**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

Gwendolyn Gillson, University of Iowa

Buddhist Ritual against Vulnerability: Japanese Women's Use of Pure Land Ritual to Create the Emotional Basis of Social Bonds

Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College

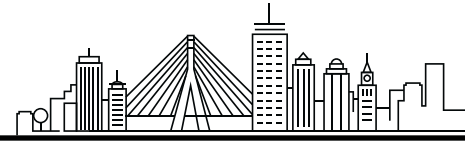
Ethnography Over Time: Vulnerable Subjects

James Edmonds, Arizona State University

Flipping the Ethnographic Gaze: Illuminating the Importance of Belief

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Jason Ellsworth, Dalhousie University
"Rolls of Love": Food Insecurity, Vulnerable Populations, and Buddhist Food Programs

Jessica Johnson, University of Washington
Vulnerabilities of Encounter: Religion, Ethnography, Affect

Responding:

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming

Business Meeting:

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, and James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

A18-102



Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Theopoetics and Poetic Religion**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Maverick B (Second Level)

Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

Regina Walton, Harvard University
What is Twenty-First Century Devotional Poetry? An Exploration in Three Parts

Caleb Murray, Brown University
Allen's Lamentation: Religion, Resistance, and the Poetics of Madness

Shawn Fawson, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Passionately Pursuing the Real: Conveying the Sacred through Contemporary Poetry

Heather R. Martin, Principia College
Jack Clemons' Theopoetics: A Call to Community from the Margins

Gloria Maité Hernández, West Chester University, Pennsylvania
Discalced Carmelite Theopoetics

Business Meeting:

Yolanda Pierce, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

A18-103



Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit

Theme: **Augustine on Exile and Migration**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-101 (Plaza Level)

Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa, Presiding

Sean Hannan, MacEwan University
Tempus Refugit: Reimagining Pilgrimage as Migrancy in Augustine's City of God

Kevin Grove, University of Notre Dame
Exercises in Wayfaring: Augustine's Expositions of the Psalms of Ascent as Communal Explorations of Exile and Migration

Joseph Lenow, University of Virginia
Interstitial Homiletics: Augustine's Sermon Dolbeau 26 in Postcolonial Perspective

Matthew Elia, Duke University
The Wanderer in Exile and the Fugitive Slave: Two Models of Citizenship for Augustinian Politics

Responding:

Sarah Stewart-Kroeker, University of Geneva

Business Meeting:

Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University, Presiding

A18-104



Black Theology Unit and Theology and Religious Reflections Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Josef Sorett's *Spirit in the Dark: A Religious History of Racial Aesthetics* (Oxford University Press, 2016)**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-111 (Plaza Level)

Adam Clark, Xavier University, Presiding

Panelists:

Ashon Crawley, University of California, Riverside

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Bryan Massingale, Marquette University

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Responding:

Josef Sorett, Columbia University

A18-105



Body and Religion Unit

Theme: **The Spatiality and Instrumentality of the Body**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place–Wellesley (Third Level)

George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Michael Raposa, Lehigh University
The Body as Instrument of Attention in Martial Spirituality

Matthew Robertson, Florida State University
Autophagous Bliss: The Obliteration of Spatiality in the Bodily Philosophies of Georges Bataille and the Taittiriya Upanishad

Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University
Discerning the Body: Spiritual Economy and Social Locations of Power in the Modern Conception of Race

K. Christine Pae, Denison University
Prostituted, Militarized, Racialized, and Colonized Bodies: U.S. Military Prostitution in South Korea as a Site of Spiritual Activism

Responding:

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago

Business Meeting:

George Pati, Valparaiso University, and Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University, Presiding

A18-106

Buddhism Unit

Theme: **Poetic Turns in Buddhist Literature**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place–Grand D (Fourth Level)

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, Presiding

Julie Regan, La Salle University

An Early Buddhist Theory of Poetics as a Path to Awakening

Sonam Kachru, University of Virginia

Of Poets, Their Lies, and the Savage Fruits Thereof: Four Brief Vignettes on the Imagination in Buddhism

Xi He, Appalachian State University

Buddhists and Sanskrit Prose Literature during the Early Centuries CE

Nancy Lin, Vanderbilt University

Promiscuous Bodies of Knowledge: Poetics at the Fifth Dalai Lama's Court

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

A18-107

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Embodiment, Place, and Landscape in Buddhist Traditions**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College, Presiding

Caleb Carter, Johns Hopkins University

Gendered Topographies in Medieval Japan: Faultlines in the Standard Narrative

Lindsey E DeWitt, Kyushu University

Rethinking the Religious Landscape of "No-Women-Allowed" Mt. Omine, Japan

Eric Huntington, Princeton University

Disembodied Images: Changing Views on the Materiality of Objects in Buddhism

Responding:

Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University

A18-108



Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit

Theme: **Race and the Genealogy of Genealogies**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place–MIT (Third Level)

Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Jason Josephson-Storm, Williams College

Foucault, Nietzsche, Genealogy, History, and Race

Terence Keel, University of California, Santa Barbara

A Tradition of Christian Peoplehood

Myrna Sheldon, Ohio University

The Biology of Biopower: Genealogy in the Cultural History of Religion

Sarah Dees, Northwestern University

American Scholars on Cultural and Religious Evolution

Business Meeting:

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto, and Elizabeth Ann

Pritchard, Bowdoin College, Presiding

A18-109



Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **A Review of *Celestial Masters: History and Ritual in Early Daoist Communities* (Harvard University Press, 2016)**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston–Fairfax B (Third Level)

Joshua Capitanio, Stanford University, Presiding

Panelists:

Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University

Franciscus Verellen, Ecole Francaise d'Extreme-Orient

Mark Csikszentmihalyi, University of California, Berkeley

James Robson, Harvard University

Gil Raz, Dartmouth College

Responding:

Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado

Business Meeting:

David Mozina, Boston College, and Elena Valussi, Loyola

University, Chicago, Presiding

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A18-110

Ecclesial Practices Unit and Practical Theology Unit

Theme: **What Is Theology: How, Why, and for Whom?**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Commonwealth (Third Level)

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding

Panelists:

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto

Karen Kilby, University of Durham

Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University

Daniel Franklin Pilario, Adamson University

A18-111

Ethics Unit

Theme: **Civic Virtues and Democratic Citizenship**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Adams A (Third Level)

Nichole Flores, University of Virginia, Presiding

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, Birmingham-Southern College

The Geopolitics of Virtue

Jesse Perillo, DePaul University

Redemption Requires Recognition: Attending Anger and Incivility

When a Product of Structural Injustice

Joe Pettit, Morgan State University

In Praise of the Boring Political Virtues

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University

Defying the Status Quo: Humility, Hope, and Courage as Necessary for Civic Virtue of Justice

Rosemary Kellison, University of West Georgia

Empathy and the Politics of Virtue

A18-113



Hinduism Unit and Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Reconstructing Authority: Female Gurus Today**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Nancy M. Martin, Chapman University, Presiding

Karen Pechilis, Drew University

The Backstory of Today's Female Gurus as "Mother"

Cora Gaebel, University of Cologne

From the Hearth to the World: Female Gurus at the Kumbh Mela

István Keul, University of Bergen

The Parsi Guru: Female Leadership in a Transreligious Movement in Mumbai

Antoinette E. DeNapoli, University of Wyoming

A Female Shankaracarya? The Feminism and Alternative Religious

Leadership of a Female Guru in a North Indian Pilgrimage Town

Responding:

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside

Business Meeting:

Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College, and Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

A18-114



Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit

Theme: **The Art of Commentary**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-209 (Second Level)

Maria Heim, Amherst College, Presiding

John Makeham, La Trobe University

Strategies Adopted in Commentaries on the Analects

Mark L. Blum, University of California, Berkeley

What's in a Name? Making Sense of Buddhist Commentary Rubrics in East Asia

Alexander Hsu, University of Chicago

Anthology as Commentary: Management and Manipulation of Paper Dharma through Medieval Chinese Buddhist Leishu

Richard Nance, Indiana University

Burdened Donkeys, Unfinished Paintings, and Thieves in the Night: Vasubandhu on the Challenges of Commentary

David Buchta, Brown University

God and Her Grammarian: Grammatical Justifications in Śantanu's Commentary on the Durgāsaptasāti

Michael Allen, University of Virginia

The Art of Sub-sub-commentary: Prakāsātman on the Nature of Ignorance

Business Meeting:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, Presiding

A18-115 – Pre-Posted Papers Session #aarigw

Islam, Gender, Women Unit

Theme: **Research Methodologies in the Study of Gender, Women, and Islam**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Riverway (Fifth Level)

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Each table at this session will draw on one of five pre-circulated papers on a diverse array of periods, places, and topics as a starting point for a discussion of research methodologies in the study of gender, women, and feminism in relation to Islam and Muslims.

Each table will bring together the author, a facilitator, and interested readers. A broader discussion among all participants will finish the session. Attendees should choose and sign up for one of the five tables in advance and read the paper for discussion at that table prior to the session (accessible through the AAR website). Please contact Aysha Hidayatullah at ahidayatullah@usfca.edu to obtain access to the sign-up web form.

Anna Piela, Leeds Trinity University

Videoconferencing as a Tool Facilitating Feminist Interviews with Muslim Women Who Wear the Niqab

Andrea Stanton, University of Denver, Facilitator

Sa'diyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town

Feminism, Epistemology, and Experience: Critically (En)gendering the Study of Islam

Homayra Ziad, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Facilitator

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University

Second Generation Muslim Women Growing Up In Canada: Creating and Sustaining a Religious Identity

Zaid Adhami, Williams College, Facilitator

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College

Gendered Metaphysics and Power of the (Hu)man's Soul in Islamic Ethics

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Facilitator

Fareen Parvez, University of Massachusetts

Politicizing Islam: The Islamic Revival in France and India

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College, Facilitator

Responding:

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College

Business Meeting:

Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University, and Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco, Presiding

A18-116

Jain Studies Unit

Theme: **Region and Identity in the Study of Jains**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-St. Botolph (Second Level)

Lisa Owen, University of North Texas, Presiding

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, and Caroline Starkey, University of Leeds

Building Jainism in Britain: Diversification and Change among Contemporary Jain Communities

Anja Pogacnik, University of Edinburgh

Religious Change in Diasporic Jainism: Young Leicester Jains and Their Conceptualisation of Socio-geographical and Inter-generational Religious Change

Aleksandra Gordeeva, Yale University

Anahilavād, and Kharatara Gaccha Views on Drama: Reflection of the City Life in Literary Works

Gregory Clines, Harvard University

The Multiple Regions and Multiple Languages of Early Modern Digambara Literature

Responding:

Ellen Gough, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Lisa Owen, University of North Texas, and Steven Vose, Florida International University, Presiding

A18-117

Liberation Theologies Unit

Theme: **Liberating Identities**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-310 (Third Level)

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, Presiding

Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology

The Cross, Criminality, and the Carceral State: A Liberation Theology of Lockdown America

Katie Grimes, Villanova University

Blackness, Class, and Race

Samaneh Oladi, Virginia Commonwealth University

Women's Sacred Activism: Between Modernity and Tradition

Alexander Abbasi, University of Johannesburg

Beyond Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: A Decolonial Critique of Postcolonial Muslim Ontology

Jorge Rodriguez, Union Theological Seminary

The Neoliberal Co-optation of "Identity Politics": Geopolitical Situatedness as a Decolonial Alternative

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Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
Beyond "Identity" vs. "Class": Strategic Classism Built from Insights of New Working Class Studies and Fraser's Critical Theory

Business Meeting:

Hannah Hofheinz, Ecumenical Theological Seminary, Presiding

A18-118



Mysticism Unit

Theme: **Definitions on the Edge**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Berkeley (Third Level)

Jason N. Blum, Davidson College, Presiding

Christine Libby, Indiana University
Mystic Assemblages and the Translation of Affect

Gary Gardiner, University of the West Indies, Open Campus
Restoring the Mystery in Mysticism

Anthony Dupont, University of Leuven
Augustine of Hippo's Personal Experience and Theoretical Understanding of Mysticism

Evan Goldstein, Union Theological Seminary
"Mysticism," Judaism, and Orientalism in Graetz and Scholem

Joel Harrison, Northwestern University
Mysticism between Normativity and History: A Reconsideration of Ernst Troeltsch's Mystic Type

Business Meeting:

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida, and Jason N. Blum, Davidson College, Presiding

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New Religious Movements Unit

Theme: **Sex, Scandal, and Extremism: Marginalizing New American Religions**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Public Garden (Fifth Level)

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University, Presiding

Joshua Paddison, Texas State University
Dangerous Celibacy: The Fountaingrove Sex Scandal of 1891-1892

Evelyn Sterne, University of Rhode Island
"Heaven on Earth" or "Harem Heaven"? Delegitimizing Michigan's House of David

James B. Bennett, Santa Clara University
For Faith, Family, and the Future of America: The Rise of the Modern Anticult Movement and Religious Intolerance in the 1970s

Responding:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Business Meeting:

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, and Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University, Presiding

A18-120

Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **The Political Worlds of Hannah Arendt**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Northeastern (Third Level)

Oona Eisenstadt, Pomona College, Presiding

David Grumett, University of Edinburgh
Love for the World in Hannah Arendt's Augustinian Political Philosophy

Johnathan Kelly, Boston University
Arendt's Theodicy of the Banality of Evil

Timothy Stanley, University of Newcastle, Australia
Supplementing Arendt

Elijah Prewitt-Davis, Drew University
Alienation and Lost Belief: Arendt and Deleuze on the World

Responding:

Anna Bialek, Washington University, St. Louis

A18-121/S18-134



Queer Studies in Religion Unit and SBL LBGTI/Queer Hermeneutics Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: The Relevance of Lee Edelman's Work for the Study of Religion, Theology, and Sacred Texts**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Constitution (Second Level)

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Panelists:

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Rhiannon Graybill, Rhodes College

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

Justin Crisp, Yale University

Erin Runions, Pomona College

Linn Tonstad, Yale University

Responding:

Lee Edelman, Tufts University

Business Meeting:

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding

A18-122



Religion and Disability Studies Unit

Theme: **Disability: Growing Up, Growing Old, Cute, Mad, and Incarcerated**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-102 (Plaza Level)

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College, Presiding

Valerie Michaelson, Queen's University, Kingston, and John Swinton, University of Aberdeen
Spiritual Health, Disability, and Church Involvement of Canadian Children: A Quantitative Study

Courtney Wilder, Midland University
Spoonies, #Disabled and Cute, and Crippling the Vote: Audre Lorde, Paul Tillich, and Religious Activity on Twitter

Richard Saville-Smith, University of Edinburgh
Acute Religious Experiences — Disability or What?

Michael Mawson, University of Aberdeen
Disability and the Limits of Life: Insights from Disability Theology for Approaching Aging

Bruce Stevens, Charles Sturt University
Old Behind Bars: A Systematic Review with Theological Implications

Business Meeting:

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College, and Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, Presiding

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Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Identity and Community in Religion and Ecology**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

Evan Berry, American University, Presiding

Amanda Baugh, California State University, Northridge
Reading Laudato Si with Catholics Who Deny Climate Change

Jason Brown, University of British Columbia
Dwelling in the Wilderness: The Embodied Semiotics of Catholic Monks in the American West

Stephen Meawad, Duquesne University
The Wholeness of Living Ecologically: The Development of a Coptic Orthodox Politeia and Its Contribution to Ecological Ethics

Rose Caraway, Iowa State University
If We Are the Problem Then We Are the Solution: Religion and Resilience in Contemporary Cuba

Robin Veldman, Iowa State University

"Global Warming Alarmists Remove Our Motivation to Thank God for His Gifts of Cheap, Abundant Energy Resources": How Leaders in the Christian Right Used Evangelical Mass Media to Promote Climate Skepticism

A18-124

Religion and Humanism Unit and Ricoeur Unit

Theme: **National Formations of Narrative Identities**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Richard A. Rosengarten, University of Chicago
Revisiting Oneself as Another: Reprise, or Revise?

Claire Taylor Jones, University of Notre Dame
Memory in Iron: The Teutonic Knights and National Identity in Eastern Europe

Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa
The Narratives of Black Folk

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University
Narrative Identity and National Nostalgia

Verna Marina Ehret, Mercyhurst University
Public Discourse as Performative Narrative of Reconciliation

A18-125

Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **From White Nationalism to Civil Religion: Religion's Role in Nationalist Language**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-311 (Third Level)

Alex Matthews, University of Chicago, Presiding

Kevan Feshami, University of Colorado
Wiederkehr der Ahnen: Paganism, Black Metal, and the Anti-Christian and Anti-capitalist Roots of the White Genocide Myth

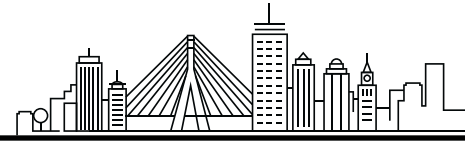
Cynthia Bishop Jonas, University of Colorado
American Civil Religion in the Courts of the Conqueror

D. Ashley Campbell, University of Colorado
Speaking of Hope and Change: The Civil-Religious Rhetoric of Trump and Obama

Yukai Chen, University of Colorado
The Spring Gala: Rituals and Symbols of Civil Religion in China

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Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Responses to Muslim Superheroes: Comics, Islam, and Representation**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Republic A (Second Level)

Scott Gardner, Hartford Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Elizabeth Coody, Iliff School of Theology

Beth Davies-Stofka, Colorado Community Colleges Online

Mohamed S. Hassan, Temple University

Constance Kassor, Lawrence University

Aaron Ricker, McGill University

Responding:

A. David Lewis, MCPHS University

A18-127



Religion and Sexuality Unit

Theme: **Reproducing Justice: Exposing Whiteness, Sovereign Rape, Phallogocentrism, and Sexuality Education as Tools of Racist Reproductive Control**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-203 (Second Level)

Shelley Dennis, Drew University, Presiding

Minenhle Nomalungelo Khumalo, Drew University
Hagar, Sarah, and Their By-products of Patriarchy: A Marxist, Afro-futurist Exploration of Reproductive Justice

Max Thornton, Drew University
Repetition and Procreation: Theology and the Reproduction of Whiteness

Ylisse Bess, Boston University
The White Vote: On Abortion Access for African-American Adolescent Women

Lisa Gasson-Gardner, Drew University
Contra the Sovereign Rape Exception: Towards a Political Theology of Reproductive Justice

Responding:

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

Kate Ott, Drew University

Business Meeting:

Jennifer S. Leath, Iliff School of Theology, and Nina Hoel, University of Oslo, Presiding

A18-128



Religion in Europe Unit

Theme: **Under the Surface of Current Debates: Islam Negotiating with European Culture**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-The Fens (Fifth Level)

Elissa Cutter, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Carol Ferrara, Boston University
The Making of a Common Enemy: Interreligious Consensus Amidst Secular Pluralism in France

Stephanie Frank, Columbia College, Chicago
The Niqab Ban in France: Unveiling the Durkheimian Model of Religion at Work

David Bos, University of Amsterdam
Homosexuality and Islam in Dutch Public Discourse Since the 1960s

Spencer Dew, Centenary College of Louisiana
The Purloined Church: Ahmadiyya Negotiations of Danish Conceptions of Religion

Business Meeting:

Elissa Cutter, Loyola Marymount University, and Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Groningen, Presiding

A18-129 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit

Theme: **State of the Field: Past, Present, and Future of the Studies of Religions, Medicines, and Healing**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of Southern California, Presiding

Panelists:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

C. Pierce Salguero, Abington College

Ofelia Villero, Graduate Theological Union

Responding:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University School of Medicine

Business Meeting:

Emily Wu, Dominican University, California, Presiding

A18-130



Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit

Theme: **Colombia Emerging: Aspirations of the New in a Time of Post-peace Accord**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Berkeley (Third Level)

Ian Brown, University of Toronto, Presiding

Rebecca Bartel, University of Toronto

The Promise of a New Colombia: Miracles, Morality, and the Yet to Be

Janna Hunter-Bowman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
The State in Post-accord Colombia: New Accounting for a Political Theology of Peace

Sarah MacDonald, Emory University

Transformation without Saviors: Lessons from Faith-Based Solidarity Activism in Colombia

Responding:

Kimberly Theidon, Tufts University

Business Meeting:

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame, and Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

A18-131



Sikh Studies Unit

Theme: **Sikh Scholar-Activists on Vulnerabilities**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-309 (Third Level)

Pashaura Singh, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Panelists:

Simran Jeet Singh, Trinity University

Sapreet Kaur, Sikh Coalition

Tejkaran Kaur Bains, United Sikhs, New York, NY

John Cibotti, Florida International University

Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University

Business Meeting:

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding

A18-132



Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Negotiating Diversity through Urban Landscapes: Civic Space, Religious Identity, and Social Status**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay A (Second Level)

Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter's University, Presiding

Kelsey Moss, Princeton University

Cidades de Deus no Brasil Colonial: Religion and Race in the Space and Place of Colonial Salvador da Bahia

Richard Gale, Cardiff University, and Andrew Rogers, University of Roehampton

Accommodating Practices? Urban Planning, Post-migrant Faith Groups, and the Spatial Politics of Belonging in the UK

Claire Dwyer, University College, London, Nazneen Ahmed, University College, London, and David Gilbert, University of London

Performing Religion in Suburbia: Negotiations in Public Space

Enoch Gbadegesin, Obafemi Awolowo University

Secularizing the City of 201 Gods: Oṣṣi of Ife and the Transformation of Sacred Spaces in Ilé-Ife of Southwestern Nigeria

Responding:

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University, and David Bains, Samford University, Presiding

A18-133



Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: **Teaching about Religion as Anti-Racism Education**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Sajida Jalalzai, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

Panelists:

Richard Newton, Elizabethtown College

Martha Roberts, University of the South

Christine Hong, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life, Austin, TX

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Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Memorializing “Mourning and Melancholia”**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place–Arlington (Third Level)

Travis Stevens, Harvard University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Eleanor Craig, Harvard University
- Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University
- Dana Luciano, Georgetown University
- Kalpana Seshadri, Boston College
- Kris Trujillo, University of California, Berkeley
- Antonio Viego, Duke University

A18-135



Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit

Theme: **New Research on Ritual, Politics, and Possession in Himalayan Religions**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-201 (Second Level)

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, Presiding

- Ian MacCormack, Harvard University
Figuring the Divine: Kāvya in Tibetan Political Writing
- William Dewey, University of California, Santa Barbara
Geluk Sectarianism and the Tibetan Regency
- Christopher Bell, Stetson University
Standardizing the Oracles: Spirit Possession in the Tibetan Monkey Year Festival
- Katarina Turpeinen, University of Virginia
Soteriology and Shamanism in the Case of a Tibetan Oracle
- Natasha Mikles, University of Virginia
“When is a Hat a Mountain?” Ritual’s Role in Constructing the Object of Vision

Business Meeting:

Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College, Presiding

A18-136



World Christianity Unit

Theme: **The Protestant Reformation in World Christianity: Global Perspectives**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-208 (Second Level)

Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Joel Cruz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Spaniards in the Americas: Las Casas among the Reformers
- Rebecca Gisellebrecht, University of Zurich, Fuller Theological Seminary
Women from Then to Now: A Commitment to Mutuality and Literacy
- David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary
The Global South: The Synod of Dort on Baptizing “Ethnics”

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University

The Protestant Reformations in Asia: A Blessing or a Curse?

Responding:

Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Business Meeting:

Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University, and Corey Williams, Leiden University, Presiding

A18-137 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



Material Islam Seminar

Theme: **Islamic Books in Manuscript, a Material Analysis**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place–St. George A-B (Third Level)

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding

- Asma Hilali, Institute of Ismaili Studies
The Sanaa Palimpsest and the Early Transmission of the Qur’an
- Jonathan E. Brockopp, Pennsylvania State University
The Earliest Arabic Manuscripts and the Rise of Book Culture among the “Ulamā”
- Ali Karjoo–Ravary, University of Pennsylvania
Adorning the King of Islam: The Materiality of a Fourteenth-Century Persian Chronicle
- Walid Saleh, University of Toronto
Tafsīr Manuscripts in Istanbul: Preliminary Remarks

Responding:

Sheila Blair, Boston College

Business Meeting:

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding

A18-138



Political Theology Seminar

Theme: **Resisting: Political Theology**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-306 (Third Level)

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

Panelists:

- William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University
- Philip Gorski, Yale University
- Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago
- Pamela Lightsey, Boston University
- Anna Rowlands, Durham University

Responding:

Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion

Business Meeting:

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, and Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion

A18-139

Religious Literacy College-Wide Project

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-207 (Second Level)

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Diane L. Moore, Harvard University, and Steve Herrick, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Many college students do not take even an introductory course in religion, and their exposure to religion elsewhere in curricula may be haphazard. To position colleges to be better at graduating religiously literate students, the AAR is developing guidelines for colleges to draw upon in identifying the religion-related knowledge and skills that all associate's and bachelor's degree students ought to gain prior to graduation. The initiative is funded by a grant from the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation. This seminar session is the second of several annual ones to discuss what those guidelines should be and how they should be promoted. This session will discuss a draft of the guidelines, which will be available in advance of the session at the AAR website. Regardless of whether one attended last year's session, any Annual Meeting registrant is welcome to attend this year's session. (So that participants' feedback can be fully retained, the session may be audio-recorded. But the recording will only be shared only with the drafting group, and you may opt to have your remarks excluded.)

Panelists:

- Cherie Hughes, Tulsa Community College
- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Eugene Y. Lowe, Northwestern University
- Margaret Lowe, Bridgewater State University
- Brian K. Pennington, Elon University
- Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa

A18-140 – Pre-Posted Papers Session *New!*

Transnational Religious Expression: Between Asia and North America Seminar

Theme: **Theory and Method in the Study of Transnational Religious Expression**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon F (Third Level)

Lucas Carmichael, University of Chicago, Presiding

Lawrence Whitney, Boston University
Protestantization and Confucianism: The Case of Boston Confucianism 2.0

Anandi Salinas, Emory University
Lived Transnational Religion: Reflections on an Ethnography of Gaudiya Vaishnava Practices in the Southeastern US

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha
Asian American Muslim Cinema: A Theoretical Preface

Minjung Noh, Temple University
Salvation, Salvage, and the Fashioning of Care in the Haitian Religious Field: A Case Study of Korean American Protestant Women Missionaries in Haiti

Torang Asadi, Duke University
Transmateriality: Iranian-American Alternative Healing Practices

Responding:

Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Business Meeting:

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado, Presiding

A18-141

Video Gaming and Religion Seminar

Theme: **New Voices In the Study of Religion and Video Games**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Vineyard (Fourth Level)

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen, Presiding

Vit Sisler, Charles University, and Josef Slerka, Charles University
Communion Reloaded: Social Network Analysis of Religion and Gaming

John Borchert, Syracuse University
No-Death: Posthuman Living through Ritualized Game Death

Jonathan A. Seitz, Taiwan Theological Seminary
The Temple is a Dojo, the Church is a Gym: Gaming, Walking, and Worshiping with Pokémon Go in Taipei, Taiwan

Benjamin Chicka, Claremont Graduate University
Nontraditional Video Games and the Other

Business Meeting:

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

A18-142

Women's Caucus

Theme: **Rethinking Resistance and Resilience**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM
















Hynes Convention Center-305 (Third Level)

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding

Susan Willhauck, Atlantic School of Theology
Female Child Soldiers and Christian Feminist Resistance and Resilience

Michael Karlberg, Western Washington University
Constructive Resilience and Feminist Theories of Power

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Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton, WI
Pussy Hats and Anatomical Signage: Ritualizing and Resistance at the Women's March on Washington D.C.

Robert Drake, Princeton Theological Seminary, and David Smith,
Princeton Theological Seminary
Reinhold Niebuhr and the Queer Ethic of Pride

Responding:

Julia Berger, University of Kent

A18-148



Public Understanding of Religion Committee and the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting

Theme: **AAR Journalism Award Session: Journalists Discuss the Challenges of Covering Religions**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Provincetown (Fourth Level)

Ayesha S. Chaudhry, University of British Columbia, Presiding

The three winners of this year's AAR Journalism Awards will join two other acclaimed journalists to share their insights and experiences in their years covering religion. Their writing examines religions in a wide array of settings, from the classroom to the battlefield, the refugee camp to the prosperity gospel church. The 2017 AAR Journalism Awards will also be presented in a short ceremony.



Ariel Sabar

Ariel Sabar is the winner of the 2017 American Academy of Religion Award for Best In-Depth Newswriting on Religion for his newswriting on the Jesus's Wife papyrus and academic research and politics involving historical Jesus. He has published in the *Atlantic*, *Boston Globe*, *Harper's*, *Mother Jones*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *This American Life*. He is the author of *My Father's Paradise: A Son's Search for his Jewish Past in Kurdish Iraq*, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award.

Rachel Zoll placed second in the contest for the 2017 AAR Award for Best In-Depth Newswriting on Religion for her newswriting on a renewed black separatist message from Louis Farrakhan; U.S. evangelicals feeling alienated and anxious; and neighboring Baptist churches in Georgia, with congregations split along racial lines. She is national religion reporter for the Associated Press and holds a master's degree in international affairs from Columbia University.



Rachel Zoll



Ruth Graham

Ruth Graham placed third in the contest for the 2017 AAR Award for Best In-Depth Newswriting on Religion. Her article on former Wheaton professor Larycia Hawkins, who wore a hijab as a gesture of support for Muslims, has especially drawn praise. Graham has written for *Al Jazeera America*, *The Atlantic*, *New York Times Magazine*, *Slate*, and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Nick Shindo Street is Senior Writer at the Center for Religion and Civic Culture, at the University of Southern California. He has written for the *Washington Post*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Al Jazeera America*. He is the former religion editor at Routledge and John Knox press and a contributing editor for LGBT issues at Religion Dispatches. He has received a grant from the Pulitzer Center for his journalism on left-wing Muslims in Europe. He holds an MTS in journalism from USC and an MTS in theology from Emory University.

Alice Su's journalism focuses on refugees, religion, migration, China, and the Middle East. Her work has appeared in the *Atlantic*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Foreign Policy*, *Guardian*, *Harper's*, *New York Times*, *New Yorker*, *Washington Post*, *Wired*, and *Al Jazeera*. She has been a four-time recipient of grants from the Pulitzer Center, and she holds a master's degree in Chinese Politics and International Relations from Yenching Academy of Peking University and an A.B. in Near Eastern Studies from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

Panelists:

Ruth Graham, *Slate*

Ariel Sabar, *The Atlantic*

Nick Street, University of Southern California

Alice Su, Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting

Rachel Zoll, Associated Press

A18-149

Nominations Committee Meeting

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-301 (Third Level)

A18-150

Applied Religious Studies Committee Meeting

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-105 (Plaza Level)

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard Law School, Presiding

P18-112



Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Theme: **Ashrams in Space: Multiplying Sites, Mobilizing Methods**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Staffordshire (Third Level)

Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College, Presiding

Nadya Pohran, University of Cambridge

Indian Christian Ashrams as the "Kingdom of God"

Claire Robison, Lewis and Clark College

Reflections of the Secular Cityscape in a Rural Religious Ashram:

Urban Aspirations in a Vaisnava Ecovillage

Kerry San Chirico, Villanova University

One Catholic Ashram as "Abundant Space" and Index of Contemporary India

Srivastava Shivam, University of Salzburg

Bettina Bäumer's Samvidālaya: Abhinavagupta Research Library in

Varanasi as a Meeting Place of Scholars and Spiritual Seekers

Responding:

Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College

Business Meeting:

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University, Presiding

P18-113

Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **Girard's Legacy: Continuing the Conversation**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Defender (Seventh Level)

Brian Robinette, Boston College, Presiding

Stewart Clem, University of Notre Dame
Nonviolent Grammar of Sacrifice

Anthony William Bartlett, Syracuse, NY
Between Girard and Heidegger: A New Ontology

Chris Haw, University of Notre Dame
Girard at Intersection of Analogy and Dialectic

P18-114

North American Association for the Study of Religion and SBL Greco-Roman Religions Section

Theme: **Theorizing Ancient Theories of Religion**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Fairmont Copley Place-State Suite A (Lower Lobby Level)

P18-115

Society for Comparative Research on Iconographic and Performative Texts

Theme: **Miniature Scriptures**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Dalton (Third Level)

Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University, Presiding

James W. Watts, Syracuse University
Ritualizing the Size of Books

Yohan Yoo, Seoul National University, and Woncheol Yun, Seoul National University
Sutras Working in Buddha's Belly and Buddhists' Pockets: Iconic and Performative Miniature Sutras in Korean Buddhism

Jon Skarpeid, University of Stavanger
Wars and Weddings: The Ideologies of Miniature Bhagavad Gitas with a Focus on Gender

Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University
Small Things of Greatest Consequence: Miniature Bibles in America

Responding:

Kim Haines-Eitzen, Cornell University

P18-116

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality

Theme: **Presidential Address and Annual Meeting**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-St. George C-D (Third Level)

Bernadette Flanagan, Spirituality Institute for Research and Education, Dublin, Ireland, Presiding

9:00 AM–10:15 AM - 2017 Presidential Address

Pieter G. R. De Villiers, University of the Free State
"Beauty" in the Book of Revelation: On Biblical Spirituality and Aesthetics

10:30 AM–11:30 AM - Annual Meeting

All are welcome. For more information on the Society and its events, please visit <https://sscs.press.jhu.edu/> or contact Anita Houck, Secretary, at ahouck@saintmarys.edu.

P18-121



Niebuhr Society

Theme: **The Virtue of Reinhold Niebuhr**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Northstar (Seventh Level)

Kevin Carnahan, Central Methodist University, Presiding

Robin W. Lovin, Southern Methodist University
Niebuhr and the Virtue of Love

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia
Niebuhr on the Ironies of Virtue and the Virtue of Irony

K. Healan Gaston, Harvard University
Niebuhr and Humility

Christopher Dowdy, Paul Quinn College
Niebuhr, Contrition, and Race

The Niebuhr Society business meeting will follow.

P18-122

North American Paul Tillich Society

Theme: **Tillich and Reformation Heritage**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Brandeis (Third Level)

Christian Danz, Universität Wien
Critique and Forming: Paul Tillich's Interpretation of Protestantism

Tyler Atkinson, Bethany College
Power Plays in the Political Thought of Tillich and Luther

Jan-Olav Henriksen, MF Norwegian School of Theology
Tillich and the Reformation

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Søren Kierkegaard Society

Theme: **Kierkegaard's Attack on Christendom: Then and Now**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Helicon (Seventh Level)

Mark McCreary, Kirkwood Community College, Presiding

Jason A. Mahn, Augustana College
Post-Christendom or Neo-Christendom?: A Kierkegaardian Assessment of Christian Privilege in Contemporary U.S. Culture and Politics

Mark Tietjen, Stony Brook School
The Scope of Kierkegaard's Attack

Responding:

Heather C. Ohaneson, George Fox University

P18-148

Society for Pentecostal Studies

Theme: **Pentecostal Readings in the Hebrew Bible**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon G (Third Level)

Van Johnson, Tyndale University, Presiding

David Hymes, Northwest University
Reception-History of the Book of Numbers within the Early Pentecostal Tradition

Meghan Musy, McMaster Divinity College
A Pentecostal Reading of Psalm 28: Praying through and Being Heard

Lee Roy Martin, Pentecostal Theological Seminary
Psalm 150 and Pentecostal Spirituality

P18-117

Karl Barth Society of North America

Theme: **"Keep Yourself to the Left" - Barth's Political Vision Today**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Independence B (Fourth Level)

Keith Johnson, Wheaton College
Barth's Politics of Hope: Human Dignity in the Midst of Horrors

Raymond Carr, Pepperdine University
Barth, Cone, and the Prison Industrial Complex

Gillian C Breckenridge, University of Virginia
Karl Barth and Michel Foucault on the Power/Knowledge of Sin and the Task of Theology

W. Travis McMaken, Lindenwood University
Helmut Gollwitzer: Forgotten Left-Wing Barthian

Responding:

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary

P18-118



Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Theme: **Uses and Misuses of Anger in Buddhism and Christianity**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-New Hampshire (Fifth Level)

The role of anger in both Buddhism and Christianity is complex and multivalent. Both religions teach the need to combat anger and its destructive consequences, particularly the way it fractures relationships. However, at the same time, anger can be a powerful tool for advocacy and action, particularly for the sake of justice. In this session, different aspects of anger are explored, with an eye both to anger's constructive role and also to its dangers.

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia
Claude AnShin Thomas: Pausing at Hell's Gate and Undoing Anger

Thomas Cattoi, Santa Clara University and Graduate Theological Union
Searching for Holy Anger: Voices from the Philokalia and the Tibetan Buddhist Tradition

Lama Rod Owens, Dharma Boston Sangha
The Wrathful Guru: Exploring the Vajrayana Understanding of Anger

Carol S. Anderson, Kalamazoo College
Anger Makes Us Ugly: Reflections from Pali Buddhism

Joel Daniels, Georgetown University
The Wind of the Spirit Blows Gently and Fiercely: A Pentecostal Perspective on Love and Anger

Responding:

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

The business meeting for the Society for Buddhist Christian Studies will take place immediately following this session. All Society members are welcome to attend.

P18-124



Polanyi Society

Theme: **Trade, Employment, and Public Policy: Polanyi Then and Now**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Offsite-Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2 Amherst St, Building E 51, Room 95

Phil Mullins, Missouri Western State University, Presiding

The Polanyi Society has solicited twelve papers for an international workshop centered on Michael Polanyi's 1945 book *Full Employment & Free Trade* and his slightly earlier film on economics. Presentations will consider Polanyi's relation to figures like Keynes, Hayek, and his brother Karl, but focus on the relevance of Polanyi's economic and political thought today.

See <http://polanyisociety.org> for abstracts or papers after November 1, information on travel to the site, lunch reservations, and other details.

Panelists:

Struan Jacobs, Deakin University

Nilanjan Raghunath, Singapore University of Technology and Design

Anne McCants, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Walter B. Gulick, Montana State University, Billings

Gabor Biro, Budapest University of Technology and Economics

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Erik Slaton, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Jordan Howell, Harvard University
 Jaime Wong, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 J. Michael Wahlen, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Marta Felis-Rota, Autonomous University of Madrid
 Eduardo Beira, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 Agnes Festre, Université Nice Sophia Antipolis

A18-143



Museum of Fine Arts Tour

Saturday, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM
 Offsite—Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall CD in the Convention Center
 See page 9 for details.

P18-119

Society of Christian Philosophers

Theme: **God and Horrors: Nine Short Talks in Honor of Marilyn McCord Adams**
 Saturday, 10:00 AM–1:00 PM
 Westin Copley Place—Essex Center (Third Level)
 Shannon Craigo-Snell, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding

I. Horrendous Evils
 Danielle Elizabeth Tumminio, Seminary of the Southwest
For Those Who Remain: A Proposal For Stage Three Horror Defeat
 Jesse Couenhoven, Villanova University
Reframing the Free Will Defense: A Compatibilist Approach
 Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University
God after Auschwitz and the Praxis of Evil

II. Pastoral Theology
 Janet Waggoner, Brite Divinity School
God's Goodness Made Manifest: Pastoral Theologizing and Theological Pastoring
 Rebecca Voelkel, Center for Sustainable Justice, Minneapolis, MN
Carnal Knowledge of God: Theology, Embodiment, and Building a Movement for Justice
 Ruthanna Brinton Hooke, Virginia Theological Seminary
Queering Worship

III. Theology

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School
The God of Quieter Miracles: Schleiermacher on the End of the Divine Spirit's Miraculous Expressions
 Wendy Sue Petersen-Boring, Willamette University, and Emily Boring, Yale University
God's Self-Diffusing Goodness: Bonaventure, Evolutionary Biology, and Cosmic Order
 Andrew Chignell, University of Pennsylvania
On Getting Drunk by Accidents

P18-120

Adventist Society for Religious Studies

Theme: **Worship Service**
 Saturday, 11:00 AM–12:30 PM
 Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)
 Michael Pearson, Newbold College
Sermon: Human Accountability and the Law of Unintended Consequences

P18-125

Society for the Study of Japanese Religions

Theme: **Meet the Authors: New Books in Japanese Religions**
 Saturday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM
 Fairmont Copley Place—Back Bay Room (Lower Lobby Level)
 Heather Blair, Indiana University, Presiding
 As part of the business meeting for the SSJR we will be hosting a “meet the authors” session, highlighting recent important publications in the field of Japanese Religions.

Anna Andreeva, University of Heidelberg
Assembling Shinto: Buddhist Approaches to Kami Worship in Medieval Japan
 Caitlin Griffiths, University of Toronto
Tracing the Itinerant Path: Jishu Nuns of Medieval Japan
 Edward Drott, Sophia University
Buddhism and the Transformation of Old Age in Medieval Japan
 Bryan Lowe, Vanderbilt University
Ritualized Writing: Buddhist Practice and Scriptural Cultures in Ancient Japan
 Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, Ohio State University
Pure Land, Real World: Modern Buddhism, Japanese Leftists, and the Utopian Imagination

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P18-126

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Theme: **Doubting, Fashioning and Enjoying (Conventional) Reality: Skepticism, Fictionalism and Eudaimonism in Indian Buddhist Thought**

Saturday, 11:00 AM–12:45 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-Singleton Room (Lobby Level)

This panel is comprised of three papers on Indian Buddhist, and in particular, Madhyamaka, philosophical thought. A theme running through the entire panel is the relationship between conventional and ultimate reality, and in particular, seeing the boundary between the two truths as contested, and perhaps even malleable terrain. Representing epistemology, Ethan Mills examines skeptical elements within early Buddhist and Madhyamaka texts, with an eye to both indicating the role of doubting reality in relation to liberation, as well as suggesting that escape from bondage does not exhaust the role of skeptical thinking in Indian Buddhist thought.

Representing metaphysics, Laura Guerrero argues that the contemporary analytic framework of fictionalism can help address lingering conundrums left behind by Mark Siderits' enormously influential reductionist reading of Madhyamaka texts. Finally, representing ethics, Stephen Harris analyses the role of joy in Śāntideva's eighth-century CE *Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life*, and explores the apparent tension emerging from Śāntideva's emphasis on the illusion-like nature of pleasant sensation, while frequently emphasizing the positive value of virtuous kinds of joy in the bodhisattva's development. The panel is distinctive in two ways. First, its emphasis on skepticism, fictionalism and the virtue of joy in Buddhist ethics draws attention to three relatively underanalyzed elements of Buddhist philosophical thought. Second, the presentations are tightly linked in their exploration of the relationship between conventional and ultimate truth. The panel as a whole acts as an investigation into the practical and theoretical elements of this central Buddhist tenet.

Laura Guerrero, Utah Valley University
Fictionalism and Buddhist Reductionism

Ethan Mills, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
Skeptical Themes in Early Buddhism

Stephen Harris, Leiden University
The Bodhisattva's Illusion-like Joy



Coffee Break

Saturday, 11:30 AM

Complimentary coffee will be served in the back of Aisle 2100 and Aisle 2600 of the Exhibit Hall.

A18-144/S18-201a



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Pedagogical Uses of Social Media: Twitter, Facebook, and Beyond**

Saturday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Bhakti Mamora, University of Florida, and Bradley Erickson, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Co-sponsored by the Wabash Center and the SBL Student Advisory Board

Graduate students please join us for lunch and an interactive presentation about teaching in higher education. Many of us and our students use YouTube, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to curate our identities, present ourselves to our communities, and ascribe meaning to our worlds. What are effective ways to use social media in the classroom? How can it be integrated with more traditional teaching strategies? How can we increase critical thinking about social media? This session explores effective and critically aware ways to incorporate social media in the classroom and in public discussions of religion.

Please join us for lunch and conversation. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged; please email Bhakti Mamora (bbaktim@ufl.edu) to reserve your spot. Registration deadline is November 1. Walk-ins will be accommodated if space permits.

Panelists:

Mary T. Stimming, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College

Brooke Lester, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

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Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Faculty of Color Luncheon**

Saturday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-107 (Plaza Level)

You are invited to attend the Faculty of Color Luncheon. This mealtime gathering is a space for fellowship, mutual support, and empowerment for our teaching lives. Hear about Wabash Center programming and how to apply for the 2018–19 Peer Mentoring Cluster grants. Participants in past and current Peer Mentoring Cluster grants, Colloquial and Fellowships will be available for conversation.

Pre-registration is required. Send an email to Beth Reffett reffettb@wabash.edu. Registration deadline is November 1. Walk-ins may also be accepted if space is available.

Panelists:

Roger Nam, George Fox University

Nancy Lynne Westfield, Drew University

A18-145



Contingent Faculty Luncheon: What Can Non-tenure-track Faculty Career Growth Look Like?

Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center-108 (Plaza Level)

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, Presiding

Part-time, full-time, and all non-tenure-track faculty and their allies are invited to join the Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Working Group for lunch. In addition to getting to know one another, we will be discussing best practices for career growth, identifying and overcoming obstacles to scholarship, and providing other up-to-date information on areas of concern. Please join us Saturday, November 18, 11:45 AM–12:45PM. Registration for the lunch costs \$13 per person and is limited to 60 people.

To register for this luncheon, choose “Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Luncheon” in the “Options” section when registering for the Annual Meeting. If you have already registered for the Annual Meeting, you may contact reg@aarweb.org to reserve your lunch.

A18-146



LGBTIQ Mentoring Lunch

Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Kathleen T. Talvacchia, Union Theological Seminary, 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 pre-registration is required. 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. Topics for discussion include: Demystifying Tenure, Service and the Subtle Art of Saying No, Scholarship and Activism, Navigating Queer and Religion in the Curriculum, Teaching While Queer: Out and Subversive Actions During the Age of Attacks and Alternative Facts, Dual Vocation, The Writing Process.

Mentors:

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Faith Matters Network, Nashville, TN

Mark Larrimore, New School

Pamela Lightsey, Boston University

Cameron Partridge, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, San Francisco

Heather White, University of Puget Sound

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

A18-147

Women's Caucus

Theme: **Goddess Studies and Herstory of Resilience**

Saturday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center-305 (Third Level)

Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles, Presiding

This brown-bag lunch will provide a reflection space to discuss the importance of female deities and goddesses, particularly in Korea, Europe, Tibet, India, and Latin America, as we engage in socio-religious and political discourses that continue to undermine women's agency and leadership. The most important strategy for doing feminism is to discover the most valuable characters of womanhood, which has been lacking in western religions in general yet embodied in non-western mythologies, especially in Asian religions. It is time to increase feminist goddess studies in order to emphasize women's leadership in societies and communities such as families, and churches, on a national and transnational level.

Panelists:

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University, Pennsylvania

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

Responding:

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

P18-210



North American Association for the Study of Religion Business Meeting

Saturday, 1:00 PM–1:50 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-State Suite A (Lower Lobby Level)

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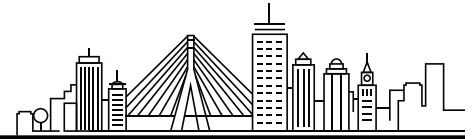
Hagiography Society Business Meeting

Saturday, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

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A18-200/S18-247a



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Effective Strategies for Scholarly Publication**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

This roundtable session provides strategies for publishing and developing one's reputation as scholars in their respective fields. Steven Félix-Jäger will elaborate on the various types of scholarly publications (journal articles, book reviews, encyclopedia entries, book chapters, edited volumes and monographs), discuss reformatting theses and dissertations for publication, and explore new - alternative - modes of publication. In particular, he will shed light on the challenges and opportunities that come with popular book publications.

Panelists:

Steven Félix-Jäger, Southeastern University

A18-201



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

Theme: **Equal Protection of the Law? Religious Freedom and LGBTIQ Lives**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University, Presiding

The purpose of this panel is to examine the use of the rhetoric of "religious freedom" to license discrimination against LGBTIQ citizens and other socially marginal communities. Particularly in the current political climate, religious freedom laws and executive action have become a central battleground in America's culture wars, but the very framing of a conflict between the values of freedom and equal citizenship in this context echoes long traditions of religious justification for racial and gender supremacy and other forms of oppression. The panelists will explore important aspects of the deployment of notions of religious liberty to reinforce the marginalization of various social groups, and they will offer reflections on paths forward in the fight for equality.

Panelists:

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University

Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

Ann Pellegrini, New York University

Alex McNeill, More Light Presbyterians, Minnetonka, MN

A18-202



Anthropology of Religion Unit and Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Authors Meet Critics: David A. Palmer and Elijah Siegler, *Dream Trippers: Global Daoism and the Predicament of Modern Spirituality* (University of Chicago Press, 2017)**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

Anna Sun, Kenyon College, Presiding

Panelists:

Lucas Carmichael, University of Chicago

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside

Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

Responding:

David A. Palmer, University of Hong Kong

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

A18-203

Body and Religion Unit and Contemplative Studies Unit

Theme: **Remapping, Remodeling, and Recovering the Body: The Subtle Body across Space and Time**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Constitution (Second Level)

David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota, Presiding

Kerry Martin Skora, Hiram College

The Subtle Body of Vital Presence in Contemplative Practices of Abhinavagupta's Trika Shaivism and Longchenpa's Great Perfection

Sthaneswar Timalina, San Diego State University
Reprogramming Embodied Experiences in the Maharthamañjari of Mabeśvarānanda

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego
Daoist Body-Maps and Meditative Praxis

Lorilial Biernacki, University of Colorado
Rethinking the Body's Subjectivity through Abhinavagupta's Contemplation of the Subtle Body

Responding:

M. Alejandro Chaoul, University of Texas, Houston

A18-204



Buddhism in the West Unit

Theme: **New Studies of Buddhism in the West**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Yarmouth (Fourth Level)

John Crow, Florida State University, Presiding

America's Buddha in an Age of Empire: Cosmopolitan Domesticity or Commodity Racism?

Laura Harrington, Boston University

Cold War Karma: A Brief History of Buddhist Studies and the CIA, 1951–1967

Adeana McNicholl, Stanford University

Being Buddha, Staying Woke: Racial Formation in Black Buddhist Writings

Christopher Emory-Moore, University of Waterloo

Renunciation and the Householder/Renouncer Relation in a New Buddhist Movement

Caroline Starkey, University of Leeds

"Don't Mention the F Word": Monastic Women and Gendered Hierarchies in British Convert Buddhism

Business Meeting:

David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

A18-205

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Buddhism Unit and Chinese Religions Unit

Theme: **Reshaping Family Life in Modern Chinese Buddhism**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Exeter (Third Level)

Alison Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Jessica Zu, Princeton University

Buddhisizing the Secular: Reframing the Family Ideals on Yogācāra Terms in Republican China

Paul Katz, Academia Sinica

Chen Hailiang's Vision of Buddhist Family Life: A Pilot Study

Natasha Heller, University of Virginia

Buddhist Parenting for Modern Families: A Case Study

Neky Tak-Ching Cheung, University of Macau

Ritual and the Reformulation of Family Values: A Case Study of Lay Buddhist Menopausal Rituals in China

Responding:

Robert Weller, Boston University

A18-206



Christian Systematic Theology Unit and Schleiermacher Unit

Theme: **Friedrich Schleiermacher's *Christian Faith*: Doctrinal Analyses in Celebration of the First English-Language Critical Edition (Westminster John Knox, 2016)**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-109 (Plaza Level)

Shelli Poe, Millsaps College, and Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

Calli Micale, Yale University

A Schleiermacherian Solution: Eschatological Continuity, Disability, and Communication

Andrew Packman, University of Chicago

Schleiermacher's "Change of Heart" and the Recovery of Feeling in Theology

Timo Helenius, Brown University

The State of Servitude: Schleiermacher's Phenomenology of Sin

A18-207

Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Religion and Disability Studies Unit

Theme: **The Complex Intersections between Disability and Class**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-102 (Plaza Level)

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, Presiding

Joseph Strife, Union Theological Seminary

Charity and the Formation of the Working Class

Lang Chen, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Disability, Religion, and Class in Shi Tiesheng's Works: A Post-Communist Perspective

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College

Intersections of Disability and Class: Redistributive Recognition, Organizing Collaboration, and Anti-Work Theory

Lisa Hancock, Southern Methodist University

Resisting Salvific Productivity: Disability, Cyborgs, and the Body of Christ

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A18-208

Cognitive Science of Religion Unit and International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion

Theme: **Against Empathy (or How the Buddhists Got Morality Right)**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-311 (Third Level)

Claire White, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Panelists:

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia

David DeSteno, Northeastern University

Mina Cikara, Harvard University

Responding:

Claire White, Yale University

A18-209/S18-250

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and SBL Violence and Representations of Violence

Theme: **Charges of Blasphemy in Religious Discourse**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Hampton (Third Level)

Simon Zeldin, McMaster University, Presiding

Kimberly Stratton, Carleton University

The Ultimate Sacrilege—Deicide and the Paschal Lamb: Appropriating Exodus to Authorize Violence against Jews

James Petitfils, Biola University

Apparently Other: Appearance and Blasphemy in the Ancient Christian Martyr Acts

Benjamin Lappenga, Dordt College

“Formerly a Blasphemer and a Man of Violence”: First Timothy and the Othering of Jews

Responding:

Christine Luckritz, Sacred Heart University

Jennifer Bryson, Center for Islam and Religious Freedom, Washington, DC and Army War College

A18-210



Comparative Religious Ethics Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Richard B. Miller's *Friends and Other Strangers* (Columbia University Press, 2016)**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Riverway (Fifth Level)

Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, and Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University, Presiding

Panelists:

Diana Fritz Cates, University of Iowa

Ross Moret, Florida State University

Eric Gregory, Princeton University

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

Responding:

Richard Miller, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:

Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University, and Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding

A18-211

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Comparative Theology Unit and Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Theme: **Rāmānuja at 1000: The Heritage and Promise of the Study of Rāmānuja in a Christian-Hindu Comparative Theology**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-111 (Plaza Level)

John Carman, Harvard University, Presiding

Gopal Gupta, College of Idaho

Why Rāmānuja? Some Reflections on Christian-Vaisnava Comparative Theology

Hugh Nicholson, Loyola University, Chicago

Rudolf Otto's Encounter with Rāmānuja as Model for Comparative Theology

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston

What if Rāmānuja Was Right? On the Possibility of Divine Embodiment in the Christian Tradition

Ankur Barua, University of Cambridge

The God of Love and the Love of God: Thinking With Rāmānuja About Grace in Christianity

Robindra Martin Ganeri, English Province of the Order of Preachers

Thinking the Creator and Creature Together: How Rāmānuja's Account of Scriptural Meaning Encourages a Retrieval of Unitive Language in Christian Discourse about God and the World

Rakesh Peter Dass, Hope College

Proper Acts: Rāmānuja and Luther on Works

Responding:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

A18-212

Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and Western Esotericism Unit

Theme: **The Pagan-Esoteric Complex: Mapping Intersecting Milieus**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-201 (Second Level)

Egil Asprem, Stockholm University, Presiding

Vivianne Crowley, Nottingham Trent University
Ancient Egypt in an Irish Castle: How an Irish Goddess Spirituality Movement Bridges the Esoteric and Exoteric, Pagan, and Christian Worlds

Caroline Tully, University of Melbourne
Isis of the North: The Celtic Priests of the Linage of Scotia

Diana Brown, Syracuse University
“Eastern Methods and Western Bodies”: Dion Fortune’s Assessment of Yoga for a Western Audience

Jason Winslade, DePaul University
Faeries, Bards, and Magicians: Fantasy Worlds of the Pagan Music Festival

A18-213



Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Unit

Theme: **Gurus and Gangstas: Capital, Charisma, and Making the Sacred/Profane**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick B (Second Level)

Christopher Driscoll, Lehigh University, Presiding

Amanda Furiase, Florida State University, and Sher Afgan Tareen, Florida State University
Listening to the End Times: Brand Nubian and the Ethics of Listening as a Black Apocalyptic Disciplinary Practice

Jessica Couch, University of Georgia
Is God a Gangsta? Recentring the Narrative “I” and the Precarity of Black Masculinity

Abimbola Adelakun, University of Texas
The Widow Morality: Anti-Hubris and Nigerian Hip-Hop Music

Forrest Kentwell, University of Groningen
Flatbush Zombies, Aries, and Afro-Pessimism: A Way of Reading

Marcus Evans, McMaster University
Wu-Tang Clan’s East Asian Religious Dimensions: Racial and Religious Transcendence in the Life-Narrative and Imagination of RZA

Responding:

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University

Business Meeting:

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University, Presiding

A18-214

Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit

Theme: **Sergii Bulgakov and Modern Western Theology: Panel Discussion**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Berkeley (Third Level)

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University, Presiding

Panelists:

Cyril J. O’Regan, University of Notre Dame

David B. Hart, University of Notre Dame

Paul R. Valliere, Butler University

Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary

Responding:

Jennifer Newsome Martin, University of Notre Dame

Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter

A18-215

Evangelical Studies Unit

Theme: **Evangelicalism and Posturing Public Life**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Berkeley (Third Level)

Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Presiding

April French, Brandeis University
Protest from the Margins: A Human Rights Campaign Led by Evangelical Women in the Soviet Union, 1964-1987

Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah Biblical Seminary
Re-imagining Piety, Prophetic Witness, and Political Theology: An Appraisal of Bonhoeffer and Evangelicalism

Lindsey Maxwell, Florida International University
Training God’s Children: Curriculum and Culture in the Christian Homeschooling Movement, 1983-2000

Aaron Griffith, Duke University
“Lawlessness Has Become the Spirit of Our Age”: Crime Concern and the Making of Postwar Evangelicalism

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A18-216**Hinduism Unit and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit**Theme: **Constructing and Contesting Race in Hindu Religions**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-110 (Plaza Level)

Michael Altman, University of Alabama, Presiding

Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Yoga, Race, and the Place of "Hindus" in Early Twentieth-Century America*Alexander Rocklin, Willamette University
*The Race of a Hindu: Hindu Identification, Obeah, and Politics of Categorization between the US and the Caribbean*Drew Thomases, San Diego State University
*Appropriating Archetypes: Murtis and "Idol Anxieties" on the Margins of Hindu and Hippie*Nicole Karapanagiotis, Rutgers University, Camden
Krishna West and the Reinvention of ISKCON

Responding:

Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University

A18-217 ★**Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit**Theme: **Barbies, Bots, and Mere Mortals: Images of God?**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Presiding

Victoria Lorrimar, University of Oxford
*Does Co-creation Theology Encourage Human Enhancement?*Karen O'Donnell, Durham University
*Performing the Imago Dei: Human Enhancement and Optative Image-Bearing*Alec Arnold, Saint Louis University
*Perceiving Souls in Bread, Bodies, and Bots: A Liturgical-Theological Evaluation of Transhumanism*Kara Slade, Duke University, and Michelle Wolff, Duke University
Beyond Barbie, Blow-Up Dolls, and Blondes: Sex Robots and the Transhuman Future

Business Meeting:

Tracy J. Trothen, Queen's University, Kingston, Presiding

A18-218**International Development and Religion Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit**Theme: **Asian Religious Sites and Secular Space in Dynamic Tension**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University
*A Tale of Three Temples, Three Cities, and Three Goddesses? Historicity and Sacred Space in the Cult of Tianhou/Mazu at Meizhou, Beigang, and San Francisco*Steven Hu, University of California, Santa Barbara
*"Transforming the City by God's Grace": Christian Publicity, Sense of Place, and Place-Making in Shanghai, China*Grace Ramswick, Stanford University
*Reinventions and Revaluations of Pakistan's Buddhist Ruins: The Case of Recent South Korean Delegations to Taxila and Takht-i-Bahi*Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College
Loss and Promise: The Buddhist Temple as Tourist Space in Thailand

Responding:

Courtney Bruntz, Doane University

A18-219 ★**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit**Theme: **Kierkegaard and the Future of Revelation – Part I: The Power and the Fragility of Revelation**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic A (Second Level)

Sheridan Hough, College of Charleston, Presiding

Avron Kulak, York University
*Kierkegaard, History, Contemporaneity: Reflections After 11/9*Christopher Nelson, South Texas College
*Opening a Kierkegaardian Time-Capsule in Twenty-First Century America: Communications, Reduplications, and Revelations*Bryan Ellrod, Emory University
*After the Earthquake: Is There Something Edifying for a Post-Trump America to Be Found in a Polemic against Justice?*Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University
"Blooming in the Dung Heap": Kierkegaard and the Dialectic of Revelation and Faith in Troubling Times

Business Meeting:

Sheridan Hough, College of Charleston, Presiding

A18-220



Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit

Theme: **Pragmatism in the Age of Trump**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Wellesley (Third Level)

William David Hart, Macalester College, Presiding

Logan Narikawa, University of Hawai'i

In the Midst of Fire: Achieving Our "Post-Truth" Country

Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

And Whose Little American are You? Masks, Tribalism, and Love in the Age of Trump

Aaron Ghiloni, University of Queensland

Dewey Defeats Trump!

Jacob Waldenmaier, Cleveland State University

The Will to Disbelieve: A Pragmatist-Ethical Challenge to National Narcissism

Business Meeting:

William David Hart, Macalester College, Presiding

A18-221



Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Womanists at the Wheel: Emerging Concepts and Contributions in Pastoral and Practical Theology**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-207 (Second Level)

Stephanie M. Crumpton, Hood Theological Seminary, Presiding

Beverly Wallace, Shaw University

Absence and Presence: Conceptualizing a Model of Care for African American Families and Communities Using the Theory of Ambiguous Loss

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University

Until You Do Right by Me: A Womanist View of Racial Reconciliation

Pamela Yetunde, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Theologies of the "Impure": A Womanist Response to the Religious Freedom to Discriminate

Kishundra King, Vanderbilt University

Womanist Pastoral Theology for the Future: Impediments and Possibilities for Black Girl Magic

Business Meeting:

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, and Kelly Bulkeley, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

A18-222



Qur'an Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit

Theme: **Christianity and Islam in the Late Antique**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Presiding

Richard (Todd) Godwin, University of London

Leveling the Playing Field: The Flat-Earth Cartography and Worldly Asceticism of Cosmas the India Traveler's Topographica Christiana and Its Readers

Ute Possekel, Harvard University

Exegesis and Ritual at the School of Nisibis: Thomas of Edessa on the Feast of Epiphany

Matthew Niemi, Indiana University

What Was Islam? The Meaning of Din in Seventh-Century Arabia

Responding:

Joseph Lombard, American University of Sharjah

Business Meeting:

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, and James McGrath, Butler University, Presiding

A18-223



Reformed Theology and History Unit

Theme: **The Kingdom of God and Civil Governments**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay A (Second Level)

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Henry Kuo, Graduate Theological Union

Peregrinating between Two Cities: Revisiting the Peregrinus

Matthew Kaemingk, Fuller Theological Seminary

A Reformed Critique of Theocratic and Secular Hegemony: The Promise and Problems within Abraham Kuyper's Political Theology

Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University

A Latter-Day Geneva?: Building a Dutch Reformed Society in the American Midwest

Matthew Jantzen, Duke University

Reformed Resistance Theory: A Theological Minority Report

Business Meeting:

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and J. Todd Billings, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding

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A18-224



Religion and Economy Unit

Theme: **Valuing Religion**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-203 (Second Level)

Kati Curts, University of the South, Presiding

Samuel Brody, University of Kansas

One Jew, Two Jews, Red Jews, Blue Jews: Contemporary Jewish Economic Literature between "Social Justice" and "Business Ethics"

Andrew Jungclaus, Columbia University

The Presbyterian "Lifetime Income Plan" and the Democratization of Endowment

Charles McCrary, Florida State University

Swindlers, Vagrants, and Religious Sincerity in New York, 1870–1920

Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg, University of Copenhagen

Value Creation, Marketization of Spiritual Tourism and Religious Transformation in Ladakh, India

Responding:

Bethany Moreton, Dartmouth College

Business Meeting:

Elayne Oliphant, New York University, and Daniel Vaca, Brown University, Presiding

A18-225



Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Populism through the Lens of Religion and Race**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Presiding

This session explores the impact of religion and race on American populism across the ideological spectrum. Papers explore the interplay of religious and secular forces on the #BlackLivesMatter movement, including a theological exploration of the death of Michael Brown and an examination of how Millennial activists are blurring secular/religious boundaries. The session juxtaposes these topics with examinations of white conservative populist expressions. Papers explore populist elements within the Southern Baptist Convention that laid the foundation for white evangelicals to throw their support behind Donald Trump and among Tea Party women whose rhetoric centered around a vision of white Christianity fighting the legality of abortion.

Larycia Hawkins, University of Virginia

The Reproductive Politics of Evangelical Tea Party Women and the Afterbirth of Trump's America

Adam Hankins, DePaul University

Populism in the Southern Baptist Convention

Seth Gaiters, Ohio State University

Critical Complexities: Religious-Secularity or Secular-Religiosity, and #BlackLivesMatter

Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College

Seeing Jesus in Michael Brown: Theological Protest as the Performance of Purity in the Black Lives Matter Movement

Business Meeting:

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, and Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University, Presiding

A18-226



Religion in Southeast Asia Unit

Theme: **Exclusion, Vulnerability, and Anxiety: Perspectives on and from Southeast Asia**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon F (Third Level)

Richard Fox, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Susan Hayward, Georgetown University, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.

Women's Bodies as Battleground: Debates about Nationalism, Conversion, and Women's Rights in Myanmar

Kelly Meister, University of Chicago

Sacrificing Tradition to Create Heritage: Globalization, Anxiety, and Shifting Material Culture at Wat Phra That (Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand)

Raphael Lorenzo Aguilang Pangalangan, University of the Philippines

Relative Impermeability of the Wall of Separation: An Uphill Battle for Marriage Equality in the Philippines

Hans Harmakaputra, Boston College

The "Conservative Turn" in Indonesian Islam and Indonesian Christians Responses

Responding:

Alexandra Kaloyanides, Stanford University

Business Meeting:

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University, Presiding

A18-227



Religion, Media, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Broadening Conversations in Media, Religion, and Culture Studies: Multi-disciplinary Reflections on Religious Identity and Authority**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Public Garden (Fifth Level)

Heidi Ann Campbell, Texas A&M University, Presiding

Nandra Perry, Texas A&M University
Cybersaints? Ritual, Community, and the Book of Common Prayer Online

Rebecca Hankins, Texas A&M University
Reel Bad Muslims: The Complicated Portrayals of African American Muslims on TV

Ashley Passmore, Texas A&M University
Electronic Apikoros/Electronic Apostate: Orthodox Jewish Satire Online

Nesrine Mansour, Texas A&M University
Virtual Sacred Architecture in Digital Religion: Ambiance Perception of Light as Shaping Public and Personal Spiritual Experience

Tommy Pfannkoch, Texas A&M University
William Tyndale as Media Theorist: Collaboration and Authority In Sixteenth-Century England

Felicia Piscitelli, Texas A&M University
Whose Music Is It? The Use of Sacred Music and Its Audiences

Ruth Tsuria, Texas A&M University
Jewish Sexuality Online — No Touching!

Business Meeting:

Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina, Presiding

A18-228



Roman Catholic Studies Unit

Theme: **Reconsidering Urban and Rural Spaces in Roman Catholic Studies**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Provincetown (Fourth Level)

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico, Presiding

Dylan Belton, University of Notre Dame
Technology and the Modern City: Toward a Contemporary Catholic Vision

Brennan Keegan, Duke University
Industrial Catholicism: The Collision of Catholicism and Mining in Urban Montana

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College
Catholic in Flyover Country: Studying Rural Catholicism in the U.S.

Adrienne Ambrose, University of the Incarnate Word
Throwback Theater: Max Reinhardt's The Miracle, Public Catholicism, and the Age of Urban Spectacle

Responding:

Catherine Osborne, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University, and Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University, Presiding

A18-229



Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Theme: **Resurrecting Wounds: Living in the Afterlife of Trauma (Baylor University Press, 2017): A Book Review Panel on Shelly Rambo's New Work**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-101 (Plaza Level)

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin, Presiding

Panelists:

Wendy Farley, San Francisco Theological Seminary

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross

Richard Kearney, Boston College

Responding:

Shelly Rambo, Boston University

A18-230

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Secularism and Secularity Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit and *Critical Research on Religion*

Theme: **How Modern is Secularity? A Discussion of Historical Precursors to Modern Forms of the Religious-Secular Divide**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-209 (Second Level)

Monika Wohlrab-Sahr, University of Leipzig, Presiding

Panelists:

Christoph Kleine, Leipzig University

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn

Sven Bretfeld, Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Markus Dressler, Leipzig University

C. Pierce Salguero, Pennsylvania State University, Abington

Business Meeting:

Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Henry Luce Foundation, New York, NY, Presiding

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Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **New Approaches to Teaching about Islam and Muslims**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University, Presiding

Anandi Salinas, Emory University

Transnational Religion in the Classroom: Transformative Theories and Digital Methods

Frederick Colby, University of Oregon

Reacting to the Religious and Political Past: Using RTTP Role-Playing Pedagogies in the Religious Studies Classroom

Harold Morales, Morgan State University

Teaching Islam as a Section of World Religions: Exploring the Challenges and Possibilities of Pedagogical Scholarship on Threshold Concepts

Hussein Rashid, Islamicate, LLC

This Is Not an Islam Course: Teaching Islam through Popular Culture

A18-232



Tantric Studies Unit

Theme: **Transformation in the Iconography of Tantric Deities**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Fairfax B (Third Level)

Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin

The Iconography of Śiva Mrtyuṃjaya

Adam Newman, University of Virginia

Rāṣṭrasenā: A Regional Martial Goddess Set in a Theriomorphic Yoginī Form

Xenia Zeiler, University of Helsinki

Transformations in Tantric Iconography: Visual Representations of the Mahavidya Goddesses in Medieval Texts and Contemporary Contexts

Anna A. Golovkova, Cornell University

A Visual History of the Goddess Tripurasundari

Responding:

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

Business Meeting:

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin, and John Nemeč, University of Virginia, Presiding

A18-233



Teaching Religion Unit and Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Introduction as Subversion: On Liberal Arts Religious Studies Pedagogy for Non-majors**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-107 (Plaza Level)

Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University, Presiding

Panelists:

Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College

The Demise of the Survey Course and the Contested Value of the Liberal Arts

Jack Downey, La Salle University

"My High School Theology Teacher Told Me My Dad Is Going to Hell": Student Resistance to Christian Studies at a Roman Catholic University

Matthew Haar Farris, Richmond, CA

The Transformative Pedagogy of Philosophi for an Introduction to Religious Studies

Holly Hillgardner, Bethany College

15 Weeks in 2017: Reflections on REELS 100 at a Historic Protestant College

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College

Your Required Religion Class? "Religion, Drugs, and Culture" in a Jesuit Catholic Core Curriculum

Responding:

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College

Business Meeting:

David B. Howell, Ferrum College, and Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

A18-234



Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **The Revelry of Suspicion: Apocalypticism, Conspiracy Theory, and Affect**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Arlington (Third Level)

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding

Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford

The Lust to Believe: Paranoia, Conspiracy Theory, and Apocalypticism

Maia Kotrosits, Denison University

This Whole Thing Is Going Down: Fantasy, Reality, and the Psychic Life of Destruction

Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College

Scary Stories: Apocalyptic, Conspiracy, Horror, and Affect

Erin Runions, Pomona College

In Surveillance We Dwell: Sovereignty, Interiority, and Conspiracy in Political Biblical Interpretation

Business Meeting:

Brenna Moore, Fordham University, and Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Hartford, Presiding

A18-235



Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Women's Activism Past and Present**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

Boyoung Lee, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Ally Kern, Claremont School of Theology

Free to Heal: Addressing Intimate Partner Violence with Faith-Based Resources for Victims of Abuse

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

The Political Theology of Resistance: Muslim Women's Activism in America

Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University

"This Equal Share in Public Affairs": Unitarianism, Transcendentalism, and Anti-women's Rights Activism in Boston

Sherry Jordon, University of Saint Thomas

Re-Imagining Re-visited: Conference, Controversy, and Community

Business Meeting:

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado, Presiding

A18-236



Chinese Christianities Seminar

Theme: **Chinese Christianities and Religious Boundaries**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

Christie Chui-Shan Chow, City Seminary of New York, Presiding

Jin Lu, Purdue University Northwest

From Pagan Virtues to the Salvation of Non-Christians: Father Wang Changzhi's Contribution to Chinese Christianity

Tsz Him Lai, Episcopal Divinity School

A Non-violent Model of Liberation Theology in Hong Kong: A Dialogue with Maoism

Justin Tse, Northwestern University

The Politics of Exclusivity: The Secular Political Implications of Cantonese Evangelical Rejections of Buddhist Cooperation in Vancouver, BC

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh

Christianity as a Chinese Religion: A Theological Reflection

Responding:

Stephanie Wong, Georgetown University

Business Meeting:

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

A18-237



Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Seminar

Theme: **Religious Philosophies of the Self**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-America Center (Fourth Level)

Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding

Oludamini Ogunnaike, College of William and Mary

Two Islamic Global Philosophies of Religion: Subrawardi and Shushtari

Agnieszka Rostalska, Ghent University

Nyāya Theory of Knowledge Generating Processes: A Comparative Study of Nyāya and A. Goldman

Kiseong Shin, Drew University

The Understanding of Self as a Psychosomatic Complex and Relational Nexus

Business Meeting:

Gereon Kopf, Luther College, Presiding

A18-238 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



New Materialism, Religion, and Planetary Thinking Seminar

Theme: **New Materialism, Religion, and Planetary Thinking Seminar**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-America North (Fourth Level)

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

Zayin Cabot, California State University, East Bay

Planetary Thinking: This Time with Feeling and Affect

Adrian Ivakhiv, University of Vermont

Matters of Concern, Justice, and Emergency: Ontological Politics in the AnthroCapitalocene

Kimerer L. LaMothe, Vital Arts, Granville, NY

Dancing Immanence: A Philosophy of Bodily Becoming

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology

Matter Values: Ethics and Politics for a Planet in Crisis

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

The Animist, Almost-Feminist Old Materialism of Giordano Bruno

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University

An Emergence Theory of Religion

Ursula Goodenough, Washington University, St. Louis

The Emergence of Consciousness from the Material

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Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School
Process, Pragmatism, and Planetary Thinking

Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University
New Materialism and Planetary Persistence, Purpose, and Politics

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College
Gut Theology: On the Peril and Promise of Religious and Political Affect

Luke Higgins, Armstrong State University
Process Thought and the New Materialisms

Business Meeting:
 Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, Presiding

A18-239 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



Religion and US Empire Seminar

Theme: **Race, Gender, Class, and US Empire in the Production of Religion**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-The Fens (Fifth Level)

Tracy Leavelle, Creighton University, Presiding

Jessica Carr, Lafayette College
An Imperial Imagination: Orientalism, Palestine, and Jewish-American Visual Culture

Michael Hawkins, Creighton University
Sanitizing the Taboo: Slavery, Polygamy, and the Moro Exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair

Gale Kenny, Barnard College
Protestant Missionaries and the Practice of Comparative Religion in the Early Twentieth Century

Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois
Reforming Religion, Reconstituting Empire: New Deal Encounters with Anti-modern Faiths in Agricultural California

Responding:

Cara Burnidge, University of Northern Iowa

Business Meeting:

Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University, Presiding

A18-240



Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar

Theme: **Fashioning Religion**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Martha L. Finch, Missouri State University, Presiding

Adam Park, Florida State University
"Black Belts of the Faith": Accessories and Christian Martial Artistry

Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
The "Pocahontas Perplex" Lives on in Designer Clothing

Andre Key, Claflin University
Holy Dashikis! Cultural Nationalism and Black Hebrew Religious Fashion

Lynn S. Neal, Wake Forest University
A Catholic Nunnish Theme

Kayla Renée Wheeler, University of Iowa
Fashioning Muslim Women: YouTube as a Space for Creating Alternative Islamic Femininities and Knowledges

Business Meeting:

Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

A18-241



Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Global Perspectives on Religion and National Security**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Grand D (Fourth Level)

Patrick Mason, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Currently, most religion and national security (RNS) research seeks to unpack the influence of monotheistic religious traditions on the international decisions of Western states. This roundtable challenges this tendency to analyze non-Western states' security issues as a subset of the political struggles between ostensible "Great Powers," attends to the religious discourses and practices being used to mediate global conflicts, challenges traditional divisions between "Western" and "non-Western" territories, and focuses attention on religious traditions not typically cited in RNS work.

Whitney Braun, Loma Linda University
Religion and National Security in India: The Evolution of Sikh and Hindu Nationalist Views on the Indian Military

Flagg Miller, University of California, Davis
When Salvation Meets the "Security Belt": Reading and Reporting Sectarianism in Southern Yemen

Elizabeth McAlister, Wesleyan University
National Security and Natural Disaster in Haiti

Chase L. Way, Claremont Graduate University
From Narcotraffickers to Knights: How Drug Cartels Use Theology to Resist Mexico's National Security State

Responding:

Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University

P18-205

African Association for the Study of Religions

Theme: **Crossing Borders: Interaction of Healing Practices of Religions in Modern Africa**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-309 (Third Level)

Esther Acolatse, University of Toronto, Presiding

African traditional medicine, and faith healing practices of Pentecostalism, the Charismatics and Prophet Churches have had quite some history of interactions in Africa. The interactions have manifested as conflicts, separatism, dialogue, and integration in forms of syncretism. These models of interaction assume that there are conditions under which interaction of therapeutic ideas and practices occur, increase or diminish. The realities of geography, history, socio-cultural factors, the state of a religion, the level of development of health services in a society, or other causes may create such conditions

The Panel looks at theories of border crossing in general and their relevance in the history of interaction of religiously based therapeutic traditions in Africa. It examines conditions under which interaction of therapeutic ideas and practices occur, increase or diminish. It also will focus on when and how religious practitioners and healers construct, synthesize, blend, negotiate; that is to say; cross religious borders in matters of healing practices.

Anita Aba Ansah, University of Oslo
Appropriation of African Traditional Religion Mechanisms in the Healing and Deliverance Practices of Pentecostals in the Milieu of Inadequate Health Care in Ghana

S. Kip Elolia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary
The Role of Repentance in the Holistic Healing of the Robo Churches of Kenya

Timothy Carey, Boston College
“God Has Sent Down Both the Disease and the Cure”: Syncretism in Islamic and African Traditional Worship in Post-Colonial Kenya

Responding:

Jude Aguwa, Mercy College, NY

P18-212

Association of Practical Theology

Theme: **Practical Theology, Bodily (Im)proprieties, Mobilizing Resistance**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George C-D (Third Level)

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding

Practical theology’s expansive body of knowledge presents opportunities for proprietary inquiry:

- Who owns, controls, manages, regulates, or dictates bodies and knowledge?
- What is the interplay between body and knowledge, and how does one animate the other?
- What is the place of body, bodily knowing, and bodily knowledge in practical theological research?
- How does practical theology investigate the regulations of propriety in the realms of theory and practice—the regimentation of embodied scholarship and the habituation of bodily practices according to dominant templates and choreographies of “norm” and “other”?
- How does the above investigation attend to the complicatedness of “the body” and of embodiment, taking seriously complex bodily expressions—children as more than non-adult bodies; lesbian bodies; transitioning bodies; disabling bodies (bodies who challenge and dismantle normative assumptions about bodies and abilities); the presence/action/prototyping of ill and dying bodies (e.g., ACT UP during early AIDS activism); racial and sexual bi-bodies...
- How have bodies and knowledge been engaged as mobilizing sources and mediums for resistance—from resistant knowing to resistant action?

This session presents panelists who will help to catalyze collective musings on the above question.

Panelists:

- Nancy Lynne Westfield, Drew University
- Lakisha Lockhart, Boston College
- Faustino Cruz, Fordham University
- Cláudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:

John P. Falcone, Iona College

A18-242



Back Bay Wine Tasting Tour

Saturday, 1:45 PM–4:15 PM

Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall CD in the Convention Center

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A18-243/S18-253



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **How to Make Department Service Work for You: Establishing Collective Resources**


Saturday, 2:30 PM–4:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Landing a successful academic job requires that you cultivate your skills as a professional researcher and teacher, but it also requires that you demonstrate your ability to help build a thriving and substantial department life. This roundtable is geared towards two specific goals: 1) helping you identify how and where you can begin to make important interventions in the collective life of your department, and 2) mobilizing those interventions for the job market.

Panelists:

- Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina
- Shannon Trosper Schorey, University of North Carolina



Coffee Break
Saturday, 3:30 PM
Complimentary coffee will be served in the back of Aisle 2100 and Aisle 2600 of the Exhibit Hall.

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

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Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Educational Entrepreneurship: Monetizing Your Expertise through Digital Teaching**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Online education is the way of the future. If you're passionate about sharing your knowledge with others, you can pursue a rewarding career on your own terms as an online educational entrepreneur. You can do so in tandem with, or instead of, teaching at the academy. Most importantly, you will learn how to harness your doctorate in a fulfilling teaching career, irrespective of the state of the tenure-track job market. In this workshop, Raj Balkaran shares key insights on his journey founding the School of Applied Mythology, a digital academy for meaningful learning.

This workshop lays the foundation for successful educational entrepreneurship, including (1) content creation; (2) curriculum design; (3) sales and marketing strategy; and (4) effective digital pedagogy.

Panelists:

- Raj Balkaran, University of Toronto

P18-342



Society for Pentecostal Studies

Theme: **A Roundtable Discussion of John Christopher Thomas, *A Pentecostal Reads the Book of Mormon***

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Clarendon (Third Level)

Blaine Charette, Northwest University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Jenny Webb, Huntsville, AL
- Joseph Spencer, Brigham Young University
- Dale E. Luffman, Community of Christ Seminary
- D. William Faupel, Wesley Theological Seminary

Responding:

- John Christopher Thomas, Pentecostal Theological Seminary

A18-301



Plenary Panel

Theme: **Protecting the Vulnerable on Campus**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Graduate Student Committee and Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee

For many of us who study or work in colleges and seminary campuses today it may be easy to ignore the vulnerable at our institutions. Yet the most vulnerable are often at risk or subject to discrimination and exploitation based on inequities of power, money, lack of social net, or means to voice their concerns about campus life and work. This panel will examine what needs attention and the strategies that vulnerable people and their allies can use to decrease vulnerability and increase solidarity. Special attention will be paid to the status of, and strategies being deployed by, the LGBT+ community, graduate students, people of color, low paid workers, and non-tenured faculty.

Cameron Partridge, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, San Francisco

"Although the Doors Were Shut": Cultivating Courageous Community at the Borders of the Academy

Prea Persaud, University of Florida

It Doesn't Always Feel Good: Redefining Notions of Inclusion and Moving beyond "Diversity"

James Keenan, Boston College

Solidarity within the Faculty

Hussein Rashid, Islamicate, LLC

Ad Junk: Accounting for Different Vulnerabilities in Vulnerable Professional Positions

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University

Just Employment: Solidarity among Campus Workers

A18-302



Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: **Another Plan "A": Religious Studies Education and Careers Beyond the Academy**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-101 (Plaza Level)

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard Law School, Presiding

Worried about the job market? Thinking that a career in higher ed no longer matches your interests and goals? Or just wondering about options? Join the Applied Religious Studies Committee for a discussion on career paths outside the academy. Panelists hold or are working on masters and doctoral degrees in a variety of religious studies and theology programs and will discuss fields including: publishing and editing; freelance writing; nonprofits and foundations; government; religious communities; academic administration; and more. This year's panel includes current PhD candidates who will talk about their own experiences of exploring nonacademic career options in the context of their graduate studies, and panelists will discuss the ways faculty, departments, and the AAR might better support scholars as they consider careers beyond the academy. Come hear more about what graduate education in religious studies already does to prepare us for and enhance our practice of various careers, and help us think about what more the academy can and should do to support scholars in the pursuit of nonacademic work.

This panel will include substantial time for audience Q&A and discussion. Please join us to share your thoughts!

Panelists:

Jason Blakeburn, McGill University

Regina Walton, Harvard University

Emily Mace, Lake Forest College

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute

Lauren Taylor, Harvard University

A18-303



Publications Committee

Theme: **How to Get Published**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, and Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:

Cynthia Eller, Claremont Graduate University

Karen Jackson-Weaver, Harvard University

Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College

Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University

John Nemecek, University of Virginia

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha

Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

A18-304



African Religions Unit

Theme: **Agency and the African Religious Imagination: African Religious and Political Responses to Vulnerability**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Tracey Hucks, Colgate University, Presiding

Sheila Otieno, Boston University

Trickster Magic: Summoning Agency through Hauntings of African Religious Moral Imagination in Oral Traditions

Georgette Ledgister, Emory University

Conjuring Warriors: Agency through Ancestral Interventions in War amongst the Luba Mai-Mai

Danielle Clausnitzer, Georgetown University

The "Problem" of Albinism: The Construction of Racial and Spiritual Difference in Twenty-first Century Tanzania

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Duke University

Precarious Practices: An African Feminist Examination of African Theology's Patriarchy Problem

Responding:

Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University

A18-305

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Museums and the Public Understanding of Religion: Sacred Art, History, and Science on Display**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-The Fens (Fifth Level)

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding

There are over 850 million visits every year to museums in the United States, much more than attendance at sporting events and amusement parks combined. Museums are go-to spaces for educational field trips, must-see destinations for tourists, for hands-on scientific exploration, and flint stones of socio-political controversy. And they are filled with religious objects.

Presenters in this roundtable have worked with national institutions of US history, major museums of fine art, and have extensively studied the commitments of museum staff to shape opinion. Each panelist will reflect on their own experiences at the intersection of religion and museums, commenting on how museums engage, promote, and influence the public understanding of religion in the United States. The implications of the relations move beyond religious traditions and museum collections and connect with

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international legal issues, cultural appropriation, secularization, corporate sponsorships, economic reform, histories of art, scientific methods, and theological orthodoxy.

Panelists:

- Lauren Turek, Trinity University
- Peter Manseau, National Museum of American History, Washington, DC
- William Trollinger, University of Dayton
- Susan Trollinger, University of Dayton
- Laura Weinstein, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston
- Eric Lewis Williams, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Responding:

- Stephen Prothero, Boston University

A18-306



Black Theology Unit

Theme: **Michelle Alexander and Walter Fluker: The Mystical-Prophetic in Black—A Special Look at Mass Incarceration and the Black Lives Matter Movement**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Walter Earl Fluker, Boston University, Presiding

Featuring Michelle Alexander, author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness* (2010) and Walter Fluker, editor of the Howard Thurman Papers Project, this panel will discuss ways that black theology contributes to prophetic advocacy and movement building and to a political, moral and spiritual revolution. Papers will suggest resources black theological interpreters may garner from the Black Lives Matter Movement and the tradition of black mysticism in Howard Thurman, James Baldwin and others. The Howard Thurman Center for Common Ground at Boston University will host a reception following the session. All attendees of the session are invited.

Larry Perry, University of Virginia
A Blues Enthused Mysticism: Howard Thurman, Mysticism, and Tragedy

Wendy Arce, University of San Francisco
Freedom in an Age of Repression: The Role of Black Theology and Black-Produced Media in Forging Freedom

Gregory Williams, Duke University
Jewish Election and the Blackness of God: Reading Barth on the Election of the Community in the Context of Mass Incarceration and #BlackLivesMatter

S.Kyle Johnson, Boston College
“Trapped in a History Which They Do Not Understand”: Reading James Baldwin with Thomas Merton, toward a Theological-Spiritual Account of Mass Incarceration

Responding:

- Michelle Alexander, Union Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

- Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary, and Adam Clark, Xavier University, Presiding

A18-307



Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Unit

Theme: **Buddhist Visions of the Good Life for All**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Provincetown (Fourth Level)

Manuela Kalsky, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Presiding

Barbra R. Clayton, Mount Allison University
The Development of Wellbeing: Gross National Happiness and Bhutan’s Vision for the Ideal Society

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College
Buddhist Environmentalist Visions of the Good Life for All

Hsiaolan Hu, University of Detroit, Mercy
Dharma Drum Mountain’s Version of Humanistic Buddhism

Gereon Kopf, Luther College
The Conception of Life in Contemporary Japanese Socially Engaged Buddhism

Responding:

- Sallie B. King, James Madison University

Business Meeting:

- Sid Brown, University of the South, and Hsiaolan Hu, University of Detroit, Mercy, Presiding

A18-308

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Chinese Religions Unit

Theme: **Chinese Religions and Print Culture**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Noga Ganany, Columbia University
Origin Narratives: Writing and Worship in Late Ming Print Culture

Katherine Alexander, University of Colorado
Late Qing Performances of Philanthropic Identity in Reprints of Pan Gong Baojuan

Yair Lior, Boston University
The Tang–Song Transition in Light of Communication Technologies

Kaiqi Hua, University of British Columbia
The Tangut Buddhist Canon in the Yuan Dynasty: Printing Alien Scriptures under Alien Rule

Responding:

- Jiang Wu, University of Arizona

Business Meeting:

- Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, and Anna Sun, Kenyon College, Presiding

A18-309



Christian Spirituality Unit

Theme: **Spiritualities of the Reformation**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Riverway (Fifth Level)

Lisa E. Dahill, California Lutheran University, Presiding

Simeon Zahl, University of Nottingham
Prayer and Affliction: Martin Luther on the Spiritual Roots of Theological Insight

Justin Nickel, Princeton Theological Seminary
We Must Inquire after Their Language: Luther's Language as Spiritual Discipline

Travis Ables, Regis University
The Cross of the Bitter Christ: Competing Christomorphisms in the Radical and Magisterial Reformations

Flynn Cratty, Yale University
The Origins of Reformed Prayer: Devotional Humanism and the Fracturing of European Devotional Culture

Rebecca Gisellebrecht, University of Zurich, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Prayer Book and Spiritual Writings of Anna Alexandria von Furstenberg zu Rappoltstein

Business Meeting:

Margaret Benefiel, Shalem Institute For Spiritual Formation, and Glenn Young, Rockhurst University, Presiding

A18-310



Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit

Theme: **Evangelicals, Eastern Orthodox Christians, and Traditional Values: A Global Alliance?**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-209 (Second Level)

Vera Shevzov, Smith College, Presiding

Lydia Kemi (Olukemi) Ingram, Murrieta, CA
Reclaiming the Faith of Our Grandparents: Identity, Values, and Tradition in African American Orthodox Christian Narratives

Sonja Luehrmann, Simon Fraser University
Jessica's Hope: Fieldwork and Translation between Evangelical and Orthodox Family Values

John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Traditional Values? National Identity as a Problem for "Orthodox Rus" and "Christian America"

Vebjorn Horsford, University of Oslo
"Traditional Values" at the UN: Can Shared Religiousness Be a Basis for Political Action?

Responding:

Christopher Stroop, University of South Florida

Business Meeting:

Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter, and Vera Shevzov, Smith College, Presiding

A18-311



Ecclesiological Investigations Unit

Theme: **Global Ecclesial Responses to Increasing Extremism and Nationalism**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic A (Second Level)

Miriam Perkins, Milligan College, Presiding

Vincent J. Miller, University of Dayton
Which Nationalism? What Extremism? Responding to Political Violence in a New Moment

Stan Chu Ilo, DePaul University
Confronting the Challenges of Religious Extremism and the Humanitarian and Migration Crisis in Africa

Ulrich Schmiedel, University of Munich
European Extremes: Churches in the Clash of Cultures

Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University
Resisting the Politics of Hatred and Exclusion: Time for New Forms of Public and Political Theology

Business Meeting:

Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University, Presiding

A18-312



Ethics Unit

Theme: **The Ethics of Democracy**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-110 (Plaza Level)

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Derrick Muwina, Boston University
A Reflection on Donald Trump's Rhetoric on Immigration through the Ethical Lens of Civility

Thomas Greene, Florida State University
Religious Endorsements for Secular Governments: Contemporary Iranian Examples of Moving beyond a Modus Vivendi

Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
Who Are The Wicked? Religion and the Shifting Political Production of the Drug Addict

Sarah Azaransky, Union Theological Seminary
The Harlem 9: Public Education and the Limits of American Democracy

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Tyler Davis, Baylor University
Civil Rights and Cold War: The Limits of Reinhold Niebuhr's Antiracism

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross
Laying Claim to Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Legacy: An Ethical Assessment of Walter Rauschenbusch Scholarship

Business Meeting:

Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

A18-313



Gay Men and Religion Unit

Theme: **Reforming Sodom: Protestants and the Rise of Gay Rights (University of North Carolina Press, 2015): Book Panel with Heather White**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Grand D (Fourth Level)

Marco Derks, Utrecht University, Presiding

Brett Krutzsch, College of Wooster
Religion in Secular Gay Activism: A Reflection on Heather White's Reforming Sodom

David Bos, University of Amsterdam
Sodom Across the Atlantic: A Comparison of American and Dutch Histories

William Boyce, University of Virginia
Reforming Sodom in Review: Prospects for Solidarity and the Theopolitical Imagination of Evangelical Protestants

Responding:

Heather White, University of Puget Sound

Business Meeting:

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University, Presiding

A18-314

Hinduism Unit and North American Hinduism Unit

Theme: **Gandhian Afterlives: Transnational Circuits of Gandhi's Memory**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Vineyard (Fourth Level)

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington, Presiding

Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College
Transnational Homespun: Citizen Art, Gandhi Ashrams, and Performing Counter-Modernity

Karline McLain, Bucknell University
The Afterlives of Gandhi's Ashrams in South Africa and India

A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida
Non-Violence, Voluntary Simplicity, and Radical Democracy: Gandhi's Legacy in Contemporary Intentional Communities in the US

Leela Prasad, Duke University
The Resonance of Ahimsa: Teaching Gandhi in a US Prison

Responding:

Richard H. Davis, Bard College

A18-315

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History of Christianity Unit

Theme: **New Histories of Americano Protestantisms: Hegemons and Subalterns**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-311 (Third Level)

Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Jorge Rodriguez, Union Theological Seminary
Creating Puerto Rican Subalterns: The Protestant Missionary Project of the Late Nineteenth Century

Erika Helgen, Yale University
Migration, Drought, and the Pentecostalization of Catholic Anti-Protestantism in Brazil, 1911–1945

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College
Through the Lens of the Subaltern: Mexican–Pentecostal Narratives and Church Family Photographs

Justin Doran, University of Texas
Um País Laico, com Infraestrutura Apropriada: Toward a Post-Secular Political Economy in São Paulo's Templo de Salomão

Responding:

Ana Maria Bidegain, Florida International University

A18-316

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **America's Bureaucracy of Transcendence: Government Legitimation of American Religion**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Adams A (Third Level)

Haley Iloff, Florida State University, Presiding

Catholic Sisters, Hospitals, and the Legitimization of Public Work

Michael Graziano, University of Northern Iowa
True Religion and the Iranian Revolution: The View from Washington, D.C.

Brad Stoddard, McDaniel College
Free Exercise?: Religious Freedom in American Prisons

Sarah Dees, Northwestern University
Legitimate Religions or "Conjurors' Arts"? Native American Traditions and the Court of Indian Offenses

Responding:

Michael McVicar, Florida State University



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Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit

Theme: **Reformation: Repentance and Resistance**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay A (Second Level)

Vitor Westhelle, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

L. DeAne Lagerquist, St. Olaf College
Reformation, Repentance, #Decolonizelutheranism

Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
The Repentance of Playmobil Luther: Resisting Anti-Judaism in the Iconization of Luther in Popular Culture

Carl-Eric Gentes, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Justified By Faith Not Reason: The "Sin Against Rigorous Thinking" and the Possibilities of Thought in Human/Animal Entanglements

Moses Paul Peter Penumaka, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Reformation and Lutheran Theology in Asia

Jesse David Chariton, Columbus State University
Addie Graves (1922–2007) and Lutheran Church Desegregation in Columbus, Georgia

Business Meeting:

Kirsi Stjerna, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding

A18-318



Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit

Theme: **(Re)Defining Moral Injury**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-201 (Second Level)

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University, Presiding

Michael Yandell, Emory University
Fractured Morality/Fractured Selves: Moral Injury as Epistemological Brokenness

Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific College
(Re)Defining Moral Injury: Using Moral Injury to Help Us Understand Immigrant Experiences in Today's Cultural-Political Moment

Carrie Doehring, Iliff School of Theology, and Shawn Fawson, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Making the Invisible Visible: (Re)defining Moral Injury through the Experience of Microaggressions and the Poetics of Testimony

Callid Keefe-Perry, Boston University
Getting Beyond "An Act." Moral Dimensions of the Teaching Profession and the Need to Expand the Construct of Moral Injury

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Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University, and Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

A18-319



Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and North American Religions Unit

Theme: **Standing Together at Standing Rock: Cross-Cultural Perspectives and Critiques**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-207 (Second Level)

Tiffany Hale, Yale University, Presiding

Margaret McMurtrey, University of California, Santa Barbara
Standing Rock: Movement or Spiritual Call? Confrontations Concerning Space- and Place-based Rhetoric

Peter Huff, University of Mary
Parliament of Religions on the Prairie: Standing Rock as Interreligious Event

Lily Oster, Emory University
Decolonizing Earth-based Spiritualities: Negotiating Earth-awakening without Appropriation

David Walsh, Gettysburg College
Ceremony in Historical Perspective at Standing Rock

Responding:

Michael McNally, Carleton College

A18-320

Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Repentance, Reparations, and the Responsibility of Race**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Public Garden (Fifth Level)

Jonathon Kahn, Vassar College, Presiding

Robert Overy-Brown, Claremont Graduate University
Tanabe Hajime's Philosophy of Metanoetics and the Comparative Future of Political Theology

Timothy McGee, Southern Methodist University
Opacity and the Racial Politics of (Human) Redemption between Charles Long and Sylvia Wynter

Danube Johnson, Harvard University
On Foucault's Racial Speech: Failures, Silences, and Transgressions

Anna Bialek, Washington University, St. Louis
Justice in Time: Reparations, Sabbath, and Temporality in Justice-Seeking

Stephen Bush, Brown University
Politics and Philosophy in Doris Salcedo's Art



A18-321**Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit**Theme: **Eros and Ascent in the Ancient and Medieval World**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Fairfax B (Third Level)

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

Michael Motia, Harvard University

Mimetic Desire in Late Antiquity: On Gregory of Nyssa and Iamblichus of Chalcis

Jordan Wood, Boston College

Provocations on Mystical Union in Thomas Aquinas and Maximus Confessor

Adam Eitel, Yale University

The Politics of Contemplation

Luke Zerra, Princeton Theological Seminary

The Birth of the Son in the Soul: Analogy, Univocity, and Dialectic in Meister Eckhart's Commentary on John 1:1-14

Jyoti Raghu, University of Oxford

I'm Mad about You, God, You're Mad about Me: The Erotic to Agapic Transfiguration of Our "Bootylicious" Body

Business Meeting:

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

A18-322**Religion and Politics Unit**Theme: **International Relations and Religious Studies: Pedagogy and Interdisciplinary Exchange**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

Evan Berry, American University, Presiding

Panelists:

David Buckley, University of Louisville

Jeremy Menchik, Boston University

James Miller, Queen's University, Kingston

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University

Qamar-ul Huda, Georgetown University

Nukhet Sandal, University of Ohio

A18-323

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Religion and Popular Culture UnitTheme: **Religion and Popular Culture in America: A Critical Analysis**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay C (Second Level)

James Thrall, Knox College, Presiding

Panelists:

Richard Callahan, University of Missouri

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West

Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University

John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College

Responding:

Jeffrey H. Mahan, Iliff School of Theology

Bruce Forbes, Morningside College

Business Meeting:

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding

A18-324**Religion and Science Fiction Unit**Theme: **Religion and Global Science Fiction**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Michael Pittman, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

Revisiting Andrei Tarkovsky's Stalker: Revisioning an Encounter with the Divine

Erica Hurwitz Andrus, University of Vermont

From Handmaid to Gardener: Margaret Atwood Gets Religion

Chris Porter, Ridley College

The Ghost in Our Shell? An Exploration of Self and Identity within Eastern and Western Frames of Transhumanism and Artificial Intelligence

Ahmed Ragab, Harvard University

Muslim Futures: Science Fiction, Islam, and the Making of Ethnoreligious Futurity

Bradley Johnson, Rice University

The Invention of Hells: Black Mirror and Punishment as Spectacle

Responding:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, Presiding



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Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit and Sociology of Religions Unit

Theme: Lived Religion and the Public Sphere: Practices and Experiences among Latinxs and Latin Americans

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-111 (Plaza Level)

Elaine Peña, George Washington University, Presiding

Gustavo Morello, Boston College
The Poor, the Pope, and the Religious Legitimation in the Public Sphere

Néstor Da Costa, Catholic University of Uruguay
Non-affiliated and Believers in the Uruguayan Public Sphere: Definitions, Tensions, and Reconfigurations of the Public

Miren Iziar Basterretxea Moreno, University of Deusto
Latin-American Catholics in Bilbao: What Changes and What Remains

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University
Saints in the Barrio: Public Religion and Social Belonging among Mexican Immigrants in Santa Ana, CA

Responding:

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Princeton University

A18-327

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Study of Islam Unit

Theme: Islamic South Asia: Text, Interpretation, and Resistance

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Wellesley (Third Level)

Tehseen Thaver, Bard College, Presiding

Usman Hamid, University of Toronto
The Hajj of the Heart: The Making of Local Islam in South Asia

Patrick D'Silva, University of North Carolina
Mughal Indology in the Ain-i Akbari: Abu'l Fazl and Esoteric Divination Practices

Mohsin Ali, University of California, Los Angeles
The Legal Justification for Jihād in a Sixteenth-Century South Indian Text

Fuad Naeem, Georgetown University
Contesting Colonial Modernity through Humor: The Satirical Poetry of Akbar Allāhabādi

Responding:

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont

Business Meeting:

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, and Frederick Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding

A18-328

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit

Theme: Voices from Larung Gar

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-102 (Plaza Level)

Michael Sheehy, University of Virginia, Presiding

Antonio Terrone, Taiwan National Chengchi University
Striving to Do Virtuous Deeds: The Tenth Panchen Lama and Larung Gar in the Making of Modern Buddhism in Tibet

Jann Ronis, University of California, Berkeley
The Union of Religion and Tibetan Culture: Rebuttals by Metrül Tenzin Gyatso to the Anti-religious Polemics of Tibetan Secularists

Chelsea Hall, Harvard University
Khenmo Yönten's Quiet Commentaries: Publishing Female-Authorored Buddhist Texts at Serta Larung Gar

Catherine Hardie, University of Oxford
The PRC-based Larung Movement: Promoting Listening, Contemplating, and a Superior Mode of Lay Participation for Chinese Newcomers to Tibetan Buddhism

Responding:

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado

A18-329/P18-344

Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit and IQSA Qur'an and Late Antiquity Unit

Theme: Re-orienting the Study of Late Antiquity Before and After Muhammad

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-208 (Second Level)

Michael Pregill, Boston University, and Khodadad Rezaekhani, Princeton University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jennifer Hart, Elon University

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College

Sara Ronis, St. Mary's University, TX

Kevin Jaques, Indiana University

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A18-330



Western Esotericism Unit

Theme: **Black Magicians, Dark Spiritualists, and Walkers Along the Left-Hand Path: A Discursive Survey of Traditions at the Fringes of Modernity**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

Claire Fanger, Rice University, Presiding

Keith Cantú, University of California, Santa Barbara
Hathayoga as Black Magic in Theosophy: The Case of Rāma Prasād

Jackson Stephenson, University of Washington
"The Strongest Light in the Darkest Abyss": The Durkheimian Left and the Western Left-Hand Path

Joel Bordeaux, Colgate University
If You're Feeling Sinister: Universalist Discourse in a Satanic Sex Magic Manual

Benjamin Mayo, Rice University
Presencing the Dark: The Ethics of Occult Anti-humanism as a Lived Practice in the Order of Nine Angles

Steven Engler, Mount Royal University
Quimbanda: Brazil's Left-Hand Path

Responding:

Henrik Bogdan, University of Gothenburg

Business Meeting:

Egil Aspren, Stockholm University, and Claire Fanger, Rice University, Presiding

A18-331



Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit

Theme: **From Roots to More: Perspectives on James Mallinson and Mark Singleton's *Roots of Yoga* (Penguin Classics, 2017)**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-310 (Third Level)

Sravana Borkatakya-Varma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin
Roots of Yoga: Structure, Scope, and Significance

Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College
Constructing the Self through Yoga: Exploring Roots of Yoga and Other Yogic Texts on Self-Cultivation

Anya Pokazanyeva Foxen, California Polytechnic State University
Tangled Roots: What About Modern Yoga?

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University
Creating a Canon: Roots of Yoga and the History of Yoga in the Academy

Responding:

Mark Singleton, St. John's College, Santa Fe

James Mallinson, SOAS University of London

Business Meeting:

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, and Sravana Borkatakya-Varma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

A18-332 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion Seminar

Theme: **Millennials from Festivals to Fandoms and the Emerging Church: National and Regional Snapshots**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Berkeley (Third Level)

Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Randy Reed, Appalachian State University
"Goosing" Millennials, Millennials in the South and the Wild Goose Festival

Stephanie Yuhas, Naropa University
Burning Man Festival as Spiritual Ritual Space for the Millennial Generation

Vanessa Williams, Fordham University
The Church of Fandom: Why Religious Scholars, Theologians, and Church Leaders Need to Pay Attention to Nerd Culture

Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University
Crafting Church: Ecclesiological Life of Progressive Christians in the Upper South

Galen Watts, Queen's University, Kingston, ON
"Spiritual but Not Religious" Millennials in Canada

Rachel Schneider, Rice University
New Monasticism, Poverty, and the Politics of Friendship in the US and South Africa

Business Meeting:

Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University, and Randy Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding

A18-333 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



Navarātri Seminar

Theme: **Navarātri and the Production and Performance of Socio-Political Structures**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick B (Second Level)

Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Ehud Halperin, Tel Aviv University
Establishing Gods, Kingship, and Kingdom: Palanquin Rituals in the Kullu Dasabra

Anne Mocko, Concordia College
Removing the Royals from Nepal's Navarātri

Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University
Navarātri as a Festival of Hanuman and Male Asceticism

James Bradbury, University of Manchester
Durga Pujā: Civic Engagement and Communitarian Belonging

Responding:

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona

Business Meeting:

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona, Presiding

A18-334



Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Race, Coloniality, and Philosophy of Religion**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Arlington (Third Level)

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University, Presiding

Speakers for this Roundtable will offer their reflections and recommendations for the directions that the study of race, coloniality, and philosophy of religion ought to take in the present. What are the most crucial questions, methods, and sites of analysis for such a study? Philosophy of religion has played a crucial role in providing the epistemic platform for the articulation and circulation of coloniality at the global level. However, discussion of race and coloniality—along with gender and sexuality—has been traditionally marginalized within the discipline of philosophy (and within philosophy of religion), which implicitly or explicitly sets many of its claims above historical specificity. This will be a dedicated space to a set of conversations that have so far happened sporadically and separately under headings of philosophy or (pan)ethnic and regional identities. We also aim to remedy a frequent disconnect between U.S. discourses about race and transnational discourses examining coloniality.

Panelists:

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University

J. Kameron Carter, Duke University

Devin Singh, Dartmouth College

David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College

Elaine Padilla, University of La Verne

An Yountae, Lebanon Valley College

A18-335



Wildcard Session

Theme: **Recognition, Religious Identities, and the Recognition-Failures of Theodicies**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-203 (Second Level)

Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki, Presiding

Recognition of normative statuses, including identities, constitutes a fundamental phenomenon in, e.g., religion, psychology, sociology, politics, history, and literature. Recognition is also a very timely topic, as witnessed by recent political developments, debates over religious identities and multiculturalism, as well as religious and political extremism. This session aims to combine historical discussions of religion with contemporary systematic explorations of recognition, especially in relation to theodicies.

The presentations proceed from an analysis of the contemporary systematic framework through ancient and medieval intellectual history to the critical issue of recognition-failure in theodicies, discussed since the Book of Job. In addition to presenting systematic and historical reflections on the themes of religion, identity, and recognition in historical, philosophical, and literary contexts, the session seeks to show that developing a form of antitheodicism capable of ethically recognizing the reality of meaningless suffering requires an interplay of philosophical, theological, and literary analysis and argumentation.

Heikki J. Koskinen, University of Helsinki
Religious Identities and Theodicy Pathologies of Mediated Recognition

Ritva Palmén, University of Helsinki
Shame and Recognition in the Middle Ages

Maijastina Ritva Kahlos, University of Helsinki
Recognizing the Road: Graeco-Roman Appeals for Religious Diversity in the Late Roman Empire

Sami Pihlström, University of Helsinki
Failing to Recognize: Theodicy and Metaphysical Realism

Sari Kivistö, University of Tampere
Unmerited Suffering as the Destruction of Meaning in Joseph Roth's Hiob

Panu-Matti Pöykkö, University of Helsinki
Levinasian Sincerity and the Immorality of Theodicies

A18-336



Women's Caucus

Theme: **Publishing Panel: Fresh Perspectives and Resilience in Gender, Race, and Other Social Justice Issues**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-305 (Third Level)

Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton, WI, and Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

This session presents scholars who have published books in Women studies, gender, race, and social justice, in 2016 and 2017. 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 women studies and religion's relationship with social justice issues. In a round table discussion, these scholars will also share their experiences regarding strategies and mechanics for getting Women's studies and religion books published, and to offer advice for those seeking publication of their book manuscript.

Stephanie N. Arel, Boston University
Affect Theory, Shame, and Christian Formation

Sharon Delgado, Earth Justice Ministries, Nevada City, CA
Love In a Time of Climate Change: Honoring Creation, Establishing Justice

Katie Grimes, Villanova University
Christ Divided: Antiracism as Corporate Vice

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Celene Lillie, Tanho Center
The Rape of Eve: The Transformation of Roman Ideology In Three Early Christian Retellings of Genesis

Sabrina MisirHiralall, Montclair State University
Confronting Orientalism: A Self-Study of Educating Through Kuchipudi Dance

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College
Absent Mother God of the West: A Kali Lover's Journey into Christianity and Judaism

Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College
Racial Purity and Dangerous Bodies: Moral Pollution, Black Lives, and the Struggle for Justice

A18-338



Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Performance, Precarity and Disruption**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon F (Third Level)

Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University, Presiding

Kimerer L. LaMothe, Vital Arts, Granville, NY
A Poetic Approach to Feminist Philosophy of Religion and Dance: A Paper-Performance

Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University
The Precarious Art of Maintenance: Intersections of Gender, Labor, and Ecology under Late Capitalism

Elonda Clay, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
"I Only Roll With Goddesses": Black Women as the Divine Feminine in Internet Subcultures and Digital Visual Culture

Responding:

Susannah Laramée Kidd, Mellon-ACLS Public Fellow, Los Angeles County Arts Commission

Business Meeting:

Carol White, Bucknell University, and Mary Keller, University of Wyoming, Presiding

P18-341

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Theme: **Gods of Our Fathers: Restoration, Archaism and Nostalgia in Greco-Roman Religions**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick A (Second Level)

Sandra Blakely, Emory University, Presiding

Frederick E. Brenk, Pontifical Biblical Institute, Rome
Gods of Our Fathers: The Delphic Oracle in Plutarch's

Kenneth Yu, University of Chicago
Ancient Reflections on Myth and Cult in Greek Paradoxography

Zsuzsanna Varhelyi, Boston University
Thrasea Paetus: Loss and Recovery of Republican Religious Tradition in Imperial Rome

Jeffrey Brodd, California State University, Sacramento
The Jerusalem Temple and Emperor Julian's "Invention of Tradition"

A18-337



Friends of the Academy Reception

Saturday, 5:30 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-AAR Suite

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.

A18-400



International Members Reception

Saturday, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

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

2016–2017 Collaborative International Research Grant Winners

Yaqoob Bangash, IT University of the Punjab, Pakistan, and Arun W. Jones, Emory University

"Dear Sisters, let us go on a little trip": The Religious of Jesus and Mary and Women's Education in Colonial Punjab, 1856–1947

Deidre Green, Brigham Young University, Amy Hoyt, University of the Pacific, Gertrude Fester, Sol Plaatje University, South Africa, Kristen J. Leslie, Eden Theological Seminary, and Julie Allen, Brigham Young University

Women, Religion, and Transitional Justice: Ethnographic Research in Rwanda

Azfar Moin, University of Texas, and Noman Baig, Habib University, Pakistan

Saint Shrines and Sovereignty in Pakistan

Lauren Pfister, Hong Kong Baptist University, Ricardo Mak King Sang, Hong Kong Baptist University, Tatiana L. Pang, Institute of Oriental Manuscripts, Russian Academy of Sciences, and Piotr Adamek, Monumenta Serica, Germany

A Comparative Sinological Assessment of The Four Books and Its Commentaries by Zhu Xi Produced in the 1820s by the Russian Orthodox Missionary-Scholar Iakin'f (1777–1852)

Ute Possek, Harvard University, and J. F. Coakley, University of Cambridge

Liturgy, Learning, and Exegesis in Late Antique Persia: Thomas of Edessa's Explanations of the Feasts

Tehseen Thaver, Bard College, and Hamed Fayazi, Qom Islamic Seminary, Iran

Operations of Ambiguity in Medieval Shi'i Qur'an Commentaries

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Saturday, 7:00 PM and Later

A18-401

Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR) Editorial Board Meeting

Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM
Marriott Copley Place–St. Botolph (Second Level)
Cynthia Eller, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

P18-402

Critical Research on Religion Reception

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM
Offsite–Lir, 903 Boylston Street

You are invited to a reception sponsored by *Critical Research on Religion* (<http://crr.sagepub.com>) in conjunction with the following AAR Program Units: Sociology of Religion; Religions in the Latina/o Americas; Secularism and Secularity; Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence; and Religion, Memory, History.

A18-408

Haunted Boston Ghost Walk Tour

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM
Offsite–Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall CD in the Convention Center
See page 10 for details.

P18-400

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: **Penal Substitution Atonement Theories Today**
Saturday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM
Hynes Convention Center–202 (Second Level)
Robert B. Stewart, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Presiding
This session will focus on contemporary penal substitutionary atonement theories and Biblical, theological, and philosophical issues related to those theories.

William Lane Craig, Biola University and Houston Baptist University

On the Alleged Injustice of Penal Substitution

Douglas J. Moo, Wheaton College
The Word of the Cross in Paul

Mark A. Seifrid, Concordia Seminary
Participation in Christ and Current Discussion of the Atonement
Steve Porter, Biola University
Four Considerations in Favor of Penal Substitutionary Atonement

A18-402

Presidential Address — Eddie Glaude: Religion and the Most Vulnerable



Eddie S. Glaude

Saturday, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM
Sheraton Boston–Grand & Independence (Second Level)

David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding
Eddie S. Glaude Jr. is the William S. Tod Professor of Religion and African American Studies at Princeton University. He is chair of the Department

of African American Studies, a program he first became involved with shaping as a doctoral candidate in Religion at Princeton. His books on religion and philosophy include *African American Religion: A Very Short Introduction*, *Democracy in Black: How Race Still Enslaves the American Soul*, *In a Shade of Blue: Pragmatism and the Politics of Black America*, and *Exodus! Religion, Race and Nation in Early 19th Century Black America*, which was awarded the Modern Language Association's William Sanders Scarborough Book Prize. Currently Glaude is at work on a book about James Baldwin, tentatively titled *James Baldwin's America, 1963–1972*.

Glaude left his home in Moss Point, Mississippi at age 16 to begin studies at the Morehouse College. He holds a master's degree in African American Studies from Temple University, and a Ph.D in Religion from Princeton University. He began his teaching career at Bowdoin College. He has been a visiting scholar at Amherst College and Harvard. In 2011 he delivered Harvard's Du Bois lectures.

Known to be a convener of conversations and debates, Glaude takes care to engage fellow citizens of all ages and backgrounds — from young activists, to fellow academics, journalists and commentators, and followers on Twitter in dialogue about the course of the nation. His scholarship and his sense of himself as a public intellectual are driven by a commitment to think carefully with others in public. Accordingly, his writing and ideas are cited and shared widely. Glaude has written for *The New York Times* and *The Huffington Post*. He is a columnist for *Time Magazine* and regularly provides commentary on radio and television news programs like *Democracy Now!*, *Morning Joe*, and *the 11th Hour*.

Prior to Dr. Glaude's address, a group of former AAR Presidents will present a tribute to Executive Director Jack Fitzmier, who will be retiring in 2018.

Panelist:

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University

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A18-403



JAAR Reception for Authors and Board Members

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM
Marriott Copley Place-AAR Suite

A18-404



Film: *Kundun*

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Sheraton Boston-Constitution (Second Level)

Kundun is a 1997 epic biographical film written by Melissa Mathison and directed by Martin Scorsese. It is based on the life and writings of Tenzin Gyatso, the fourteenth Dalai Lama, the exiled political and spiritual leader of Tibet.

“Kundun” (sku mdun in Tibetan), meaning “presence”, is a title by which the Dalai Lama is addressed.

A18-405



Film: *Alone in Fukushima*

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding
Nakamura Mayu’s *Alone in Fukushima* documents a year in the life of fifty-five-year-old Matsumura Naoto, a resident of Fukushima Prefecture, Japan. After the triple disaster of March 11, 2011—a massive earthquake followed by a tsunami and a nuclear meltdown, Matsumura has remained behind in his deserted hometown of Tomioka City next to the damaged Fukushima Daiichi reactor.

There, Matsumura looks after animals that were abandoned in the wake of the disaster. While Matsumura has received considerable media attention in Europe and America, where he has become a messianic icon of animal rights and the anti-nuclear movement, the Japanese media have virtually ignored him. Nakamura’s documentary portrays Matsumura as a complex character who is resisting the erasure of his hometown while struggling for survival alongside the non-human inhabitants of the evacuation zone. *Alone in Fukushima* raises important ethical questions about interspecies becoming and the vulnerability of life in the Anthropocene.

Panelists:

- Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University
- Christopher Ives, Stonehill College
- Mayu Nakamura, Independent Filmmaker, Tokyo, Japan

A18-406



Film: *Hunger for God, Hunger for Bread: The Faith of Latin America’s Poor* (CBS News)

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

John Phillip Santos, San Antonio, TX, Presiding

In 1986, Fr. Virgilio Elizondo, a native of San Antonio, Texas, undertook an powerful journey of witness through Nicaragua, Peru, and Brazil, encountering such powerful scenes as a village on the Honduran border of Nicaragua in the middle of the Contra War; the vibrant “pueblo jóven” of Villa El Salvador, outside of Lima; and the faith of street people in Sao Paolo. Along the way, Elizondo — who is now widely regarded as the father of U.S. Hispanic/Latino theology — engaged such luminaries as Gustavo Gutierrez, Leonardo Boff, Dom Helder Camara, Pedro Casaldaligla, and Enrique Dussel, and a host of others. Elizondo’s testimonial here is a remarkable, and little seen, glimpse of the flowering of liberation theology, which continues to be felt across the Americas today.

John Phillip Santos, the producer of the film, will be present to lead a brief discussion after the viewing.

P18-401



African Association for the Study of Religions Dinner

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Offsite

Dinner at a local African restaurant. Details TBA.

P18-403



Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Reception

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM
Marriott Copley Place-Gloucester (Third Level)

All are invited to come celebrate our 20 years of publishing the scholarship of teaching in Teaching Theology and Religion. Past, present, and future participants in Wabash Center workshops, colloquies, consultations, and grants are all welcome to join us for an evening of conversation and celebration.

A18-407



LGBTIQ Scholars/Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM
Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

A19-1



AAR Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding

Join the AAR Board of Directors for a continental breakfast and a brief business meeting.

A19-2



Applied Religious Studies Breakfast

Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick A (Second Level)

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard Law School, Presiding

AAR members who apply their degrees to work outside of the academy, or students who are interested in an alternative career path are welcome to meet and greet each other at this breakfast hosted by the AAR's Applied Religious Studies Committee. Please RSVP by Friday, November 3, by e-mailing annualmeeting@aarweb.org.

P19-5

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion Leadership Meeting

Sunday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Massachusetts (Fifth Level)

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

A19-100



Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting

Sunday, 9:00 AM–9:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Bhakti Mamtora, University of Florida, Presiding

Attention Graduate Students! We will be holding our annual business meeting on Sunday, November 18th from 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM in the Student Lounge. We encourage you to attend the meeting, meet with the Graduate Student Committee members, and share your requests for AAR's Annual Meeting (2018) with us!

P19-117



Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies

Theme: **Book Review: *Beauty's Vineyard: A Theological Aesthetic of Anguish and Anticipation***

Sunday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-St. George C-D (Third Level)

Frank Burch Brown, Christian Theological Seminary, Presiding

In her most recent book, *Beauty's Vineyard: A Theological Aesthetic of Anguish and Anticipation*, Kimberly Vrudny presents a socially engaged theology of beauty rooted in a Catholic theological imagination. Join us for a conversation about beauty, art, and social transformation.

Panelists:

Janet Walton, Union Theological Seminary

Cláudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary

Maeve Louise Heaney, Australian Catholic University

Responding:

Kimberly Vrudny, University of St. Thomas

P19-110

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **Bans, Boycotts, Institutional Statements: A NAASR Perspective**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–10:50 AM

Fairmont Copley Place-State Suite A (Lower Lobby Level)

A19-101



Applied Religious Studies Committee and Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **Inside the State Department: Scholars Reflect on Working for the Government**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Mara Willard, University of Oklahoma, Presiding



Evan Berry

What's it like to work in the US Department of State?

How is academic knowledge about religion practical to public policymakers? What are the ethical implications of engaging — and of declining to engage — in such work? What seems to be the future of such work in this area.

Three of the panelists recently completed a year or more as an AAR-Luce Fellow in the US Department of State: in the Office of Religion and Global Affairs, Evan Berry focused on the environment, and Jerome Copulsky on anti-Semitism, refugees, and training; and in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Todd Green focused on Islamophobia.

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Jerome Copulsky

Rounding out the panel are Elizabeth Prodromou, former Vice-Chair of the US Commission on International Religious Freedom, who brings expertise on international policy and conflict resolution; and Robert Albro, a sociocultural anthropologist, who chaired the American Anthropological Association's Ad Hoc Commission on the Engagement of Anthropology with the U. S. Security and Intelligence Communities.

AAR-Luce Fellowships are made possible through a generous grant from the Henry Luce Foundation.

Panelists:



Todd Green

Evan Berry, American University
Jerome E. Copulsky, American University
Todd Green, Luther College
Elizabeth Prodromou, Tufts University
Robert Albro, American University

A19-102



Status of Women in the Profession Committee

Theme: **Women and Vulnerability in the Academy**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-305 (Third Level)

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University, Presiding

What forms of vulnerability do women and female-bodied people encounter in the academy? How does that impact our professional development, our careers, and our very survival? Our invited panelists will discuss various forms of vulnerability such as gender, race, queer and/or trans identity, disability, term/contingent employment, immigration status, religious identity, or being an ally for any of these identities. Join the Status of Women in the Profession Committee for a session that will continue our rich conversation on the complexity of power dynamics and gender through a combination of presentations and audience discussion.

Panelists:

Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary
Teresa Delgado, Iona College
Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco
Siobhan Kelly, Harvard University
Nikky Singh, Colby College
Jeanine Viau, University of Central Florida

A19-103

African Religions Unit

Theme: **Decolonizing the Study of Religion in Africa**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding

Oludamini Ogunnaiké, College of William and Mary
From Theory to Theoria and Back Again: Decolonizing Theories of African Religion and Philosophy

Annalisa Buttici, Utrecht University
Nana Ntona: The Aesthetics and Politics of a Ghanaian Afro-Catholic Saint

Marcus Harvey, University of North Carolina, Asheville
The "Speech of Silence" and Other Decolonizing Concepts: New Theoretical Horizons in Malidoma Somé's Of Water and the Spirit

Ayodeji Ogunnaiké, Harvard University
(Re)Making African Religions

Responding:

Laura Grillo, Georgetown University

A19-104



Afro-American Religious History Unit and North American Religions Unit

Theme: **"Religio-racial Identity" as Challenge and Critique**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-201 (Second Level)

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding

Matthew Cressler, College of Charleston
Black Power, Religio-racial Identity, and the Unveiling of White Catholicism

Jamil Drake, Florida State University
"American Peasants," Religio-racial Identity, and the Problem of Class in Health Research

Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University
Disciplining Religio-racial Difference: Anti-Klan Laws v. Women of Color

Laura McTighe, Columbia University
Surveillance and Sabotage: Religio-racial Identity in the Women's Carceral Sphere

Responding:

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College, and Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

A19-105



Anthropology of Religion Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **The Anthropology of Catholicism: A Roundtable on Method, Challenges, and Opportunities**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Jamaica Pond (Fifth Level)

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, and James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

Panelists:

Julie Byrne, Hofstra University
Brian Clites, Northwestern University
Susan Reynolds, Boston College
Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin

Business Meeting:

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, and Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding

A19-106

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Dialogue through Art: Asian Christian Art and Interreligious Discourse in South, Southeast, and East Asia**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

James Ponniah Kulandai Raj, University of Madras, Presiding

John Clammer, O.P. Jindal Global University
Dialogue through the Image: Asian Christian Art and Interreligious Discourses in Early Modern Asia

Gudion Loewner, United Theological College, Bangalore
Interreligious Dialogue in Art: The Icon of Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Verena Grüter, University of Goettingen
The Art of Music in Asian Christianity

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville
Performing Social Critique: Christian Nāyikās in Bharata Natyam

A19-107



Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit

Theme: **Religion, Race, and National Belonging**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-MIT (Third Level)

Helen Jin Kim, Harvard University, Presiding

Daniel K. Eng, University of Cambridge
The Shameless Father: Honor and Shame in the Parable of the Prodigal Son and Its Reception among Asian-Americans

Ren Ito, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto
Beyond the Binary in Asian North American Antiracism

Ryan Anningson, Wilfrid Laurier University
Once the Buddha Was an Aryan: Race Sciences and the Domestication of Buddhism in North America

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University
Transnational Pioneers: A Century of the Hari Family in Calgary

Business Meeting:

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Schools of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco, and Devin Singh, Dartmouth College, Presiding

A19-108/S19-141

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Theme: **Present and Future of Biblical Studies, I: Celebrating 25 Years of Brill's Journal, *Biblical Interpretation***

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-311 (Third Level)

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Co-Sponsored by: SBL Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics Unit; SBL Bible and Cultural Studies Unit; SBL Contextual Biblical Interpretation Unit; SBL Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Unit; SBL Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Unit; SBL Ideological Criticism Unit; SBL LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics Unit; SBL Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Unit; SBL Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Studies Unit; SBL Reading, Theory, and the Bible Unit; SBL Rhetoric and the New Testament Unit; SBL Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Unit

Panelists:

Fiona Black, Mount Allison University

Steed Davidson, McCormick Theological Seminary

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College

Stephen Moore, Drew University

Jorunn Okland, University of Oslo

Responding:

Randall C. Bailey, Interdenominational Theological Center

A19-109



Buddhism Unit

Theme: **Buddhist Practical Canons: Textual Community in the Pre-modern Buddhist World**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

José I. Cabezon, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Rafal Felbur, Stanford University
A Canon before the Canon in Chinese Buddhism: Reflections on the Practical Canon in the Work of Sengrui (352–419 or 354–421)

Jonathan Young, California State University, Bakersfield
Practical Canons from Buddhist Past: What Pāli Anthologies Can Tell Us about Buddhist History

Or Porath, University of California, Santa Barbara
A Cunning Canonization: The Plasticity of Canon in Tendai's Eshin Lineage

Adam Krug, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Early Indian Mahāmudrā Canon and Practical Canoncity in the Esoteric Buddhism of India and Tibet

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Responding:

Anne M. Blackburn, Cornell University

Business Meeting:

James Robson, Harvard University, and Reiko Ohnuma,
Dartmouth College, Presiding

A19-110

Buddhist Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Emotion: Buddhism, Neuroscience, and Moral Cultivation**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Hampton (Third Level)

A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo, Presiding

John Dunne, University of Wisconsin

Constructing Emotion for Action in the World: A Buddhist Perspective

Lisa Feldman Barrett, Northeastern University

Neuroscientific Theories of Emotion: Classical and Constructed

Jake Davis, Brown University

*Emotion and the Qualities of Heart: Towards a Cross-Cultural
Cognitive Science*

Christian Coseru, College of Charleston

*Does Introspective Attention Change What We Perceive and How We
Feel?*

Emily McRae, University of New Mexico

*The Moral Contours of Self-Liberating Emotions in Patrul Rinpoche's
Essential Jewel*

A19-111

Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **Tradition: Catholic and Protestant**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay D (Second Level)

Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

Steven Edward Harris, Hamilton, ON

*Christ the One Teacher of All: Toward an Ecumenical Theology of the
Magisterium*

Luke Tallon, LeTourneau University

*Trinitarian Tradition: A Critical Response and Counter-Proposal to
Joseph Ratzinger's Ecumenical Reformulation*

Simeon Zahl, University of Nottingham

Tradition and Its "Use": Theological Retrieval as Ethical Drama

Pui Ip, University of Cambridge

*The Relationship between Revelation (Scripture) and Its Transmission
(Tradition): John Webster on the Root of the Protestant-Catholic
Disagreement*

A19-112

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Japanese Religions Unit

Theme: **Trauma in Japanese Religion**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-209 (Second Level)

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College, Presiding

Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University

*Disasters Incribed upon a Landscape: Buddhist Institutions, the
Massed Dead, and the State in Pre-modern Japan*

Byoungdo Park, University of Tokyo

*Commemorating Trans-sectarian Deaths: From Two Cases of
Disasters in Early Modern Japan*

Paride Stortini, University of Chicago

*The Silk Road as the Way Home: Trauma, Memory, and Buddhism in
the Art and Activism of Hirayama Ikuo*

Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University

*Guilt Trip: Pilgrimage, Dark Tourism, and an Ethic of the Visitor at
a Nuclear Disaster Site*

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University

*From Pastoral Care to Victim Care: Toward a Genealogy of "Trauma"
in Contemporary Japanese Religion*

Responding:

Akira Nishimura, University of Tokyo

A19-113

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Comparative Theology Unit

Theme: **Agents of Aesthetic Encounters with Holiness:**

**Hagiography as Lens on Theological-Aesthetic Developments in
Islam and Christianity**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-101 (Plaza Level)

Aaron Hollander, University of Chicago, Presiding

Alec Arnold, Saint Louis University

*Come and See, Come and Hear: Holy Mediators of Divine Aesthetics
in Early Islamic and Byzantine Christian Hagiographies*

Axel Takacs, Harvard University

*Between Sainthood and Friendship in Christianity and Islam: The
Role Hagiographies Play in the Drama of Life*

June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart University

*"Sainly" Optics and Gendered E (in)vocations of Holiness: The
Hagiographic Traditions of St. Clare of Assisi and Women Mystics of
Islam*

Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary

*Writing the Sublime: Visual Hagiography and the Promotion of
Christian-Muslim Understanding*

Business Meeting:

Marianne Moyaert, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, and
Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America,
Presiding

A19-114



Contemporary Islam Unit

Theme: **Intersections of Islamophobia: Between Nationalism and Globalization**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

Yunus Dogan Telliel, City University of New York, Presiding

Giulia Evolvi, Ruhr University
Islamexit: Twitter Islamophobia after the British Referendum

Iselin Frydenlund, MF Norwegian School of Theology
Islamophobia and Its Buddhist Vicissitudes

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston
“CIA to Survey World’s Moslems”: Islam and the American Public under Carter and Reagan

Mathew J. Guest, Durham University
Representing Islam on UK University Campuses: Negotiating Research and Identity within a Securitized Educational Environment

Iman AbdoulKarim, Dartmouth College
Islam is #BlackLivesMatter: Muslim Women on the Frontier of Anti-Blackness and Islamophobia

Business Meeting:

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College, Presiding

A19-115

Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit and Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Religious Histories of Technology in the Americas**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Public Garden (Fifth Level)

Anthony Petro, Boston University, Presiding

John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
On Technomasochism

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara
Railroading Secularism

Kati Curts, University of the South
Secular Sublime, Remixed Religion: Categorical Mash-Up in Christian Marclay’s The Clock

Lucia Hulsether, Yale University
Bound to the Company: Technologies of Capitalist Humanitarianism

Angela Tarango, Trinity University
The “New Buffalo”: Indian Gaming and Cultural Identity among the Oklahoma Nations

Cara Rock-Singer, Columbia University
Relational Technologies: Performing Queer Ritual Art
Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College
Railroad Catechisms

A19-116

Evangelical Studies Unit

Theme: **Evangelicalism and Questions of Ethnicity**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-St. Botolph (Second Level)

Dan Wells, Florida State University
“I Just Wish I Could Be Born Again Everyday”: Eldridge Cleaver and the Evangelical Mentality of Displacement

Shari Madkins, Emory University
“Ain’t I an Evangelical, Too?” How Whiteness Erases People of Color from the Multi-cultural Evangelical Church Movement

Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia
The White Problem in Evangelicalism: A Costly Model of Reconciliation

Daniel Rodriguez, Pepperdine University
Hispanic Evangelicalism in the United States: Critical and Theological Responses to Trump’s Vision for America and to White Evangelicals Who Embrace It

Keith Johnson, Wheaton College
Evangelicals, Race, and the Perils of the Evaluative Form

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History of Christianity Unit

Theme: **Late Ancient Ruminations: Thinking Today by Reading the Past**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Boylston (First Level)

Peter Anthony Mena, University of San Diego, Presiding

Nathaniel Morehouse, John Carroll University
Nicaea’s Unorthodox Benefactor: The Emperor Julian and the Rise of Nicæan Dominance

Tola Rodrick, Indiana University
Technologies of the Cell: Transforming Mud Brick into Virtue in Late Ancient Egypt

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University
“A Familiar Art”: Contemporary Reproductions of Abortion in Antiquity

Dan Salyers, Fuller Theological Seminary
Refugee Bishops in the Fourth Century

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A19-118**Islamic Mysticism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit**Theme: **Sufism and Yoga in Early Modern India**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Wellesley (Third Level)

Shaman Hatley, University of Massachusetts, Boston, Presiding

Heidi R. M. Pauwels, University of Washington
*Encounters and Transformations: Yogis in the Sufi Romances (Premākhyān)*Supriya Gandhi, Yale University
*Sound, Breath, and Mystical Nondualism: Reading the Omnāma*Shankar Nair, University of Virginia
*Yoga for Sufis? "Muslim Yoga" in a Persian Mughal Treatise*Ayesha Irani, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Yoga for the Bengali Darwās: The Esoteric Teachings of the Jñāna Pradīpa, Lamp of Knowledge

Responding:

Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina

Business Meeting:

Andrea Marion Pinkney, McGill University, and Hamsa Stainton, University of Kansas, Presiding

A19-119**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit**Theme: **Kierkegaard and the Future of Revelation – Part II: Community and the Limits of Democracy**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-208 (Second Level)

Stacey Ake, Drexel University, Presiding

Jennifer Veninga, St. Edward's University
*Kierkegaard's Hope for the Present Age: Individuality, Love, and Witness as Antidotes to Uncertain Times*Thomas Millay, Baylor University
*Revelation Contra Nation(s): Kierkegaard's Theological Critique of Nationalism*Natalia Marandiuc, Southern Methodist University
*Love is a Revolution: Kierkegaard at the Women's March*Brandon Pierce, Stamford Church of Christ
"Very Simply—I Want Honesty": Kierkegaard's Attack on Christendom, Black Theology, and the Failure of White Liberal Activism

A19-120**Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit**Theme: **The Lesbian as a Space for Revolution in Communities, Organizations, and Politics**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Brandeis (Third Level)

Amy Milligan, Old Dominion University, Presiding

Laulie Eckerberger, University of Winchester
*"I Can't Believe We're Still Protesting This!": How the Lesbian-Feminist Embodies Our Way Forward*Andrea Glass, Pennsylvania State University
*"Postcards from the Resistance": The Politics and Practices of the Lesbian Community in Lancaster*Anjeanette LeBoeuf, Claremont Graduate University
Space, Location, Resistance, and Lesbians

Responding:

Michelle Wolff, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

A19-121**Music and Religion Unit**Theme: **Community Formation: Intersections of Congregations, Religious Musics, and Popular Culture**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Jeffers Engelhardt, Amherst College, Presiding

Andrew Mall, Northeastern University
*Resistance, Renewal, and Congregation at Christian Music Festivals*Joshua Busman, University of North Carolina, Pembroke
*Bands, Brands, and Bodies: "Corporate" Worshipping at the Passion Conference*Katelyn Medic, University of Minnesota
*The Voice and Worship in Twin Cities Churches*Maren Haynes Marchesini, University of Montana
"It's Not Our Brand": Mission, Music and Race in a Twenty-First Century New Calvinist Megachurch

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, and David Stowe, Michigan State University, Presiding

A19-122**Open and Relational Theologies Unit and Tillich: Issues in Theology and Culture Unit**Theme: **Does God Need the World? Whitehead and Tillich in Conversation**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B (Second Level)

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University, Presiding

Janna Gonwa, Yale University
*"A Tender Care That Nothing Be Lost": Whitehead, Tillich, and the Eternal Life of the Ecosystem*Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University
*Tillich on the Dynamics of the "Divine Life": Evasive or Earnest?*Kirk MacGregor, McPherson College
*The Tillichian Dispensability of the World to God*Demian Wheeler, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
God Is the World: Bernard Loomer as a Bridge between Whitehead and Tillich

Responding:

Robert C. Neville, Boston University

A19-123



Practical Theology Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit

Theme: **Theological Education in Spaces of Social Marginality**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-310 (Third Level)

Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, Presiding

Clare Radford, University of Glasgow
Interpreting Injustice: Narrating Experiences of Marginalisation in Scotland as Constructing Theological Praxis

Sarah Jobe, Duke University
Programs in Prisons: Transforming the Who, Where, How, and What of Theological Education

Rachelle Green, Emory University
Pedagogical Justice: Toward a Theologically Responsible Pedagogy for Teaching Religion to Women in Prison

Richard Burgess, University of Roehampton
The Pedagogical Challenges of Teaching Theology to First-generation Students from Non-traditional Churches

Responding:

Daniel Franklin Pilario, Adamson University

Business Meeting:

Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, and Darby Ray, Bates College, Presiding

A19-124



Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit

Theme: **Ecology, Naturalism, and Democratic Faith**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Berkeley (Third Level)

William David Hart, Macalester College, Presiding

Mary Friedline, Southern Methodist University
Is Democratic Faith Secular? Seeking Pluralism in Rorty's Achieving Our Country

Gary Slater, St. Edward's University
The Ecological Ethics of William James's A Pluralistic Universe

Scot Yoder, Michigan State University
Neo-Pragmatism and Religious Naturalism: What Rorty and Rue Might Learn From Each Other

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Religion and Cities Unit

Theme: **Conflict and Creativity: The Reimagining of Urban Space**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Dartmouth (Third Level)

Elise Edwards, Baylor University, Presiding

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
A Holy War in Harlem: Father Divine, Daddy Grace, and the Battle for the Soul of Black New York

Heather White, University of Puget Sound
"This Disco Used to Be a Cute Cathedral": Queer Genealogies of Secularism at the Limelight Nightclub

Jung Lee, Northeastern University
The Dharma of the City: A Tibetan Buddhist Refuge in Cambridge

Responding:

Katie Day, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia

Business Meeting:

Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

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Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Critical Approaches to Racial and Environmental Justice**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Simmons (Third Level)

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego, Presiding

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University
Racial and Environmental Justice in the Wild

Karen Crozier, Fresno County Historical Museum
Black Prey, White Predator: Fannie Lou Hamer's Practical Theology of Racial Freedom in the U.S. "Wilderness"

Courtney O'Dell-Chaib, Syracuse University
Making-With Disaster

Ryne Beddard, University of North Carolina

Benjamin Steele-Fisher, University of Denver
Toward a Decolonial Religious Poetics beyond the Human

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Hearing Nature's Voice: The Possibilities of Ecological Democracy

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Religion and Food Unit

Theme: **Religion, Food, and Place**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon A (Third Level)

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding

Cody Musselman, Yale University

In Tune with the Intimate: The Imperial Bodies of New Thought

Beth Ritter-Conn, Belmont University

Guests at Our Own Tables: Paradox, Power, and Hospitality in a Southern City

E Moore Quinn, College of Charleston

"To Hell the Generous Will Never Go": The Clash of Ethical Cultures in Nineteenth-Century Ireland

Business Meeting:

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, and Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, Presiding

A19-128

Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Islam and Muslims in Western States**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Vineyard (Fourth Level)

Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University, Presiding

David Tittensor, Deakin University

Navigating the Era of Hyper Security: Being Muslim in Australia

Kaarina Aitamurto, University of Helsinki

The Pressure for Centralization in the Russian Governance of Islam as a Challenge to Solidarity within Muslim Minorities in Moscow and St. Petersburg

Angela Bernardo, Sapienza University of Rome

Negotiating Religion: The "National Pact for an Italian Islam" between Agency, Security Claims, Legitimization, and Recognition

Abbas Barzegar, Georgia State University, and Nagham Elkarhili, Georgia State University

Countering Violent Extremism: Paradoxical Muslim Responses to the Question of Islam and Terrorism

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Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit

Theme: **Images and Shrines in Latin America: Authors/Book Session**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

Jennifer Schepher Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Panelists:

William Taylor, University of California, Berkeley

Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia

Responding:

David Carrasco, Harvard University

A19-130



Ritual Studies Unit

Theme: **Ritual Aesthetics and the Senses**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Hyannis (Fourth Level)

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding

Adam Bursi, University of Tennessee

Scents of Pilgrimage: Early Islamic Pilgrimage, Relics, and the Senses

Sarah Kathleen Johnson, University of Notre Dame

Listening for Harmony and Dissonance in Overlapping Ritual Systems

Clayton Ashton, University of British Columbia

The Moral Aesthetics of the Everyday: Ritualization in the Chinese Book of Rites

Jay Ramesh, Columbia University

Transforming Language: Prescription, Affect, and Translation in Early Modern South Indian Saiva Literature

Responding:

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

Business Meeting:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, and Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding

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Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit

Theme: **American Divines: Interpretations of Authority, Sacrifice, and Exceptionalism**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-New Hampshire (Fifth Level)

Valerie C. Cooper, Duke University, Presiding

Michael Cohen, Temple University

George Duffield, John Adams, and America as New Israel

Joshua Nunziato, Villanova University

The Offering of Walden: Thoreau and the Sacrificial Economy of the Bhagavad-Gita

Seth Perry, Princeton University

"Five Links, Two Hooks, and a Swivel": Lorenzo Dow's Chain as Populist Exegesis

Responding:

Molly Farneth, Haverford College

Business Meeting:

Emily Filler, Earlham College, Presiding

A19-132

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Reimagining the Field: Theorizing the “Jewishness” of Jewish Thought**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hynes Convention Center-110 (Plaza Level)

Annette Yoshiko Reed, New York University, Presiding

Elias Sacks, University of Colorado
Critical Theory Out of the Sources of Judaism: Horkheimer, Cohen, and Jewish Thought

Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago
The Reluctant Children of Postwar French Judaism: Jean Wahl, Vladimir Jankélévitch, and Rabi

Samuel Brody, University of Kansas
On Building a Jewish Political Economy Canon

Responding:

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago

A19-133

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Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit

Theme: **Wholistic Self-Care: Mining the Depths, Challenges, and Stigmas of Communal and Private Mental Health from Womanist Perspectives**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Melva L. Sampson, Emory University, Presiding

Rezenet Moges, California State University, Long Beach
The Unveiled Treasure of “Phenomenal Black Deaf Womxn”

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
Womanist Ase: Ifa Practices that Support Black Women’s Experiences of Depression

Responding:

Trina Armstrong, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University

A19-134



Economics and Capitalism in the Study of Buddhism Seminar

Theme: **Buddhist Practice During Collapse: Economic, Cultural, Institutional, and Political**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Fairfax B (Third Level)

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Courtney Bruntz, Doane University
Buddhism for a Tech-Savvy Chinese Youth

Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg, University of Copenhagen
The Centrality of “Youth” in Promoting and Reforming Buddhist Monasteries in Ladakh

Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College
Theravada Buddhist Economic Realities: Decline Narratives and Coffee Shops in Northern Thailand

Kevin Buckelew, Columbia University
Buddhist Rhetorics of Productivity and Debt at the End of Medieval China: “Inner-Worldly Asceticism” and the Chan Tradition

Business Meeting:

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara, and
Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

A19-135



Holmes Welch and the Study of Buddhism in Twentieth-Century China Seminar

Theme: **Revisiting the Revival: Holmes Welch’s Work at 50**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Regis (Third Level)

Rongdao Lai, University of Southern California, Presiding

Panelists:

Erik Braun, University of Virginia

Robert E. Buswell, University of California, Los Angeles

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado

Jessica Main, University of British Columbia

Nathaniel Welch, Welch Consulting, Los Angeles, CA

Business Meeting:

Erik Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University, and Gregory
Adam Scott, University of Manchester, Presiding

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Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Spiritual but Not Religious: A Roundtable Discussion on the Past, Present, and Future(s) of Research**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Riverway (Fifth Level)

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

This exploratory session is meant to formalize an ongoing conversation on the Spiritual But Not Religious (SBNR) with the aim of establishing a Spiritual But Not Religious program unit. The discussion will address what national surveys agree is a growing social phenomenon in the United States and to what some argue is a growing transnational movement. Most generally, the term SBNR denotes those who, on the one hand, are disillusioned with traditional institutional religions and, on the other hand, feel that those same traditions contain wisdom and valuable practices. This discussion will engage the past, present, and future(s) of the SBNR phenomenon to various degrees. It will offer new perspectives on the study of the SBNR that challenge existing assumptions, call attention to its unarticulated features, and offer expectations of and prescriptions for its future growth. Anticipated outcomes include the formation of new debates, issues, and intellectual trajectories.

Panelists:

- Joy R. Bostic, Case Western Reserve University
- Robert C. Fuller, Bradley University
- Matthew Hedstrom, University of Virginia
- Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
- William Parsons, Rice University
- Jodie Vann, Arizona State University

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Publications Committee Meeting

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-301 (Third Level)

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

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Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and Religion and Migration Unit and Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit

Theme: *American Gods*

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Constitution (Second Level)

Alison Marshall, Brandon University, Presiding

Inspired by Neil Gaiman's novel, this roundtable explores the significance of religion and divinity in the new television show, *American Gods*. From the devotional practices of contemporary Pagans and polytheists, to cinematic representations of Mexican Jesus and beyond, participants in this session explore how Gaiman's adapted story probes enduring themes of desire, order, and sacrifice within the study of religion. As Gaiman's narrative reminds us, migrants don't relinquish their gods when they cross borders.

Humans constantly create and sustain deities, even as devotees envision their gods as themselves giving life. Dreamlike portrayals of *American Gods*' Mr. Wednesday and Shadow show divinities transcending boundaries of region, race, gender, color, creed, and morality. Here, gods represent and become more than vestiges of old and new worlds as they are eternally recreated and become part of the multifaceted human experience.

Panelists:

- Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion
- Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University
- Ken Derry, University of Toronto
- Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University
- Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University

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Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **Book Review: Does Religion Cause Violence?**

Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Violence and Religion in the Modern World

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Adams (Third Level)

Jeremiah Alberg, Sophia University, Presiding

Scott Cowdell, Charles Stuart University, and Joel Hodge, Australian Catholic University
Introduction to the Volume Does Religion Cause Violence? (Bloomsbury, 2017)

William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University
Girard and the Myth of Religious Violence

Joel Hodge, Australian Catholic University
Why is God Part of Human Violence? The Idolatrous Nature of Modern Religious Extremism

Wolfgang Palaver, University of Innsbruck
Religious Extremism, Terrorism, and Islam: A Mimetic Perspective

Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University
Islam and Violence: Debunking the Myths

James W. Jones, Rutgers University
Review of the Volume: Does Religion Cause Violence?

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Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Grant Design Conversations**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-107 (Plaza Level)

Do you have a grant idea for a project on teaching and learning? Have you ever thought about applying for a Wabash Center grant? Do you have questions about our grant procedures and protocols, whether your project would qualify, or how your ideas might be shaped into an appropriate Wabash Center proposal?

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Society for Comparative Research on Iconographic and Performative Texts

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Clarendon (Third Level)

Richard Newton, Elizabethtown College, Presiding

The Society for Comparative Research on Iconic and Performative Texts (SCRIPT) fosters academic discourse about the social functions of books and texts that exceed their semantic meaning and interpretation, such as their display as cultural artifacts, their ritual use in religious and political ceremonies, their performance by recitation and theater, and their depiction in art.

Sonia Hazard, Franklin and Marshall College

How Not to Read: The Trace of Evangelical Readers and the Powers of the Religious Book in the United States, c. 1825–1861

Marianne Schleicher, Aarhus University

Sensory Uses of Scriptures in Israelite-Jewish Religion

Alice Mandell, University of Wisconsin

Texts Unseen: Invisible Writings and Performance in the Ancient Levant

Joy Palacios, Simon Fraser University

A Script in Hand? Small-Format Ecclesiastical Texts and Priestly Performance in Early Modern France

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Society for Pentecostal Studies

Theme: **A Conversation with Harvey Cox on Pentecostalism, Markets, Scripture, and the Future of Faith**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty A (Second Level)

Robby Waddell, Southeastern University, Presiding

Panelists:

David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary

Cheryl Bridges Johns, Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Rickie Moore, Lee University

Frank Macchia, Vanguard University

Responding:

Harvey Cox, Harvard University

P19-153

Theta Alpha Kappa Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Vermont (Fifth Level)

Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward's University, Presiding

A19-138/S19-156a



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Employment and Recruitment from an HR Perspective**

Sunday, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

In this roundtable-workshop session, Jessia Ehinger discusses issues particular to job hunting outside the traditional tenure track, including how to write an effective resume and cover letter, how to identify potential positions, and how non-academic job hunting differs from the academic market. In doing so, the session provides graduate students and young investigators with a solid understanding of what to expect in the job hunting process, so that they can best present themselves and their interests in the job market.

Panelists:

Jessica Ehinger, Boston University

P19-113

AAR Mid-Atlantic Region

Theme: **Religion and Theology in a Crossroads Age**

Sunday, 10:30 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Defender (Seventh Level)

P19-114

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **Roundtable: The State of the Study of Religion**

Sunday, 11:00 AM–12:50 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-State Suite A (Lower Lobby Level)

Coffee Break
Sunday, 11:30 AM
 Complimentary coffee will be served in the back of Aisle 2100 and Aisle 2600 of the Exhibit Hall.

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Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Balancing Act: Creating a Diverse and Dynamic CV**

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Career paths for academics are becoming more diverse and varied by the day. As such, even with academia one cannot depend on conferences and papers and a few chapters in compilations alongside a list of your thesis and dissertation supervisors to make you stand out. What, for instance, is this “Public Engagement” section all about? What exactly constitutes teaching experience? Is there a way to make what you did sound more like what you did, versus what it may have been titled at some point, by someone who may or may not have been involved in the event itself?

Crafting a CV, particularly for those positions outside of traditional academic posts (or even for those posts within) is not difficult, its merely different. This roundtable session discusses and workshops how to frame, format, organize and phrase your experience and prepare a CV for every exciting opportunity you encounter.

Panelists:

Katelynn Carver, University of St Andrews

P19-115

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions Roundtable

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere B (Second Level)

P19-119



Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Teach with Confidence: “Difficult Conversations” in the Classroom (Graduate Student Lunch and Session)**

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-107 (Plaza Level)

Graduate students please join us for lunch and an interactive presentation about teaching in higher education.

Many professors in theology and religious studies report an increase in the number and intensity of “difficult conversations” in the classroom over the past year. Whether sparked by perennial questions in theological and religious studies or daily headlines, passionate, though not necessarily informed, opinions flood our classrooms.

How can we engage emotionally and politically charged topics in ways that enlighten and educate? Rebekka King and Cláudio Carvalhaes will present teaching strategies for conducting productive class discussions in today’s contentious environment.

Pre-registration is required. Send an email to Beth Reffett reffettb@wabash.edu. Registration deadline is October 1. Walk-ins may also be accepted if space is available.

Open Q&As will follow the workshop. For more information go to <http://bit.ly/2rZBD7C>.

Panelists:

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University
Cláudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary

A19-140



Public University Department Chairs Meeting

Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center-301 (Third Level)

Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama, 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.

A19-141



Women’s Mentoring Lunch

Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary, and Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Women who are graduate students and new scholars are invited to a luncheon with over thirty womanist, feminist, and LGTIQ mid career and senior scholars. Women will have the opportunity to mentor and be mentored in a context where every question is valued. The lunch costs \$13 per person; sorry, no refunds. Registration is limited to 100.

Mentors:

Kecia Ali, Boston University
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University
Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
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
Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University
Valerie Miles-Tribble, American Baptist Seminary of the West
Elaine Padilla, University of La Verne
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Michele Saracino, Manhattan College
Angella Son, Drew University
Nargis Virani, Graduate Theological Union

A19-142

Women's Caucus

Theme: **Parliament of World Religions Women's Task Force – A Brown Bag Discussion**

Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center-305 (Third Level)

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

The AAR/SBL Women's Caucus is pleased to host a co-sponsored brown bag discussion with leadership of the Parliament of World Religions regarding topics and issues for women's programming for the 2018 Parliament of World Religions. The discussion will be facilitated by Elizabeth Ursic, Chair of the Parliament's Women's Task Force, Co-Chair of the AAR/SBL Women's Caucus, and a board member of the Parliament. Other board members serving on the Women's Task Force leadership team and Parliament staff will also be in attendance.

Panelists:

- Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Michael Trice, Seattle University

P19-116



La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion

Theme: **Latinxs Ethical and Theological Readings of Scripture**

Sunday, 12:30 PM–3:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Defender (Seventh Level)

Loida I. Martell, Lexington Theological Seminary, Presiding

Latinxs scholars have often noted the important role of scripture in the articulation of their theological and ethical constructions. For some, it is the foundational authority that gives legitimacy to what they write and say. This session will revisit previous studies carried out on the role of the Bible for theologians, ethicists, and biblical scholars, as well as previous interfaith studies on the role of scripture in Christian and Muslim communities. In this session, a panel of scholars will present on the current importance of scripture in the articulation of theological, ethical, and biblical constructions for the Latinx community. The session will conclude with a presentation focusing on how noted Christian social ethicist, Eldin Villafañe, has contributed to the field of ethics and theology through his use of Scripture and particular hermeneutical and pneumatological lens.

Discussion will follow, and La Comunidad Lifetime Achievement Award in Scholarship will be awarded.

Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, Seattle University
From the Pulpit to the Academy—Latinx Scriptural Hermeneutics

Maria T. Davila, Andover Newton Theological School
For a Time Such as This—Scripture, Theological Ethics, and Multi-faith Reflection

Harold Morales, Morgan State University
Beyond Bible—Scripture Among Diverse Latinx Communities

Efrain Agosto, New York Theological Seminary
Scripture and Liberating Ethics—Honoring Eldin Villafañe

Responding:

Eldin Villafañe, Gordon-Conwell Theological

Business Meeting:

Loida I. Martell, Lexington Theological Seminary, Presiding

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

A19-200



Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee

Theme: **The Rapid Erosion of Tenure: 2008-2018**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-208 (Second Level)

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding

Frank Donoghue, Ohio State University
The Tenure Myth

Responding:

Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles

A19-201

Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **Back From the Front Lines of Diplomacy: A Religion Scholar Reflects on the Role of Religion Expertise in US Foreign Policy**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B (Second Level)

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding



Shaun Casey

From July 2013 through January 2017, Shaun Allen Casey served the U.S. Secretary of State as the Special Representative for Religion and Global Affairs and as inaugural Director of the Office of Religion and Global Affairs. The three-fold mission of the office was to advise Secretary Kerry on matters related to religion, to increase the capacity of State Department posts, offices, and bureaus to engage religious actors and assess religious dynamics, and to serve as the contact point for those seeking to understand the intersection of U.S. foreign policy and religion.

The Office of Religion and Global Affairs incorporated the Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, the Special Representative to Muslim Communities, and the Special Envoy to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.

Dr. Casey came to the Department of State after serving as Professor of Christian Ethics at Wesley Theological Seminary and working on President Obama's 2008 campaign staff as part of its religious outreach effort.

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He is currently Director of the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, at Georgetown University and Professor of the Practice in the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.

Dr. Casey has also held positions at the Center for American Progress and the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He is a former chair of the AAR Committee on the Public Understanding of Religion.

He is the author of *The Making of a Catholic President: Kennedy vs. Nixon 1960* and co-editor, with Michael Kessler, of the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of Political Theology*. Casey holds an MPA from Harvard Kennedy School, and an M.Div. and doctorate in theology in religion and society from Harvard Divinity School and Bachelor's degree from Abilene Christian University.

Elizabeth Dias will serve as interlocutor. As a correspondent for *Time*, she covers politics and religion. She holds an MDiv from Princeton Theological Seminary. Her newswriting on international concerns involving religion has included stories on the Pope, the Dalai Lama, Sudan, Syria, and other topics.

Panelists:

- Shaun Casey, Georgetown University
- Elizabeth Dias, *TIME* Magazine

A19-203/S19-241a



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Using Teaching Opportunities to Expand Your Skill Set**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Discussions of “teaching and professional development” often focus on how to improve your teaching. However, teaching opportunities can also be used to expand your skills for beyond the classroom. In an academic world where promising graduate students cannot count on landing professor positions, future teaching careers may not be in the cards for everyone, so we need to find creative ways to translate graduate teaching experience into other professional realms. In this workshop, we will discuss a variety of basic and innovative teaching techniques that can be used to develop transferable skills for the non-teaching aspects of your academic or alt-ac career. In addition to making yourself a more well-rounded teacher, learning to think in this way should also help you to be more maneuverable in the job market.

Panelists:

- Kristy Slominski, University of Mississippi

A19-204



Teaching and Learning Committee

Theme: **Conversation with Excellence in Teaching Award Winner Lynn Neal**



Lynn Neal

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon F (Third Level)

Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Panelists:

- Lynn S. Neal, Wake Forest University

A19-205

African Diaspora Religions Unit and Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit

Theme: **The Black and Red Atlantic**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Jamaica Pond (Fifth Level)

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Presiding

Joanne Braxton, Library of Congress

Red-Black Spirit Medicine in the Chesapeake: Origins of the Weyanoke and the Weyanoke Association, 1619–Present

Gabriel Estrada, California State University

James Young Deer, Wampanoag, and Seminole Media: Red-Black Atlantic Spiritual Traditions

Andrew McKee, Florida State University

“The Red Men Are Melting”: Making and Marking Urban Native Spaces in the Antebellum Atlantic World

Responding:

- Jace Weaver, University of Georgia

A19-206

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Animals and Religion Unit and Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: **Teaching Animals and Religion**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-108 (Plaza Level)

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Panelists:

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego

Barbara K. Darling-Smith, Wheaton College

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

David Clough, University of Chester

Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology

A19-207

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Religious Expression and Sacred Power in African American Literature**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-101 (Plaza Level)

Eric Williams, Smithsonian Institution, Presiding

Emerson Zora Hamsa, Rice University

“Mah Tongue Is in Mah Friend’s Mouf”: Black Women’s Truth-Telling, Healing, and Spiritual Transformation in Zora Neale Hurston’s *Their Eyes Were Watching God*

Derek Brown, Boston College

Behind That Wall: Trauma, Choice, and Heterogeneity in Toni Morrison’s Beloved

Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College

“Pulpit and Pew”: African American Humor on Irreverent Religious Participation in the Negro Digest

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A19-208



Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit and Evangelical Studies Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: James K.A. Smith's *Awaiting the King: Reforming Public Theology* (Baker Academic, 2017)**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Arlington (Third Level)

David Henreckson, Dordt College, Presiding

Panelists:

Eric Gregory, Princeton University

Gregory Lee, Wheaton College

Molly Farneth, Haverford College

Responding:

James K. A. Smith, Calvin College

A19-209

Body and Religion Unit

Theme: **Carnal Hermeneutics**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Wellesley (Third Level)

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Nathan Lyons, University of Cambridge

Sign as Body, Sign as God: A Psychosomatic Analogy of the Trinity

Adam Pryor, Bethany College

Desiring Flesh: Incarnation as a Normative Framework for Carnal Hermeneutics

Julia Reed, Harvard University

Word As/Made Flesh: Carnal Hermeneutics and an Interdisciplinary Approach to Incarnation

Responding:

Richard Kearney, Boston College

A19-210



Buddhism Unit

Theme: ***Clear Serenity, Quiet Insight* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2017): Reflecting on Zhiyi's Masterwork and Paul Swanson's English Translation**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Suffolk (Third Level)

Eric Swanson, Harvard University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jinhua Chen, University of British Columbia

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas

Paul Groner, University of Virginia

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

Brook Ziporyn, University of Chicago

Responding:

Paul L. Swanson, Nanzan University

A19-211

Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit

Theme: **Yogācāra in the World: Social and Political Dimensions**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Simmons (Third Level)

C. John Powers, Deakin University, Presiding

Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University

Locating a Social Consciousness in Yogācāra

William S. Waldron, Middlebury College

Prolegomena for a Yogācāra Critical Theory

Jin Y Park, American University

Beyond Subjective Idealism: Yogācāra and Creative Engagement with the World

Eyal Aviv, George Washington University

Transforming the Social Base: Thich Nhat Hanh's Yogācāra Social Philosophy

Responding:

Sallie B. King, James Madison University

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A19-212



Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit

Theme: **Fantasy, Religion, and Violence**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Columbus I & II (First Level)

Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University, Presiding

Christopher Rodkey, Pennsylvania State University, York
You'll Have to Pry Christendom from My Cold, Dead Hands: God's Not Dead as Reverse Revenge Fantasy of Whiteness

Michael Broyles, Arizona State University
Lest We Become Possessed: James Baldwin, Fyodor Dostoyevsky, and the Relationship between Myth and Violence

Huan Jin, City University of Hong Kong
Fantasy Disseminated: The Drama of Politics and Religion in the Taiping Rebellion

Business Meeting:

Jamel Velji, Claremont McKenna College, Presiding

A19-213

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Comparative Theology Unit

Theme: **Silence and Apophaticism in Theory and Practice: Comparative Theological Perspectives**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Public Garden (Fifth Level)

Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding

Andrew Massena, Boston College
Torah Lishmah and Lectio Divina: Contemplative Reading in Rabbinic Judaism and Evangelical Christianity

Yongho Francis Lee, University of Notre Dame
Bonaventure and Chinul: The Soul's Leap into Union with God and the Mind's Awakening to Absolute Reality

Rhiannon Grant, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham, UK
Silence as Common Ground? Liberal Quakerism as Hosting Space and Theological Conversation

James Bretzke, Boston College
Deep Silence: Giving Voice to Shusaku Endo's Novel Use of Zen Ascetical Spirituality

A19-214

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Contemporary Islam Unit and Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Islamic Mysticism Unit and Qur'an Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Mentoring Session for Scholars Studying Muslims/Islam**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Presiding

This mentoring session will provide an opportunity for graduate students, faculty, and independent scholars engaged in the study of Islam and Muslims to connect with others and receive tailored mentoring and professional advice.

We will share best practices and engage in small group discussions led by senior scholars on topics such as publishing, the tenure process, job searches, discrimination, institutional and professional service, and discussing Islam with the media and general public.

Panelists:

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco

A19-215

Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit

Theme: **Magic in the Time of the Tower: Witchcraft, Activism, and Political Resistance**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Gardner (Third Level)

Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Peg Aloï, State University of New York, New Paltz
"We Are the Weirdos, Mister!": The Re-emergence of W.I.T.C.H. and a New Generation of Media Witches

Sabina Magliocco, California State University, Northridge
Witchcraft as Political Resistance: Magical Responses to the 2016 Election

Egil Asprem, Stockholm University
The Magical Theory of Politics: Meme Magic, the Cult of Kek, and How to Topple an Egregore

A19-216

Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **New Directions in Daoist Studies: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Lived Religion**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Dartmouth (Third Level)

Michael Puett, Harvard University, Presiding

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego
Towards a Contemplative and Animalistic Daoist Studies

James Miller, Queen's University, Kingston
Daoist Studies, Sinology, and Sustainability

David A. Palmer, University of Hong Kong
Daoist Studies and the "Ontological Turn" in Anthropology

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston
Secularism, Spirituality, and Daoist Studies

Responding:

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University

A19-217

Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit and Middle Eastern Christianity Unit

Theme: **Peacemaking and Hospitality in Middle Eastern Christianity: Accommodating Difference in the Eastern Christian Traditions**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Peter Galadza, Saint Paul University, Presiding

Nicholas Sooy, Fordham University
Peacemaking in the Lives of St. Maruthas and St. Acacius

Bishoy Dawood, University of Toronto
Coptic Chanting, Pluralistic Voices: Coptic Hymns as a Medium for a Pluralistic Egypt

Lana Sloutsky, Boston University
Helena Palaiologina: Preserving Byzantine Culture through Philanthropy in Post-1453 Cyprus

Responding:

Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

A19-218

Ecclesiological Investigations Unit

Theme: **Church Perspectives on the Legacy of the Reformation**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay D (Second Level)

Mark Chapman, Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Presiding

Brian Flanagan, Marymount University
Ecclesial Sin and Holiness in Liturgical Commemoration of the Reformation

Wolfgang Vondey, University of Birmingham
Pentecostalism and the Reformation: Toward a Joint Ecumenical Commemoration

Shaun Brown, University of Toronto
George Lindbeck's Early Israelology: A "Catholic Protestant" Perspective on the Reformation

Responding:

Gunda Werner, University of Tübingen

A19-219



Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Staying with the Trouble: Cultivating Selves in Relation with the Most Vulnerable**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University, Presiding

Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union
A Feminist Theological Framework for Incorporating Child Sexual Abuse Prevention in Catholic Schools

Tom Berendt, Temple University
Offering Sanctuary to the Most Vulnerable: A Feminist Response to the Horrors of Husbandry

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
Staying with Trouble in the Chthulucene: Vindigeneity and the Sixth Extinction in Art, Image, Sound, and Illusions?

A19-220



Japanese Religions Unit and Tantric Studies Unit

Theme: **Tantrification of Gods and Deities in Medieval Japan: Bernard Faure's *Gods of Medieval Japan* (University of Hawai'i Press, 2015)**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Fairfield (Third Level)

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Charles D. Orzech, University of Glasgow
What Are the Gods? Faure and the Question of Esoteric Buddhism in Medieval Japan

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
Gods and Demons at the Interface of Religious Studies and Art History

Aaron Proffitt, State University of New York, Albany
Normativity and Heterogeneity: Rethinking Medieval Japanese Pure Land Buddhism

Kristin Johnston Largen, Gettysburg Seminary
Gods and Gender: Women, Sexuality, and Performance in Medieval Japan

Responding:

Bernard Faure, Columbia University

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A19-221

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit and Religious Conversions Unit

Theme: **Trial and Error: Religious Conversions Before the Law**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Hampton (Third Level)

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University, Presiding

Jacob Betz, University of Chicago
"She Objects to Having Her Child Reared in a Protestant Family": Catholics, Child Custody, and Court-Ordered Conversions in the United States, 1870–1920

Justin Jones, University of Oxford
The Threat of Apostasy and its Lawful Solution: Debating Marriage, Law and Conversion in Indian Islam

Karin Neutel, University of Oslo
Male Circumcision as an Obstacle to Religious Conversion? The Problematic Origins of the Concept of Religion in Legal Criticism of Circumcision

Allison Covey, University of Toronto
Authenticity and Secular Conversion: Grainger, Hashman, and the Ontario Human Rights Commission

A19-222

Liberation Theologies Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Theme: **Speaking of Liberation: Unexpected Sacred Texts in Contemporary Social Justice Movements**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Filipe Maia, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Alease Brown, Stellenbosch University
Re-imagining Sacred Texts: How Protests, Tattoos, and Hashtags Constitute Vibrant Articulations of the Christian Faith

Kathryn House, Boston University
For Those Who Kissed Waiting Goodbye: Exploring the Sacred Texts of Evangelical Purity Culture

Jason Wyman, Union Theological Seminary
"I Speak to God in Public": Contemporary Black Popular Music as Primary Theological Language, Sacred Text, and Liberation Theology

Responding:

Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College

A19-223

Mysticism Unit

Theme: **Mutable Flesh: Mysticism, Bodies, and Boundaries**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Margarita Simon Guillory, University of Rochester, Presiding

Emily Holmes, Christian Brothers University
"Her Table is Hunger": Eating and Being Eaten in the Writings of Two Thirteenth-Century Women Mystics

Mara Block, Harvard University
Boundaries Undone: Time, Bodily Negotiations, and Mystical Exercises in the Late Notebooks of Simone Weil

Justine Bakker, Rice University
On the Afterlife of Those Who Drowned: Ellen Gallagher's Watery Ecstatic, Oceanic Feeling, and Mysticism in the Flesh

A19-224

North American Religions Unit and Religion, Memory, History Unit

Theme: **White Nostalgia in the North American Religious Landscape**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-310 (Third Level)

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding

Emmy Corey, Emory University
Moral Memories: Racial Justice and the Problem of Whiteness

Andrew Hudson, University of Pennsylvania
The Not-White White Pentecostals of Appalachia: Rethinking Religio-racial Identities in the History of American Pentecostalism

Kimberly Humphrey, Boston College
The Challenge of Dangerously Remembering White Supremacy in a "Colorblind" Society: Shame, Disgust, and Ecclesial Failures

Lauren Kerby, Boston University
Saving History: White Nostalgia and the American Christian Right

A19-225

Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Unit and Queer Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: A Discussion of Ashon Crawley's *Black Pentecostal Breath: The Aesthetics of Possibility* (Fordham University Press, 2016)**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Boylston (First Level)

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding

Panelists:

Ashon Crawley, University of California, Riverside

Responding:

Biko Gray, Syracuse University

Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary



A19-226

Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Gendering Philosophy of Religion: The Influence of Pamela Sue Anderson**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Riverway (Fifth Level)

Beverly Clack, Oxford Brookes University, Presiding

Panelists:

Kate Kirkpatrick, University of Hertfordshire

Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University

William Robert, Syracuse University

A19-227



Religion and Economy Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: A Conversation about Finbarr Curtis's *The Production of American Religious Freedom* (New York University Press, 2016)**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Tremont (First Level)

Dana Logan, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Panelists:

Tisa Wenger, Yale University

Sonia Hazard, Franklin and Marshall College

Joseph Winters, Duke University

Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University

A19-228

Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Religion's Role in Producing Strangers and Neighbors**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Boston Common (Fifth Level)

Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

Mary Puckett, University of Florida

The Cosmopolitanization of a Mexican Pentecostal Church

Gwendolyn Gillson, University of Iowa

Supplementing the "Uchi" through Buddhism: Japanese Women's New Visions of Stranger and Neighbor

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A19-229

Roman Catholic Studies Unit

Theme: **Between the Imperial and the Intimate: Practicing Catholicism in a Global Media Environment**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College, Presiding

Mathew N. Schmalz, College of the Holy Cross

"My Ways Are Not Your Ways": The Discourse of Sin and Success in a North Indian Catholic Charismatic Television Show

Eric Hoenes del Pinal, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Negotiating Intimate Relationships with an Uncertain Audience: Q'eqchi'-Maya Catholics' Use of FM Radio

Maryellen Davis Collett, Lewis University
Miraculous Mediation(s) and Paradoxes of Peace: Marian Apparitions, Genocide, and Global Catholic Media

Marc Loustau, College of the Holy Cross
Global Becoming among Transylvanian Catholic Media Volunteers

Responding:

Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

A19-230



Scriptural Reasoning Unit

Theme: **Scriptural Reasonings: Pragmatism, Semiotics, and Vulnerability**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Deborah Barer, Towson University, Presiding

Nechama Juni, Brown University

Christian Pragmatism and Halakha: Rethinking the Tension between Continuity and Change in Religious Traditions

H. Peter Kang, Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish, LA

Like a Game of Catch: Non-binary Relational Semiotics in Clement of Alexandria

Matthew Goldstone, New York University

The Unstable Dynamics of Extreme Vulnerability

Business Meeting:

Mark James, Hunter College, Presiding



A19-231



Women's Caucus

Theme: **Emerging Scholars: Resilience Amidst Vulnerability in International Issues**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-305 (Third Level)

Julia Berger, University of Kent, and Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University, Pennsylvania
Global Vulnerability of Energy and Korean Women's Empowerment: An Ecofeminist Talk

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary
Theology of Resilience Amidst Vulnerability in the Book of Ruth: An Asian Perspective

JungJa Joy Yu, Claremont Graduate University
The Vulnerability of Former Asian Comfort Women's Issue

Responding:

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University

A19-237

Professional Conduct Task Force Public Forum

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Grand A (Fourth Level)

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, and Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding

The American Academy of Religion's Professional Conduct Task Force has been charged by the Board to craft a Professional Conduct Statement that will:

- Stress the twofold commitment — to robust support of academic freedom and to the expectation that all AAR members will conduct themselves in a professional manner.
- Clearly state AAR's desires to build communities that are free from discrimination and harassment, and that foster inclusivity, mutual respect, and diversity.
- Update and revise our current statement on Sexual Harassment.
- Make clear how the above relate to AAR gatherings and activities (national, regional, and other).
- Recommend policies for handling infractions of professional conduct.

The Task Force drafted this Professional Conduct statement to be recommended to the Board for its consideration in 2018. This public session aims to have a wider conversation and to solicit feedback about the draft statement. There will also be an online platform to solicit feedback from AAR members after the session.

Panelists:

David A. Sánchez, Loyola Marymount University
Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University
Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University
Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside
Randall Styers, University of North Carolina
Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University
Jack Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion

P19-201

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **"...But What Do You Study?": A NAASR Workshop on Theory & Method in the Job Market - Session I**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:50 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-Back Bay Room (Lower Lobby Level)

This session proposes to explore the employment challenges facing early career scholars who are interested in issues of theory and method in the study of religion, through both a discussion and workshop. The session will address issues important to junior NAASR members (notably, but not exclusively, ABDs now entering or about to enter the job market) by demonstrating how a professional organization can provide a practical and strategic forum for job-market advice.

A19-232/S19-239

Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Theme: **Present and Future of Biblical Studies, II: Celebrating 25 Years of Brill's Journal, *Biblical Interpretation***

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-311 (Third Level)

Lynn Huber, Elon University, Presiding

Co-Sponsored by: SBL Asian and Asian-American Hermeneutics Unit; SBL Bible and Cultural Studies Unit; SBL Contextual Biblical Interpretation Unit; SBL Feminist Hermeneutics of the Bible Unit; SBL Gender, Sexuality, and the Bible Unit; SBL Ideological Criticism Unit; SBL LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics Unit; SBL Minoritized Criticism and Biblical Interpretation Unit; SBL Postcolonial Studies and Biblical Studies Unit; SBL Reading, Theory, and the Bible Unit; SBL Rhetoric and the New Testament Unit; and SBL Slavery, Resistance, and Freedom Unit

Panelists:

Lynne St. Clair Darden, Interdenominational Theological Center
Yii-Jan Lin, Yale University
Yvonne Sherwood, University of Kent
Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
Jay Twomey, University of Cincinnati
Gerald West, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Responding:

J. Cheryl Exum, University of Sheffield

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Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Ritual and Community in Religion and Ecology**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-201 (Second Level)

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Barbara Jane Davy, University of Waterloo, and Stephen Quilley,
University of Waterloo

*Ritual Matters: Changing Ontologies, Values, and Ecological
Conscience Formation*

Anne Read, University of Waterloo

Land-Based Judaism and Jewish Youth Identity Formation

Tallessyn Grenfell-Lee, Boston University


*Food Gardens as Points of Contact for Awareness and Engagement in
Intersectional Eco-justice Ministries*

Luke Whitmore, University of Wisconsin, Steven's Point

Are Local Gods Ecological?

Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto

*Walking from Whapmagoostui: Understanding the Land as a Resource
for Resilience in Cree Social Movements*

A19-234 

Freedom Trail's Revolutionary Women Walk Tour

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall CD in
the Convention Center

See page 10 for details.

P19-203

International Society for Chinese Philosophy

Theme: **New Perspective on Confucianism**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Hyannis (Fourth Level)

Chenyang Li, Nanyang Technological University, Presiding

Bruce Brooks, University of Massachusetts
The Personal and the Governmental in Mencius

Chenyang Li, Nanyang Technological University
Confucian Xiao as Filial Care

Jesse Ciccotti, Hong Kong Baptist University
*A Ruler's Religiosity: Comparing Marcus Aurelius and Mengzi on the
Spiritual Side of Political Life*

Bin Song, Boston University

Confucianism, Gapponsbugi and the Spirit of Japanese Capitalism

Responding:

Xiaojiao Cu, Beijing University

Wenzhi Zhang, Shandong University

Andrew Fuyarchuk, Yorkville University

Anna Sun, Kenyon College



A19-235

Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee Meeting

Sunday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Massachusetts (Fifth Level)

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

A19-236/S19-251a  

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Student-Centered Learning: A Practical Guide**

Sunday, 2:30 PM–4:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Paul Myhre, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology
and Religion, and Debbie Gin, Association of Theological Schools,
Presiding
















Many of us have heard about the wonders of “student-centered
learning”: higher engagement, better critical thinking skills, student
empowerment. But how exactly can we implement these methods in
college and university Religious Studies classrooms? This Roundtable
session will go over simple but effective strategies for both instructors
and teaching assistants to create a student-centered learning
environment. These strategies are derived from both the educational
literature and personal experience in both capacities.

Attendees will leave with concrete examples of how to implement
student-centered learning in addition to a resource list to aid in
additional investigation into student-centered learning activities and
principles. In order to see student-centered learning in practice, this
session will leave time for a discussion and brainstorming session
at the end to workshop some ideas and/or problems particular to
instituting student-centered learning in the study of religion.

Panelists:

Gwendolyn Gillson, University of Iowa

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P19-204

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion and Association of Theological Schools

Theme: **Seminary Teaching and Formation Online**

Sunday, 2:30 PM–4:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-107 (Plaza Level)

Paul Myhre, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, and Debbie Gin, Association of Theological Schools, Presiding

The session will explore what the Association of Theological Schools has been learning about formation in online contexts through the Educational Models and Practices project, particularly through the peer-group phase; name important questions, challenges, and obstacles to student formation at a distance; and discuss with two co-leader/panelists specific aspects of student formation at a distance.

Panelists:

Brooke Lester, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Barbara Blodgett, Lexington Theological Seminary

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A19-250



Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: **Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-academic Careers: What's a Faculty Member to Do?**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Berkeley (Third Level)

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard Law School, Presiding

In recent years as the job market for tenure-track academic positions has tightened and the use of contingent faculty has exploded, increasing numbers of graduate degree seekers are intending to pursue nonacademic careers. While some areas of study present obvious nonacademic options, for scholars in the humanities, nonacademic career opportunities and the best preparation for them may not be obvious and religious studies faculty are exploring how graduate programs can — and should — prepare all alumni for multiple employment outcomes. This panel brings together faculty members from a variety of institutions to discuss some of the problems confronting their students and their programs as more people turn — by necessity and by choice — to nonacademic career paths.

Panelists:

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University

Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University

Kathleen Moore, University of California, Santa Barbara

A19-251



Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion Forum: Winnifred Fallers Sullivan**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding



Winnifred Fallers Sullivan

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan is the recipient of the 2017 Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion. Sullivan is Professor and Chair of Religious Studies, and Affiliate Professor of Law, at Indiana University at Bloomington.

Sullivan's work focuses on the phenomenology of religion under the modern rule of law, and she is widely known for her critical studies of American law and jurisprudence about religion. She is the author of four books: *Paying the Words Extra: Religious Discourse in the Supreme Court of the United States* (1994), *The Impossibility of Religious Freedom* (2005), *Prison Religion: Faith-based Reform and the Constitution* (2009), and *A Ministry of Presence: Chaplaincy, Spiritual Care, and the Law* (2014); and the co-editor of three volumes: *After Secular Law* (2011), *Varieties of Religious Establishment* (2013), and *The Politics of Religious Freedom* (2015).

Beyond the religious studies guild, Sullivan's public scholarship on religion and her work as an expert witness have had an important impact in courtrooms, prisons, military units, and government offices from city halls to the State Department.

In this year's Marty Award Forum, Laurie Patton, President of Middlebury College, will join Sullivan for an extended public dialogue about Sullivan's life and work.

Panelists:

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Indiana University

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

A19-252



Publications Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee

Theme: **Teaching Interreligious Encounters (Oxford University Press, 2017)**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-310 (Third Level)

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Developing out of the AAR / Luce Foundation Summer Seminars on Comparative Theology and Theologies of Religious Pluralism, *Teaching Interreligious Encounters* is a multidisciplinary volume of original essays addressing an array of pedagogical issues in a variety of contexts related to teaching that occurs at the encounters of "different 'religious traditions,'" or in "interreligious encounters." This latest volume in the AAR Teaching Religious Studies Series brings together a group of international scholars who work in and speak from a variety of contexts as loci for teaching interreligious encounters: undergraduate and graduate programs, secular and religiously-affiliated institutions, divinity schools and seminaries, as well as graduate career preparation in non-nonreligious professions. In manifold ways, these essays share the common teaching goal of transforming ways of being and acting through an intimate encounter with the "religious other," which continues to be a cause of concern, and even anxiety, in our age of globalization and migration.

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Panelists:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
 Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
 Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa
 John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University
 Alexander Y. Hwang, Xavier University

A19-253



Special Topics Forum: Using *Humanities Commons* to Curate Your Online Presence, Increase the Impact of Your Scholarship, and Tell the Story of Your Work

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Imagine a humanities network with the sharing power of *Academia.edu*, the archival quality of an institutional repository, and a commitment to using and contributing to open source software. Now imagine that this network is not-for-profit. It doesn't want to sell your data or generate profit from your intellectual property. That's *Humanities Commons*. Run by a nonprofit consortium of scholarly societies, *Humanities Commons* wants to help you curate your online presence, expand the reach of your scholarship—whatever form it may take—and connect with other scholars who share your interests.

A19-254

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit

Theme: **Asian American Secularities: Race, Religion, and the Secular in Chinese North American Communities**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University
Explaining Diasporic Chinese Non-Religiosity: A Liyi Theoretical Approach

Rachel Pang, Davidson College
Gods, Ghosts, and Ancestors in Li-Young Lee's The Winged Seed

Justin Tse, Northwestern University
"This Is About the Property We Bought": The Secular Dimensions of Cantonese Evangelical Social Conservatism in the San Francisco Bay Area

Responding:

Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University

A19-255

Black Theology Unit

Theme: **Afro-pessimism and Black Theology**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Calvin Warren, Emory University
Is it Righteous to Be? Afro-pessimism, Black Theology, and the Problem of Ontology

Marvin Wickware, Duke University
An Inheritance of Endurance: Black Life's Resources of Melancholic Hope and Pridelove

Joseph Winters, Duke University
The Ecstatic Space between Optimism and Pessimism: Fanon, Spillers, and the Promise of Afro-anguish

J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Black Care: An Insurgent Ecstasies of the Sacred

A19-256



Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit

Theme: **Responsible Action and Public Theology: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Vulnerable Other**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Public Garden (Fifth Level)

Nik Byle, Arizona Western College, Presiding

Ryan Tafilowski, University of Edinburgh
Particularity in Solidarity: The Ethical Promise of the Doctrine of the Orders of Creation

Josh de Keijzer, Luther Seminary
Bonhoeffer's Vulnerable God: From Theologia Crucis to a Public Theology of Vulnerability

Matthew Jones, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Eschatological Wrestling: Epistemological Ambivalence in Fiction from Tegel Prison

Dianne Rayson, University of Newcastle, Australia
Earthly Christianity for the Vulnerable as a Potential Bonhoefferian Eco-ethic

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A19-257

Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit

Theme: **Tibetan Madhyamaka**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Wellesley (Third Level)

Richard Nance, Indiana University, Presiding

Michael Ium, University of California: Santa Barbara
Fake Truths: Jetsunpa, Gorampa, and Sectarian Polemics in Tibet

Jed Forman, University of California, Santa Barbara
Pus and Nectar: Mixing Pramāna with Madhyamaka

Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University
Buddhist High Culture on the Tibetan Plateau: Tsültrim Lodrö on the Middle Way

A19-258

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Chinese Religions Unit

Theme: **Mapping Religion in Contemporary China**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Grand A (Fourth Level)

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Fenggang Yang, Purdue University
Mapping Religious Sites in Twentieth Century China: A Comparison of Mapping Techniques

Joey Marshall, Purdue University
Mapping the Growth of Buddhism and Daoism under Repressive Conditions in Twentieth-Century China

Yunping Tong, Purdue University
Religious Geography and Son Preference: A Spatial Analysis of Religious Sites in China

Responding:

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona

A19-259

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Comparative Theology Unit and Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Towards Understanding Lateral Leadership: Reflections on Medieval Texts in Hinduism, Christianity, and Sikhism**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Ana Laura Funes Maderey, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Mugdha Yeolekar, Loyola Marymount University
Can the "Vulnerable" Be "Powerful"? Analyzing Dynamics of Power and Vulnerability in a Sixteenth-Century Hindu Text

Margaret Gower, Loyola Marymount University
Maternal Bodies as Political Bodies in the Writings of Christine de Pizan

Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University
Subversive Power and Symbolic Violence: Ego-Loss as a Feminine Ethic in Sikh Devotional Scripture and Praxis

Responding:

Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University

A19-260

Ethics Unit

Theme: **The Ethical Dimensions of Truth and Post-Truth**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Simmons (Third Level)

Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

L. Patrick Burrows, Harvard University
Post-Truth, Truthiness, and the Ethics of Parrhesia

Christina McRorie, Creighton University
Social Analysis in an Age of "Post-Truth" Economics: What (and How) Should Religious Ethicists Critique?

Paul W. Gleason, University of Virginia
Idolatry and Prophecy in the Age of Trump

Stewart Clem, University of Notre Dame
Sins of Speech in a Post-Truth Age

A19-261

Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit and Religion in Southeast Asia Unit

Theme: **The Interreligious Classroom in Indonesia, Canada, and the US**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Boylston (First Level)

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding

Nicholas Adams, University of Birmingham
Indonesian Interreligious Learning

Adriana Tulissi, University of Calgary, Paul Verhoef, University of Calgary, and Syd Eras, University of Calgary
Re-imagining Pedagogy in Canadian Religious Studies Departments: Connecting Theory with Practice

Aaron Hollander, University of Chicago
Threading a Needle to Weave a Fabric: Introducing Religion as Interreligion

Colleen Windham-Hughes, California Lutheran University
Expecting the Common Good: On the Cooperation of Persons in the Interfaith Studies Classroom



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Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit and Religion in Europe Unit

Theme: **Islamophobia, the Body, and the State in Contemporary Europe**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Laurens de Rooij, University of Cape Town
Islamophobia and Gender in Britain: Do Men and Women Respond Differently to Media Representations of Muslims?

Elisabeth Becker, Yale University
The Ethnographic Study of Highly Securitized Populations: Lessons from Women in European Mosques

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College
Of Long and Short Skirts: Mixité, Homosexuality, and Racialized Gender Difference in France

Responding:

Markus Dressler, Leipzig University

A19-263

Islamic Mysticism Unit

Theme: **Contemporary Expressions of Vernacular Sufism**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-101 (Plaza Level)

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding

Talia Gangoo, University of Michigan
Healing the Body, Repairing the Soul: Disease and Health in Naqshbandiyya-Nazimiyya Sufi Thought and Practice

Melinda Krokus, Marywood University
Inspiration (Wahy) at the Margins: A Vulnerable and Vernacular Sufi Hermeneutics of the Qur'an

Rose Aslan, California Lutheran University
Painting on Water: Islam, Spirituality, and Art in Contemporary Istanbul

Responding:

Shobhana Xavier, Franklin and Marshall College

A19-264

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit

Theme: **Subverting Power: Mission, Politics, and Place within Global Pentecostalism**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

Erica Ramirez, Drew University, Presiding

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University
The Persistence of Mexican Borderlands Protestantism in Southern California

Alex Mayfield, Boston University
"A Gloriously Free Work": Pentecostal POWs and Spirit-Empowered Resistance

David Luckey, Southern Methodist University
Subverting Political Fallacies: The Voice of a Latin-American Pentecostal Immigrant Community in the U.S.

A19-265

New Religious Movements Unit

Theme: **Bodies and Practices in American Religious Innovations**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University, Presiding

Leah Payne, George Fox University
"Bobbing the Hair" and Other "Masculinated" Sins: Women, Pentecostals, and Politics in the United States from 1890–1930

Isaac May, University of Virginia
A Toxic Red Pill: Contemporary Organized Atheism, Misogyny, and the Concept of Rationality

Clara Schoonmaker, Syracuse University
"No Skyclad beyond This Point": Transforming Society through Pagan Rituals of Resistance

Responding:

Lynne Gerber, Harvard University

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Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Religion, Psychology, and the Most Vulnerable**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay D (Second Level)

James I. Higginbotham, Earlham College, Presiding

Helen Boursier, College of St. Scholastica

Art as Spiritual Care from Trauma for Recovery: Judith Herman's Trauma and Recovery Viewed through the Hermeneutical Lens of Art Therapy in Contextual Praxis with Immigrants Seeking Asylum

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University

Ambivalent Identifications and the Power of Belonging: Mass Incarceration, Religious Fundamentalism, and the Ambiguity of "Breaking Free"

Hilary Scarsella, Vanderbilt University

A Spotlight on Religion: The Role of Religion in Historically Boston-Based Movements of Resistance to Sexual Violence

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Quaker Studies Unit and African Association for the Study of Religions

Theme: **Quakerism and Decolonization/Enculturation in Kenya and Rwanda**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Vineyard (Fourth Level)

Esther Acolatse, University of Toronto, Presiding

Rosina Lepareyo, Samburu Friends Mission, and Sammy Letoole, St. Paul's University

Quakerism and Decolonization/Enculturation in Samburu Female Circumcision

Benson Ombaha, Friends Theological College and Bware Yearly Meeting, and Oscar Lugusa Malande, Friends Theological College

Quakerism as a Resource for Social Cohesion in Kenya

Theoneste Sentabire, Earlham College

Quakerism as a Resource in the Wake of the Rwandan Genocide

Responding:

Ann K. Riggs, Howard County General Hospital

A19-268

Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **Gendered Traditions: Intersections of Gender, Genre, and Religion in South Asian Storytelling**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Rebecca Manring, Indiana University, Presiding

Margaret Mills, Ohio State U Emerita

Trickster: Global Theories, Local Traditions, Gender, and Genre

Coralynn Davis, Bucknell University

Sāmā for the Ages and Sāmā for Our Times: The Past and Future of Maithil Women's Storytelling in the Shifting Terrain of Gender and Society

Jessica Vantine Birkenholtz, University of Illinois

The Folk Patiṅratā: Narrative Discourses on Hindu Womanhood in Nepal

Responding:

Leela Prasad, Duke University

A19-269

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit

Theme: **Dreams, Doubt, and Dread: The Spiritual in Film**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Boston Common (Fifth Level)

Brett Potter, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Presiding

Panelists:

Joseph Kickasola, Baylor University

Taylor Worley, Trinity International University

Zachary Settle, Vanderbilt University

Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University

Crystal Downing, Messiah College

David Dark, Belmont University

A19-270



Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit

Theme: **Religion and Emerging Peace Practices: Water Protection, SLAM Poetry, and Memorializing State Terror**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Jamaica Pond (Fifth Level)

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

James Waters, Vanderbilt University

Water and Oil: The Dakota Access Pipeline Protests and the Framing of the Sacred

Andrea Gacs, Fuller Theological Seminary

Performance Poetry as a Tool for Social Conflicts and Peace: How Methodologies of Vulnerability and Performance Address Racial, Religious, Gender, and LGBTQIA Discrimination to Create an Inclusive Community

Loren Lybarger, Ohio University, and James Damico, Indiana University

¡La Impunidad No Será Eterna! Religion and the Commemoration of the Disappeared in Argentina Forty Years after the Dictatorship

Responding:

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University

A19-271



Roman Catholic Studies Unit and Vatican II Studies Unit

Theme: **Pope Francis and the “Globalization of Indifference”:
Catholicism and the Most Vulnerable**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-208 (Second Level)

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University, Presiding

Kerry Alys Robinson, National Leadership Roundtable on
Church Management, Washington, DC

The Creative Tension of Mercy and Reform in Francis’ Pontificate

Mark Shriver, Save the Children

*Pope Francis’ Message of Faith, Love, Humility, and Mercy: Does It
Really Matter?*

Rafael Luciani, Boston College

*A Structural Option for the Poor: Geopolitics, Social Movements, and
Evangelization*

Responding:

Richard Gaillardetz, Boston College

A19-272

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Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion

Theme: **Multiple Religious Belongings within and against
Identities, Affiliations, and Conflict**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Hampton (Third Level)

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

Joantine Berghuijs, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

*Drawing from Many Sources: Conceptualizing and Measuring
Religious Flexibility*

John Hartley, Yale University

*The Field of American Evangelicalism: Struggles with Islam and the
Competition for Religious Authority*

Marat Shterin, King’s College, London

*Conceptualising Religion in Political Conflict: The “Sacred” in the
Russian-Ukrainian Crisis*

Roger Baumann, Yale University

*Constructing and Contesting the “Holy Land”: Christian Pilgrimage
as a Multifaceted Social Phenomenon*

Responding:

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery

A19-273

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Holding and Beholding: Material and Visual Cultures**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Orleans (Fourth Level)

Jennifer Caplan, Middletown, CT, Presiding

Rebecca Wollenberg, University of Michigan

The Unread Bible as Image: When Written Text Becomes Pictograph

Emma Brodeur, Syracuse University

Freud and the Bible: Dream Images and Jewishness

A19-274



Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Reframing the Continental Philosophy of Religion?**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Fairfield (Third Level)

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College, Presiding

Panelists:

An Yountae, Lebanon Valley College

Amaryah Armstrong, Vanderbilt University

Marika Rose, Durham University

Lucas Wright, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:

Steven Shakespeare, Liverpool Hope University

Business Meeting:

Adam Kotsko, Shimer College, and Beatrice Marovich, Hanover
College, Presiding

A19-275

Wesleyan Studies Unit

Theme: **Wesleyan Ecclesiologies**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Dartmouth (Third Level)

Ted A. Campbell, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Panelists:

Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University

Daniel Castelo, Seattle Pacific University

Hilde Marie Movafagh, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Kimberly Belcher, University of Notre Dame

Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Azusa Pacific University

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A19-276

Theological Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Boardroom (Third Level)

Scott C. Alexander, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

A19-277



Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Arguing Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) and Religion**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

This exploratory roundtable session invites both supporters and dissenters of the movement to Boycott, Divest, and Sanction Israel (BDS) to a roundtable conversation. Rather than demonizing those either for or against BDS, this exploratory session will allow a variety of voices to be heard.

The participants will consider the issue from an analytical space safe for deep questioning and honest scholarly dialogue. What do we learn about religion in the twenty-first century by understanding the religious ethics, theologies, rituals, aesthetics, and community-making motivating and motivated by these activities? What differences and commonalities help us analyze these religious actors and religious activities? How does BDS fit into a larger history of religions supporting and not supporting boycotts and divestment, such as the South Asian Independence Movements, the US civil rights movements of the 1960s, and the global student led anti-apartheid movements in the 1980s?

Panelists:

Hatem Bazian, Zaytuna College and University of California, Berkeley

Zareena Grewal, Yale University

Peter Pettit, Muhlenberg College

Brant Rosen, Jewish Voice for Peace

Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago

Stephen Zunes, University of San Francisco

P19-202

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **“...But What Do You Study?”: A NAASR Workshop on Theory & Method in the Job Market - Session II**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:50 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-Back Bay Room (Lower Lobby Level)

This session proposes to explore the employment challenges facing early career scholars who are interested in issues of theory and method in the study of religion, through both a discussion and workshop.

The session will address issues important to junior NAASR members (notably, but not exclusively, ABDs now entering or about to enter the job market) by demonstrating how a professional organization can provide a practical and strategic forum for job-market advice.



Coffee Break

Sunday, 3:30 PM

Complimentary coffee will be served in the back of Aisle 2100 and Aisle 2600 of the Exhibit Hall.

A19-300/S19-336a



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Researching, Managing, and Writing with Technology: A Hands-on Exploration of Online Tools**

Sunday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Working primarily with paper and/or an office suite of applications such as Microsoft Word and Excel for your rigorous research projects have their obvious limitations and ensuing frustrations. However, online tools such as Zotero, Evernote, and Scrivener can ease the pain of this cumbersome process by digitally organizing and simplifying the tasks of taking and managing a zillion note, creating master mind-maps and efficient workflows, and writing systematically and flawlessly. This roundtable session will focus on the merits and challenges of researching, managing, and writing with the help of such online tools of bibliographical, archival-retrieval, and structural management. It provides a hands-on exploration of these tools to experience firsthand how they not only store and organize your research compiled in almost any form—stacks of books and journal articles, digital documents, handwritten notes, pictures, videos, audios, and the like—but also sync your research and writing across multiple devices, share them instantly with anyone, and most importantly, not lose them even if you lose your laptop!

Panelists:

Kalpesh Bhatt, University of Toronto

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

A19-301



Applied Religious Studies Committee and Employment Services Advisory Committee

Theme: **Career Services for Non-academic Careers**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Berkeley (Third Level)

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard Law School, Presiding

When humanities scholars talk about exploring and pursuing “alt-ac” and “post-ac” careers, two concerns often dominate the conversation: 1) Graduate studies in the humanities don’t prepare us for or aren’t relevant to non-academic career paths, and 2) We don’t know where to look for or how to apply for non-academic jobs. Whether you are a scholar thinking about non-academic careers or a faculty member interested in supporting students engaged in such searches, join our panel of career services experts to discuss the many careers that are open to — and even looking for! — people with advanced training in the humanities. Panelists will discuss existing resources and where to find them, as well as ways that departments, universities, and professional organizations like the AAR can better support scholars in non-academic careers.

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Panelists:

- Amy Defibaugh, Assistant Director, Academic Affairs, Temple University
- Susan Lawler, Director of Career Services, Harvard Divinity School
- Brooke Noonan, Executive Director, UChicagoGRAD Experience, University of Chicago
- Susannah Laramée Kidd, Mellon-ACLS Public Fellow, Los Angeles County Arts Commission

This panel will include substantial time for audience Q&A and discussion. Please join us to share your thoughts!

A19-302

Program Committee

Theme: **How to Propose a New Program Unit**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-301 (Third Level)

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, and Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion, 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.

A19-303



Regions Forum

Theme: **Marc DiPaolo: Religious Studies and Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Teaching and Scholarship in the Age of Austerity**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Katherine Downey, Hockaday School, Dallas, TX, Presiding

As contract-hour budgeting and the corporatization of the academy make non-vocational teaching rarer, professors dedicated to the studies of the different branches of the humanities, arts, sciences, and religious studies should find ways to collaborate with one another instead of merely compete with one another for dwindling fiscal resources. Building such bridges between the disciplines is in the best interests of the students, professors, and the profession. It also has the potential to return to higher education the Late Medieval and Renaissance values of educating the complete person in the interests of reforming both the academy and society. An encore presentation of the AAR-SW Presidential Address given on March 11, 2017 at the Southwest Commission on Religious Studies conference.

Panelists:

- Marc DiPaolo, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

A19-304



Plenary Panel

Theme: **Recolonizing the Academy Under a Trump Presidency**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding



Munir Jiwa

Sponsored by the Status of LGBTIQ Persons, Persons with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and Women in the Profession Committees

This panel will analyze the intensified colonization of academic spaces—both intellectual and physical—under the current presidency. How do we accurately map these changes and negotiate these spaces in an era of national “whitelash” from peripheral ideological and embodied spaces? How do we contend with the increasing marginalization and targeting of vulnerable populations? What strategies might scholars use to contribute to the ongoing process of decolonizing the academy? What are the potential ramifications of our non-action or complicity in this academic landscape?

Panelists:

- Hatem Bazian, Zaytuna College and University of California, Berkeley
- Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Mel Chen, University of California, Berkeley
- Shanell T. Smith, Hartford Seminary



Hatem Bazian



Jasmin Zine



Mel Chen



Shanell Smith

A19-305

Afro-American Religious History Unit

Theme: **Black Religious Histories and Herstories of New England**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Dartmouth (Third Level)

Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Timothy Rainey, Emory University

I've Got A Home: Black Capital, Nationalism, and the Spiritual Politics of African Recolonization in the Era of Paul Cuffe, 1808–1816

Daniel A. Morris, Augustana College

Walker's Appeal and the Black Just War Tradition

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Kevin M. Franco, Elgin Community College
And Still We Rise: Prince Hall, Abiel Smith School, and the Battle for Education Equality in Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Century Boston

Fatimah Fanusie, Howard Thurman Historical Home, New Birth Corporation
Boston's Temple #11: The Early Years, 1948-1968

James Hill, Northwestern University
The Transnational Legacy of Ella Little-Collins: Race, Boston, and Decolonial Black Islamic Thought

A19-306

Anthropology of Religion Unit

Theme: **Pregnant in the Field**

Sunday, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Public Garden (Fifth Level)

Michal Raucher, University of Cincinnati, Presiding

Panelists:

- Nancy Ammerman, Boston University
- Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University
- Cara Rock-Singer, Columbia University
- Emily Sigalow, Duke University

Responding:

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

A19-307

Buddhism in the West Unit and Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit

Theme: **Situating Dharma: Examining Power, Privilege, and Identity in American Buddhism**

Sunday, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Vineyard (Fourth Level)

Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit, Mercy, Presiding

Panelists:

- Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
- Sharon A. Suh, Seattle University
- Rod Owens, Dharma Boston Sangha
- Natalie Quli, Institute of Buddhist Studies

A19-308

Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **Traditions of Interpretation**

Sunday, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Natalia Marandui, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Rebekah Earnshaw, University of St. Andrews
Creation from Nothing Does Not Come from Nothing

Derek Michaud, University of Maine
Reimagining Revelation, Tradition, and the Development of Doctrine

A19-309



Confucian Traditions Unit

Theme: **Roundtable Session on Ivanhoe's Three Streams: Confucian Reflections on Learning and the Moral Heart-Mind in China, Korea, and Japan (Oxford University Press, 2016)**

Sunday, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-101 (Plaza Level)

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Michael Puett, Harvard University
- Robert C. Neville, Boston University
- Shirong Luo, Simmons College

Responding:

Philip J. Ivanhoe, City University of Hong Kong

A19-310

Contemporary Islam Unit

Theme: **Citizenship and Minorities in Contemporary Islam**

Sunday, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-110 (Plaza Level)

Ermin Sinanovic, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Presiding

Panelists:

- Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto
- Zainab Alwani, Howard University
- Andrew F. March, Yale University
- Basma Abdelgafar, Maqasid Institute
- Ovimir Anjum, University of Toledo

A19-311



Critical Theories and Discourses in Religion and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit and Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: The Myth of Disenchantment: Magic, Modernity, and the Birth of the Human Sciences (University of Chicago Press, 2017)**

Sunday, 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Boylston (First Level)

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto, Presiding

Panelists:

- Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University
- Shannon Trospen Schorey, University of North Carolina
- Meredith Coleman-Tobias, Emory University
- Joanna Smith, University of North Carolina

Responding:

Jason Josephson-Storm, Williams College

A19-312

Ecclesiological Investigations Unit and World Christianity Unit

Theme: **Rethinking Theology in Light of World Christianities: The Legacy of Robert Schreiter and Stephen Bevans**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay D (Second Level)

Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding

Henry Kuo, Graduate Theological Union
A New Confessional Catholicity: Reformed Ecclesiology and the New Catholicity

Jaisy Joseph, Boston College
Re-imagining Catholicity: Robert Schreiter and the Interruption of Universalizing Tendencies

Norbert Hintersteiner, University of Münster
The Translational Fabric of Cultures: When Theology is Cross-Cultural Translation

Scott Hagley, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Suffering Translation: Faithful Presence as the Means and Hope of Contextual Theology

A19-313

Hinduism Unit

Theme: **The Ethics of Bhakti: Exploring Moral and Aesthetic Dimensions in the Life of Hindu Devotion**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

John Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University, Presiding

Alberta Ferrario, Swarthmore College
Ethics and Devotion According to Abhinavagupta: The Conceptualization of Bhakti in the Gītārthasaṅgraha

Lisa Blake, McGill University
The Two Faces of Māriyamman: Ethical and Aesthetic Dichotomies in Colonial Era Tamil and English Depictions of a Hindu Village Goddess

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary
The Ethics of Early Modern Vaiṣṇavism: Humble Sufis, Arrogant Nathas, and the Virtues of Love's Savor

Gardner Harris, Bucknell University
Disorientation and Distraction: The Ethics of Erotic Imagery in Māṅikkavācakar's Tiruvācakam

Responding:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

A19-314



Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit

Theme: *A Spectrum of Faith: Religions of the World in the Heartland of America* (Drake University Press, 2017)

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding

Panelists:

Anoushe Seiff, Drake University
Dustin Eubanks, Drake University
Carol Spaulding-Kruse, Drake University

Responding:

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School

A19-315

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

Theme: **Luther's Nineteenth-Century Heirs and Interpreters**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Matthew L. Becker, Valparaiso University, and Darrell Jodock, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding

Andrew Hamilton, Southern Methodist University
Freedom and Necessity United: I.A. Dorner's Utilization of Luther in His Doctrine of Religious Perfection

Angela Berlis, University of Bern
Ignaz von Döllinger (1799–1890) and Other Liberal Catholic (Church) Historians on Luther and the Reformation in the Nineteenth Century – From Polemic Apologetics to Critical Appreciation

James Lee, Saint Louis University
Luther among the Neo-Lutherans

Responding:

Else Marie Wiberg Pedersen, University of Aarhus

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A19-316

New Religious Movements Unit and Religion in the American West Unit

Theme: **Western Utopias: Ghost Dances, Jewish Farming, and Psychedelic Mystics**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Boston Common (Fifth Level)

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding

Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College

The Lure of a Land-Based Utopia: Jewish Agricultural Settlements in Nineteenth-Century North Dakota and Today

Morgan Shipley, Michigan State University

“Fruits of the Religious Life”: Entheogenic Spirituality, Communal Consciousness, and Compassionate Living Down on The Farm

Tammy Heise, University of Wyoming

Women Warriors Ghost Dancing (Again) at Wounded Knee

Responding:

Brandi Denison, University of North Florida

A19-317

Open and Relational Theologies Unit

Theme: **Open-Relational Theologies beyond Christianity**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies, Claremont, CA, Presiding

Matthew Ingalls, American University, Dubai

Fakhr al-Din al-Rāzi (d. 1210): The Ultimate Muslim Incompatibilist

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

An Open-Relational Hindu Theology

John Becker, Claremont School of Theology

Relational Theology: A Buddhist Perspective

Responding:

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College

Michael Lodahl, Point Loma Nazarene University

A19-318



Practical Theology Unit

Theme: **Taking On Practical Theology: A Book Panel Based on Courtney Goto’s Challenge to the Field**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-208 (Second Level)

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:

Mary Elizabeth Moore, Boston University

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University

Esther Acolatse, University of Toronto

Mark Cartledge, Regent University

Responding:

Courtney T. Goto, Boston University

A19-319

Religion and Politics Unit and Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit

Theme: **Religious Dimensions on “Global Citizenship”**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Jamaica Pond (Fifth Level)

Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Jana Philippa Parenti, University of Hamburg

Testing Religion-State Relations - How the Current Rise of Nationalism in Europe Influences the Further Development of “Religious Education for All” in Hamburg

Katharine Batlan, University of Texas

World Christian Citizenship Conferences: Defining Good Global Citizens in the 1910s

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University

Global Citizenship Values as a Byproduct of Democratic Virtue Education

Erik Owens, Boston College

Religion Education and Global Citizenship: A Match Made in Heaven?

A19-320

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Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **The Legacy of the Summer of Love, 1967-2017**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-201 (Second Level)

Jon Gill, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Jeremy Guida, Santa Barbara, CA

The Summer of Love and the Pluralization of Popular Culture

Andrew Smith, Tennessee Technological University

Summers of Love, Streets of Liturgy, and the Liberation of Sound: Revisiting, Reliving, and Reclaiming the Leftwing Hippy Christianity of the “Submarine Church”

Scott Muir, Duke University

Fifty Summers of Love and Counting: Music Festivals and the Institutionalization of the Psychedelic Tradition

Responding:

David Stowe, Michigan State University

A19-321

Religion and Sexuality Unit

Theme: **Queer Gathering: Engaging the Intersections between Religion, Bodies, and Sexualities**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, Presiding

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds, and Kwame Edwin Otu, University of Virginia
Ancestors, Embodiment, and Sexual Desire: Wild Religion and the Body in the Story of a South African Lesbian Sangoma

Lai-Shan Yip, Graduate Theological Union
A Queer China in the Eyes of Matteo Ricci and Its Relation to the Christian-Confucian Synthesis

Gilbert Chen, Washington University, St. Louis
Ordinary Monks, Nuns, and Everyday Sexuality in Early Modern China

Stephanie Budwey, Kirchliche Hochschule, Wuppertal
"Nature Loves Variety, Unfortunately, Society Hates It": German Intersex Christians' Experiences

A19-322



Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit

Theme: **Teaching Holocaust and Genocide in This Time: Strategies of Engagement**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B (Second Level)

M. Brandon McCormack, University of Louisville, Presiding

Richard A. Freund, University of Hartford
Teaching about the Holocaust through Geo-science and Archaeology

Will Livingston, Florida State University
Teaching Genocide in a "Post-truth" Age: Strategies for Activism, Engagement, and Scholarship

David Tollerton, University of Exeter
Holocaust Education, "British Values", and Religious Diversity in the United Kingdom

A19-323

New!

Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **The Legacy of Virgilio Elizondo**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-310 (Third Level)

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami, Presiding

Panelists:

- Benjamin Valentin, Yale University
- Michael E. Lee, Fordham University
- Chris Tirres, DePaul University
- John Phillip Santos, San Antonio, TX
- Timothy Matovina, University of Notre Dame
- David Carrasco, Harvard University
- Nancy A. Pineda-Madrid, Boston College

A19-324

Ritual Studies Unit

Theme: **Rituals and the Subaltern**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Hampton (Third Level)

Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

Kolby Knight, University of California, Santa Barbara
Ritual Surplus and Sub(Liminality) in Vaudevillian Catholicism

Baiju Markose, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Subaltern Ritual Hermeneutics: Pottan Theyyam - A Case Study

Rose Aslan, California Lutheran University
To Pray or Not to Pray: The Trouble with Muslim Public Expressions of Piety in the US

Responding:

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

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A19-325



Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Book Panel: *Tillich and the Abyss: Foundations, Feminism, and Theology of Praxis* (Palgrave, 2016) by Sigridur Gudmarsdottir**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Grand A (Fourth Level)

Michele Watkins, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:

Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Responding:

Sigridur Gudmarsdottir, University of Tromsø

Business Meeting:

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University, and Stephen G. Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

A19-326



Yogācāra Studies Unit

Theme: **Reading Vasubandhu's *Triṃśikā* and Its Commentaries**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Commonwealth (Third Level)

Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University, Presiding

Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

Vasubandhu's Thirty Verses on Non-duality and Figurative Predication

Jay Garfield, Smith College

Triṃśikā 22 and Its Commentaries and Sequelae

Malcolm Keating, Yale-NUS College

Kumārila Bhaṭṭa on the Metaphor of Self

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University

A Few Things We Can Learn About the Triṃśikā From the Chinese Sources

Jingjing Li, McGill University

Manifesting the Body through the Function: The Translation of Vijnāna and Vijnāpti in Chinese Yogācāra

Business Meeting:

C. John Powers, Deakin University, and Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University, Presiding

A19-328



Wildcard Session

Theme: **Sleepwalking into Extinction: Elaine Scarry's S.O.S. to Scholars of Religion**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Constitution (Second Level)

Brian Palmer, Uppsala University, Presiding

This forum brings Elaine Scarry into conversation with scholars of religion to discuss why our species may be sleepwalking into a thermonuclear extinction. How do we make sense of human passivity in the face of possible imminent extinction? The roundtable will be a space in which to think ethnographically about different religious groups — their theologies, ethics, eschatologies, etc. — and what shapes them into (not) caring about the threat of nuclear war. What if anything do we owe to potential future generations? How do we assess the nature of the loss if all of human civilization were to be obliterated? How might we respond to those who assert that humanity deserves to be annihilated, that our extinction would be a good thing? Six scholars with diverse specialties will converse with Elaine Scarry before opening the floor to audience voices.

Panelists:

R. Marie Griffith, Washington University in Saint Louis

Jean Halley, University of New York

Kate Holbrook, Church of Latter Day Saints Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT

Yana Stainova, Dartmouth College

Responding:

Elaine Scarry, Harvard University

A19-329



Women's Caucus

Theme: **FORGiNG VOICE – Filmmaking as Scholarship: Film Premier and Panel Discussion**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-305 (Third Level)

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Join us for the panel and film premiere of the project *FORGiNG VOICE: Interviews with Pioneering Feminist and Womanist Theologians* (www.forgingvoicefilm.com). The project consists of an online archive of interviews where theologians discuss their experiences in overcoming adversity in forging their voice and making significant contributions to feminist and womanist theology. It also features a short-film developed in response to the process of creating this project. The short-film is meant to be an educational and meditative tool to prompt deeper reflection on feminist and womanist issues as well as prompting viewers to consider how they can continue to forge their own voice. After the premier, a panel—featuring filmmaker Kate Common, producer Ashley Theuring, and composer Elizabeth Ursic— will discuss working on the film and its effects on their scholarship. Kutter Callaway from the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture group will be the respondent to the film and panel.

Panelists:

Kathryn Common, Boston University

Ashley Theuring, Boston University

Responding:

Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University

P19-300

European Society of Women in Theological Research

Theme: **Networking and Brainstorming**

Sunday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Massachusetts (Fifth Level)

P19-301

Theta Alpha Kappa Annual Meeting and Reception

Sunday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Wellesley (Third Level)

Theta Alpha Kappa, the National Honor Society for Religious Studies and Theology, invites faculty chapter representatives and members to attend our annual meeting which is preceded by a brief reception.

P19-302

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

Sunday, 6:00 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–MIT (Third Level)

This year's annual *AJTP* lecture will be given by John Kaag, Professor of Philosophy at University of Massachusetts, author of *American Philosophy: A Love Story*. Anyone with interest in the intersections of American philosophy and theology are welcome and encouraged to attend. The lecture will be preceded by a brief business meeting.

Panelists:

John Kaag, University of Massachusetts

A19-400

Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Reception

Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center–302 (Third Level)

P19-402

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Dinner for New Teachers (Invitation Only Event)**

Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Simmons (Third Level)

By invitation only – new teachers will join together for an elegant dinner and directed table conversations about the first years of teaching.

For more information go to <http://bit.ly/2rZBD7C>.

P19-400

Religious Education Association

Theme: **Teaching In and For Multifaith Contexts: Concepts and Practices**

Sunday, 6:45 PM–8:15 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Boston University (Third Level)

How shall we educate our faith communities so that they can practice hospitality in the world of many faiths? How are we to prepare religious leaders who are capable of leading congregations and communities in the practice of hospitality in a multifaith context? How are we to equip religious leaders in the practice of ministry in interfaith settings?

What curriculum design, educational programs, and pedagogies shall we pursue to lead and minister effectively in a multifaith setting? These are the larger questions that framed a new shared book project, *Teaching for a Multifaith World* (ed. Eleazar S. Fernandez, Wipf and Stock 2017). This session will be an interactive engagement with several of the authors from the book, focused on sharing both conceptual frames and pragmatic practices for doing this work.

This session is an opportunity to connect with the Religious Education Association, a related scholarly organization of the AAR. We value interdisciplinary and intercultural research at the intersections of religion and education (see www.religioeducation.net).

Panelists:

Justus Baird, Auburn Theological Seminary
 Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University
 Mary E. Hess, Luther Seminary
 Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary
 Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont Graduate University
 Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School
 Daniel Schipani, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

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Sunday, 7:00 PM and Later

A19-401



Arts Series: Harry Potter and the Sacred Text

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-310 (Third Level)

Emily Filler, Earlham College, Presiding

Sponsored by the Contemporary Pagan Studies Group and the Sacred Texts and Ethics Group



What if we read the books we love as if they were sacred texts? What would we learn? How might they change us? Harry Potter and the Sacred Text is a weekly podcast reading Harry Potter, the best-selling series of all time, as if it was a sacred text. Just as Christians read the Bible, Jews the Torah and Muslims read the Qur'an, this podcast has embarked on a

199-episode journey (one chapter an episode, released weekly) to glean what wisdom and meaning we can make from J.K. Rowling's beloved novels. The podcast reads Harry Potter, not just as novels, but as instructive and inspirational texts that teach us about our own lives. Each week, the podcast explores a central theme through which to explore the characters and context, always grounding itself in the text. It engages in traditional forms of sacred reading to unearth the hidden gifts within even the most mundane sentences.

Join the producers and hosts of the popular podcast in a traditional sacred reading practice with the non-traditional but much beloved Harry Potter series. In addition to the reading practice, this informal session will also feature the podcasters along with Stephanie Paulsell discussing the history of sacred reading practices and the implications of their work for ethical reflection, chaplaincy, and other forms of ministry in the changing religious climate.

Panelists:

- Vanessa Zoltan, Harvard University
Casper ter Kuile, Harvard University
Ariana Nedelman, Harvard University
Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University

P19-403

Société Internationale d'Études sur Alfred Loisy

Theme: Modernists and the Papacy

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Jefferson (Third Level)

Jeffrey Morrow, Seton Hall University, Presiding

- Elizabeth Farnsworth, University of Dayton
Wilfrid Ward on the Liberalism of Pope Leo XIII
Annelies Lannoy, Ghent University
The Papacy in the Correspondence of Franz Cumont and Alfred Loisy
Luc Brogly, Eckholsheim, France
Pierre Batiffol, Bishops, Cardinals, and Popes: A Survey from his Private Letters and Published Works
Max Vodola, Catholic Theological College
Roncalli, Modernism, and the Journey to Vatican II

Responding:

- Charles J. T. Talar, University of St. Thomas, Houston

A19-403



Film: Martin Scorsese's Silence

Sunday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Constitution (Second Level)

Asuka Sango, Carleton College, Presiding

Described by some critics as the third in a "religion trilogy" by director Martin Scorsese, Silence (2016) tells the story of seventeenth-century Jesuit priests who travel to Japan to spread Catholicism in defiance of the Japanese government's ban of Christianity. As these missionaries witness the martyrdom of Japan's "hidden Christians," they grapple with their inability to save Japanese martyrs and they begin to question the meaning of suffering in face of the silence of God. The film also scrutinizes the colonial implications of Japanese encounter with Christianity and resultant transformations of Christianity in Japan. The screening is sponsored by the generous support of the Center for Information on Religion in Tokyo, Japan, and is supported by Christian Spirituality; Japanese Religions; Religion, Film, and Visual Culture; Religious Conversions; and Roman Catholic Studies Units. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with panelists from Christian Studies and Japanese Religions.

Panelists:

- Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University
Chad Bauman, Butler University

P19-401

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: Engagement with Scripture in Philosophy and Analytic Theology

Sunday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Orleans (Fourth Level)

This panel will discuss proposals for how philosophers and theologians can and should engage with scripture in their analytic and philosophical thinking.

- Dru Johnson, King's College, New York
Must Our Philosophy Conform with Scripture?
Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary
Reflections on Scripture's use in Philosophy and Analytic Theology
Joshua Blander, King's College, New York
Humble Thyself in the Light of the Source: Scripture as a Source of Philosophical Data
Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
Reflections on Scripture in Philosophy and Theology

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A19-404



Arts Series: Ravishing Far/Near: Sheila Gallagher's Art and the Mute Magic of Things

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Washington (Third Level)

Daniel Bradley, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Sheila Gallagher's art speaks powerfully to our desire for a renewed spiritual life that will pay careful attention to the sacredness of nature and to the marginalized and the neglected, that which exists outside the circles of power and privilege. Through her thought provoking use of materials and the engagement with diverse religious traditions, Gallagher's art is deeply interwoven with both of these themes and their connection to our desire for the divine.

Her works will give the theologians of the AAR a great deal to think and talk about, as it moves them by its beauty and inspires them to see the sacred in the profane. Further, the fruitfulness of this work, as a source of theological discourse, will be enhanced by the proposed roundtable discussion between the artist, Sheila Gallagher and her academic interlocutors, Richard Kearney and John Panteleimon Manoussakis.



Panelists:

John Panteleimon Manoussakis, College of the Holy Cross

Sheila Gallagher, Boston College

Richard Kearney, Boston College

A19-405



Film: Let The Mystery Be: Screening of the Finale of the HBO TV Show *The Leftovers* and Discussion with Religious Scholar Consultant and Producer of the Show, Reza Aslan

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B (Second Level)

Manuel Lopez, New College, Florida, Presiding

This year, HBO will air the third and final season of *The Leftovers*, a TV show that, like no other in recent times, has had faith and religion as its central topic. Based on Tom Perrotta's 2011 novel of the same name, the show examines the effects (social, psychological, spiritual) of a rapture-like event in which 2% of the world's population simply vanishes without any logical explanation. In the aftermath of this event, an array of new messianic figures and religious movements emerge trying to bring meaning to a world in which traditional religion seems to have no answers. During the three seasons of the show, we follow the main characters struggling with a world in which God seems to have spoken, but no one knows what it meant. The rapture, instead of being the ultimate answer to the existence of God, becomes the ultimate question.

The session will begin with a screening of the finale (courtesy of HBO), followed by a Q&A with Reza Aslan, the religious studies scholar consultant in the show (and one of the consulting producers) about the ways in which *The Leftovers* has dealt with a variety of religious issues: the role of faith and religion in society, the emergence of new religious movements, the human need for meaning, the struggle of peaceful coexistence of different religious worldviews, and the ethical and moral implications of an event like the rapture. The session will also discuss social and political readings of the show such as the rapture as an allegory of September 11, the notion of "the end of times" as a metaphor for the collapse of our current political order, etc.

Panelists:

Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside

Damon Lindelof, Screenwriter and Producer

A19-406



Film: *Son of Man: a South African Jesus Film*

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Sarojini Nadar, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Presiding

The African Religions unit yet again hosts a film screening as part of the AAR annual meeting. This year we will screen the film *Son of Man* (2006), directed by Mark Dornford-May. Following the screening, Prof Sarojini Nadar, who holds the Desmond Tutu Chair of Ecumenical Theology and Social Transformation at the University of the Western Cape, South Africa) will open a discussion of the film.

In the state of Judea in southern Africa, violence, poverty and sectarianism are endemic. The neighboring Alliance has invaded under the pretense of restoring peace. Bloody street battles accompany the dictatorship's incursion into its weaker satellite. Promises of a transition to open democratic rule are marred by summary executions and brutal massacres. As the civil war reaches new heights, a divine child is born to a lowly couple. As he grows and witnesses the inhumanity of the world he lives in, his angelic guardians offer him an escape to the heavens. He refuses. This is his world and he must try to save it from the work of evil men and from the darkness working through them. As an adult, he travels to the capital, gathering followers along the way from the armed factions of rebels across the land. He demands that his followers give up their arms and confront their corrupt rulers with a vision of non-violent protest and solidarity. Inevitably, he attracts the attention of the Judean tribal leaders who have struck a power-sharing deal with the aloof Governor Pilate. The Son of Man must be brought down and destroyed. This film is a powerful retelling of the life of Christ set in contemporary South Africa.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

A20-1

Program Unit Chairs' Breakfast

Monday, 7:15 AM–8:45 AM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Program Unit Chairs are invited to a breakfast featuring information on upcoming program initiatives and celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

A20-100/S20-145a

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **The Potential Value of Genre-based Pedagogy in Religious Studies**

Monday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Priyanka Ramlakhan, University of Florida, Presiding

This roundtable is intended to make a case to religious studies instructors for the value of adopting the genre-based method of instruction developed primarily in the discipline of writing studies, explaining its merits and challenges. The syllabus handouts that will be provided model this method for a range of religious studies courses. In addition to genre-based instruction, some of the courses also attempt to integrate two other valuable pedagogical techniques in the context of religious studies: critical pedagogy and technology-supplemented pedagogy.

Although the roundtable focuses primarily on the value of genre-based pedagogy as an innovative intervention in religious studies pedagogy, we will also discuss the importance of instructors' cultivation of critical literacy and use of a variety of media and methods. Genre-based instruction helps cultivate a number of discipline-specific and domain-general skills valued by students and instructional institutions.

Panelists:

Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara

P20-100

Feminist Studies in Religion Meeting

Monday, 9:00 AM–10:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Vermont (Fifth Level)

A20-101

Publications Committee

Theme: **How to Publish When I Am in a Teaching-Intensive and/or Contingent Faculty Position**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Marriott Copley Place-MIT (Third Level)

Daniel Miller, Landmark College, Presiding

Advice and strategies for maintaining an active research and publication agenda by and for faculty at institutions and/or in positions that do not typically support research and publishing.

Panelists:

Christy Cobb, Wingate University

Corinne Dempsey, Nazareth College

Karmen MacKendrick, Le Moyne College

Jordan Miller, Stonehill College

A20-102

Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee and Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee

Theme: **Toilet Justice: Peeing and the Politics of Marginalized Bodies**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-102 (Plaza Level)

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

As the title of a popular children's book universally proclaims, "everyone poops." What is not universally true, however, is that everyone is ensured safe bathroom access. Focusing on toilets as a site of risk, injustice, and activism for many marginalized communities, this session explores how toilet justice can be a site for building coalitions among multiple minoritized communities. Alongside current contemporary political debates over trans toilet activism — and the important activist coalitions happening between trans, queer, and disabled folks about safe bathroom access, the session will highlight toilets as a prism to think about the material experience of marginalized bodies, about the physical links between bodily elimination and people who are often targeted for elimination. Trans, queer, immigrant, and disability voices will strategize ways for transforming the mundane reality of bodily elimination into opportunities for radical practices of justice.

Panelists:

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton

Leo Guardado, University of Notre Dame

Preston Parsons, University of Cambridge

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University

Max Strassfeld, University of Arizona

Max Thornton, Drew University

Shani Tzoref, University of Potsdam

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

A20-103



African Religions Unit and Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Religious Representation and Imagination in Contemporary African Arts and Literature**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-313 (Third Level)

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College
Situating Resistance: The Muslim Body in the Films of Ousmane Sembene

Marthinus Johannes Havenga, Stellenbosch University
“Woza Albert!” – A Theological Engagement with a South African Anti-Apartheid Protest Play

Sara Fretheim, Akrofi-Christaller Institute
“O My Absurd Ancestry, Down from What Tree?” Jesus, Sassabonsam, and Testimonies of Exile: Exploring Themes of African Religion(s) and Culture in the Poetry of Tchicaya U Tamsi, Afua Kuma, and Abena Busia

Kara Ellis Skora, College of Wooster
Homegoing and the Radiance of Tomorrow: How Recent African Literature Enhances Our Understanding of Historical, Diasporan, and Contemporary Religious Experience in Asante and Mende Cultures, Respectively

Business Meeting:

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds, and Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

A20-104

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Animals and Religion Unit

Theme: **Animal Expression, Theological Thought: How Animal Encounters Ground Theological Construction**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon B (Third Level)

Matthew Eaton, St. John's University, Presiding

Panelists:

Trevor Bechtel, Conrad Grebel College
Kimberly Carfore, California Institute of Integral Studies
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology
Timothy Harvie, St. Mary's University, Alberta, Canada

Business Meeting:

David Clough, University of Chester, and Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding

A20-105



Bioethics and Religion Unit

Theme: **Vulnerability in the Manipulation of Life and Death**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Boston Common (Fifth Level)

George D. Randels, University of the Pacific, Presiding

Ashley Moyses, Regent College
Hugging Death, Anticipating Suicide: Vulnerability of Despair and the Marcelian Response to Medical Assistance in Dying

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
Crushed Between Walls: Buddhist Perspectives on Neonatal Ethics

Nikki Bailey, University of Oxford
Redeeming Creation? A Barthian Discussion of Human Genetic Modification as Treatment and/or Prevention

Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago
May We Make the World? The Ethics and Theologies of Gene Drives

Business Meeting:

Marcella Norling, Orange Coast College, Presiding

A20-106



Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit

Theme: **Political Theology, Social Justice, and Privilege: Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the (Evangelical) Age of Trump**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Jennifer McBride, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah Biblical Seminary
Endangered Bonhoeffer, Endangered People Groups, and the Evangelical Theo-political Imagination

Chris Dodson, University of Aberdeen
The Reign of Justice or the Rain of Fire: Hearing the Call of Christ from Below

Ross Halbach, University of Aberdeen
Jesus' White Bonhoeffer: Insights for Addressing Race from the Side of Privilege

Myles Werntz, Hardin-Simmons University
Fugitive Theology: The Confessing Church, Illegality, and Our Immigration Question

Business Meeting:

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, and Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College, Presiding

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A20-107

Buddhism Unit

Theme: **Crime and Punishment: Legal Dialogues between Buddhism and Local Society in East and Central Asia**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place–Exeter (Third Level)

Mark L. Blum, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Charles Manson, École Pratique des Hautes Études
Conundrums in Tibetan Medieval Crime and Punishment

Cuilan Liu, University of Toronto
Alcohol, Women, and Animal Slaughtering: The Death of Two Buddhist Monks in Tang China

Asuka Sango, Carleton College
Sōshō's (1202–1278) Vows to Refrain from Evils and Practice Good: A Minority Report of the Precept Revival Movement in Medieval Japan

Vesna Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara
Why Fermented Mare' Milk (Airag) and Not Vodka (Arkhi)? Cultural Norms and the Limits of the Vinaya in Mongolia

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

A20-108**Childhood Studies and Religion Unit**

Theme: **Innovative Methodologies in Childhood Studies and Religion**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston–Liberty B (Second Level)

Katarina Westerlund, Uppsala University, Presiding

Natalie Carnes, Baylor University
Human Desire and Original Sin: Moving beyond Augustine's Greedy Infant

Brett Speakman, University of St Andrews
The Theatrical Encore of Infancy: Transcendence and the Perceptive Vision of Childhood

Karen-Marie Yust, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Spiritual Vulnerability on the Digital Playground: Relational Aggression, Cyberbullying, and Adolescent "Drama"

Rachael Shillitoe, Worcester University
Sacred Soundscapes: Children's Agency and Voice in Collective Worship

Responding:

Sally Stamper, Capital University

Business Meeting:

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, and Sally Stamper, Capital University, Presiding

A20-109

#chinesereels

Chinese Religions Unit and Confucian Traditions Unit

Theme: **Religious Legacies of the Taiping War, 1850-1900**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place–Brandeis (Third Level)

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Hsueh-Yi Lin, University of Wisconsin
Breaking the Symbiosis: The Destruction of Shrines of Worthies and the Decline of Confucianism

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Manchester
Local Gazetteer Data on the Post-Taiping Reconstruction of Religious Institutions

Joshua Sooter, New York University
Translating Religion: Qing Officials, Local Religious Sects, and the Problem of Orthodoxy in Post-Taiping China

George Kam Wah Mak, Hong Kong Baptist University
An Assessment of the Taiping Legacy on the Protestant Bible Work in Late Qing China

Responding:

Natasha Heller, University of California, Los Angeles

Business Meeting:

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, and Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University, Presiding

A20-110/S20-117

**Christian Spirituality Unit and SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Unit**

Theme: **Planetary Solidarity: Global Women's Voices on Christian Doctrine and Climate Justice**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center–208 (Second Level)

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College, Presiding

Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University
Imagining an Earth-centric Theological Framing for Planetary Solidarity

Wanda Deifelt, Luther College
And God Saw That It Was Good—Imago Dei and Its Challenge to Climate Justice

Hilda Koster, Concordia College, Moorhead
Trafficked Lands: Sex Trafficking, Oil, and Ecological Evil in the Dakotas

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University, Pennsylvania
Seeds, Cross, and a Paradox of Life from Death: A Postcolonial Eco-Theology

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Eco-Womanist Wisdom: Encountering Earth and the Spirit

Barbara Rossing, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
Reimagining Eschatology towards Healing and Hope, for a World at the Eschatos

Responding:

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

Karenna Gore, Union Theological Seminary

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

A20-111



Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **On the Nature of Tradition**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay C (Second Level)

Junius Johnson, Baylor University, Presiding

Jonathan Ciraulo, University of Notre Dame
The Eucharistic Reception of Tradition in Blondel and Balthasar

Michelle Sanchez, Harvard University
Reading Tradition as Pedagogy: The Case of Calvin's Election

Brandon Morgan, Baylor University
Wanting to Go On: Desire and Tradition in the Scenes of Instruction of Robert Jenson and Stanley Cavell

Business Meeting:

Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

A20-112



Class, Religion, and Theology Unit

Theme: **Class and Religion in the USA: American Dream? American Nightmare?**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere A (Second Level)

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College, Presiding

Jung Mo Sung, Methodist University, Sao Paulo
Neoliberalism's Denial of Human Rights, Idolatry, and Classes Struggle

Lisa Gasson-Gardner, Drew University
When Ethnicity Elides Whiteness: The Eschatological Arc of Recent White Class Narratives and a Queer Alternative

Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani
Peons, Proles, and Fat Cats: Class and the Study of Contemporary Islam

Responding:

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University, and Ken Estey, Brooklyn College, Presiding

A20-113



Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **The "Unsayable" in Tibetan Religious Literature**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Vineyard (Fourth Level)

Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College, Presiding

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College
What Is Not Told about What Was Once Invisible? Performative Lacunae in the Folklore of Tibetans of Geza

Dominique Townsend, Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY
Unsayably Clear, Empty, and Divine: Cultivating an Awareness of Life and Death as Illusory through a Tibetan Practice of Lucid Dreaming

Annabella Pitkin, Lehigh University
What Cannot Be Said Must Be Remembered: Unsayability and Tibetan Buddhist Aporias of Absence, Loss, Longing, and Realization

Business Meeting:

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College, Presiding

A20-114



Contemplative Studies Unit

Theme: **Sharing the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises across Religious Traditions**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Constitution A (Second Level)

Daniel A. Madigan, Georgetown University, Presiding

Panelists:

Roger Haight, Union Theological Seminary
Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University
Erin Cline, Georgetown University
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Harold D. Roth, Brown University, and Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University, Presiding

A20-115

Contemporary Islam Unit

Theme: **Crossing Borders, Transcending Boundaries: The Shifting Contexts of Muslim Politics**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

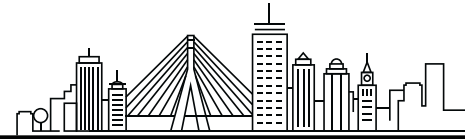
Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

Sam Houston, Florida State University
Educating Resistance: Ḥasan al-Bannā, Tarbiya, and Embodied Ethics

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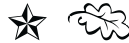
Samuel Kigar, Duke University
The Walled Muslim State: Morocco's Anti-Saharawi Berm, Muslim State Sovereignty, and the Waning of Westphalia

Justin Jones, University of Oxford
Informal Law as "Shari'a Governance": Islamic Courts within India's Muslim Minority

Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University
(Re)Orienting Vulnerability: Using Visual Images to Parse Morocco's Dominant and Quotidian Islams

Mahshid Zandi, University of Toronto
The Political Economy of State-Sponsored Pilgrimages to the Iran-Iraq Battlefields

A20-116



Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit

Theme: **Pagan Intersections with Social and Cultural Systems**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Boylston (First Level)

Kimberly Kirner, California State University, Northridge, and
Garrett Sadler, NASA Ames Research Center
Seeking Healing and Support: Mental and Physical Health Challenges in Pagan Communities

Jeffrey Albaugh, Oxnard, CA
A Phenomenological Exploration of Theophany and Metanoia in Contemporary Paganisms

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, and Sarah M. Pike,
California State University, Chico
Presence and Absence at the Steilneset Witchcraft Memorial

Business Meeting:

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, and Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest
University, Presiding

A20-117

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit

Theme: **Do I Love My Subjects? A Roundtable about Pleasure, Paranoia, and Care in American Religious Studies**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Berkeley (Third Level)

Sonia Hazard, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Princeton University
Care to Listen? Reparative Readings in American Religious Studies

Dana Logan, Washington University, Saint Louis
It's a Thin Line

Richard Callahan, University of Missouri
Redeeming the History of the Oppressed, the Losers, the Marginalized, the Peripheral, the Erased

Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, University of Iowa
Infrastructures of Feeling

A20-118

#deathbeyond ★

Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit

Theme: **Death at the Margins**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Jamaica Pond (Fifth Level)

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

Rex Barnes, Columbia University
I Got 99 Lives but a Glitch Ate One: A Walk-Through of Perilous and Peril-less Gaming

Jordan Rowan Fannin, Berry College
The Anonymity of Death at the Margins: Remembrance and Resolution in the South Texas Dying Fields

Joshua Schnell, Brown University
Dead Bodies for the Living: The Politics of Ancient Maya Mortuary Practices

Eliezer Sariel, Shaanan College, Ohalo College
Moving Behind the Wall: The Attitude of Modern Jewish Law Towards Death as Reflected in the Struggle over the Laws of Mourning a Suicide

Michael F. Strmiska, Orange County Community College
The Ambiguity of Ancestors: Questions of Inclusion, Exclusion, and Ethnicity in Modern Pagan Conceptions of the Afterlife

Business Meeting:

Mohamed S. Hassan, Temple University, and Jamie Brummitt,
Duke University, Presiding

A20-119

Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **Modernizing the Language of the Gods: Religious Identity, Instruction, and Innovation in Contemporary Sanskrit**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Wellesley (Third Level)

Shubha Pathak, American University, Presiding

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College
Sanskrit as Personality Development: The Twentieth-Century Epics of Kshama Rao

Charles Preston, Millsaps College
Worshipping the Nation, Teaching the World: Imagining Audiences and Identities in Modern Sanskrit Poetry

Finnian Moore Gerety, Yale University
Amateur Hour: Innovation, Instruction, and Identity in Sanskrit Dramas of Kerala

Borayin Larios, Heidelberg University
Proud to Be Brahmin: Identity Construction and Self-Representation on Facebook

Responding:

Anne Monius, Harvard University

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A20-120



Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit

Theme: **Interreligious Solidarity and Collaboration**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick B (Second Level)

Kate Temoney, Montclair State University, Presiding

Tazeen Ali, Boston University
Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism in America: Comparing Intersectional and Single-Issue Models of Interfaith Alliances

Jennifer Hancock, Dallas, TX
Faith Forward: "Enlightened" Interfaith Solidarities in Contest with White Nationalist "Deceptions" in Dallas

Larycia Hawkins, University of Virginia
Embodied Solidarity in Theopolitical Space: Interreligious Solidarity from below

Kristi Del Vecchio, Catholic Theological Union
Interreligious Environmentalism: Pragmatic Projects and Moral Competencies That Address Climate Change

James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary
Interreligious Collaboration in the Struggle to Protect Water at the Strait: Indigenous Spirits Schooling Christian Texts in an Age of Climate Apocalypse

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School, and Homayra Ziad, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Presiding

A20-121



Korean Religions Unit

Theme: **Medicine, Pluralism, and Nation: The Challenges and Opportunities for Religion in Modernity**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon F (Third Level)

Sujung Kim, DePauw University, Presiding

Shin Kwon Kim, University of Oxford
A Religious Pathology or a Pathological Religion in Korea

John D. Dadosky, University of Toronto, and Jaechan Park, University of Toronto
In Merton's Footsteps: Report and Reflection upon an Experiential Interreligious Encounter in South Korea

Ray Kim, Georgetown University
Islam in Korea: Past, Present, and Future

Hyun Hui Kim, Drew University
Remembering the Body of a South Korean Female Sex Worker: Imperialism, Nationalism, and Doing Feminist Theology from Within

Responding:

Timothy S. Lee, Texas Christian University

Business Meeting:

Debernere Torrey, University of Utah, Presiding

A20-122



Law, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Tisa Wenger, *Religious Freedom: The Contested History of an American Ideal* (University of North Carolina Press, 2017)**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Berkeley (Third Level)

Richard Amesbury, University of Zurich, Presiding

Panelists:

Anna Su, University of Toronto

Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Responding:

Tisa Wenger, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Richard Amesbury, University of Zurich, Presiding

A20-123



Liberal Theologies Unit

Theme: **Liberal Theologies and Post-Truth Politics**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Joel Harrison, Northwestern University
Matters of Concern and Ultimate Concern: Negotiating Facts with Values in the Post-Truth Era

David Bruner, Princeton Theological Seminary
Eberhard Jüngel, Metaphor, and the Post-Truth Moment

David Galston, Westar Institute
Is It Useless to Revolt? Raising Foucault's Question in Theology

Wouter Slob, University of Groningen
Post-Truth and Normativity

Business Meeting:

Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

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A20-124

Mysticism Unit and Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Mysticism and the Feminine**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-111 (Plaza Level)

Andrea Dara Cooper, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Minji Lee, Rice University

Vulnerable Womb Crossing Boundaries: Hildegard of Bingen's Mystical Representation of the Female Reproductive Body

Christine Libby, Indiana University

The Heart of the Matter: Rethinking Affective Mysticism

Zannah Breunig, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Penetrating the Seventh Palace: Reading the Sexual Dimensions of The Hebrew Apocalypse of Enoch

Mary Louise Stone, Questa, NM

Andean Pachamama and Women: Though Vulnerable, Widespread and Ancestral Cultures Engage Modernity

Responding:

June McDaniel, College of Charleston

A20-125

Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit

Theme: **Eros and Ascent in the Ancient and Medieval World, Session II**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

John Kenney, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University

Plato's Tragicomic Ascent of the Soul

Syed Zaidi, Emory University

Eternity, Time, and Space in the Cosmologies of Plotinus and Mīr Dāmād

Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto

Romanticisation, Eros, and Ascent: Plotinian Influences on Novalis

A20-126

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Quaker Studies Unit

Theme: **Race, Gender, Class: Quakers in the Public Sphere**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Fairfax B (Third Level)

Jon Kershner, University of Lancaster, Presiding

Maria Power, University of Liverpool

A Theology with Profound Political Possibilities: Quaker Contributions to British Christian Socialism and Its Debates around Pacifism

Guy Aiken, University of Virginia

"Some of These Days I'm Going to Turn into a Radical": The Early AFSC, Class, and Economic Justice

Nicholas Burton, Northumbria University, Donncha Kavanagh, University College, Dublin, and Martin Brigham, Lancaster University

The Decline of the Quakers in the World of Business: The Role of Corporate Ethics and the Law

David St John, University of Texas

Non-ownership Principles as Understood by Lay Practitioners of Jainism and Quakerism

Responding:

Sa'ed Atshan, Swarthmore College

Business Meeting:

Jon Kershner, University of Lancaster, Presiding

A20-127

Reformed Theology and History Unit

Theme: **The "Solos" in Reformed Traditions**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-The Fens (Fifth Level)

Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

Bruce Pass, University of Edinburgh

Upholding Sola Scriptura Today: Some Unturned Stones in Herman Bavinck's Doctrine of Inspiration

Timothy Baylor, University of St. Andrews

Reforming the Glory of God: Solus Christus and the Necessity of the Cross

Kimlyn Bender, Baylor University

The Sola behind the Solas: The Unity of the Five Solas of the Reformation and a Proposal for Their Understanding

A20-128

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Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **The Present State of Nostalgia: Religious Longings for the American Past**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, Presiding

Samantha Kang, University of California, Santa Barbara

Good, Harmless Fun? A Critique of "Consumed Nostalgia"

Signe Cohen, University of Missouri

Fantastic Beasts and the Dangers of American Nostalgia

Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, Iliff School of Theology and

University of Denver

Timeless Questions, Timely Answers: Time Travel as Ethical Response to the White Construction of American History

Jordan Conley, Boston University

Voting, Votive, Devotion: "I Voted" Stickers and the Ritual Reverberations of the Women's Suffrage Movement

Responding:

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College

A20-129

Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Special Session Honoring the Scholarship of Nancy Ammerman**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-309 (Third Level)

Emily Sigalow, Duke University, and Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Panelists:

Lydia Bean, Faith in Texas, Dallas, TX

Jaime Clark-Soles, Southern Methodist University

Arthur Farnsley, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

James Nieman, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

A20-130



Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit

Theme: **The Social Positioning of Holy Figures**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-New Hampshire (Fifth Level)

Alan Verskin, University of Rhode Island, Presiding

Nathaniel Morehouse, John Carroll University
Equal to the Emperor: Constantine's Burial and the Elevation of the Apostles

Hadi Qazwini, University of Southern California
The Heir of the Biblical Prophets: Shi'ite Devotion to Imam Husayn and Karbala

Nicole Archambeau, Colorado State University
Protection Miracles in the Shifting Political Landscape of the Fourteenth-Century Western Mediterranean

Joseph Maurice Davis, Gratz College
Jewish Hagiography, Anti-hagiography, and Extended Families in Eighteenth-Century Prague

Responding:

Sara Ritchey, University of Louisiana, Lafayette

Business Meeting:

David Freidenreich, Colby College, Presiding

A20-131 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



Religion in the American West Unit

Theme: **The Religious Varieties of Westward Expansion**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-200 (Second Level)

Fay Botham, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Presiding

James Dupey, Arizona State University
The Business of Building a Church: The Importance of Economic Advantage for Denomination Building in the Trans-Appalachian West

Danae Jacobson, University of Notre Dame
Imbricated Landscapes: North American Religious Sisters' Spiritual and Material Perceptions of the Land

Jeffrey Mahas, Joseph Smith Papers
"The Lamanites Will Be Our Friends": Mormon Eschatology and the Perception of American Indians in the Council of Fifty

Megan Leverage, Florida State University
"The Engineering of Souls": The Silicon Valley and the Exclusion of Women and People of Color

Responding:

Katherine Moran, Saint Louis University

Business Meeting:

John-Charles Duffy, Miami University, Presiding

A20-132



Religion, Media, and Culture Unit and Teaching Religion Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Teaching and Scholarship as Resistance in the Post-Truth Era**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Arlington (Third Level)

Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University, and Stephanie Frank, Columbia College, Chicago, Presiding

Panelists:

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

Yannik Thiem, Villanova University

Janine Giordano Drake, University of Great Falls

Melissa Borja, City University of New York

Sarah Eltantawi, Evergreen State College

Todd Green, Luther College

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A20-133



Religion, Memory, History Unit

Theme: **Making White Nostalgia “Great” Again: The Politics of Religion and Memory in the United States**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hynes Convention Center-109 (Plaza Level)

Roy Whitaker, San Diego State University, Presiding

Chase L. Way, Claremont Graduate University
Paleo-Confederate Theology: White Nostalgia, Religion, and Douglas Wilson’s Revision of the Southern Intellectual Tradition

Natalie Avalos, Connecticut College
“We’re Not All Immigrants”: The White Liberal Nostalgia of Immigrant Life

Michael Graziano, University of Northern Iowa
White Nostalgia, Religion, and U.S. National Security

Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University
Misremembrance of Muslims Past: #MAGA and White Conservative Countermemory

Responding:

Mathias Gardell, Uppsala University

Business Meeting:

Mona Hassan, Duke University, and Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding

A20-134



Religion, Sport, and Play Unit

Theme: **Players, Politics, and Piety: Religion, Sports, and the State in Twentieth-Century America**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon A (Third Level)

James Dennis LoRusso, Princeton University, Presiding

Christa Schwind, University of Denver
Renegotiating American Yoga: A Narrative of Lifestyle Fitness

Adam Park, Florida State University
“Soldier Sport”: WWI and the YMCAs’ Allied Boxing Program

M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University
I Am America: Muhammad Ali’s Conversion to the State

Brad Stoddard, McDaniel College
“Behind the Walls”: Sports-Based Prison Ministries and the Carceral State

Responding:

Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary

Business Meeting:

Arthur Remillard, Saint Francis University, and Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

A20-135



Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit

Theme: **Grassroots Religion: Ethnography, Resistance, and Sacred Presence**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon G (Third Level)

Daisy Vargas, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Harold Morales, Morgan State University
El Cristo Guatemalteco de Baltimore: Theorizing “Presence” in Transnational Ways of Being-in-the-World

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Virgin of Guadalupe as Science Fiction

Laurel Marshall, Central American University
Actions Speak Louder Than Words: Christian Base Communities in the Construction of New Sacramental Theology

Matthew Casey, University of California, Davis
Andean Pastoral: An Indigenous Catholic Third Way in 1970s Peru

Petra Kuivala, University of Helsinki
Hidden Histories – The Catholic Experience in Cuban Revolutionary Reality

Responding:

Jessica Delgado, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Chris Tirres, DePaul University, Presiding

A20-136

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Religion and Science as Political Theology: Doing Interdisciplinary Scholarship in a “Post-truth” Society**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Jennifer Baldwin, Grounding Flight Wellness, Marietta, GA, Presiding

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
Religion and Science as Critical Discourse: Postmodern Does Not Mean Post-truth

Craig A. Boyd, St. Louis University
Making America Humble Again: Humility and Magnanimity as Greatness in a Post-veridical World

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University
Modern Political Lying: Science and Religion as a Critical Discourse in a Post-truth World

Paul Allen, Concordia University
The Golden Mean in a Political Theology of Science and Religion

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
Confessions of a Recovering Objectivist: Religion/Science as Engaged Theology and Environmental Strategy

Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Truth in Science, Faith, and Public Theology

A20-137

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Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **New Graduate Research in Islamic Studies**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place–Simmons (Third Level)

Frederick Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding

John Zaleski, Harvard University

The Transformation of Late Antique Ascetic Culture: Reimagining Fasting and Celibacy in Early Muslim Ascetic Literature

Ari M. Gordon, University of Pennsylvania

Sacred Orientation: The Qibla as Ritual, Metaphor, and Identity Marker in Early Islam

Rebecca Makas, Emory University

In Spite of Their Thoughts, Their Words Require Interpretation: Silence and Ineffability in Medieval Islamic Mysticism

Nicholas Boylston, Georgetown University

The Kaleidoscope of Reality: Rediscovering the Significance of Diversity in Twelfth Century Persian Philosophical Literature

Patrick D'Silva, University of North Carolina

The Power of the Breath in Persianate India

Josef Linnhoff, University of Edinburgh

What Does It Mean to "Associate" with God? Muslim Interpretations of Shirk

Ken Chitwood, University of Florida

Fluid Dynamics, Puerto Rican Muslims, and Global Islam

A20-138



Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Book Panel: Robert Erlewine's *Judaism and the West* (Indiana University Press, 2016)**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Marriott Copley Place–Falmouth (Fourth Level)

Dustin Atlas, Al Quds Bard College for Arts and Sciences, Presiding

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

After Jewish Philosophy as a Normative Science

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago

Master's Tools, Master's Houses, Mastery: Thinking with Judaism and the West about "Religion"

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College

The Prophetic Problem: Robert Erlewine's Analysis of Abraham Heschel's Critique of Biblical Scholarship

Responding:

Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University

Business Meeting:

Paul Nahme, Brown University, and Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University, Presiding

A20-139

Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Islamic Futures in Dialogue with Continental Thought**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place–Grand A (Fourth Level)

Elizabeth R. Alexandrin, University of Manitoba, Presiding

Ali Altaf Mian, Seattle University

The Concept of Taqlid: A Philosophical Inquiry

Micah Hughes, University of North Carolina

The Bergsonian Mysticism of an Anatolian Socialist: Nurettin Topçu (1909–1975)

Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley

Toward a Psychoanalytics of Tribulation

Mehnaz Afridi, Manhattan College

Mourning, Melancholia, and Nostalgia within Islamic Literature

Responding:

Richard McGregor, Vanderbilt University

A20-140



Vatican II Studies Unit

Theme: **The Contributions of John O'Malley, SJ to the Critical Study of Vatican II**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston–Gardner (Third Level)

Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University, Presiding

Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University

Style is Substance: John W. O'Malley's Contribution to the Study and Interpretation of Vatican II

David A. Stosur, Cardinal Stritch University

A Tale of Two Translations: Rhetorical Style and the Post-conciliar English Translations of the Mass

Brenna Moore, Fordham University

What Happens When We See Them through the Lens of the Council? John W. O'Malley, "Parishization", and Vatican II

Ormond Rush, Australian Catholic University

Pope Francis as an Interpreter of Vatican II: On Implementing the Council's Style and Substance

Responding:

John O'Malley, Georgetown University

Business Meeting:

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University, Presiding

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Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit

Theme: **Womanist Ways of Advocacy: Public Policy and Re-envisioning the Black Social Gospel**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-310 (Third Level)

Michele Watkins, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Carla Jean-McNeil Jackson, North Chesterfield, VA
Rhythm, Rhyme, and Representation: The Role of Black Women Artists in Political Resistance

Marcia Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary
Envisioning and Practicing Beloved Community in the Twenty-first Century

Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary
Bodies on the Line: Should Black Women Reclaim the Legacy of Warrior Women of Dahomey?

Responding:

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Teresa L. Fry Brown, Emory University, and Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University, Presiding

A20-142

Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Religion, Diaspora, and the Homeland: Theorizing the Religious in Diaspora and the Diasporic in Religion**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B (Second Level)

Torang Asadi, Duke University, Presiding

Panelists:

Cristina Rocha, Western Sydney University

Elena Kravchenko, Washington University, St. Louis

Katherine Merriman, University of North Carolina

Hunter Bandy, Duke University

A20-143

Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Religion and War**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-203 (Second Level)

Joshua Jeffery, University of Tennessee, Presiding

The subject of “Religion and War” has become an increasingly studied area in recent years, especially in the subfields of religious history, ethics, and theology. The substantial increase in the output of monographs and articles on this topic, coupled with the ever-increasing risk of localized, regional, and even global war and the role religion plays in these conflicts, warrants the creation of a permanent unit that studies the relationship between religion and war. This exploratory panel announces our intention to create a new “Religion and War Unit” in the AAR, by focusing on the relationship between these two human phenomena in the context of World War I, in this year which commemorates the 100th Anniversary of the United States entering the conflict. Papers will interrogate how religion supported, challenged, sustained, and disrupted war between state and non-state polities in the context of the Great War and its aftermath, 1916–1921.

Matthew Kosuta, Mahidol University
The War to End All Wars and Modern Religious Militarism

John Chappo, Pennsylvania College of Technology
From The Shade of the Trees to “No Man’s Land”: Alfred Joyce Kilmer as Poet, Lecturer, and Soldier

John Laaman, Auburn University
All That Is Unfit to Print: Churches of Christ Editors in the Great War

Carlos Alves Lopes, University of Lisbon
The Internal Front and “Religious War”

Responding:

William E. Kooi, Oklahoma Christian University

A20-144

Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **The Path Ahead for Academic Centers on Religion and Public Life**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Columbus I & II (First Level)

Erik Owens, Boston College, and R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding

Over the past three decades a small ecosystem of centers for religion and public life has developed in colleges and universities in the U.S. and around the world. Beyond a shared underlying mission to enhance the public understanding of religion, these centers vary widely in mission, scope, size, and institutional setting, and they rarely collaborate with one another. This session at the Annual Meeting convenes a working group of leaders of such centers in an effort to find common cause, share best practices (and pitfalls), and discuss the future of our work. Among the topics for discussion: Which publics are we addressing? What are our civic and moral obligations as scholars of religion and public life? How do we know if we are successful? What’s the proper role for political advocacy? Can we work together on any of this?

Panelists:

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University

Michael Kessler, Georgetown University

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds

Josef Sorett, Columbia University

A20-145

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Meeting

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-301 (Third Level)

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY, Presiding

A20-152/S20-137

Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit, SBL Pseudepigrapha Unit, and SBL Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Unit

Theme: **Multi-spectral Imaging and the Recovery of “Lost” Texts from Palimpsests**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Fairfax A (Third Level)

James McGrath, Butler University, Presiding

Michael Phelps, Early Manuscripts Electronic Library
The Sinai Palimpsests Project: The Recovery of Erased Texts in the World’s Oldest Library

Keith Knox, Rochester Institute of Technology
Scholars and Scientists Working Together to Recover Erased Text

Todd R. Hanneken, Saint Mary’s University, San Antonio
The Jubilees Palimpsest Project

Ted Erho, University of Munich
Ethiopic Palimpsests and the Curious Case of Petermann II Nachtr. 24

Loren Stuckenbruck, University of Munich
The Recoverable Text to 1 Enoch in Petermann II Nachtrag 24

Roger L. Easton, Rochester Institute of Technology
Spectral Image Processing Methods for Recovering Damaged Text

A20-153



Plenary Panel

Theme: **Forcibly Displaced Syrians and Iraqis: What to Know about the Crisis and What You as a Religion Scholar Can Do**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding

The current situation involving forcibly displaced persons constitutes the largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. There are, for example, more than 6 million Syrian refugees and more than 3 million internally displaced Iraqis. The centerpiece of this session will be a video conversation with Syrian refugees and/or displaced Iraqis speaking live from an audio-visual studio at a displaced persons camp in Iraq or from a studio in Jordan or Germany. The AAR’s aim in arranging this conversation is to provide a platform for them to voice their thoughts and concerns directly to us so that we are better informed in a way that helps us respond more effectively to the crisis.

From the Boston side, the conversation with them will be facilitated by Amir Hussain and Alice Su. Prior to the conversation, Sarah Tobin and Mark Juergensmeyer will provide background on Syria and Iraq and the religious dimensions of the crisis. After the conversation, Diane Moore will discuss ways scholars of religion can address the crisis, and the panelists will take questions from the audience.

Sarah Tobin is an anthropologist with expertise on Islam and gender in the Middle East. She spent two years conducting research with Syrian refugees in Jordanian camps and is the author of the forthcoming *Privatizing Resilience: Syrian Refugees in Jordan*. Mark Juergensmeyer is a sociologist who focuses on nationalism and global religious violence. He has interviewed, and blogged about, refugees in several camps in Iraq. Amir Hussain is a professor of theology who focuses on contemporary Islam in North America and is the author of the chapter “Toward a Muslim Theology of Migration” in *Theology of Migration in the Abrahamic Religions*. Alice Su is an independent journalist who won the 2014 UN Correspondents Association Award and a grant from the Pulitzer Center for her newswriting on refugees in Jordan and Tunisia. Diane Moore is Director of the Religious Literacy Project; Lecturer on Religion, Conflict, and Peace; and principal investigator for the Religious Literacy and Humanitarian Action Research Project at Harvard Divinity School.

Panelists:

- Sarah Tobin, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway
- Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara
- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Alice Su, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting
- Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

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P20-101

Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Grant Design Conversations**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-107 (Plaza Level)

Do you have a grant idea for a project on teaching and learning? Have you ever thought about applying for a Wabash Center grant? Do you have questions about our grant procedures and protocols, whether your project would qualify, or how your ideas might be shaped into an appropriate Wabash Center proposal?

Come see us in the Convention Center Room 107 on both Sunday, Nov. 19 and Monday, Nov. 20 from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM to meet with one of the Wabash Center Staff. We are scheduling appointments ahead of time. Please write Beth Reffett (reffettb@wabash.edu) to schedule a time to meet with us.

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P20-143

Society for Pentecostal Studies

Theme: **Pentecostal Reflections on Text and Method in the New Testament**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Hyannis (Fourth Level)

Melissa Archer, Southeastern University, Presiding

Chris Green, Pentecostal Theological Seminary
The Present Tense of Calvary: Trinity, Time, and Sacrament

Hannah Mather, London School of Theology
Spirit Hermeneutics: Avenues for Further Research

Mark Cartledge, Regent University
*Anointed to Proclaim Good News to the Poor (Luke 4.14-30):
Towards a Renewal Public Theology*

P20-144

Søren Kierkegaard Society

Theme: **Kierkegaard, Crisis, and the Future of Revelation**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Orleans (Fourth Level)

Andres Roberto Albertsen, Luther Seminary, Presiding

This session of papers features interdisciplinary approaches to the concept of revelation in Kierkegaard's writings and in his hermeneutical approaches to the Bible. The papers attend to the way that "crisis" functions existentially and religiously in Kierkegaard's biblical hermeneutic — with applicable insights for today.

Deidre Green, St. Olaf College
God's Blackened Breast: The Revelation of the Cross

Carl Hughes, Texas Lutheran University
Extending Sinai's Darkness: From the Bible as Source to the Bible as Model

Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Can Kierkegaard's Hermeneutic Survive Neo-populism?

A20-146/S20-151a



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Writing Successful Grant Applications: Dos and Don'ts**

Monday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

Applying for academic grants and external funding is a daunting task. The competition is fierce with an average of 5–10% acceptance rate. The difference between successful and unsuccessful funding is often minor. On the applicant's side, the effort involved in producing a grant proposal is labor intensive and comparably more strenuous than writing your dissertation proposal. Moreover, theoretical and methodological considerations must be determined beforehand. So why bother? Aside from the fact that university and college administrations encourage professors to seek external funding to supplement faculty resources and often tie successful application to merit review and promotion, the value for researchers is that they can conduct important work that leads to new knowledge. In this discussion, I will draw on my experience as a peer reviewer who has evaluated research grants for different funding agencies and my own success in securing grants to offer tips on how to make successful applications.

Panelists:

Peter Althouse, Southeastern University



Coffee Break

Monday, 11:30 AM

Complimentary coffee will be served in the back of Aisle 2100 and Aisle 2600 of the Exhibit Hall.

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A20-148

Program Committee Meeting

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Offsite

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

A20-149



Connecting Conversations Luncheon

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

The Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee (PWD) will host a luncheon for scholars and students with disabilities, as well as anyone interested in disability issues in the Academy. The lunch will follow our session on *Toilet Justice: Peeing and the Politics of Marginalized Bodies*. Please join us Monday, November 20, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM to continue the conversation about the intersection of activism and the Academy, as well as to discuss other issues related to disability and academic life. The luncheon will also offer opportunities for mentoring and informal connections with colleagues. Registration for the lunch costs \$13 and is limited to 60 people.

A20-150



Women's Caucus Business Meeting

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center-305 (Third Level)

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Come join in the Women's Caucus Business Meeting. We will be reviewing feedback from this year's panels, discussing our ongoing projects, establishing the Women's Caucus leadership team for 2018 and making plans for next year's conference. All are welcome.

Panelists:

Julia Berger, University of Kent

Kathryn Common, Boston University

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School, Ohio

Rosemarie Daher Kowalski, Northwest University

Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton, WI

Anne Hillman, Boston University

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University, Pennsylvania

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

Theresa Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles

A20-147



Plenaries

Theme: **Linda Sarsour**

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding



Linda Sarsour

Linda Sarsour is a working woman, racial justice and civil rights activist, and mother of three. Ambitious, outspoken and independent, Linda shatters stereotypes of Muslim women while also treasuring her religious and ethnic heritage. She is a Palestinian Muslim American and a self-proclaimed "pure New Yorker, born and raised in Brooklyn!" She is the Executive Director of the Arab American Association of New York and co-founder of the first Muslim online organizing platform, MPOWER Change. Linda has been at the forefront of major civil rights campaigns including calling for an end to unwarranted surveillance of New York's Muslim communities and ending police policies like stop and frisk. In wake of the police murder of Mike Brown, she co-founded Muslims for Ferguson to build solidarity amongst American Muslim communities and encourage work against police brutality. She is a member of the Justice League NYC, a leading NYC force of activists, formerly incarcerated individuals, and artists working to reform the New York Police Department and the criminal justice system.

Linda co-chaired the March2Justice, a 250-mile journey on foot to deliver a justice package to end racial profiling, demilitarize police and demand the government invest in young people and communities. Linda Sarsour was instrumental in the Coalition for Muslim School Holidays to push New York City to incorporate 2 Muslim high holy holidays in to the NYC Public school calendar. This year, New York City will be the largest school system in the country to officially recognize these holidays. This year, Linda joined leading social justice faith leaders as a Senior Fellow at Auburn Seminary.

She has received numerous awards and honors including "Champion of Change" by the White House, YWCA USA's Women of Distinction Award for Advocacy and Civic Engagement and the Hala Maksoud Leadership Award from the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. Sarsour was named among 500 of the most influential Muslims in the world. Most recently, Linda was profiled on the front page of the *New York Times* Metro Section and dubbed "Brooklyn Homegirl in a Hijab" and introduced Linda to their readership as "Mixing street smarts, activism and her Muslim identity, Linda Sarsour has become a political force". She has written for and has been featured in local, national, and international media discussing impact of domestic policies that target Arab and Muslim American communities, criminal justice issues and Middle East affairs. Linda is well respected amongst diverse communities in both in New York City and nationally. She is most known for her intersectional coalition work and building bridges across issues, racial, ethnic and faith communities.

Panelists:

Linda Sarsour, MPower Change

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Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Balancing Graduate School with Other Dimensions of Life and Identity**

Monday, 12:00 PM–1:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

In this rountable session, Nicholas Werse discusses how to fulfill academic responsibilities that come with graduate school (teaching, researching, studying and publishing) while maintaining one's health and well-being. He provides practical tips on and discusses the benefits of incorporating extra-curricular activities into our daily routine.

Panelists:

Nicholas Werse, Baylor University

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

A20-200

Program Committee and Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **Religion on Television: Production, Positives and Perils/Pitfalls**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Shreena Gandhi, Michigan State University, Presiding

This panel is on the different approaches scholars of religion are taking in presenting religion and the study of religion to a wider audience on television. Reza Aslan (*Prayer in America, The Secret Life of Muslims, and Believer*), Amir Hussain (*The Story of God with Morgan Freeman*), Candida Moss (*Bible Secrets Revealed, Greatest Mysteries, and Finding Jesus: Faith. Fact. Forgery*), Vanessa Ochs (*Religion and Ethics Newsweekly*), and Stephen Prothero (*God in America*) are all experts in this area, and will answer questions about their experiences on being a part of these programs, as well as being invited guests on various news and talk shows. The goal of this panel is to generate a robust discussion, during which the panelists will respond to some preliminary questions, but will also take questions from each other and the audience. The moderator will ask them to consider: what were your hopes and expectations, what challenges did you face, and what lessons did you learn, in the process of producing these programs for a general, often non-academic, audience? Further, what was the reception, both popular and scholarly, of your program, and what changes would you make if you had the chance/moving forward? Do the theoretical discussions and expectations of the academic study of religion translate to popular representations of religion, or is that perhaps, a false binary? What other concerns regarding religious representation, scholarly responsibility or popular prejudices did you find you had to address when in the midst of program production?

Through this discussion, we hope to give some insight into the complicated processes of presenting religion for a wider audience, but also think through the role of religious studies scholars during these times when religions are often demonized, exoticized, misappropriated, misrepresented and misunderstood in the media and popular culture.

Panelists:

Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Candida Moss, University of Birmingham

Vanessa Ochs, University of Virginia

Stephen Prothero, Boston University

A20-201

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Theological Education Committee, Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit, Islam, Gender, Women Unit, Law, Religion, and Culture Unit, and Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **Religion and Conflict under the Trump Administration**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B (Second Level)

Julie J. Ingersoll, University of North Florida, Presiding

This roundtable examines the role of the Trump Administration in the 2017 intersections of religion and conflict.

Panelists:

Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara

Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

David Carrasco, Harvard University

Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University

Susan Hayward, Georgetown University, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.

Nadia Marzouki, Harvard University

A20-202



Baha'i Studies Unit

Theme: **Religion and Public Discourse in an Age of Transition**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Columbus I & II (First Level)

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding

Benjamin Schewel, University of Virginia
Religion in an Age of Transition

Julia Berger, University of Kent
Towards a New Discourse on Gender Equality: A Study of the Babá'i Community's Engagement with the United Nations

Michael Karlberg, Western Washington University
Beyond Non-Violent Opposition: The Babá'i Experience of Constructive Resilience

Geoffrey Cameron, University of Toronto
The Babá'i Community and Public Policy: The Babá'i Refugee Resettlement Program (1981–1989)

Business Meeting:

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, and Susan Maneck, Jackson State University, Presiding

A20-203

Childhood Studies and Religion Unit

Theme: **Representations of Religious Children in Literature**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Boston Common (Fifth Level)

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University, Presiding

Meredith Ross, Florida State University
Cassie or Rachel? Shifting Representations of Teen Faith at Columbine

Jesse Zink, University of Cambridge
The Literature of the Lost Boys of Sudan: Depiction of African Childhood and Religion in American Christianity

Samira Mehta, Albright College
Picture Books and the Raising of Children in Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families

Russell Dalton, Brite Divinity School
The Children of the Bible as Taught to American Children

Responding:

Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University, Saint Louis

A20-204

Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **Reformed Traditions**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

Daniel Wade McClain, Loyola University, Maryland, Presiding

Ross Kane, University of Virginia
Reforming "Tradition": A Protestant Account of Spirited Continuity

Justin Heinzekehr, Goshen College
A Punctuated Fecundity: Children and Tradition in the Radical Reformation

Andrew Forsyth, Yale University
New Traditions of Natural Law? The Reformed Confessions of Faith

A20-205



Cognitive Science of Religion Unit

Theme: **Cognitive Historiography of Religion: What Is It? What's the Point? And How Do You Do It?**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-The Fens (Fifth Level)

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Luther H. Martin, University of Vermont
Cognitive Historiography (of Religions)

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia
Cognitive Historiography Meets Big Data: A Large-Scale Textual Analysis Approach to Mind-Body Dualism in Early China

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University
Modulating Desires through Devotion: Cognitive Historiography, Hindu Devotionalism, and the Science of Managing Desire

Willoughby Britton, Brown University, and Jared Lindahl, Brown University
Buddhist Meditation and Fear: A Cognitive Model of Arousal and Hypersensitivity

Responding:

Daniel L. Smail, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University, and Claire White, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

A20-206

Comparative Religious Ethics Unit

Theme: **Solidarity, Resistance, and Freedom in Comparative Perspective**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding

David Decosimo, Boston University
In Defense of Big Comparison: Why the Arguments against Comparing Entire Religious Traditions Don't Succeed

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha
(The Image of) God in All of Us: Putting Sikh and Christian Humanitarian Responses to the Refugee Crisis in Conversation

Won Chul Shin, Emory University
Must Resist Totalitarian Sickness: Women's Moral Protest under the Totalitarian Regime in South Korea, 1970-1979

Faraz Sheikh, College of William and Mary
Conceptualizing Freedom of Religion in Early Islamic Thought: Al-Muhasibi's "Mind Your Own Subjectivity" Approach to Others

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A20-207

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Contemporary Perspectives on a “Perennial” Figure: The Intellectual Legacy of the Late Huston Smith (1919–2016)**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay C (Second Level)

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Dana Waide Sawyer, Maine College of Art
- Naomi R. Goldenberg, University of Ottawa
- Kimberley Patton, Harvard University
- Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University
- James S. Cutsinger, University of South Carolina
- Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama
- Arvind Sharma, McGill University

A20-208

Daoist Studies Unit and Ritual Studies Unit

Theme: **From Another World: A Conversation between Daoism and Ritual Theory**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

David Mozina, Boston College, Presiding

- Tobias Zuern, Washington University, St. Louis
Ritual Embodiment of the Way and Resonating Correspondences in the Huainanzi
- Joshua Capitanio, Stanford University
Sincerity and the Subjunctive in a Daoist Ritual Manual
- Michael Naparstek, University of Wisconsin
Consummate Bodies: A Prolegomenon to a Daoist Ritual Theory of the Senses
- Mark Meulenbeld, University of Wisconsin
Categories of Culture: Daoist Ritual and Modernity in Villages of Central Hunan

A20-209

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Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit

Theme: **Superheroes, Where Is Thy Sting?**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

A. David Lewis, MCPHS University, Presiding

- Ken Derry, University of Toronto
Its Rider’s Name Was Death: Superman’s Apocalyptic Colonialism
- Adam D. J. Brett, Syracuse University
The Monstrosity of Messianism in Zack Snyder’s Man of Steel and Batman vs. Superman
- Aaron Ricker, McGill University
Death, Dying, and Beyond in Mike Mignola’s Hellboy

Michael Nichols, Saint Joseph’s College

Dead Again: Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Mortality

Responding:

Candi Cann, Baylor University

A20-210

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit and Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit and Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit

Theme: **Spinning Survival with the Word and Methodolaty: Reflections and Critiques on the Legacy of Mary Daly**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon B (Third Level)

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Zachary Settle, Vanderbilt University
Spinning Survival with Witch Words: What Mary Daly Taught Me About Theological Language

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California
Methodolaty: Mary Daly and Feminist Theory

Katy Guillen, University of Houston, Downtown
The Word as Feminist Intervention

Responding:

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University

Linda Barufaldi, San Diego, CA

A20-211

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History of Christianity Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit

Theme: **Disciplinary Approaches to Baptism in Medieval Europe**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Vineyard (Fourth Level)

John Baldovin, Boston College, Presiding

Fran Altvater, University of Hartford
The Not-so-Far North: Scandinavian Baptismal Fonts in Context

Carolyn Twomey, Boston College
Baptism in the Great Rebuilding: The Origins of Medieval Fonts in England

Julia Perratore, Fordham University
Medieval Baptism and Community in Romanesque Iberia

Nicole Reibe, Boston College
Baptizing Solomon: Liturgical Uses of King Solomon in the Twelfth Century

Responding:

Marcia Colish, Yale University

A20-212

Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit and Religion and Science Fiction Unit

Theme: **Religion, Science Fiction, and Transhumanism**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Tracy J. Trothen, Queen's University, Kingston, Presiding

Juli Gittinger, Georgia College
Personhood in the HBO Series Westworld

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
Anchoring the Future: Transhumanism in Indian Science Fiction

Victoria Lorrimar, University of Oxford
Science Fiction, Theology, and Human Technological Enhancement

Jeff Appel, University of Denver

Benjamin Peters, University of Denver
Smearing the Boundary: A Materiality of Soul in Kim Stanley Robinson's Aurora

Responding:

Sean O'Callaghan, Salve Regina University

A20-213



Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit

Theme: **Indigenous Methodologies: Translating Words, Inhabiting Worlds**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Berkeley (Third Level)

Siv Ellen Kraft, University of Tromsø, Presiding

Panelists:

Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College

Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary

Natalie Avalos, Connecticut College

Liudmila Nikanorova, University of Tromsø

Bjorn Ola Tafjord, University of Tromsø

Business Meeting:

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College, and Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Presiding

A20-214



International Development and Religion Unit

Theme: **Risk, Religion, and Vulnerability in the Context of International Economic Development**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Arlington (Third Level)

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

David Kupp, University of Toronto
Seeking the Good City: Urban Fragmentation's Challenge to Development and Religion

Alison Lutz, Vanderbilt University
Whose Imagination, Whose Failure?: The Agency of the Dispossessed and Global Health Equity

Willem Fourie, University of Pretoria
Protecting the Poor or Propping up the Powerful? On Religion and Official Development Assistance

Olivia Wilkinson, Trinity College, Dublin
Religion, Risk, and Vulnerability Following Disaster: The Case of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines

Responding:

Jill De Temple, Southern Methodist University

Business Meeting:

Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury, Presiding

A20-215

Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit

Theme: **Perry Schmidt-Leukel's Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Wellesley (Third Level)

Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Jerusha Lamptey, Union Theological Seminary
Feminist Fractals? Perry Schmidt-Leukel's Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity and Comparative Feminist Theology

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Perry Schmidt-Leukel's Religious Pluralism and Interreligious Theology

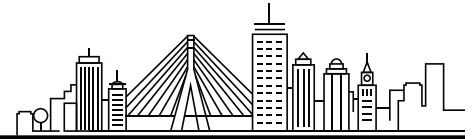
Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School
Interreligious Studies and a Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity

John Makransky, Boston College
A Buddhist Fractal Approach to Interreligious Theology

Kenneth T. Rose, Christopher Newport University
Perry Schmidt-Leukel's Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity: Moving Beyond Stalemates in the Theology of Religions and Comparative Theology

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Perry Schmidt-Leukel, University of Münster
A Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity

A20-216



Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit

Theme: **Protest and Accommodation: Latinx Responses to the Protestant Reformations**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

Lauren Frances Guerra, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Panelists:

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary

Matilde Moros, Virginia Commonwealth University

Responding:

Néstor Medina, University of Toronto

Business Meeting:

Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University, New York, and Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, Presiding

A20-217



Men, Masculinities, and Religions Unit

Theme: **Voice of the Voiceless: Music, Gender and Power in the Middle East and South Asia**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

Hamilton Cook, Emory University

Have No Fear—All Is One!: Turkish Metal Band Songs as Spiritual Weapons of the Weak

Summar Shoaib, Emory University

Making Their Voices Heard: Minhaj ul Qur'an Women and Na'at Recitation

Isaac Foster, Emory University

The Down-Trodden: Heavy Metal in South India and Hindu Male Voices of the Voiceless

Amanullah De SONDY, University College, Cork

Madam Noor Jehan: Islam, Music, Queer Identities and the Vulnerable in Pakistan

Scott A. Kugle, Emory University

Singing of Transgressive Love: Vulnerable Voices in Qawwali

Responding:

Regula Qureshi, University of Alberta

Business Meeting:

Amanullah De SONDY, University College Cork, and Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

A20-218



Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit and Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Twenty-five Years of Judith Herman's *Trauma and Recovery* (Basic Books, 1992)**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Constitution A (Second Level)

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry, Presiding

Daniel Mocerri, Graduate Theological Union

A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats: Judith Herman, Complex Trauma, and a Legacy of Healing

Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University

Opening the Cross-Cultural Door: Interdisciplinary Implications of Herman's Work for Lived Religion Studies

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University

Tracking the Undertow Only So Far? Witnessing (and) Mourning in Theological Engagements with, and beyond, Trauma

Jennifer Baldwin, Grounding Flight Wellness, Marietta, GA

Resiliency of Mind, Body, and Spirit: Tracing the Wisdoms of Judith Herman, Bessel van der Kolk, and Embodied Spiritual Practices for Constructing Trauma Sensitive Theology and Praxis

Responding:

Judith Herman, Harvard University

A20-219



Mormon Studies Unit

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, *A House Full of Females: Plural Marriage and Women's Rights in Early Mormonism, 1835-1870* (Knopf, 2017)**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-203 (Second Level)

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding

Patrick Mason, Claremont Graduate University

Mormon Women, Mormon Feminism, and Mormon Studies

Debra Majeed, Beloit College

Polygyny in the World of African American Muslims

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara

Plural Marriage and the Study of Religion

Business Meeting:

Spencer Fluhman, Brigham Young University, and Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding

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A20-220 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

Theme: **Ted Vial's *Modern Religion, Modern Race* (Oxford University Press, 2016)**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-306 (Third Level)

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

Panelists:

J. Kameron Carter, Duke University

Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College

Responding:

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding

A20-221



North American Hinduism Unit

Theme: **Hinduism and Transnational Religions: Theories and Methods**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-209 (Second Level)

Anya Pokazanyeva Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jennifer B. Saunders, Fairfield University

Claire Robison, University of California, Santa Barbara

Arun Brahmabhatt, University of Toronto

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

Business Meeting:

Michael Altman, University of Alabama, and Anya Pokazanyeva Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, Presiding

A20-222

North American Religions Unit

Theme: **Making Difference: Religion and Disability in the United States**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-102 (Plaza Level)

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

Disability Studies Needs Religion: Lessons from a Queer Crippled Jew

Darla Schumm, Hollins University

Misfitting as a Practice of Justice: Religion, Disability, and Community in the U.S.

Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Princeton University

Aware of Angels: Reflections on Studying Religion and Disability

Anthony Petro, Boston University

Bob Flanagan's Crip Catholicism

A20-223



Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **Ecology in Philosophy of Religion**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-109 (Plaza Level)

Nicholas Friesner, Brown University, Presiding

Liane Carlson, Princeton University

"Whoever Has No Religion Should Not Be Called an Atheist or Unbeliever, but Negligent": Michel Serres and Theological Ecology

Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco

A Place for Ecological Democracy in Whitehead's Philosophy of Religion and Ecology

Jacob Sherman, University of Cambridge

Nature after Nature: Ecology, Religion, and the Anthropocene

Joanna Leidenhag, University of Edinburgh, and Mikael

Leidenhag, University of Edinburgh

Panpsychism, Ecology, and Religion: Is Panpsychism an Ecological Philosophy of Religion?

Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, and Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University, Presiding

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A20-224/S20-227**Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit and SBL Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Unit**Theme: **Eros and Ascent in the Ancient and Early Medieval World**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Exeter (Third Level)

John Turner, University of Nebraska, Presiding

Ilaria L. E. Ramelli, Catholic University, Milan, Angelicum,
Princeton University*Eros and Ascent in Ps. Dionysius: Metaphysical Framework and Roots*Christopher Denny, St. John's University
*A Self Shaped by Sacrifices: Augustine's Unique Mystical-Ecclesial
Balance*Volker Drecoll, Tübingen University
*Progress and Failure: Ascent in Augustine*Zachary Ugolnik, Columbia University
"Tesseract," Spheres, and Divine Vision in the Enneads

Business Meeting:

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

A20-225

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Qur'an Unit and Study of Islam UnitTheme: **Interpreting Divine Language**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Boylston (First Level)

Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College, Presiding

Dominic Longo, University of St. Thomas
*Spiritual Grammar, Divine Language: Qushayrī's Nahw al-Qulūb*Mairaj Syed, University of California, Davis
*The Constraint and Contingency Model of Tradition-Based
Rationality*Sarah Eltantawi, Evergreen State College
*Medieval Medicine in a Twenty-first Century Courtroom in Nigeria:
Reinventing the State of Ihsān (Marriage)*Omar Farahat, Yale University
*Social Construction in Islamic Legal Theory: The Case of the
Imperative Form*Nuri Friedlander, Harvard University
*From Purity to Animal Rights: Transforming Tayyib into a Qur'anic
Ethic to Confront Contemporary Questions of Farming and Food*

Business Meeting:

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, and Walid Saleh,
University of Toronto, Presiding

A20-226**Religion and Migration Unit**Theme: **Loss, Gain, and Innovation: Alternative Narratives in
Migrant Worlds**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon F (Third Level)

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding

Nanette Spina, University of Georgia
*Across Boundaries and Borders: Women's Leadership and Diasporic
Innovations in a Hindu Goddess Tradition*Marie-Therese Mäder, University of Zurich
*The Communication of Religious Identities through Documentaries:
Migration Narratives in Iraqi Odyssey (Samir, 2015)*Travis Travis, Temple University
*Mapping the Maritime Silk Road: Migration and the Spread of
Buddhism*Alistair Hunter, University of Edinburgh
*Choosing between "Good Death" and "Good Grief": The Question of
Female Participation at Muslim Funerals in Britain and France*

Business Meeting:

Alison Marshall, Brandon University, Presiding

A20-227**Religion in South Asia Unit**Theme: **New Directions in the Study of South Asian Religions**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-309 (Third Level)

Steven Vose, Florida International University, Presiding

Lynna Dhanani, Yale University
*Hemacandra's "Hymn to the Dispassionate One": An Inter-textual
Definition of Jain Devotion*Naseem Surhio, Harvard University
*Mystical Exotericism: Situating the Call to Hadith by Muhammad
Mu'in al-Sindbi, a Sufi Scholar of the Eighteenth Century*Julie Hanlon, University of Chicago
*From Hilltop Ascetics to Courtly Advisers: The Development of Jain
Monastic Communities and Literary Production in Ancient Tamil
Nadu, South India*Yael Lazar, Duke University
*Shree Siddhivinayak Dot Com: Hindu Temples' Adoption of Digital
Media*

Responding:

Anne Monius, Harvard University

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Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit

Theme: **The Felt Life of Vulnerability**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–New Hampshire (Fifth Level)

Jill Petersen Adams, Emory University, Presiding

Kate LeFranc, Graduate Theological Union

The Feeling of Whiteness: Privilege and the Illusion of Invulnerability

Jonathan Burrow–Branine, University of Kansas

Affect and Vulnerability in LGBT Social Justice Work in Evangelicalism

M. Brandon McCormack, Vanderbilt University

Black Joy: Reflections on Affective Praxes of Resistance, Resilience, and Religion

Joshua Schwartz, New York University

Feeling Is Hard: A Corrective to Mystical Bliss

Business Meeting:

Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford, Presiding

A20-229



Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit

Theme: **Vulnerable Populations and the Connections between Truth and Action**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Maverick B (Second Level)

Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD, Presiding

Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University

Godwin's Law and Jones's Corollary: The Problem of Using Extremes to Make Predictions

Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia

Historical Comparison, Vulnerability, and the Trustworthy Witness: Hannah Arendt's "Lying in Politics"

Russell Johnson, University of Chicago

Un-American Activities: McCarthyism, Nazism, and Islamophobia

Responding:

Kate Temoney, Montclair State University

Business Meeting:

Alana Vincent, University of Chester, Presiding

A20-230

Religion, Media, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Religious Entrepreneurs of Alternative Media**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Belvidere A (Second Level)

Kayla Renée Wheeler, University of Iowa, Presiding

Jeremy Guida, Santa Barbara, CA

Charisma, Ego-Trips, and Alternative News: Timothy Leary and the Underground Press

Justin Henry, University of Chicago

Alternative Media Coast to Coast: Conspiracy, Christian Eschatology, and Moral Urgency in Maverick AM Radio Broadcasting

D. Ashley Campbell, University of Colorado

"Taking Back the Narrative" of American Identity: Millennial Muslims as Media Entrepreneurs

Angela Rudert, Ithaca College

New Media, Same Old Magic: "This Is the Siddhi"

A20-231



Religious Conversions Unit

Theme: **Diverse Sites of Conversion and De-conversion**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Jamaica Pond (Fifth Level)

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

Vanessa Rau, University of Cambridge

Migration or Conversion? Expressions of Being and Longing in Jewish Spaces in Berlin

Blatei Nongbri, John Roberts Theological Seminary

Revisiting the Religious Conversion among the Khasis of North East India: A Historical Reflection

Philip Francis, Manhattan College

Sex, Art, and Embodiment in Evangelical De-conversion

Veronique Lecaros, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

Conversion to Pentecostalism as a Safe Alternative out of Delinquent Gangs in Peruvian Jails

Business Meeting:

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University, Presiding

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Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit

Theme: **Why “Constructive” Theology: Discerning Contemporary and Emerging Themes in Constructive Theology**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Grand A (Fourth Level)

Marion S. Grau, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Panelists:

Jason Wyman, Union Theological Seminary

Holly Hillgardner, Bethany College

Steed Davidson, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College Dublin, and Marion S. Grau, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

A20-233

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Sociology of Religion Unit and *Critical Research on Religion*

Theme: **Religion, Rationality, and Rational Choice**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Fairfax B (Third Level)

Katja Rakow, Utrecht University, Presiding

Mitsutoshi Horii, Shumei University
Historicizing the Category of “Religion” in Sociological Theories: Max Weber and Emile Durkheim

Jon R. Stone, California State University, Long Beach
Prophetic Authority in New Religious Movements: Beyond Festinger, beyond Weber

Andrew Lynn, University of Virginia, and Isabella Hall,
University of Virginia
Making Your Work Matter to God: The Cultural Production of New Spirits of Capitalism in Twentieth-Century American Evangelicalism

Torkel Brekke, University of Oslo
Applying Market Theory of Religion Outside the Modern West

Responding:

Adam Seligman, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion,
Newton, MA, and Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State
University, Presiding

A20-234



Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Theologies of Flourishing and the Most Vulnerable**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Back Bay B (Second Level)

Sarah Farmer, Yale University, Presiding

Panelists:

Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary

Graham Ward, Oxford University

Miroslav Volf, Yale University

Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University

A20-235



Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit

Theme: **Exploring Kingian Ethics and the Most Vulnerable in the Trump Era**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Berkeley (Third Level)

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross
Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Theological Ethics of the Most Vulnerable: An Intra-social Gospel Comparison

Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University
Personhood, Conscience, and the Law: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Theological Ethic of Resistance in the Age of “45”

Jeremy Sorgen, University of Virginia
King’s Phenomenology of Encounter: Re-norming Bodies with the Blood of the Oppressed

Business Meeting:

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

A20-236



Wesleyan Studies Unit

Theme: **Methodism and Nationalism**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center–310 (Third Level)

Theodore Walker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Ryan Nicholas Danker, Wesley Theological Seminary
Monarchists in an Age of Competing Authorities: John and Charles Wesley, Methodism, and the Ancien Régime

Cindy K. Wesley, University of Northern Colorado
Divided Loyalties: The Methodist Episcopal Church, Nationalist Propaganda, and the German Methodist Conferences

Dion Forster, Stellenbosch University
A State Church? A Consideration of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa in the Light of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s “Theological Position Paper on State and Church”

Mark Gorman, Centre United Methodist Church, Forest Hill, MD
Discipleship and Antinationalism in Stanley Hauerwas and John Wesley

Business Meeting:

Edgardo Colon–Emeric, Duke University, Presiding

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Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit

Theme: **Yogācāra and Meditation: An Inquiry Into the Practical Dimensions of Yogācāra Doctrine**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Falmouth (Fourth Level)

William S. Waldron, Middlebury College, Presiding

Yao-ming Tsai, National Taiwan University
Meditative Practices as Determinative Factors in Constructing and Understanding the Spatial World

Bruce C. Williams, University of California, Berkeley
A Paradigm of Yogācāra Meditative Practice in Sixth–Seventh Century Northeastern China

Daniel McNamara, Emory University
Yogācāra as Theory and Practice in Ratnākaraśānti's Madhyamakālamkāravṛtti

Yaroslav Komarovski, University of Nebraska
Why Pointing at the Moon in the First Place? How Positive Articulations of Reality Affect Its Non-conceptual Realization

Responding:

Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University

A20-238 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



New Perspectives on Religion in the Philippines Seminar

Theme: **New Perspectives on Power, Politics, and Religion in the Contemporary Philippines**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-200 (Second Level)

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding

David Gowey, Arizona State University
The Problem of the Visayas in Southeast Asian History and Historiography

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen
Duterte Go — Nationalism and Video Gaming on the Philippines

Candida Binarao, Manila, Philippines, and Esmeralda Sanchez, Philippine Association for the Study of Culture, History and Religion

The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines's Shift of Religious Discourse on the Reproductive Health Bill and Death Penalty and Its Futile Effect to Filipino Public Opinion and Lawmakers' Stand

Giovanni Maltese, University of Heidelberg
Pentecostalism, Hegemony and Reproductive Health in the Philippines

Responding:

Klaus Koschorke, University of Munich

Business Meeting:

Deirdre de la Cruz, University of Michigan, Presiding

A20-239



Origen and the Roots of “Human Freedom” and “Human Dignity” in the West Seminar

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-111 (Plaza Level)

Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University, Presiding

Kristian Bunkenborg, Martin Luther University
Castration and Democratic Rights: Origen in Post-Apartheid South Africa

Giovanni Tortoriello, Martin Luther University
A “River of Gold” or a “Perverter of the Doctrine of Justification”? The Reception of Origen in Erasmus and Melancthon

Karen Felter, University of Münster
“The Middle Way of Truth”: The Role of Christ in Anne Conway's Trinitarianism

Elisa Zocchi, University of Münster
“It Is Precisely the World That Counts”: From Origen to Balthasar, Bodiliness and Freedom as Reflection of Divine Mystery

Peter Anthony Mena, University of San Diego
Mattering Bodies: Beauty, Animacy, and Visibility in Origen's On First Principles

William Boyce, University of Virginia
“Origen I Have Already Banned”: Luther and the Paradox of Eccentric Freedom as Dangerous Embodiment

Responding:

Peter Martens, Saint Louis University

Michael Raubach, Aarhus University

Ellen Muehlberger, University of Michigan

Elena Rapetti, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan

Business Meeting:

Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University, Presiding

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A20-240



Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Sound As Religion**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Simmons (Third Level)

Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee, Presiding

While interdisciplinary interest in the phenomenon of sound has been growing apace, understanding the diverse ways in which sound is implicated in religious practice and spiritual experience remains under-researched in the field of religious studies. This Exploratory Session examines the production, transmission, and reception of sound in a range of contexts, as well as broader conceptual and methodological questions. The session engages “Sound as Religion,” that is, the ways sound comes to constitute religion, and invites the exploration of sonic and auditory cultures on their own terms: how do vocal, instrumental, or aural practices generate texts, rituals, performances, affective states, and religious institutions? The session also explores religious studies as sound: what techniques and methods are suited to capturing religion as a sonic phenomenon? Conducted as a roundtable in which participants share research through sound clips and objects, this forum provides opportunities for listening and open discussion.

Panelists:

Peter McMurray, University of Cambridge

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University

Vicki Brennan, University of Vermont

Finnian Moore Gerety, Yale University

Annette Wilke, University of Münster

Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University

Andrew Mall, Northeastern University

Mariam Goshadze, Harvard University

James Webb, Independent Artist, Cape Town, South Africa

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University

A20-241



Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Monsters, Monster Theory, and Religion**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon G (Third Level)

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Judith Halberstam famously claimed that monsters are “meaning machines” that can be used to represent a variety of ideas, including morality, gender, race, and nationalism (to name only a few).

Accordingly, monsters are always part of the project of making sense of the world and our place in it. When we think or talk about monsters we act as homo faber, to employ J.Z. Smith’s application of the term. Therefore, to the extent that monsters function as a tool through which human beings create worlds in which to meaningfully dwell, they fall entirely within the field of religious studies. Monsters and Monster Theory will provide focused space to explore the definition of “monster,” the categorization of monsters as a basis of comparison across cultures, and the relationship of monsters to religion with the goal of probing the origins of a large variety of monsters and their connection to the supernatural, sociological, and psychological aspects of religion.

Esther Hamori, Union Theological Seminary
The Biblical God and His Company of Monsters

Rhiannon Graybill, Rhodes College
A Child is Being Eaten: Maternal Cannibalism in the Hebrew Bible

Linda Ceriello, Rice University
The Big Bad and the Big AHA: Metamodern Monsters as Transformational Figures of Instability

Justin Mullis, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Fighting the War on Christmas with Krampus

Responding:

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University

Business Meeting:

Steve A. Wiggins, Oxford University Press, and Kelly Murphy, Central Michigan University, Presiding

A20-242

Academic Relations Committee Meeting

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-301 (Third Level)

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding

A20-243

Professional Conduct Task Force Meeting

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-MIT (Third Level)

Kecia Ali, Boston University, and Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

A20-247/S20-219a

Applied Religious Studies Committee, Employment Services Advisory Committee, Graduate Student Committee, SBL Professional Development Committee, and SBL Student Advisory Board

Theme: *ImaginePhD: A Career Exploration and Planning Tool for Humanities and Social Sciences*

Monday, 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Suffolk (Third Level)

Launched in fall 2017, *ImaginePhD* is a free and confidential career exploration and planning tool for humanities and social science PhDs. Powered by the Graduate Career Consortium, and created by more than fifty graduate-level career and professional development leaders across the United States and Canada, this platform provides a unique opportunity for PhDs to assess their skills, interests and values, map those onto career paths, and create an individual development plan that supports degree completion and professional/personal development. Please join Sarah Peterson, *ImaginePhD* Content Lead, for this interactive training session to learn how to use this tool and integrate it into departments. To make the most of this session, please bring a laptop or tablet.

Panelist:

Sarah Peterson, Atlanta, GA

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P20-201a



African Association for the Study of Religions

Theme: **Texts in Context: Molding the Maasai and Prosperity Gospel in South Africa**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Grand D (Fourth Level)

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University, Presiding

Knut Holter, VID Specialized University

Moulding the Maasai in the Form of the Ancient Israelites: Moritz Merker's Early Twentieth-Century Ethnographic Study of the Maasai

Kevin G. Smith, South African Theological Seminary, and Genis Pieterse, South African Theological Seminary

The Appeal of the Word of Faith Movement

Business Meeting:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University, and Corey Williams, Leiden University, Presiding

P20-223a



Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion

Theme: **FSRBook Series Session: Congress of Wo/men: Religion, Gender and Kyriarchal Power** by E. Schüssler Fiorenza and *Women, Religion, Revolution* edited by X. Alvizo and G. Messina

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Vermont (Fifth Level)

Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Presiding

As the *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, the oldest feminist academic journal in religious studies, so also the new FSRBook Series is interreligious in its subjects, transdisciplinary in its methods, and intersectional in its political analyses. In light of these goals, the panel will discuss FSRBook's first publications: *Congress of Wo/men: Religion, Gender, and Kyriarchal Power* by E. Schüssler Fiorenza and *Women, Religion, Revolution* edited by X. Alvizo and G. Messina.

Panelists:

Xochitl Alvizo, California State University, Northridge

Maria Pilar Aquino, University of San Diego

Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University

Gina Messina, Ursuline College

Fulata Moyo, World Council of Churches and Harvard University

Nancy A. Pineda-Madrid, Boston College

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

A20-244



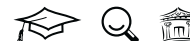
Historical Houses of Worship in Boston's Back Bay Tour

Monday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall CD in the Convention Center

See page 10 for details.

A20-245/S20-250



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Publish or Perish for Graduate Students**

Monday, 1:30 PM–3:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

What makes an effective publication? How can you develop a competitive record of publishing? In this session, Dr. Miguel De La Torre discusses strategies for effective and competitive publishing strategies as a means to prepare graduate students for various job opportunities.

Panelists:

Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

A20-246/S20-251



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Tips for Integrating Guest Faith Practitioners in the Classroom**

Monday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

As graduate student instructors of religion, we might face challenges of expertise or authority with our students, or teach students who have never encountered individuals of a particular religious tradition. Bringing faith practitioners to speak in our classes might be a useful strategy to expose students to insider views, hear from more authoritative sources, and encounter faith practitioners perhaps for the first time. In spite of the potential benefits of inviting faith practitioners to our classes, there are also potential challenges. How do we ensure that these experiences are appropriately bracketed to maintain academic rigor? Do certain institutional contexts or programs support this more than others? How does our status as graduate students affect these concerns, especially as graduate students take on such a large role of undergraduate instruction? This roundtable session will discuss these issues and discuss ways of effectively bringing guest faith practitioners into the classroom.

Panelists:

Joshua Patterson, University of Georgia

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Coffee Break

Monday, 3:30 PM

Complimentary coffee will be served in the back of Aisle 2100 and Aisle 2600 of the Exhibit Hall.

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

A20-300

African Diaspora Religions Unit and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit

Theme: **Medicine and Mothering in African Diaspora Religions**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-102 (Plaza Level)

Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver, Emily Wu, Dominican University, California, and Linda L. Barnes, Boston University School of Medicine, Presiding

Yanique Hume, University of the West Indies, Cave Hill
Performing the Divine Feminine: The Embodied Praxis of Madre Nkisis (Mothers of the Medicines) in Palo Monte

Jazmin Graves, University of Chicago
Dancing under the Veil: Mediating the African Ancestor-Saint Mai Mishra in Western India

Emily Crews, University of Chicago
Miracles of Motherhood from the Margins: Religious Ritual among Female Nigerian Immigrants

Kyrah Malika Daniels, Harvard University
"My Children Come in Many Colors": Whiteness, Motherhood, and Mental Health in Haitian Vodou Initiation

A20-301

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Interpreting, Decoding, and Transforming Visual Religious Representations**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Anthony Dupont, University of Leuven, Presiding

Anthony Dupont, University of Leuven
Artistic Perspectives on the Conversion of Augustine of Hippo

Elena Vishnevskaya, Central College
Contemplating Sacred Images: A Synergy between the Cataphatic and Apophatic Prayers

Yohana Junker, Graduate Theological Union
Post-Commodity: Decolonizing Contemporary Native American Visualities

Joelle Hathaway, Duke University
Missional Museums: Medieval Cathedrals, Tourism, and Contemporary Art Exhibitions

A20-302

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Leading Wisdom: Asian and Asian North American Women Leaders**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Grand A (Fourth Level)

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University

Haruko Ward, Columbia Theological Seminary

Laura Cheifetz, National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

Mai-Anh L. Tran, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Responding:

Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University

A20-303/S20-324

Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit and SBL History and Literature of Rabbinic Judaism

Theme: **Self-Control in Augustine and Rabbinic Literature**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Jonathan Klawans, Boston University, Presiding

Liza Anderson, Episcopal Divinity School
The Im(permeable) Self in Augustine and Other Ancient Writers

Jonathan Schofer, University of Texas
Self-Control, Foucault's Ethics, and Deuteronomy Rabbah 8:4

Orit Malka, Tel Aviv University
Incompetent Witnesses and Self-Control in Tannaitic Literature

Matthew Goldstone, New York University
Humility and the Self: Parallel (Yet Competing) Orientations in the Work of Augustine and the Rabbis of Late Antiquity

Responding:

Virginia Burrus, Syracuse University

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A20-304



Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Unit

Theme: **The Bible and Folklore—Global Perspectives**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Vineyard (Fourth Level)

Valerie Bridgeman, St. Mary's College, Presiding

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College

The Bible in Folklore Worldwide—Prefatory Remarks and Overview

Kerry Hull, Brigham Young University

Incorporation of Biblical Narratives in Mesoamerican Oral Traditions

John T. P. Lai, Chinese University of Hong Kong

The Bible in Chinese Folkloric Traditions during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Jerusha Neal, Duke University

Biblical Reception in Fijian Verbal Folklore

Herman Tull, Lafayette College

The Missionary Position in South Asian Folklore

Bishop Makobe, University of Venda

Reception of the Bible in Southern African Folklore

Responding:

Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Valerie Bridgeman, Methodist Theological School, Ohio, and
Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

A20-305



Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit and Ricoeur Unit

Theme: **Religion, Vulnerability, and Violence: Ricoeur and Bonhoeffer in Dialogue**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay C (Second Level)

Kenneth A. Reynhout, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding

Gabriel Morgan, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

Religionless Christianity and the Narrative Figuration of Temporality

Brian Gregor, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Religion, Vulnerability, and l'Homme Capable: Bonhoeffer and Ricoeur in Dialogue

Howard Pickett, Washington and Lee University

The Prison Gives Rise to Thought: Bonhoeffer and Ricoeur on Incarnation and Incarceration

Business Meeting:

Kenneth A. Reynhout, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding

A20-306



Buddhist Philosophy Unit

Theme: **Literary Forms of Argument in Chinese Buddhist Philosophy**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Arlington (Third Level)

Bernard Faure, Columbia University, Presiding

Alan Wagner, Collège de France

Philosophical Narrative in the Sūtra on Sundarī 須陀利經

Rafal Stepień, University of Oxford

Enlightening Literature: A Chinese Buddhist Approach to Emptiness of Word and Mind

Ben Van Overmeire, St. Olaf College

Zen Encounter Dialogues as Utopian Narrative: The Ideal World of the Song Dynasty Record of Linji

Steven Heine, Florida International University

Arguments for and against Chan Buddhist Literature as Philosophy

Business Meeting:

Richard Nance, Indiana University, and Sara L. McClintock, Emory University, Presiding

A20-307

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Ineffability: An Exercise in Comparative Philosophy of Religion**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding

Panelists:

Purushottama Bilimoria, Graduate Theological Union; University of California, Berkeley

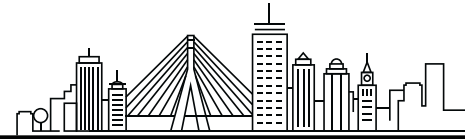
Jin Y. Park, American University

Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose

Bin You, Minzu University

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A20-308

Confucian Traditions Unit and Religions, Social Conflict and Peace Unit

Theme: **A Gentleman Does Not Enter the Kitchen, but ... : Confucian Attitudes Towards Violence**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-202 (Second Level)

Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Don Wyatt, Middlebury College

Confucianism and the Militaristic Three of the Six Arts

Uffe Bergeton, University of North Carolina

King Wü in Revisionist Historiography: Non-violent

Conceptualizations of War in Pre-Qin to Medieval Rú Thought

Keith Knapp, The Citadel

Filial Murderers: The Inescapability of Violence in Medieval Chinese

Tales of Sonly Revenge

Ying Zhang, Ohio State University

Confucianism and Imprisoned Officials in Ming China (1368–1644)

A20-309



Contemporary Islam Unit and North American Religions Unit

Theme: **Muslims and Contemporary American Politics**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-203 (Second Level)

Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University, Presiding

Panelists:

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

Sylvia Chan-Malik, Rutgers University

Rudolph Ware, University of Michigan

Alisa Perkins, Western Michigan University

Business Meeting:

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, and Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding

A20-310



Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit

Theme: **Critique and Religious Studies: Assessing the Import of the Dialectic of Enlightenment after 70 Years**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Simmons (Third Level)

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago, Presiding

Benjamin Fong, Arizona State University

Halbbildung: Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer's Theory of "Religion"

Agata Bielik-Robson, University of Nottingham

Judaism Undercover? Jewish Cryptotheology in the Dialectic of Enlightenment

Ian Bacher, University of Nottingham

Impotence and the Question of Knowledge

Lucas Wright, University of California, Santa Barbara
Criticism and the Identification of Power, and Knowledge in the Study of Religion: On Whether the Dialectic of Enlightenment is Possible Today

Responding:

Martin Shuster, Goucher College

Business Meeting:

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

A20-311



Ecclesial Practices Unit

Theme: **Transcending the Human: Theological Ethnography and Materiality**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-208 (Second Level)

Jonas Ideström, Church of Sweden Research Unit, Uppsala, Sweden, Presiding

Michael Grigoni, Duke University

Guns, Affect, and the Actant God: New Materialism and the Ethnographic Turn in Ecclesiology

Linn Sæbø Rystad, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Materiality's Role in Children's Meaning-Making from Preaching – A Norwegian Case Study

Andrew Rogers, University of Roehampton

Ordinary Theologies of Place: A Case Study of New Black Majority Churches in London

Laura Lysen, Baylor University

Net/work in Memory of Freddie Gray: Lethal Objects, Theological Materiality, and the Church

Business Meeting:

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto, Presiding

A20-312



Ethics Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **American Political Economy and the Politics of Producing Vulnerable Populations**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Berkeley (Third Level)

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:

Zine Magubane, Boston College

Devin Singh, Dartmouth College

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

Responding:

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University



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History of Christianity Unit

Theme: **Mystical Topographies in Late Medieval Christianity (Thinking with Certeau)**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-109 (Plaza Level)

Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College, Presiding

Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University
On the Road to Nowhere: Meister Eckhart's and Michel de Certeau's Topographical Metaphors

David Albertson, University of Southern California
Mystical and Geometrical Space in Nicholas of Cusa: Measure as Negation

Min-Ah Cho, Catholic Theological Union
"Neither Path Nor Way": Hadewijch on Wandering and Exile in Search of Love

Leah Buturain Schneider, Fuller Theological Seminary
Drawing the Curtain to the Virgin's Cell: Guarding Solitude for Beholding

Douglas Christie, Loyola Marymount University
Elsewhere: Ruusbroec's Itinerary into Darkness

Responding:

Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College

Business Meeting:

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, and Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding

A20-315



Japanese Religions Unit

Theme: **Narratives as Strategies: Narrative in Premodern Japanese Religions**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Boston Common (Fifth Level)

Ryuichi Abe, Harvard University, Presiding

Mikael Bauer, McGill University
Picking up the Sovereign's Sandals: Fujiwara No Nakamaro and the Creation of Fujiwara Authority

Bryan Lowe, Vanderbilt University
Localizing the Universal: Narrative and Performative Strategies in Ninth-Century Japanese Homilies

Su Jung Kim, DePauw University
Feeling Story: Religious Emotion in Myōe's Kegon Engi Emaki

Jesse Drian, University of Southern California
The Networking of Origins: Strategies for Moving beyond the Singular in Temple and Shrine Origin Narratives

Responding:

Chris Callahan, University of Illinois

Business Meeting:

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University, and Asuka Sango, Carleton College, Presiding

A20-314



Islamic Mysticism Unit

Theme: **Commentarial Complexities and Exegetical Explorations in the Sufi Textual Tradition**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon F (Third Level)

Tehseen Thaver, Bard College, Presiding

Ahmad (Masoud) Ariankhoo, Harvard University
Imitation and Verification: Ayn al-Qudat on Knowledge and Religious Prejudice

Faris Casewit, Harvard University
Idolatrous Muslims: The Transposition of the Qur'anic Religious Other in Abū al-Ḥasan al-Ḥarrāfī's (d. 1241) Kitāb al-Tawfiyah

Axel Takacs, Harvard University
Abū al-Ḥasan Khatamī Lāhūrī's Commentary on the Love Lyrics of Ḥāfiẓ Shīrāzī: The Mystico-poetics between the Seen and Unseen

Hamilton Cook, Emory University
The Perfect Human as the Most Vulnerable of Creation: Ismail Hakki Bursevi and the Multiple Meanings of Kamāl in Sufi Theology

Mariam Sheibani, University of Chicago
The Grammar of the Heart: The Construction of Sufi Legitimacy in Commentaries on Arabic Grammar

A20-316

Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Reformed Theology and History Unit

Theme: **Reformation and Reformations**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Grand & Independence (Second Level)

Kirsi Stjerna, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding

This panel examines the meaning of "Reformation" and what implications the notion of "Reformation" or "reformations" has for us today - theologically or ecclesially. Panelists explore the relevance of "reformation/s" for the contemporary context, including ways in which aspects of the Protestant Reformation deserve retrieval, reframing, or retraction today.

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Panelists:

- Amy Plantinga Pauw, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
- Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology
- Cornelis van der Kooi, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
- Evangeline Anderson Rajkumar, Lenoir-Rhyne University

A20-317



Middle Eastern Christianity Unit

Theme: **Middle Eastern Christians and Empire**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere A (Second Level)

Aaron Sokoll, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Joshua Mugler, Georgetown University
City of God, City of Empire: Antioch in the Byzantine Resurgence

Jessica Ehinger, Boston University
Obedience as an Umayyad Milieu: Melkite Identity in the Early Islamic Empire

Deanna Womack, Emory University
Syrian Christians: From Imperial Subjects to American Immigrants

Responding:

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University

Business Meeting:

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University, Presiding

A20-318

Music and Religion Unit and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Unit

Theme: **Voices of Protest: Race, Religion, and Music**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Boylston (First Level)

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University
Suffering and Translation: Christology and the Spirituals of Roland Hayes

Octavio Carrasco, Union Theological Seminary
Singing Songs for Survival: Freedom Songs in the Civil Rights Movement

Leonard Lowe, University of North Carolina
"After God is Music": Combative Music as a Response to Vulnerability among Independent Pentecostals in Haiti

Marilyn Batchelor, Claremont Graduate University
The Social Consciousness of Music during the Civil Rights Movement

A20-319



Native Traditions in the Americas Unit

Theme: **Native American Rhetoric: Sacred Language, Transformation, Placidity and Nature**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Wellesley (Third Level)

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College, Presiding

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University
"And Now Our Minds Are One": The Thanksgiving Address and Attaining Consensus among the Haudenosaunee

Felicia Lopez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Nabua Rhetorical Speech in the Glyphic and Alphabetic Codices of Precontact and Colonial Central Mexico

Delores Mondragon, University of California, Santa Barbara
Chicana/o Rhetoric: Relevance and Survival through Naming, Space, and Inclusion

Alesha Claveria, University of California, Santa Barbara
Rhetoric and Reality: Survivance, Activism, and Sacrality in Native North American Theater

Lawrence W. Gross, University of Redlands
The Use of Digressions in Anishinaabe Rhetoric as a Moral Act: Connecting Speech to the Religious Idea That All Things Are Related

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Agency of the Ancestors: Is There Such a Thing as Apache Rhetoric?

Responding:

Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis

Business Meeting:

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding

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Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

Theme: **American Transcendentalism as Theological Resource for the Anthropocene**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Berkeley (Third Level)

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding

Nicholas Friesner, Brown University
A Transcendental Intimacy

Kristen Drahos, University of Notre Dame
Nailed to the World: Annie Dillard's Cruciform Transcendentalism

Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Princeton University
The Emersonian Roots of Thoreau's Political Asceticism

Emily Dumler-Winckler, University of Notre Dame
Emersonian Virtues of the Anthropocene

Responding:

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University

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Open and Relational Theologies Unit

Theme: **Open Theology, Open Borders? Religion and the Most Vulnerable**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College, Presiding

Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas
Love Trumps Hate: Images of God's Love from Pussyhat Makers

Timothy Murphy, Claremont School of Theology
We All Need Somebody to Lean On: Mutual Interest and the Preferential Option

Deena Lin, Claremont Graduate University
Embracing Syrian Life: An Intellectual and Political Call to Action

Robert Overy-Brown, Claremont Graduate University
Towards a Transgressive Political Theology: Open Theology as Imperative to Open Borders

Responding:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies, Claremont, CA, Presiding

A20-322



Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit

Theme: **Gender, Prosperity and Migrations: New Trends in Pentecostal-Charismatic Scholarship**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Fairfax B (Third Level)

Arlene Sanchez-Walsh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Panelists:

Leah Payne, George Fox University

Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University

Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College

Business Meeting:

Arlene Sanchez-Walsh, Azusa Pacific University, and Leah Payne, George Fox University, Presiding

A20-323

Queer Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **New Research in Queer Religious Studies**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-310 (Third Level)

Jared Vazquez, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Andrea Allen, Western University, Canada
"A House of Prayer for All People": LGBT Evangelicals in Brazil

Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University
Sacred Dissent: For Queers' Sake and on Queer Stakes in Black Religious Studies

Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University
Bad and Boujee — Towards a Trap Feminist Theology

Joshua Warfield, Graduate Theological Union
Resistance and the Freedom to Live Authentically: Queering Martin Luther's View of Vocation

Michelle Mueller, Santa Clara University
Sisterhood, Patriarchy, and "Bromance": Gender Norms in Reality TV Polygamy/Polyamory

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Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Constructive Approaches to Religion and Ecology**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-The Fens (Fifth Level)

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

Dorothy Dean, Vanderbilt University
Ethics beyond Exceptionalism?

Matthew Eaton, St. John's University
Of Religious Ecologies and Their "Queer Little Gods": On the Way to an Animist Trinitarianism

Andrew Thompson, University of the South
Vulnerability, Resilience, and Agency: Climate Vulnerability as Hybrid Concept and as Tactic

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin
Promiscuous Vines: On the Queer Emergence of a Theological Botany

Business Meeting:

James Miller, Queen's University, Kingston, Presiding

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Religion and Migration Unit and Religion, Memory, History Unit

Theme: **Lost Lands and Lives: Religious Memories of Movement, Migrations, and Landscapes**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Grand D (Fourth Level)

Mona Hassan, Duke University, Presiding

Michael Amoroso, University of Texas

“Because This Is Where the Slaves Were Hanged”: Haunting and Devotion in Sao Paulo

Elina Vuola, University of Helsinki

The Pilgrimage of St. Tryphon of Pechenga as an Expression of Loss and Memory for the Skolt Sami Indigenous People

Hyunwoo Koo, Boston University

Migrating Ritual: A Theological Ethnography on Chudo Yebea (Ancestral Grieving Rite for Korean Christians) in America

Sabhat Adil, University of Colorado

The Memory of al-Andalus in al-Ghassāni’s (d. 1707) Travelogue (Rihla)

Anja Pogacnik, University of Edinburgh

Loss, Gain, and Innovation: How Young Leicester Jains Conceptualise Socio-geographical and Inter-generational Religious Change

A20-326



Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit

Theme: **Nationalism and Religion Education in Public Schools**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–New Hampshire (Fifth Level)

Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Kate Soules, Boston College

When Religion Isn’t a Part of Culture: Reviewing the Relationship between Religion and Multicultural Education

Norman Richardson, Stranmillis University College, Belfast

Religion, Schooling, and Conflicting Nationalisms: Educational Perspectives from Northern Ireland

Responding:

Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University

Business Meeting:

Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University, and Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

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Religion and Sexuality Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Sexual Ethics in Medieval Islamic Thought**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Constitution A (Second Level)

Carolyn Baugh, Gannon University, Presiding

Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University

“This Is Not in the Book of God!”—or Is It? A Queer Medieval Textual Moment and the Gendering of Textual Authority

Sara Omar, American University

Shifting Orthodoxies: Representations of the Zaynab bint Jahsh Affair

Arafat Razzaque, Harvard University

Curtain Ethics: Sex, Privacy, and the Idea of Concealing Sins in Medieval Islam

Saadia Yacoob, Williams College

Gendering Sexual Desire: Tamkin and Female Sexual Agency

Responding:

Kecia Ali, Boston University

A20-328

Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **The Other Religious Politics: Making Religion in the Service of Secularity**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center–104 (Plaza Level)

Ananya Dasgupta, Case Western Reserve University

Secular Imaginations of a Muslim Homeland: Bengali Muslim Cultural Activists of the 1940s and Their Antecedents

Dean Accardi, Connecticut College

Kashmiriyat, Hindutva, and Secularist Visions of Religion in Kashmir

Philip Friedrich, University of Pennsylvania

Vicissitudes of the Sāsana: Linking and Delinking Religion and Politics in Sri Lanka

Jaclyn Michael, James Madison University

Visions of Religious Belonging and Secular India in Premchand’s Karbala

Responding:

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University

A20-329



Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit

Theme: **Watching Stranger Things Religiously: Fierce Community, Binge-Watching, and the Shifting Landscape of TV Consumption**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center–313 (Third Level)

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Katelynn Carver, University of St Andrews

Coffee and Contemplation: “Friends Don’t Lie” and Other “Stranger” Commandments of a Spirituality of Human Relationality

John Lyden, Grand View University

Streaming the Upside Down: Stranger Things on Netflix Than Are Dreamt of in Broadcast Television

Responding:

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, and Ken Derry, University of Toronto, Presiding

A20-330

Roman Catholic Studies Unit

Theme: **Sinfulness and Satisfaction: Exploring the Limits of Forgiveness and Reconciliation in a Global Context**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-309 (Third Level)

Julia Enxing, St Georgen Graduate School of Theology and Philosophy, Presiding

Katharina Peetz, Saarland University
Repairing the Irreparable? Practices of Symbolic Reparations in Post-genocide Rwanda

Jutta Koslowski, University of Mainz
The Development of Ecclesial Rituals of Repentance: A Critical Analysis of the International Project's "Path of Reconciliation" and "March of Life"

Dominik Gautier, University of Oldenburg
The Challenge of Epistemic Violence: A Postcolonial Reflection on the Doctrine of Reconciliation

Ulrike Link-Wieczorek, University of Oldenburg
Reconciliation by Symbolic Compensation (Wiedergutmachung): A Re-interpretation of the Satisfaction-Theory of Anselm of Canterbury

Responding:

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College

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Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **On the Future of Science, Technology, and Religion**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

Christopher Southgate, University of Exeter, Presiding

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College
On the Importance of Being Local: Anthropology in the Study of Religion, Science, and Technology

Curtis Baxter, American Association for the Advancement of Science
Science and the Next Generation of Religious Leaders: The AAAS Science for Seminaries Project

Adam Pryor, Bethany College
Religion in Dialogue with Cross-Disciplinary Scientific Inquiry

Ahmed Ragab, Harvard University
"A Beau Ideal for Whosoever Hopes for God": Piety, Medicine, and Prophecy in the Medieval and Contemporary Middle East

Business Meeting:

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico, Presiding

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Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Jews and Racialization**

Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Brandeis (Third Level)

Shari Rabin, College of Charleston, Presiding

Nicholas Andersen, Brown University
The Hook in Leviathan's Mouth: Jewish Difference in Carl Schmitt's Der Leviathan

Daniel May, Princeton University
Liberal Zionism and its Discontents: Louis Brandeis, Leo Strauss, Isaiah Berlin, and the Foundations of a Fraying Consensus

Paul Nahme, Brown University
Semitism and Secularism: Jewish Class Consciousness between Race and Religion

Evan Goldstein, Union Theological Seminary
Heinrich Graetz and the Racialization of Judentum

Responding:

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

A20-333



Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: **Teaching the Introductory Course**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Jamaica Pond (Fifth Level)

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

William Robert, Syracuse University
Ways and Means (or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Introduction to the Study of Religion)

Andrew McKee, Florida State University
The Use and Misuse of Cults and New Religious Movements in an Introduction to World Religions Classroom

Beverly Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
The Impact of Experiential Learning in an Introduction to Asian Religions Course

Gregory Robbins, University of Denver, and Andrea Stanton, University of Denver
Teaching Common Figures in the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Scriptures

Esther Boyd, Interfaith Youth Core
Emerging Frontiers for Interreligious and Interfaith Studies: Interreligious Pedagogy for Pre-professional Education



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Western Esotericism Unit and SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Unit

Theme: **Ritual Creativity: Old and New, Inside and Out**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-209 (Second Level)

Claire Fanger, Rice University, Presiding

Paul Pasquesi, Marquette University

“Having Started With the Spirit Are You Now Ending With the Flesh?” Circumcision, Vision, and Initiation in Galatians

Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward’s University

Historiologiae and Pseudepigraphy: An Assessment with an Eye toward Ritual and Ascent

Cynthia Dawson, Rice University

Hiding Sophia: Preservation of the Female Body’s Value in Gnostic Mythology

Matthew Dillon, DePauw University

(Re)Inventing the Bridal Chamber: Sacrament, Psychic Androgenization, and Sacred Sex

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo

Mystical Embryologies: Knowledge, Practice, and Devotion

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Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit

Theme: **This is MY Body: Women of Color Preaching Activisms, Reproductive Justice, and Virtu[e]al Theologies**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick B (Second Level)

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College, Presiding

Gina Jungyeon Bae, University of Toronto

Imaging God as a North American Korean Feminist

Cona Marshall, Michigan State University

“Who Made These Rules?” Black Women Rapping and Preaching Activism and Liberation

Ashlyn Strozier, Claremont Graduate University

“What You Preaching We Ain’t Livin’”: Faith Traditions and Communities Impact on Black Women’s Reproductive Decisions

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

All Babies Matter: Analyzing Debates of Reproductive Justice and Religious Media

Responding:

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University, and Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College

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World Christianity Unit

Theme: **Identities in Crisis: Cases of Christianities across Asia**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-111 (Plaza Level)

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding

Chandra Mallampalli, Westmont College

Dalit Christian Reservations: A Live Debate with Colonial Moorings

Herman Teule, Université Catholique de Louvain

Middle Eastern Christian Identity – Ethnic Instead of Ecclesiastical: A Shift in Perspective

Albertus Bagus Laksana, Sanata Dharma University, Indonesia

Hybrid Identity in Peril: Christian Community and Political Islam in Indonesia

Sebastien Peyrouse, George Washington University

Christianity and Ethnicity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Central Asia: Mutual Intrusions and Instrumentalisations

Po Ho Huang, Chang Jung Christian University

Christian Bewilderment of Identity Struggling in East Asia – A Taiwanese Perspective

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Folklore and Religion Seminar

Theme: **Material Culture and Vernacular Religion**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University, Presiding

Amy Milligan, Old Dominion University

Creating a Sanctuary of the Home: Material Culture and the Jewish Sabbath in the Interwar Years

Jonathan D. Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College

Gastronomic Judaism as Vernacular Religion

Aled Thomas, Open University

The Material Culture of Scientology: The Evolution of Hubbard’s Auditing “Tech” and E-meters

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University

Pixelating Holiness: Digital Orthodoxy in Appalachia

Marion Bowman, Open University

Ambiguity, Power, and Creativity: Materiality, Relationality, and Vernacular Legitimacy in the Cult of Gauchito Gil

Responding:

Donald Cosentino, University of California, Los Angeles

Business Meeting:

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College, Presiding

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Interreligious Reflections on Immigration Seminar

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Columbus I & II (First Level)

Joseph Mas, Ohio Hispanic Coalition, Columbus, OH, Presiding

Waleed El-Ansary, Xavier University
Al-Azhar University on the Responsibilities of Minority Muslims Living in Non-Islamic Societies

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University
On Being a Muslim in a Non-Islamic Society: Seeing Islam in the "Other"

Zahra Jamal, Rice University
Becoming American: Loving One's Refugee-Migrant Neighbors

James McBride, New York University
From the American Protective Association to Trump's America First: American Xenophobia in Historical Perspective

Ron Choong, Center for Interdisciplinary Research
Reflections on Faith, Religion, and Geography: Christianity on the Silk Road

Alexander Y. Hwang, Xavier University
Comparative Reflections on the Meanings of My Neighbor's Faith: Toward a Christian Theology of Immigration

Helen Boursier, College of St. Scholastica
The Great Exchange: An Interfaith Theology of Absolute Hospitality for Immigrants Seeking Asylum

Responding:

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska, Omaha

Allen G. Jorgenson, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University

Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College

Hee-Kyu Heidi Park, Xavier University

Marcus Mescher, Xavier University

Silas Allard, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Alexander Y. Hwang, Xavier University, Presiding

A20-339 – Pre-Posted Papers Session



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Religion and Families in North America Seminar

Theme: **Religions and Families in North America**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-200 (Second Level)

Samira Mehta, Albright College, Presiding

Irene Stroud, Princeton University
"Fewer and Better Babies": Eugenics and the Middle-Class Protestant Marriage

Brooke Katheen Brassard, University of Waterloo
Domestic and Sacred: Mormon Rituals of Healing, Prophecy, and Family in Canadian Settlements

Francesco Morriello, Harvard University
Catholic Missionaries and Rituals of Marriage and Family Reproduction in the French Caribbean, c. 1756–1802

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin
The Religious Agenda behind the Mommy Wars

Business Meeting:

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, and Samira Mehta, Albright College, Presiding

A20-341



Theological Education Committee

Theme: **Faith and Resistance in an Age of Trump**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Republic B (Second Level)

Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

The national climate leading up to and resulting in the election of Donald Trump as 45th President of the United States poses many challenges and questions for theological educators. We find ourselves struggling to discern ways in which we can shape our research and teaching to offer and model analytical integrity rooted in moral conviction in the context of an increasingly chaotic and incoherent matrix of national discourse in which the very nature and value of truth has been radically called into question. As an alternative to offering ideological testimonies of understandable outrage, presenters in this Forum are committed to sharing their observations regarding specific research and pedagogical strategies for resistance to injustice which directly address the distinctive circumstances of the current historical moment. Presenters will pay particular attention to the challenges involved in engaging students in theologically grounded praxes of resistance which are inclusive and designed to unite people around shared stories and common self-interest rather than divide them along religious, partisan, ethnic, or other lines.

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Panelists:

- Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary
- Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
- Miguel Diaz, Loyola University, Chicago
- David P. Gushee, Mercer University
- Kwok Pui Lan, Emory University
- Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University

A20-340/S20-349



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Dissertation + Baby: How to Do Two of the Hardest Things You've Ever Done in Your Life Simultaneously, with Little Money or Sleep**

Monday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-303 (Third Level)

This workshop will guide participants in planning for how to make good progress on their dissertations while parenting young children. Topics discussed include: setting realistic expectations about the writing process and parenting; putting a support network in place; caring for yourself physically and spiritually while under stress; addressing the financial challenges of grad school; managing your teaching load; and staying connected to your scholarly community. The presenter wrote her dissertation while caring for her two children, and has since published a number of scholarly articles and essays and a volume of poetry.

Panelists:

- Regina Walton, Harvard University

P20-410



Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: **Erik Wielenberg's Robust Ethics: Theistic Responses**

Monday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Falmouth (Fourth Level)

Erik Wielenberg offers his "Godless Normative Realism" as an alternative to theistic accounts of moral realism. In this session, several theists engage Dr. Wielenberg's view and objections to theistic moral realism.

Panelists:

- William Lane Craig, Biola University and Houston Baptist University
- Mark Murphy, Georgetown University
- Tyler McNabb, Houston Baptist University
- Adam Johnson, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Responding:

- Erik Wielenberg, DePauw University

Monday, 8:00 PM and Later

A20-401



Film: *The Bahá'ís*

Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding
Religion is often portrayed in mainstream discourse as having little relevance to the modern world. It is considered naïve, divisive, even dangerous. At best, it's something to be kept private.

However, in villages and cities, on farms and in indigenous populations across the globe, a small but growing number of people are putting into practice spiritual teachings that they believe are not only relevant to the future of our world, but absolutely vital if we are to overcome historic divisions of gender, race, religion and politics.

They are members of the Bahá'í Faith and each is doing his or her part to serve their community and their fellow human beings. Their conviction stems from the belief that religion can provide the essential motivation to overcome historically intractable antagonisms and effect peaceful and lasting change.

This one-hour documentary asks viewers to consider a different perspective on religion than the one portrayed in the mainstream media. The film follows an intriguing set of individuals as they help to build peaceful, just and unified communities.

A20-402



Program Unit Chairs' and Steering Committee Members' Reception

Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-AAR Suite

Program Unit Chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

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Coffee Break

Tuesday, 8:30 AM

Complimentary coffee will be served in the back of Aisle 2100 and Aisle 2600 of the Exhibit Hall.

A21-100

African Religions Unit and Childhood Studies and Religion Unit

Theme: **Rites of Passage, Rites of Return: Performative Markers of Childhood, Youth, and Religious Change in Africa**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

Sally Stamper, Capital University, Presiding

Devaka Premawardhana, Colorado College
A Rite of Return: Boys and Mothers in an African Initiation Ceremony

Funlayo Easter Wood, Harvard University
By This Time Next Year, I'll Surely Be Worshiping the White Man's God: Children, Conversion, and Resistance in Yorubaland

Abimbola Adelakun, University of Texas
Pentecostal Naming as Performative Utterance among the Yoruba, Nigeria

A21-101

Afro-American Religious History Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Africa on Abernathy**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Hynes Convention Center-313 (Third Level)

Zaid Adhami, Williams College, Presiding

Panelists:

Meredith Coleman-Tobias, Emory University

Diana Burnett, University of Pennsylvania

Amey Victoria Adkins, Duke University

Ashley Coleman, Emory University

Responding:

James Manigault-Bryant, Williams College

A21-102

Christian Spirituality Unit

Theme: **Embodiment and the Study of Spirituality**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

Douglas Hardy, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding

Laura Anellia Soureli, University of Cambridge
Embodied Dimensions of the Contemplative Practices in Hesychasm (Eastern Orthodox Asceticism): A New Perspective

Marie Pagliarini, Saint Mary's College
"Sacramentalizing the Body": Christian Tattooing in the San Francisco Bay Area

Lexi Eikelboom, Indiana Wesleyan University
Using Rhythm to Move beyond Text in the Study of Christian Spirituality

A21-103

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: **Recentering Sacred Biography: Hagiography as a Category of Analysis for Comparative Sanctities**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Sheraton Boston-Clarendon (Third Level)

Jon Keune, Michigan State University, Presiding

Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University
An Example of Tibetan Namtar: Lojong Master Tokmé Zangpo's Life

Todd French, Rollins College
Texts of Lives and Lives of Texts: A Reconsideration of the Hagiographical Compilations of John of Ephesus and Cyril of Scythopolis

Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University
A Case for Hagiography: On Academic Awareness and Saintly Lives as Historiographic Practices

Business Meeting:

Sara Ritchey, University of Louisiana, Lafayette

A21-104

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History of Christianity Unit

Theme: **Complicating Luther and the Reform: A Quincentenary Retrospective**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Hynes Convention Center-104 (Plaza Level)

David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Ross Kane, University of Virginia
Sola Scriptura or the White Man's Book? Negotiating Reformation Legacies in the Global South

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Matthew Rosebrock, Concordia University St. Paul
Icons of Theology: Lucas Cranach's Law and Gospel Paintings and Martin Luther

Andrew Martin, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Jesus or Moses? Thomas Hobbes's Eschatological Change of Heart and the Diversity of Reformed Two Kingdoms Theology

Laura Jurgens, University of Calgary
Let Them Bear Children to Death: A Discourse on Martin Luther, Women, and Misogyny

A21-105

Qur'an Unit

Theme: **Qur'an Commentary and Practice**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere A (Second Level)

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University, Presiding

The papers in this session will discuss aspects of Qur'an commentary and practice.

James Riggan, Florida State University
Touched by the Book: The Relationship between the Qur'an and the Body in Moroccan Exorcism Practices

Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK
"Summary Exegeses" as a Distinct Genre of Tafsir: The Tafsir al-Jalalayn

Marianna Klar, SOAS University of London
Ibn Kathir's (d. 774/1373) Treatment of the David and Uriah Narrative: The Issue of Isra'iliyyat and the Syrian School of Exegesis

Samuel Ross, Yale University
What Were the Most Popular Qur'an Commentaries in Islamic History? An Assessment of the Manuscript Record and the State of Western Tafsir Studies

Abdulla Galadari, Al-Maktoum College
Miqat: The Appointed Time in the Qur'an

A21-106

Religion and Disability Studies Unit

Theme: **Disability Across Traditions: Islam, Pentecostalism, and Global Christianity**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Hynes Convention Center-102 (Plaza Level)

David Scott, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver, Presiding

Halla Attallah, Georgetown University
The Qur'an and Disability Studies: Physical Disability and Icon Polemics in Qur'an 21:51–70

Matthew Brake, George Mason University
Amos Yong, Feminist Disability, and Overcoming the Ideology of Cure in Pentecostal Theology

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College
Reading Disability in Global Contexts: Christian Theology from Thailand

A21-107

Theology and Religious Reflection Unit

Theme: **Sacred Time in Judaism and Seventh-Day Adventism**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Sheraton Boston-Public Garden (Fifth Level)

Rakesh Peter Dass, Hope College, Presiding

Lynn Kaye, Ohio State University
Does Classical Rabbinic Judaism Have Sacred Time?

Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute, Zefon Yehuda, Israel

Constructing Sacred Time in Judaism: Memory, Eschatology, Temple, and Presence

Michel Lee, University of Texas
Cyclical and Linear Time in Nineteenth-Century Seventh-Day Adventism

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

A21-108

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Animals and Religion Unit

Theme: **Encountering God in the Farmyard: Religion in Animal Spaces**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon B (Third Level)

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego, Presiding

The Cow Saw Jesus, Too: Domestic Animals as Rhetorical Religious Actors in Early America

Tom Berendt, Temple University
Bovine Benefactors: An Examination of the Role of Religion in Cow Sanctuaries across the United States

Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College
Humans and the Humble Bees: Bee-Human Relations, Rituals, and Sacred Spaces at Shores Jewish Environmental Programs

Melody Escobar, Oblate School of Theology
Wisdom's Hooves: Becoming and Belonging in the Arena of Christ; A New Path to Exploring the Motherhood Motif of Julian of Norwich

Responding:

David Clough, University of Chester

A21-109

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Islamic History, Art, and Memory**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty B (Second Level)

Francesca Chubb-Confer, University of Chicago, Presiding

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University

Jesse Miller, Florida State University
Qur'anic Inscriptions as Signposts of Power

Jamila Davey, University of Texas
Ethical Dimensions of Literary Interpretation: Assia Djebar's Novel Approach to the Islamic Past

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Mona Hassan, Duke University
Poetic Memories of the Prophetic Household at the Helm of Islamic Governance

Isa Babur, Iğdir University
(An)iconism in Turkish Islam: A Literary Genre and the Calligraphic Form of Depiction of the Prophet

A21-110

Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and North American Religions Unit

Theme: **Welcoming the Stranger: Ethics of Care and Religious Refugee Resettlement Work in the United States from WWII to the Present**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hynes Convention Center-108 (Plaza Level)

Arissa Oh, Boston College, Presiding

Melissa Borja, City University of New York
"I'm Going to Be Your Big Sister, Big Brother": Notions of Gender and Family in Faith-Based Refugee Care

Gale Kenny, Barnard College
Mothers for the New World Order: Postwar Refugees and Protestant Churchwomen

Janet Bauer, Trinity College
The Role of Faith-Based and Faith-Related Voluntary Organizations in Facilitating Pathways to Refugee Social Inclusion

Responding:

Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria

A21-111

Buddhism Unit

Theme: **New Work in Buddhist Studies**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Oral Theory and Protestant Assumptions in the Study of Early Buddhist Sutras

Blayne Harcey, Arizona State University
The Search for Buddhist Origins and the Construction of Lineage at Lumbini Nepal

Ian MacCormack, Harvard University
Circling the Square: Rethinking the Lhasa Maṅḍala

Natasha Mikles, University of Virginia
The Butcher, the Baker, and the Hell-Being Maker: How the Embodied Experience of Samsara Makes Buddhist Hell

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College
Vulnerability and Friendship at a Japanese Leprosarium: Affective Ethical Practice among Jōdo Shinshū Buddhists

A21-112



Christian Systematic Theology Unit

Theme: **Panel Discussion on *A Kryptic Model of the Incarnation* (Routledge, 2014)**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-207 (Second Level)

James Arcadi, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Richard Cross, University of Notre Dame

Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary

C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University

Thomas McCall, Trinity International University

Joshua Farris, Houston Baptist University

Responding:

Andrew T. Loke, University of Hong Kong

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Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit

Theme: **Standing Rock and Beyond: Lakota Knowledge, Global Indigenous Sovereignty, and Religious Freedom**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-309 (Third Level)

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding

Stephanie Yuhas, Naropa University

Standing for Sovereignty at Standing Rock

Siv Ellen Kraft, University of Tromsø, and Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Injury, Action, and Protection: Comparing Discourses of Religion, Law, and the Environment at Standing Rock (North Dakota), Alta (Sápmi), and Mauna Kea (Hawaii)

Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Central Florida
Incommensurability and the Challenge for Indigenous Religious Freedom Claims

Kenneth Richards, University of North Carolina
Savage Ecologies: Religious Freedom, Traditional Indigenous Knowledge, and U.S. Environmental Policy

Responding:

Kathleen J. Martin, California Polytechnic State University

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Japanese Religions Unit and Tantric Studies Unit

Theme: **The Reweaving of Mantra: Esoteric Buddhism in Japan after Kūkai (774–835)**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Berkeley (Third Level)

Ryuichi Abe, Harvard University, Presiding

Ethan Bushelle, Western Washington University
The Aesthetics of Mantra: A Buddhological Genealogy of Medieval Waka Poetics

Eric Swanson, Harvard University
Majestic Methods to Vanquish Evil: Negotiating the Power of Subjugation in Tendai Esoteric Commentaries

Aaron Proffitt, State University of New York, Albany
Exo-esoteric Pure Land Buddhism in Early-Medieval Japan

Anna Andreeva, University of Heidelberg
Enlightenment for the “Country Bumpkins”? Esoteric Buddhism, Kami Cults, and Non-elite Practitioners in Medieval Japan

Responding:

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara

A21-115

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit

Theme: **Sanctuary Spaces and Liturgical Practices: Safety and Resilience in Latinx Communities**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay B (Second Level)

Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John’s University, New York, Presiding

Leo Guardado, University of Notre Dame
Sanctuary Churches: Resisting State Violence

Jennifer Owens, Graduate Theological Union
Las Caminatas por la Paz as Epistemological Practice: How Popular Catholicism Makes Meaning of Suffering and Practices Healing

Responding:

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton

A21-116

Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: **New Directions for Analytic Philosophy of Religion?**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Adams A (Third Level)

Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz, Presiding

Michelle Panchuk, Murray State University
Distorting Concepts, Obscured Experiences: On the Role of Hermeneutical Injustice in Religious Trauma

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary
A Womanist Hermeneutic of Revelation

Kelli Potter, Utah Valley University
Heterodoxy and the Philosophy of Religion

Nolwandle Lembeth, University of the Witwatersrand
Gendered Epistemic Intuitions and Spiritual Spaces of Knowing: A South African Context

A21-117

Religion and Economy Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit

Theme: **Capital and the Secular: New Critiques and New Horizons**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-The Fens (Fifth Level)

Justin Stein, University of Toronto, Presiding

Panelists:

Elayne Oliphant, New York University

Rosemary R. Corbett, Bard College

Josef Sorett, Columbia University

Matthew King, University of California, Riverside

Lucia Hulsether, Yale University

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Rebecca Bartel, University of Toronto

Responding:

Webb Keane, University of Michigan

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Religion and Popular Culture Unit

Theme: **Sartorial Transgressions: Reflections on Fashion, Religion, and Resistance**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-201 (Second Level)

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding

Benae Beamon, Boston University
Fashioning the Subject: Black Queerness, Identity, and an Ethic of Honor

Jeanine Viau, University of Central Florida
In and Out of One Another’s Closets: Notes on Form, Fashion, and Freedom in the Classroom

Jared Vazquez, Iliff School of Theology
Rummaging through the Bargain Bin: Agency and Resistance in the Pursuit of Personal Style

Whitney Bond, Chicago Theological Seminary
You Gone Wear That?! Fashion, Self-Expression, and Resistance for Queer Black Women and Gender Non-conforming Black Folk in the Pulpit

Responding:

Otto von Busch, New School

A21-119

Religion in South Asia Unit

Theme: **Constructing Powerful Selves: Autobiography in South Asia**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-205 (Second Level)

Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College, Presiding

Alyson Prude, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
Authority and Vulnerability: Tibetan Buddhist Women's Oral Life Narratives

Ben Williams, Harvard University
Abhinavagupta as a Cosmopolitan Siddha: Religious Sources for Writing the Self in Medieval Kashmir

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto
A Bourgeois Ethic for Hindu Bombay: Victorian Self-Help and the Gujarati Travelogue

Chloe Martinez, Claremont McKenna College
"An Eminent Mohammedan Moulvie": Autobiography and Conversion in Colonial Punjab

Responding:

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University

A21-120

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: **Vulnerable Populations, Science, Technology, and Religion**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-209 (Second Level)

Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago, Presiding

Michelle Wolff, Duke University, and Kara Slade, Duke University
Sex Robots: Outsourcing Care Labor to Technology

Stina Busman Jost, Bethel University, and Andrea Hollingsworth, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities
Inherited Vulnerabilities: Epigenetics and Religious Ethics

Jordan Brady Loewen, Syracuse University
"Hacking Perception": Techno-Entheogens, Virtual Reality, and the Vulnerability of Subjectivity

A21-121

Study of Judaism Unit

Theme: **Vulnerability, Resistance, and Mourning**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Jefferson (Third Level)

Yonatan Brafman, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding

Sam Shonkoff, University of Chicago
"Corporeality, Not Spirituality": Martin Buber's Resistance at Eranos in 1934

William Plevan, Congregation Shaare Zedek, New York, NY
The Theoretical Elimination of Resistance: Buber's Critique of Plato and Weber

Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University
Two Approaches to Vulnerability and the Exodus Narrative: The Stranger in the Writings of Irving Greenberg and Meir Kahane

Gila Silverman, University of Arizona
"We Sat Shiva for Three Days": Jewish Mourning among Liberal American Jews

A21-122

Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: **Evidence Based Teaching in Religion**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon F (Third Level)

David B. Howell, Ferrum College, Presiding

Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego
Engaging Contentious Issues Using Team-Based Learning Strategies





John Lyden, Grand View University
Teaching Islam and Current Events through Experiential Learning

Nathaniel Samuel, St. Thomas University
Teaching Introduction to Religious Studies through a Partial Community Engagement Model

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
History Repeats: The Critical Theorist's/Theologian's Study of Religious History in Real Time

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University
Somatic Learning: An Exercise in "Reading" Religious Texts

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Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit

Theme: **Politics, Power, and the Rise of Fascism**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-203 (Second Level)

Stephen G. Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Ho Siu Pun, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Power as Basic Element for Analyzing and Responding to Fascism: A Study of Paul Tillich's Theology of Power

Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University
Bonhoeffer and Tillich: Brothers in Arms

Jari Ristiniemi, University of Gëfle
State Philosophy, Micro-fascism, and the New Materiality: Tillich's Contribution for Recent Political Philosophy

Caleb Hendrickson, University of Virginia
The Demonic Arts and the Politics of Resistance: Discerning the Spirits of Visual Culture with Paul Tillich

A21-124

Women and Religion Unit

Theme: **Roundtable on Critical Theology against U.S. Militarism in Asia: Decolonization and Deimperialization**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sheraton Boston-Fairfax B (Third Level)

Nami Kim, Spelman College, and Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Michael Sepidoza Campos, Emerging Queer Asian Religion Scholars

K. Christine Pae, Denison University

Amy R. Barbour, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Responding:

Rita Brock, Volunteers of America

P21-129

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion

Theme: **"Pauline" Landscapes**

Tuesday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay C (Second Level)

Barbara Reid, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

The title of this panel, "Pauline Landscapes," refers to the complex spaces that are created by historical reconstruction, scholarly commentary, and theological interpretation of texts attributed to the apostle Paul. How scholars explicate the character of a "Pauline" text contributes to defining the image of the people who are its senders and receivers and the identity of its scholars and readers. The panel will explore as to how the commentary writers' feminist perspectives and their processes of commentary writing has changed their understanding of the "Pauline" scholarly landscape.

Panelists:

Alicia Batten, University of Waterloo

Mary Anne Beavis, St. Thomas More College

Annette Huizenga, University of Dubuque

Cynthia Kittredge, Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest

Florence Gillman, University of San Diego

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

A21-125

Cognitive Science of Religion Unit

Theme: **Current Theories and Applications of the Cognitive Science of Religion**

Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University, Presiding

Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, and Jeffrey Schloss, Westmont College
Ecstatic Religious Experiences Promote Cooperation

Adam Baimel, University of British Columbia, Rita McNamara, Victoria University, Wellington, Benjamin Purzycki, Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, and Ara Norenzayan, University of British Columbia
An Anthropomorphized God Is a Believable God

Kathryn Johnson, Arizona State University, and Adam Cohen, Arizona State University
Evolved, Fundamental, Social Motives, and the Varieties of God Representations

Aiyana Willard, University of Texas
Understanding the Mind of God: The Role of Anthropomorphism as Motivated Cognition in Explaining Supernatural Belief

A21-126

Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: **Where Sources Merge and Streams Depart: Ge Hong and the Navigation of Religious Identity**

Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-313 (Third Level)

Willis Munroe, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Matthew Wells, University of Kentucky
The Earth Immortal: The Political and Social Context of Ge Hong's Religious Writing

Clayton Ashton, University of British Columbia
The Limits of Propriety: Ritual Practice in the Baopuzi

Wayne Kreger, Columbia College
The Great Beginning with Myriad Completions — Ge Hong's Thought in Cultural Context

Responding:

Robert Campany, Vanderbilt University

A21-127

Ethics Unit

Theme: **Legacies of Revolution in Light of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation**

Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty A (Second Level)

Frederick Simmons, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ, Presiding

Jonathan Sauder, Brite Divinity School
The Malleable Mennonite Conscience: From Persecuted Prophets to Privileged Pacifists

Brian Lee, Princeton University
Is Harper's Ferry an American Mount Moriah? Ethics at the Limits of Law and Order

Marlon Millner, Northwestern University
The Light in Darkness — Evening Light Saints, Pentecostal Fugitivity, and Faith Alone

R. Ward Holder, Saint Anselm College
The Reformation as Revolution? Questioning the Revolutionary Character of the Church, Then and Now

A21-128

Religion and Politics Unit

Theme: **The U.S Supreme Court and the Evolution of Religious Liberty**

Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Clarendon (Third Level)

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

Katrina Myers, Boston University
Little Sister's Sorrow: Religion and Reproductive Justice in the Era of Obamacare

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California
The Fourth Disestablishment: Legitimacy and Religious Minorities

Eric Stephen, Harvard University
Unpacking the Theological Underpinnings of Hobby Lobby: An Intellectual History of the Idea of "Complicity" in American Religion and Law

A21-129

Religion and the Social Sciences Unit

Theme: **Religion and Social Activism in a Trump Era**

Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere A (Second Level)

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, Presiding

Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas
Religious Convictions Among Pussyhat Makers

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery, and Kimberly P. Brackett, Auburn University, Montgomery
The Threats to Families Today: Pastoral Rhetoric and the Changing Religio-political Landscape in the United States

A21-130

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Study of Islam Unit

Theme: **Exploring the Islamic and the Secular**

Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Public Garden (Fifth Level)

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Anna Piela, Leeds Trinity University
Identity and Experiences of Women Who Choose to Wear the Niqab in the United Kingdom

Shatha Almutawa, Willamette University
Playing with Gender and Modernity: Tango in Secular Muslim Contexts

David Decosimo, Boston University
What Is an Islamic Value? Are There Any?

A21-131

Western Esotericism Unit

Theme: **Differently Gendered Esotericisms: Modern Esoteric Negotiations of Gender Polarity**

Tuesday, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

















Cathy N. Gutierrez, New York, NY, Presiding

Erin Prophet, Rice University
Syncretism in the Gendered and Nongendered Reproduction of Blavatsky's Root Races: From Hermaphrodites to Hairy Red Giants

Georgia van Raalte, University of Kent
Pomegranates and Crescent Honey-Cakes: Divine Femininity and Everyday Womanhood in the Work of Dion Fortune

Manon Hedenborg White, Uppsala University
Queering the Cup? The Negotiation of Gender Polarity in Contemporary Thelema

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 Books Under Discussion	 Focus on Employment	 Receptions and Breakfasts	 Tours
 Business Meeting	 Full Papers Available on AAR Website	 Wildcard Sessions	
 Especially for Students			

OTHER EVENTS (ADDITIONAL MEETINGS)



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

M16-300

FaithTrust Institute

Theme: **Ending Violence: More Than a Life's Work**

Thursday, 4:00 PM–7:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-210 (Second Level)

Join us as we celebrate our history and envision our future! FaithTrust Institute invites you to celebrate our 40 years of working to equip faith communities with the tools they need to address domestic violence, sexual assault, and clergy misconduct. As we look back on all that we have accomplished, we want to recognize the world-changing contributions of our founder, Rev. Dr. Marie M. Fortune, who has dedicated her life to supporting survivors and educating faith communities across the globe so that they can work to prevent and respond to gender-based violence. A multifaith panel of scholars and activists who address violence will discuss the impact of Rev. Dr. Fortune's work and look toward the future and the work that remains to be done. Reception to follow.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-5

Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies

Theme: **Women's Public Voice: Fear Not**

Friday, 7:30 AM–5:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-America North (Fourth Level)

Lutheran Women in Theological and Religious Studies (LWTRS) as well as some local Lutheran rostered women gather annually for scholarship, worship, and friendship. Lutheran women scholars, including graduate students and women who teach or study at Lutheran institutions, are invited. Papers, a business meeting, worship, and meals comprise the day.

For questions or to receive registration and dinner information, please contact Heather Dean at heather.dean@elca.org after August 31, 2017.

M17-100

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Charitable Actions and Dharma: Giving and Compassion**

Friday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Brandeis (Third Level)

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Ithamar Theodor, University of Haifa

Charitable Actions by the Ideal Person in the Hindu and Chinese Traditions

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

Bridging Generosity and Economic Ethics: The Maya of Virtue and Responsibility

Amod Lele, Boston University

Disengaged Buddhism: South Asian Buddhist Rejection of Systemic Change

Tanya Storch, University of the Pacific

Ahimsā at Every Moment: Traditional and Modern Understanding

Peter Ryan, Lotus School of Liberal Arts

The Egg, the Chick, the Hen: A Moment of Presence for Student and Teacher—Ahimsā and Anti-Hierarchy

Responding:

Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University

M17-101

Forum for Theological Exploration Alumni Consultation

Friday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex South (Third Level)

M17-102

Center for Spiritual and Ethical Education

Theme: **Secondary School Religion Teachers Event**

Friday, 9:00 AM–3:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-St. Botolph (Second Level)

M17-112

Poverty in the Biblical World and The Poverty Consortium

Theme: **Homelessness and Affordable Housing: Poverty Immersion**

Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Offsite-Boston University, 775 Commonwealth Avenue, Lower Level, Howard Thurman Center

In the morning we'll have breakfast and educational deep-dive into homelessness challenges and solutions by local leaders in anti-homelessness movement. In the afternoon there will be lunch, followed by a tour of Boston by homeless and formerly homeless people. Then we'll finish with final discussion and a networking opportunity. This is hosted at Boston University, which is on the green line T Train, a direct route from the Annual Meetings. The cost for Annual Meetings attendees is \$35, which includes meals. Students are encouraged to attend the morning session complimentary. Registration is limited. To register and get more information about schedule, please contact Diana M Swancutt at dmswancutt@gmail.com or 203-824-8509.

OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-113

Presbyterian Church (USA) Social Ethics Network Annual Meeting

Friday, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty C (Second Level)

The Annual Meeting of the PC(USA) Social Ethics Network (SEN) invites scholars teaching in the area of Christian social ethics at PC(USA)-affiliated seminaries and colleges, as well as PC(USA)-affiliated scholars teaching at other institutions, to meet with the denomination's Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy (ACSWP). SEN works with the denomination in formulating policies on issues in social ethics. This year, SEN will discuss overtures related to faith in higher education and the use and abuse of "religious freedom" in the pursuit of anti-reproductive justice and anti-LGBTIQ agendas. Contact Letitia Campbell at letitia.campbell@emory.edu or John Senior at seniorje@wfu.edu for more information.

M17-103

Catholicism, Colonialism, and Race in America

Theme: **Collaboration**

Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Lincoln (Third Level)

Panelists:

Herman Bennett, City University of New York
Matthew Cressler, College of Charleston
Jack Downey, La Salle University
Felipe Hinojosa, Texas A&M University
Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
Anne Martinez, University of Groningen
Bryan Massingale, Fordham University
Maureen O'Connell, La Salle University
Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University
Shannen Williams, University of Tennessee

M17-104

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George B-D (Third Level)

M17-114

Accordance Bible Software Training Seminar

Friday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Gardner (Third Level)

Join us for a free training seminar which covers the new features of this cutting-edge Bible software for Windows and Mac as well as iOS, for potential, basic, and advanced level users. The morning sessions will cover the interface and search capabilities, while the afternoon is devoted to powerful new features, tools, and aids for study and teaching. Bring your own laptop or follow the projected demonstration. The seminar training will start at 9 am and end at 5 pm, with a break for lunch (on your own).

M17-105

International Society for Science and Religion

Theme: **Attending to Symbiosis: Theology and the Connectedness of Nature**

Friday, 10:30 AM–1:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic A (Second Level)

Few recent developments in biology are as striking as our new appreciation of mutually beneficial symbiosis: the hair on a sloth is adapted for growing algae, which forms an important source of calories for its host in return; the earliest known fossils of life on Earth are of symbiotic communities; garden centres stock spores of fungus that extends the root system of trees, and is nourished with sugars in return. Mutualism — beneficial relationships between organisms of different — is no longer seen as a marginal curiosity; it is now known to be profoundly widespread.

Evolution now seems to present the story of shifting patterns of benefit, not simply of competition. Some of its most momentous developments have involved the symbiotic engulfing of smaller organisms by larger ones (endosymbiosis), as with chloroplasts and mitochondria. There are important practical consequences. Aspects of human health depend on our relationship with the bacteria, or microbiome, of our gut. Something as fundamental to agriculture as soil is shaped and preserved by symbiotic relationships.

Beginning with a survey of state of contemporary scientific knowledge, this panel will address the relative lack of theological attention to these developments, and consider their significance for a theological understanding of nature, not least in the form of their consequences for systematic theology and theological ethics.

Registration is not required. For more information, please see <http://issr.yolasite.com>.

Panelists:

Daniel Castillo, Loyola University, Maryland
Andrew Davison, University of Cambridge
Adam Pryor, Bethany College
Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary
Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University



M17-106

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)Theme: **Renunciation, Climate Change, and Modernity**

Friday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Brandeis (Third Level)

Mark Schmanko, Rice University, Presiding

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University
*Jainism and Solar Energy*Michael Reading, Claremont School of Theology
*Sri Acharya Tulsi, The Anuvrat Movement, and Climate Change*Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i
*Hindu Sadhus and the Joys of Limited Consumption*Frédérique Apffel-Marglin, Smith College
*Integral Ecology and Climate Change: Shakta Hinduism, Renunciation and Western Modernity Contrasted*Rodney Sebastian, University of Florida
Vaiṣṇava Concepts for Ecological Sustainability: Case Study of the Govardhan Ecovillage Project

Responding:

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union

M17-107

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Member Council Meeting (Private)

Friday, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–America South (Fourth Level)

M17-108

Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 11:00 AM–4:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–St. George A (Third Level)

M17-109

Association for Interreligious and Interfaith StudiesTheme: **Teaching and Learning in our Times: Interreligious/ Interfaith Studies and Intercultural Theology**

Friday, 11:30 AM–5:15 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Adams (Third Level)

Join us for a working lunch to mark the launch of a new organization: Association for Interreligious/Interfaith Studies. The lunch will be followed by a half day workshop for faculty and emerging scholars who want to collaborate with colleagues to share resources and ideas for teaching (in college, university, and seminary classrooms) using frameworks from interreligious/interfaith studies or intercultural theology.

The lunch and workshop were developed through a collaboration between the newly established Association for Interreligious/ Interfaith Studies (AIIS) and the European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (ESITIS). The events are supported and co-sponsored by the Interfaith Youth Core, the Henry Luce initiative on The Current State of Interfaith Learning in the US, and the Pluralism Project at Harvard University with additional support from Hebrew College's Miller Center for Interreligious Learning and Leadership, the *Journal of Interreligious Studies (JIRS)* and the journal *Interreligious Studies and Intercultural Theology (ISIT)*.

M17-110

Forum on Religion and Ecology Annual Luncheon

Friday, 11:45 AM–1:45 PM

Hynes Convention Center–200 (Second Level)

M17-111

Bukkyo Dendo Kyokai (BDK) AmericaTheme: **Numata Chairs Coordinators Meeting**

Friday, 12:00 PM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Liberty B (Second Level)

M17-200

Review and Expositor Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Beacon E (Third Level)

M17-201

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)Theme: **Ahimsā as Strategic Resistance to Structural Injustice**

Friday, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place–Brandeis (Third Level)

Gisele Lemos, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Veena Howard, California State University, Fresno
*“Love in Action”: James Lawson’s Radical Interpretation of Ahimsā in the Civil Rights Movement*Purushottama Bilimoria, Graduate Theological Union and
University of California, Berkeley
*Rev Pauli Murray: Black Gay Gandhian Feminist’s Strategy of Radical Ahimsā for Civil Rights and Social Justice*Varun Khanna, Chinmaya University
Dhārmic Resistance: Building Bridges between Advaita Vedānta and Social Justice for the Twenty-first Century

Responding:

Andrew Fiala, California State University, Fresno

M17-202

Theology and Ethics Colloquy Meeting

Friday, 2:00 PM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Beacon C (Third Level)

OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-203

International Society for Science and Religion

Theme: **CRISPR/Cas and Human Germline Gene Editing: Possibilities and Perspectives**

Friday, 2:30 PM–5:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Republic B (Second Level)

This mini-conference addresses the possibility of human germline gene editing from the perspectives of religion, bioethics, and public engagement. New genome-editing techniques, including CRISPR/Cas, enable precise changes to the genome. These alterations may include gene editing in particular patients (so-called “somatic cell gene therapy”) or in future children, which then changes the descendants of those children (“germline modification”). The journal *Science* declared CRISPR/Cas as the 2015 Science Breakthrough of the Year, and commentators regularly call this technology a “revolution” because it could in principle allow for germline enhancements to humans that have long been regarded as controversial by theologians and ethicists.

The first speaker is biologist Richard O. Hynes, co-chair of the Committee on Human Gene Editing: Scientific, Medical, and Ethical Considerations of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Medicine. Working with counterparts in the Royal Society and the Chinese Academy of Science, for instance in hosting the 2015 International Summit on Human Gene Editing, this Committee has been central to discussions by experts and the general public on promises and challenges presented by advances in gene editing. Professor Hynes is the Daniel K. Ludwig Professor for Cancer Research at MIT, a Fellow of the Royal Society, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He will comment on the state of the technical advances and what they suggest for future uses human germline modification.

Three panelists will respond in light of the scientific possibilities described by Prof. Hynes. They include (1) Laurie Zoloth, Dean of the University of Chicago Divinity School and President of the AAR in 2014, whose work brings together advances in biomedical research, bioethics, and religion; (2) Ron Cole-Turner, Vice President of the International Society for Science and Religion and editor of *Design and Destiny: Jewish and Christian Perspectives on Human Germline Modification*; and (3) John H. Evans, Sociology, University of California, San Diego, a leading expert on public and religious responses to advances in biotechnology and a member of the NAM/NAS Committee on Human Gene Editing. At least 30 minutes is reserved for public discussion.

Questions to be explored in this mini-conference include technical, bioethical, religious, and social issues. What should our response be to the intentional modification of the human species? Are there changes that are acceptable? What religious issues are implicated in these decisions? Which conceptions of justice are important to consider in this debate? What is the likelihood of a future society stratified by genetic traits? How can a public debate be structured so that it allows for the deeper concerns often reflected in religious discourse?

This mini-conference is organized and sponsored by the International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR). It is expected that this event will be webcast. For details, please visit the website of the National Academies (<http://nationalacademies.org/gene-editing>) just before the conference occurs. The ISSR gratefully acknowledges that the webcast is supported by the National Academy of Medicine's Kellogg Health of the Public Fund.

The ISSR also acknowledges the assistance of the American Academy of Religion in offering this event and the co-sponsorship of two units of the AAR: Bioethics and Religion Unit and the Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit.

Updated information about this session will be posted online at the ISSR website (www.issr.org.uk) or at www.issr.yolasite.com. Please direct any questions to Ron Cole-Turner at coleturn@pts.edu.

Panelists:

Richard O. Hynes, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Laurie Zoloth, University of Chicago

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

John H. Evans, University of California, San Diego

M17-300

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Secrecy in Sahajiyā and Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Bhakti Theologies**

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Brandeis (Third Level)

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University, Presiding

Jonathan Edelmann, University of Florida

Secrets to Conceal and Secrets to Obscure in Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism

David Buchta, Brown University

Is Sanskrit a Language of Secrecy in Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavism?

Glenn Hayes, Bloomfield College

Hidden Textuality: Strategies of Concealment and Appropriation in Seventeenth-century Vaiṣṇava Sahajiyā Traditions

Abhishek Ghosh, Grand Valley State University

From Secrecy to Intuition: Sahaja Theology and Practice in Colonial Bengal

Responding:

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University

M17-301

Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network Gathering

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-111 (Plaza Level)

Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Silver Spring, MD, and Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding

The Feminist Liberation Theologians' Network sponsored by the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual (WATER) will discuss “Feminist Liberation Theologies: Resistance, Resilience, and Creativity”. We will explore the roles of critical feminist religious studies, ministry, and activism can inspire these practices and kindle hope in the current climate of neo-liberal destabilization of discourse, increased sexism, racism and xenophobia, refugees, wars, and systemic injustice. All are welcome, so please RSVP to help us plan. Contact Mary at 301-589-2509 and mbunt@her.com or Elisabeth at eschussler@hds.harvard.edu.

Panelists:

Christine Pae, Denison University

Elaine Wainwright, Institute of Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea

Sharon D. Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School



M17-302

Forum for Theological ExplorationTheme: **Nurturing the Next Generation of Scholars**

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Great Republic (Seventh Level)

M17-304

Center of Theological InquiryTheme: **Fresh Thinking from CTI**

Friday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Clarendon (Third Level)

M17-305

Society for the Study of Native American Sacred Traditions Annual Meeting

Friday, 4:30 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Dalton (Third Level)

The Society meetings are open to anyone. We do take a “gift” offering to help defray the cost of the meeting. The attendees typically talk about their research and then have an open discussion on topics related to the Society. Occasionally local Native American leaders are invited to speak.

M17-306

Stone–Campbell JournalTheme: **A Conversation about the Gospel of Luke and Reception**

Friday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Sheraton Boston–Commonwealth (Third Level)

Mark Hamilton, Abilene Christian University, Presiding

SCJ invites friends and colleagues from all streams who identify with the Stone–Campbell Movement tradition for fellowship, light refreshments, and interesting conversation. For additional information contact William Baker at scjeditor@aol.com.

Panelists:

Heather Gorman, Johnson University

Kindalee Pfremer De Long, Pepperdine University

M17-308

United Methodist Women of Color Scholars Reception and Panel

Friday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center–306 (Third Level)

M17-400

Mennonite Scholars and FriendsTheme: **Forum: Supersessionism**

Friday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Belvidere A (Second Level)

Kimberly Penner, University of Toronto, Presiding

John Kampen, Methodist Theological School, Ohio
*The Gospel of Matthew and Antisemitism*Maxwell Kennel, McMaster University
*Emancipatory History: Anabaptist Restitution and Jacob Taubes' Occidental Eschatology*Philipp Gollner, Goshen College
Mennonites on Tour: Christian Supersessionisms and the Sacralization of Place after the Shoah

Responding:

Lois Y. Barrett, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

M17-405

Unitarian Universalist Scholars and FriendsTheme: **Unitarian Universalism and Today's Global Crisis: Semper Reformanda?**

Friday, 6:30 PM–9:30 PM

Offsite–Arlington Street Church, 351 Boylston Street

Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University, Presiding

This year's UU Scholars and Friends Conversation will explore the evolution of Unitarian Universalism over the past fifty years, with an eye both to the five-hundred-year legacy of the Protestant Reformation and to the current crisis of democratic institutions in the US and worldwide. Does the Unitarian Universalist Association's current affirmation of an anti-oppressive, anti-racist, multi-cultural, and economically inclusive society represent a “reformation” of our core identity, or a recovery of more ancient principles? Is it possible to resist the rising tide of nativism and religious intolerance, and simultaneously welcome congregants of diverse political ideologies? As new nationalisms challenge the (far from perfect) globalizing institutions that Unitarian Universalists once supported, how should we respond?

This event will take place in the Chapel at Arlington Street Church, a fifteen minute walk down Boylston Street or two stops on the Green Line from the Hynes Convention Center. It is co-sponsored by Harvard Divinity School, Starr King School for the Ministry, and the Unitarian Universalist Panel on Theological Education. The conversation will run 6:30–8:00 pm, followed by a reception from 8:00–9:30 pm.

There will be also an opportunity to explore Boston's Unitarian Universalist heritage earlier in the day on Friday, November 17. Interested persons should contact Dan McKanan at dmckanan@hds.harvard.edu for more information.

Panelists:

Clyde Grubbs, Blue Hills Spiritual Direction

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina

Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University

Hafidha Saadiqah, Bowling Green State University

Sharon D. Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School

OTHER EVENTS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

M17-406

Boston College's Lonergan Institute

Theme: *The Fragility of Consciousness: Book Panel Discussion*

Friday, 6:30 PM–9:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere B (Second Level)

M17-401

Perspectives in Religious Studies Editorial Board Meeting

Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

M17-407

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture Friends and Members Meeting

Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay D (Second Level)

M17-408

Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion

Theme: **Celebrating Gary Dorrien's *The New Abolition: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Black Social Gospel***

Friday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Olmsted (Fifth Level)

Tyler Mayfield, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College

Christopher H. Evans, Boston University

Zachery Williams, University of Akron

Responding:

Gary Dorrien, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary

M17-402

Academy Anonymous Recovery Meetings (AARM)

Friday, 7:30 PM–8:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Lincoln (Third Level)

M17-403

Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception

Friday, 8:30 PM–10:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

M17-404

Friends of Animals and Religion Reception

Friday, 9:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Courier (Seventh Level)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

M18-5

Spiritus Journal Editorial Board Meeting

Saturday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere B (Second Level)

M18-8

Council on Graduate Studies in Religion Annual Meeting

Saturday, 8:00 AM–12:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-St. James Room (Lobby Level)

M18-100

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: **Reconsidering the Origins of *Bhakti***

Saturday, 8:30 AM–10:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Tufts (Third Level)

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University, Presiding

Vishwa Adluri, City University of New York
Bhakti and Avatāra in the Nārāyaṇīya

Edward Butler, New York, NY
Bhakti and Henadology

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University
Svādhyāya and Bhakti: Saṅga Devatā and Nirguṇa Īśvara in Aṣṭāṅgayoga

Caley Smith, Harvard University
Indra as Time: Reconsidering Devotion in R̥gveda X.27

Sudhakshina Rangaswami, Fort Washington, PA
Bhakti as the Fruition of Jñāna — Revisiting Rāmānuja's Legacy

Responding:

Joydeep Bagchee, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität



M18-101

Accordance Bible SoftwareTheme: **Syntactic Databases for Biblical and Early Jewish Texts**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Yarmouth (Fourth Level)

Please join us for a demonstration, with examples and discussion, of the research potential of the Accordance Bible syntax databases on the Hebrew Bible, Qumran texts, and New Testament. The basic principles of the tagging process will be briefly covered, but the focus will be on example searches and the more advanced linguistic issues relating to the databases, such as verbal valency. Attendees are encouraged to bring questions and sample searches for discussion.

Rob Holmstedt, University of Toronto
Syntax of the Hebrew Bible

Martin Abegg, Trinity Western University
Syntax of Qumran

John Cook, Asbury Theological Seminary
Valence and Other Syntactical Considerations

Roy Brown, OakTree Software and Accordance
Syntax Searching and Display on Accordance

M18-102

National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Annual Meeting

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Essex North (Third Level)

M18-103

Salvation Army Scholars and Friends Annual Meeting

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Jefferson (Third Level)

Roger J. Green, Gordon College, Presiding

Emily Wilce, University of Leicester
Art and the Army: An Art Historical Perspective

Dean Smith, Nazarene Theological College
The Salvation Army and the Challenge of Theological Higher Education for a New Millennium

Andrew Eason, Booth University College
Spreading Salvation Abroad: The Impact of World Missions on the Life and Thought of Catherine Booth

M18-104

Charles S. Peirce SocietyTheme: **Charles S. Peirce and the Study of Religion**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-Commonwealth Room (Lower Lobby Level)

Founded in 1946, the Charles S. Peirce Society encourages study of and communication about the work of Charles S. Peirce and its ongoing influence in the many fields of intellectual endeavor to which he contributed. As the founder of pragmatism and of semiotics, Peirce's thought has deeply influenced numerous theologians and philosophers of religion working today. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss how his work has influenced the contemporary landscape and what might be done to continue promoting Peirce's work in the study of religion.

M18-112

Society for the Study of AnglicanismTheme: **Portable Anglicanism: The Impact of Migration on Identity**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–12:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Empire (Seventh Level)

This meeting will include breakfast, a keynote address, a panel discussion in response, and a time for questions and comments from attendees.

Panelists:

Nicholas Sagovsky, Liverpool Hope University and University of Roehampton

M18-105

Theology Without Walls GroupTheme: **Love and Desire, Human and Divine**

Saturday, 9:30 AM–12:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Great Republic (Seventh Level)

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Presiding

Different traditions propose different analyses of desire, and hence of love. These differences are reflected in their understanding of the relation of the human to the divine, and of the divine to the human, and of the human to the human. Which understandings are most adequate to the human condition and the divine reality? What texts, stories, theories, practices, or examples are most illuminating in this regard? How do the religious texts and ideas interact with understandings gained from other sources, personal, psychological, literary, philosophical, scientific, etc.?

Panelists:

S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Theological School

Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary

Richard Oxenberg, Endicott College

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

M18-106

Paraclete Press

Theme: *The Ecumenism of Beauty* - Panel Discussion and Coffee: **The Role of Visual Arts in Ecumenical Exchange for the 500th Commemoration Year of the Reformation**

Saturday, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Adams (Seventh Level)

Join Paraclete Press and the Mount Tabor Ecumenical Centre for Art and Spirituality for coffee and discussion on the role of visual arts in ecumenical exchange. This panel will cover themes presented in *The Ecumenism of Beauty* (edited by Monsignor Timothy Verdon, Director of the Museo Dell'Opera del Duomo in Florence, Italy), and will highlight topics covered in the symposium "The Arts and Ecumenism—What Theology Risks in Artistic Creation," held earlier in 2017 in the European cities of Paris, Strasbourg and Florence and in North America at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music and the Community of Jesus, in Orleans, MA.

M18-113

Grundtvig Study Center, Aarhus University, Denmark, Church of Sweden Research Department, and Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht

Theme: **Passionately Human! The Future of Scandinavian Creation Theology**

Saturday, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon E (Third Level)

Jakob Wirén, Church of Sweden, Presiding

The three founding figures of Scandinavian creation theology (SCT)—K.E. Løgstrup, Regin Prenter, and Gustaf Wingren—combined seminal insights from Martin Luther, mediated through the Danish theologian N.F.S. Grundtvig. The world outside the churches is not God-less. The world is God-given and imbued with a divine presence; therefore it is religiously valid to approach the world from a secular perspective, and from embodied experiences. Thus, SCT offers a model for reconfiguring reformation theology for a post-secular age, holding the view that the doctrine of creation is not just another theological locus to be followed by other loci, such as justification and fulfillment. Rather, creation constitutes the universal horizon for any Christian theologizing, also regarding Christ and church, baptism and salvation.

Elisabeth Gerle, Church of Sweden and Lund University
Passionate Embrace: Luther on Love, Body, and Sensual Presence (Cascade, 2017)

Trygve Wyller, University of Oslo
Reformation Theology for a Post-Secular Age: The Future of Scandinavian of Scandinavian Creation Theology (V&R Academic 2017)

Bengt Kristensson Uggla, Åbo Akademi University
Becoming Human Again: The Theological Life of Gustaf Wingren (Cascade, 2016)

Responding:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University

M18-107

Wesley Works Editorial Board Luncheon

Saturday, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Maine (Fifth Level)

M18-108

Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)

Theme: *Yoga Sutra and Bhakti*

Saturday, 10:30 AM–12:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Tufts (Third Level)

Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University
Divine Grace in the Highest Samādhi: A Bhakti Hermeneutic for Greater Understanding of the Yoga Sūtra

Stephanie Corigliano, Humboldt State University
Pluralism, Religious Devotion, and T. Krishnamacharya: Or, How the Yoga Sūtra Assumed Scripture—status for Modern Yoga

Edwin F. Bryant, Rutgers University
Mokṣa is Equivalent to Hell: the Minimization of the Goal of the Yoga Sūtra in the Bhagavata Purana

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i
The Union of Yoga, Tapasya, and Bhakti in the Ramananda Sampradaya

Responding:

Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge

M18-109

Liverpool Hope University, University of Manchester, and Methodist Church of Great Britain

Theme: **Madness in their Methodism: Exploring the Beliefs, Practices and Legacy of an Eighteenth-century Anglican Sect**

Saturday, 11:00 AM–3:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Boston University (Third Level)

Andrew Cheatle, Liverpool Hope University, Presiding

Panelists:

Tom Greggs, University of Aberdeen

Anna Lawrence, Fairfield University

David Hart, Methodist Church of Great Britain

Christopher H. Evans, Boston University

Gareth Lloyd, University of Manchester

Kenneth Newport, Liverpool Hope University

M18-110

Christian Scholarship Foundation Luncheon

Saturday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-Forum Room (Lower Lobby Level)



M18-111

Academy Anonymous Recovery Meeting (AARM)

Saturday, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Lincoln (Third Level)

M18-202

North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies

Theme: **The Future of Secularism in India and the United States**

Saturday, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Brandeis (Third Level)

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Panelists:

Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Ramakrishnan Parameshwaran, Graduate Theological Union

Responding:

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College

M18-200

HarperOne

Theme: **The History Behind the Story of the Exodus: A Discussion of Richard Elliott Friedman's New Book *The Exodus***

Saturday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex North (Third Level)

Join a distinguished panel for a rich discussion of the breadth of new evidence pointing to the historical background behind the biblical story, as well as the cultural impacts this event has had on the rise of monotheism and the ethic of loving both the neighbor and the alien.

M18-201

Common English Bible Interpreter's Commentary

Saturday, 2:00 PM–4:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Rhode Island (Fifth Level)

M18-304

Toward Ecological Civilization

Theme: **EcoCiv 2nd Annual Meeting: Stakeholder Workshop and Discussion**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-302 (Third Level)

John Becker, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Each year, the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings bring together roughly 10,000 scholars from around the world. This includes transportation, meals, housing, etc. Like any event of this size, our annual meeting has a significant impact on the environment.

As scholars, activists, and responsible citizens, it is imperative that we recognize the environmental impact of our annual meeting and explore more sustainable policies and practices necessary for an ecological civilization. At the 2016 SBL & AAR Annual Meetings, EcoCiv (<http://ecociv.org>) gathered leaders across the attendees to discuss our responsibility as scholar-activists to transform our classrooms, institutions, and local communities in light of the climate crisis and U.S. electoral politics. Building on those conversations, our 2017 session will be an exploratory workshop on specific proposals for changes to the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings to reduce our environmental impact. Participants will be invited to engage with leaders and peers as citizen-stakeholders. Our goal is to collaboratively develop an action plan that constituencies across AAR and SBL can support, and present this to the AAR and SBL leadership for formal consideration.

Panelists:

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies, Claremont, CA

Elizabeth Singleton, Claremont School of Theology

M18-305

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Mentoring Gathering (Private)

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-America North (Fourth Level)

M18-300

Theology Without Walls Group

Theme: **Recognizing the Divine Imprint Across Religious Boundaries**

Saturday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Great Republic (Seventh Level)

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Presiding

A spiritually alert person who reads texts in other religious traditions encounters, sometimes to the reader's surprise, a divine voice or imprint — not only texts but also practices and persons — which needs to be taken into account, theologically. This has happened to all of us and how it happens deserves consideration. Panelists will be asked to consider how this has happened to them, what texts captured their attention and what “divine marks” (if any) distinguished those texts. Were there ways these texts spoke to their personal situations or searches? Are such texts to be found only in religious canons, or in literature or philosophy or other works?

Panelists:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Christopher Denny, St. John's University

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Jonathan Weidenbaum, Berkeley College

OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

M18-301

Muktabodha Indological Research Institute 20th Anniversary Reception

Saturday, 5:30 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Newbury/Gloucester (Second Level)

Join us for a tea reception in honor of the 20th anniversary of the Muktabodha Indological Research Institute.

M18-302

Religion and Education Collaborative

Theme: **Networking Social and Reception, hosted by Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance at Rice University**

Saturday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Baltic (Seventh Level)

M18-303

Forum for Theological Exploration Reception Honoring Fellows and Alumni

Saturday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-America South (Fourth Level)

M18-400

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies and AAR's Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit

Theme: **Vespers (Evening Prayer) in the Byzantine Rite**

Saturday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-209 (Second Level)

M18-401

John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Reception

Saturday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex Center (Third Level)

M18-402

Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni and Friends Reception

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Huntington (Second Level)

M18-403

Enoch Seminar Panel and Reception

Saturday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex South (Third Level)

The Enoch Seminar is a group of international specialists of early Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Our group gathers to discuss topics of interest and new research. At this event, we will host a panel to conclude the First Enoch Colloquium at Harvard University and present a Festschrift to Michael Stone, followed by a reception. All are invited to join us!

M18-404

Zygon Center for Religion and Science, International Society for Science and Religion, Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion, Institute for Religion in an Age of Science

Theme: **Science and Religion Hospitality Event**

Saturday, 7:00 PM–10:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-St. James Room (Lobby Level)

Please join us for refreshments and conversation at this year's Science and Religion Hospitality Event, sponsored by:

The Zygon Center for Religion and Science (Zygon Center), which offers graduate courses at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, hosts public lectures and visiting scholars and shares offices with *Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science*. (www.zygoncenter.org)

The International Society for Science and Religion (ISSR) is an honorary academic society of established scholars in religion with expertise and publications in one or more of the natural sciences, scientists with a commitment to dialogue with religion, or historians and philosophers of science. More on the ISSR can be found at www.issr.org.uk. The ISSR events at the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings are listed at www.issr.yolasite.com.

The Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) is now a Program of the Graduate Theological Union (GTU). CTNS supports research, provides MDiv and doctoral courses through the Ian G. Barbour Chair at the GTU, and publishes the peer-reviewed *Journal of Theology and Science*. Check out our extensive resources at www.ctns.org.

The Institute for the Bio-Cultural Study of Religion (IBCSR), which sponsors research in the scientific study of religion, supports Boston University's Religion and Science Ph.D., publishes the journal *Religion, Brain and Behavior* and the monthly *IBCSR Research Review*. (www.ibcsr.org)

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

M18-405

Fordham University Theology Department Reception

Saturday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex North (Third Level)

The faculty of Fordham University's Department of Theology invite you to join our graduate students, alumni/ae, and friends for a festive reception.



M18-406**Dallas Theological Seminary Alumni Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Adams (Seventh Level)

M18-407**Macquarie University & Australian College of Theology Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Parliament (Seventh Level)

Friends and associates of the Australian College of Theology and Macquarie University, and anyone interested in theological education and research in the South Pacific, are invited for wine, cheese and conversation. Greet Martin Sutherland and other faculty in an informal networking and discussion time.

M18-412**Society for Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–9:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

M18-408**Baker Academic and Brazos Press Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Staffordshire (Third Level)

M18-409**De Gruyter Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George C-D (Third Level)

M18-413**Calvin Theological Seminary Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Great Republic (Seventh Level)

M18-410**Graduate Theological Union Alumni Reception**

Saturday, 8:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-America Center (Fourth Level)

M18-411**Center for Process Studies Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Northstar (Seventh Level)

This reception is open to all friends, members, and persons interested in the Center for Process Studies and/or Open-Relational Theologies. Learn about recent developments and ways to get involved. Enjoy wine, cheese, and conversation!

M18-414**Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-America North (Fourth Level)

M18-415**Harvard University Divinity School Reception**

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Offsite-Boston Public Library, 700 Boylston Street, McKim Building (Johnson Building, Boylston Hall)

Faculty, students, staff, alumni, colleagues, and friends are cordially invited to attend the Harvard University reception for the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings, sponsored by Harvard Divinity School, the Center for the Study of World Religions, and the Committee on the Study of Religion (Faculty of Arts and Sciences). No RSVP necessary. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

M19-12**Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Alumni Connect Breakfast**

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Marriott Copley Place-St. Botolph (Second Level)

Alumni and spouses are invited to attend the Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Alumni Connect Breakfast. Prospective students also may attend to connect with alumni and faculty and to hear updates on the seminary. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required by Friday, November 10, 2017 at <https://my.gordonconwell.edu/alumni> under Upcoming Events.

M19-5**Church of Christ Professors Meeting**

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Hynes Convention Center-210 (Second Level)

OTHER EVENTS

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M19-6

Disciples of Christ Student and Faculty Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Sheraton Boston-Commonwealth (Third Level)

M19-13

Temple University Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–8:45 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick B (Second Level)

M19-14

New York Theological Seminary and the *Journal of World Christianity* Breakfast

Sunday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Empire (Seventh Level)

M19-7

University of Birmingham, UK Breakfast and Research Showcase

Sunday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

Hynes Convention Center-108 (Plaza Level)

M19-8

Center of Theological Inquiry Breakfast Reception

Sunday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Marriott Copley Place-Columbus I & II (First Level)

M19-103

John Templeton Foundation

Theme: **Measures of Religion & Spirituality in Repeating Open Access Datasets**

Sunday, 8:00 AM–8:45 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere B (Second Level)

Sociologists have made extensive use of repeating, representative, cross-cultural, open access datasets such as the *General Social Survey* and the *World Values Survey*. Yet these data sets appear to be underutilized by many who study religion and spirituality. Moreover, the data sets often lack relevant or more nuanced measures of religion and spirituality. Our research team, at Arizona State University, has launched a project funded by the John Templeton Foundation designed to investigate the possibilities of adding measures of religion and spirituality to these open access datasets.

Please join us in a discussion of this project as we seek to identify which variables and datasets may be of the most interest to researchers. We appreciate your expertise! Please consider this opportunity to learn more about this project and to have a voice in our recommendations.

M19-100

Lutheran Scholars of Religion

Theme: **Ecclesiologies of Resistance**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Great Republic (Seventh Level)

Christine Helmer, Northwestern University, Presiding

Jan-Olav Henriksen, MF Norwegian School of Theology
Taking Responsibility for Truth: Ecclesial Practices in an Age of Hypocrisy

Cheryl Peterson, Trinity Lutheran Seminary
Starting with the Spirit: A Lutheran Ecclesiology of Resistance

Responding:

Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo

M19-104

Association for Theopoetics Research and Exploration

Theme: **Radical Theology / Radical Politics: Re-Thinking Relations to the Most Vulnerable**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere A (Second Level)

Jennifer Bailey, Faith Matters, Presiding

This session questions how institutionalized forms of religion, politics, and economics create categories of vulnerability. The precarious place of the vulnerable in our society has been threatened by the recent, visible emergence of right-wing propaganda and radicalization of religious rhetoric. Radical thinking may overcome the popularization of polarizations in the present. In response, we investigate the social imaginary by integrating the resources of radical theology and radical politics. Such radical thinking offsets the normalizing tendencies that preserve a status quo that marginalizes the vulnerable by offering a diagnostic that draws on the resources of radical thinking. This panel will engage conversationally around the following focal points elicited conversationally through questions and answers:

- Depicting the cause: Politics and Economics
- Defining the depth: Radical Theology and Radical Politics
- Demanding our Attention: Radical Theology and The People
- Delimiting the Possible: Theopoetics as Radical Response
- Determining the Value: Property as Test Case

More information is available via www.theopoetics.net.

Panelists:

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa

J. Kameron Carter, Duke University

Jon Gill, California State University, Long Beach

James Hill, Northwestern University

Katharine Lassiter, Mount St. Joseph University

Jordan Miller, Wheaton College, Norton, MA

Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College

George Schmidt, US Navy



M19-105

Theology and Decoloniality Group

Theme: **Decolonial Theological Encounters: An Invitation to Further Conversation**

Sunday, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Fairfield (Third Level)

In this meeting, we continue the scholarly conversations that began at the 2016 SBL & AAR Annual Meetings in San Antonio. The scholars gathered last year (and in subsequent explorations) confirmed that a rich variety of experiments are underway which draw from the Latin American modernity/coloniality framework and inspire a rethinking of the theological task in a decolonial key. The meeting is convened by Michel Andraos, Lee Cormie, Néstor Medina, and Becca Whitla, who in their respective fields of expertise find that Latin American decolonial thinking resonates well with critical discourses of many oppressed groups addressing a broad range of social, cultural, epistemological and justice/eco-justice issues, in particular with the evolving critical discourses from indigenous peoples and their movements. The session will be highly participatory. Its goals include: dialogue across different social locations, political contexts, “liberation” movements and practices; clarification of points of convergence, and divergence; identification of possible collaboration(s); and some concrete next steps.

M19-101

Biblical Interpretation Editorial Board Meeting

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

M19-106

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Pines School of Graduate Studies Alumni Association Luncheon

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Commonwealth (Third Level)

M19-202

Loyola University, Maryland

Theme: *Thinking Prayer: A Conversation with Andrew Prevot*

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hynes Convention Center-306 (Third Level)

Winner of the College Theological Society’s Best Book in Theology Award, *Thinking Prayer*, has already garnered significant attention, most recently from an excellent symposium in *Syndicate*. In arguing that theologians must take the spiritual life as central when confronting both the crisis of metaphysics and the legacies of colonialism, *Thinking Prayer* draws on the insights of liberation theology, phenomenology, and diverse Christian spiritual traditions.

Panelists:

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

Rebekah Eklund, Loyola University Maryland

Kevin L. Hughes, Villanova University

Responding:

Andrew Prevot, Boston College

M19-200

Baker Academic Textbook Meeting

Sunday, 1:30 PM–4:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Beacon C (Third Level)

M19-201

Seventh Annual Analytic Theology Lecture

Theme: **The Meanings of History: Event and Interpretation in the Bible and Theology**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Adams (Third Level)

The word “history”, notoriously, has several significantly different meanings, not always tracked in relevant discussions. The word “meaning” itself will vary according to which meaning of “history” we choose. Discussion here has been hindered by several interlocking but systematically confusing debates: (1) the over-bright either/or of “natural” and “supernatural” in modern thought, with its tendency to reductionism on one side and Docetism on the other; (2) the sterile (and itself historically conditioned!) antithesis of pantheistic “progress” and an irruptive “apocalyptic”, with its various spin-offs in biblical interpretation; (3) the multivalence of the term “historical-critical”, sometimes used to indicate the employment of history to undermine traditional Christian claims and sometimes in a supposedly more “neutral” sense; (4) the question of biblical “authority”. A fresh appraisal of “history” is required, seeing the term as (at least) a shorthand for various narratives concerning events, tasks, storytelling and symbol-making both within the biblical traditions themselves and within their reappropriation not only as faith-narratives in the church but also as proclamation, explanation and apologia in the wider world.

Panelists:

N.T. Wright, University of St Andrews

M19-300

Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting

Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

M19-301

Seventh Annual Analytic Theology Reception

Sunday, 4:30 PM–6:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Westminster (Second Level)

OTHER EVENTS

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M19-302

Paulist Press Reception Honoring Richard Clifford, SJ

Sunday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Northstar (Seventh Level)

M19-303

Louisville Institute Reception

Sunday, 6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Essex North (Third Level)

M19-400

MF Norwegian School of Theology and University of Oslo

Theme: **Turid Karlsen Seim Memorial Session**

Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Defender (Seventh Level)

Colleagues and friends are invited to attend this event remembering and celebrating the life and career of Turid Karlsen Seim.

M19-430

Malbon Festschrift Presentation

Theme: **Elizabeth Struthers: Panel and Presentation**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:00 PM

Sheraton Boston-Liberty A (Second Level)

M19-401

Boston College Theology Department Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Fairmont Copley Place-St. James Room (Lobby Level)

M19-402

Yale University Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-America Center (Fourth Level)

M19-431

University of Oxford and University of Cambridge Joint Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Sheraton Boston-Back Bay C (Second Level)

The Universities of Cambridge and Oxford are delighted to invite colleagues, friends, alumni and prospective graduate students to a reception at the AAR & SBL Annual Meetings in Boston.

Come hear an update on developments in Cambridge's Faculty of Divinity and Oxford's Faculty of Theology and Religion, and meet current faculty members. Prospective students are warmly welcome to come and learn about the benefits of studying in Cambridge or Oxford. Further information is available at www.theology.ox.ac.uk and www.divinity.cam.ac.uk.

M19-403

Canadian Scholars and Friends Reception

Theme: **Celebrating Over 150 years of Canadian Theology**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Third Floor Atrium Lounge (Third Level)

Join Parasource Canada and their partner publishers IVP Academic, Abingdon, Baker Academic, B&H, Concordia, Eerdmans, Fortress Press, Hendrickson, Kregel Academic, and Westminster John Knox for a 150th birthday party for Canada. This informal reception will reconnect Canadian scholars with other organizations and scholars doing work from Sea to Sea to Sea. Canadian scholars, students and friends welcome. Please RSVP to Martin Smith at martin.smith@parasource.com.

M19-404

Princeton Theological Seminary Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Park Plaza-Arlington and Berkeley (Mezzanine Level)

M19-405

Princeton University Department of Religion Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Parliament/Adams/Baltic (Seventh Level)

M19-406

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Department of Religious Studies Reception

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George C-D (Third Level)

M19-407

Zen Reading Group Fourth Annual Meeting

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere B (Second Level)

Steven Heine, Florida International University, Presiding

Juhn Ahn, University of Michigan

What Does it Mean to Gain Energy (Deli) through Zen Reading?

Jennifer Eichman, SOAS University of London

Late Ming Confucian Uses of the Platform Sutra

Dominick Scarangelo, Risho Kosei-kai

Dialoging with Modernity on Paper: The Sōtō Fushūkai and Its Opponents



Responding:
Jin Y. Park, American University

M19-432

International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)

Theme: **Al-Faruqi Memorial Lecture**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM

Hynes Convention Center-207 (Second Level)

Panelists:

Kecia Ali, Boston University

M19-408

Academy Anonymous Recovery Meetings (AARM)

Sunday, 7:30 PM–8:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Lincoln (Third Level)

M19-409

China Academic Consortium

Theme: **Networking with Friends**

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Belvidere A (Second Level)

Join us to help facilitate the initial meeting to form a Chinese Evangelical Theological Association with those who are interested.

M19-410

Jewish Theological Seminary Kekst Graduate School Reception

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Arlington (Third Level)

The JTS Kekst Graduate School invites alumni, students, faculty colleagues and their friends to a light, kosher reception. Jewish dietary laws will be observed. Be sure to confirm the location in the AAR and SBL mobile app or in the Online *Program Books*.

M19-411

University of Notre Dame Theology Reception

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Newbury/Gloucester (Second Level)

M19-412

Concordia Seminary, Concordia Theological Seminary, and Concordia Publishing House Reception

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A (Third Level)

Join us for the celebration of *The Press of the Text: Biblical Studies in Honor of James W. Voelz*.

M19-413

University of Iowa Alumni and Friends Reception

Sunday, 7:30 PM–9:30 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay-Maverick B (Second Level)

Join us to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the Department of Religious Studies.

M19-414

Brown University Department of Religious Studies and Program in Judaic Studies Reception

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Huntington (Second Level)

M19-415

Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni and Friends Dessert Reception

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-St. George B (Third Level)

M19-433

Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture Reception

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Suffolk (Third Level)

M19-416

University of California, Davis Graduate Group in the Study of Religion Reception

Sunday, 8:30 PM–10:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-Helicon (Seventh Level)

The Graduate Group in the Study of Religion at the University of California, Davis welcomes everyone who is interested in our program and would like an informal, fun way to meet people associated with the group to join us! Now in our fifth year, we look forward to meeting you in what will be the first reception in our program's history.

M19-417

Vanderbilt University Divinity School Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–10:30 PM

Westin Copley Place-America North (Fourth Level)

M19-418

Brite Divinity School Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–10:30 PM

Marriott Copley Place-Tremont (First Level)

OTHER EVENTS

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M19-419

Columbia University Religion Department Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex North (Third Level)

M19-420

Drew University Theological School Annual Alumni Gathering

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Adams (Third Level)

M19-421

Florida State University Religion Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place–State Suite (Lower Lobby Level)

M19-422

Garrett–Evangelical Theological Seminary PhD Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Westminster (Second Level)

M19-423

Emory University Graduate Division of Religion (GDR) Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–America South (Fourth Level)

M19-424

Nordic Universities Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex South (Third Level)

M19-425

Johns Hopkins University Near Eastern Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Maverick A (Second Level)

M19-426

Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology Alumni/ae and Friends Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Fairmont Copley Place–Forum Room (Lower Lobby Level)

M19-427

Scottish Universities Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex Center (Third Level)

M19-428

University of California, Santa Barbara Religious Studies Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Park Plaza–Georgian (Mezzanine Level)

M19-429

University of Chicago Divinity School Reception for Alumni and Friends

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Staffordshire (Third Level)

M19-434

Duke University Graduate Program in Religion Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Back Bay A (Second Level)

M19-435

Union Theological Seminary and Episcopal Divinity School Reception

Sunday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Sheraton Boston–Back Bay B (Second Level)



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

M20-5

Restoration Quarterly Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-Parliament/Adams/Baltic (Seventh Level)

M20-6

Friends of Regent College Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 AM–8:30 AM

Westin Copley Place-St. George C-D (Third Level)

M20-7

Fuller Theological Seminary Alumni/ae and Friends Breakfast

Monday, 7:00 AM–9:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Essex Center (Third Level)

M20-8

Union Presbyterian Seminary Alumni Breakfast

Monday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Westin Copley Place-Defender (Seventh Level)

You're invited to hear President Brian K. Blount share what's new at Union while enjoying table fellowship with seminary friends and colleagues. Also, Alumni Director Clay Macaulay (D.Min.'85) will be there eager to hear about your ministry. Please register by Monday, November 13 here: www.regonline.com/UnionAlumBreakfast2017.

For questions please contact Hayley Mathews in the Alumni Office: hmathews@upsem.edu.

M20-15

University of Chicago Divinity School's Coffee with Dean for Prospective Students

Monday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Northstar (Seventh Level)

M20-9

Dead Sea Discoveries Breakfast Editorial Board Meeting

Monday, 7:30 AM–9:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-St. George A-B (Third Level)

M20-16

Green Seminary Initiative

Theme: **Certification Cohort Gathering and General Info**

Monday, 7:45 AM–8:45 AM

Hynes Convention Center-200 (Second Level)

By the time of this year's AAR & SBL Annual Meetings, the Green Seminary Initiative will have approximately 16 schools enrolled in their Seminary Environmental Certification program. This is a three year program designed to add an ecological lens to Education - Liturgy, Ritual, and Worship - Building and Grounds - Community Life - and Public Leadership. Representatives from each of these cohort schools are invited to gather during this time for the purpose of getting to know each other better, comparing notes on their progress in the program, and sharing ideas and encouragement. Any others interested in learning more about the Green Seminary Initiative are also welcome to join us.

M20-100

Theology Without Walls Group

Theme: **Rising Scholars and the Future of Transreligious Theology**

Monday, 9:30 AM–11:00 AM

Westin Copley Place-Empire (Seventh Level)

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Presiding

Join us for an open meeting to address the theological future. Graduate students and young faculty members grew up in a world more globalized and disaffiliated than that of their teachers. They may well have different presuppositions, concerns, aims, personal backgrounds, career patterns, and institutional or organizational settings. They may theologize in terms of a much wider range of spiritual data, and in service of a wider community than just the "faithful". In this open-ended discussion, every participant will be given an opportunity to speak personally about the changing situation.

Panelists:

Christopher Denny, St. John's University

Rory McEntee, Drew University

Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University

Bin Song, Boston University

M20-101

Theology Without Walls Group Planning Meeting

Monday, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Westin Copley Place-Empire (Seventh Level)

Jerry L. Martin, University of Colorado, Presiding

Join us for an open meeting to discuss future panel topics, publications, and other activities related to Theology Without Walls.

Panelists:

Christopher Denny, St. John's University

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo

Kurt Anders Richardson, McMaster University

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

OTHER EVENTS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

M20-102

Journal for the Study of Judaism Editorial Board Meeting

Monday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Mastiff (Seventh Level)

M20-103

Academy Anonymous Recovery Meetings (AARM)

Monday, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM

Hilton Boston Back Bay–Lincoln (Third Level)

M20-300

Auburn Theological Seminary Reception

Monday, 6:00 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place–St. George A-B (Third Level)

Everyone is welcome as we celebrate the work of scholar-activists who, like long-time Auburn faculty member Walter Wink, are troubling the waters and healing the world. Auburn will award the Third Annual Walter Wink Scholar-Activist Award. Former awardees are Dr. Simran Jeet Singh (2016) and Dr. Traci West (2015). The award will be given by Auburn President Rev. Dr. Katharine Henderson during the reception, with a brief talk by the awardee to follow. Come enjoy the hospitality and network with fellow troublemaking friends, old and new.

M20-402

State University of New York (SUNY) Press

Theme: **Celebration of the Work of Robert Neville**

Monday, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Westin Copley Place–Great Republic (Seventh Level)

Please join SUNY Press and Robert Neville for a reception and book signing to celebrate Robert Neville's contributions to religious studies and philosophy. Advance copies of *Defining Religion: Essays in Philosophy of Religion*, his latest book, which is also his twenty-second single-authored volume for SUNY Press, will be available for purchase along with copies of *The Good Is One, Its Manifestations Many: Confucian Essays on Metaphysics, Morals, Rituals, Institutions, and Genders*, and his *Philosophical Theology Set, Volumes 1–3: Ultimates, Existence, and Religion*.

M20-403

King's College London Reception

Monday, 7:00 PM–8:30 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex South (Third Level)

Once again we are delighted to invite prospective students, alumni, friends and guests to a reception at the AAR and SBL Annual Meetings, this time in Boston. As well as updating on general news from the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, the reception will note the recent publication of books by members of King's. Everyone is warmly encouraged to join us to hear about developments since last year's Annual Meetings, including new opportunities for study at Master's level. For further information about the Department, see www.kcl.ac.uk/artshums/depts/trs.

M20-401

Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Graduate University Reception

Monday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Westin Copley Place–Essex North (Third Level)

Other Events (Additional Meetings) conveniently allow members to gather voluntarily and to host receptions, networking events, and private meetings during the Annual Meetings. Their inclusion in the Program Book does not constitute an endorsement by the American Academy of Religion or the Society of Biblical Literature. While AAR and SBL provide space for activities listed as "Other Events," the content and purpose of these gatherings are not reviewed by either the AAR or SBL's Program Units or their Program Committees. However, any organization or group of members that reserves space for an Other Event is expected to adhere to AAR and SBL policies and core values in holding events.