



## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM BOOK

**Thursday - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM**

**M19-100**

***Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* Editorial Board Meeting – Main Editors**

Thursday - 10:00 AM-5:00 PM

Hyatt-Kennesaw (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Thursday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

**P19-401**

**Adventist Society of Religious Studies Reception**

Thursday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Hyatt-Embassy AB (International Tower Level LL2)

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**Thursday - 7:30 PM-9:30 PM**

**P19-402**

**Adventist Society of Religious Studies Meeting**

Thursday - 7:30 PM-9:30 PM

Hyatt-Embassy EF (International Tower Level LL2)

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**Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM**

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**A20-100**

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

Patrick S. Cheng, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Hilton-401 (Level 4)

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**P20-1**

**Adventist Society of Religious Studies Meeting**

Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Hyatt-International North (International Tower Level LL1)

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**Friday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**M20-100**

**Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)**

Theme: *Mindfulness as Medicine: Its Roots in Buddhist Contemplation*

Friday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

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**P20-100**

**North American Association for the Study of Religion Executive Council Meeting**

Friday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Hilton-314 (Level 3)

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**Friday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A20-110**

**Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting**

Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Friday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Friday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

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**P20-101**

**North American Paul Tillich Society**

Theme: *Pedagogy and Paulus*

Friday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Hanover G (Exhibit Level)

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**P20-102**

**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting**

Friday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International C (International Level)

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**Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**A20-102**

**Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting**

Michael Kessler, Georgetown University, Presiding

Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Marriott-L406 (Lobby Level)

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**M20-101**

**Forum for Theological Exploration**

Theme: *FTE Alumni Consultation*

Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 8-9 (Level 1)

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**Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**

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**A20-101**

**Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting**

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

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**A20-103**

**Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting**

Nargis Virani, New York, NY, Presiding

Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Marriott-M103 (Marquis Level)

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**Friday - 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**A20-104**

**International Connections Committee Meeting**

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

Friday - 9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Hyatt-Chicago C (Exhibit Level)

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**Friday - 9:00 AM-3:30 PM**

**M20-102**

***Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* Editorial Board Meeting – Main and Area Editors**

Friday - 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 2 (Level 1)

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**Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM**

**A20-105**

**Regional Coordinators Meeting**

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

**Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM**

Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Hilton-402 (Level 4)

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**A20-106**

**THATCamp - The Humanities and Technology Camp**

Eric Smith, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding  
John Crow, Florida State University, Presiding  
Michael Hemenway, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver, Presiding  
Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Marriott-L504-505 (Lobby Level)

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**M20-103**

***Encyclopedia of the Bible and Its Reception* Editorial Board Meeting - Main and Area Editors**

Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Sheraton-Georgia 3 (Level 1)

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**M20-104**

**Scriptural Reasoning Academic Network Annual Conference 2015**

Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Hyatt-Greenbriar (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Friday - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**A20-107**

**American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee Meeting**

Louis A. Ruprecht, Georgia State University, Presiding  
Friday - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM  
Marriott-L503 (Lobby Level)

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**Friday - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**Friday - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**M20-105**

**Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)**

Theme: *Jain Dharma and Contemplative Studies*

Friday - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

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**P20-103**

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

Theme: *Theory in a Time of Excess: On the Restraint of Theory*

Friday - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Hilton-311 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Jason N. Blum, American University in Cairo

Responding:

Michael Altman, University of Alabama

Richard Newton, Elizabethtown College

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University

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**Friday - 11:00 AM-5:00 PM**

**M20-106**

**Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Member Council (private)**

Friday - 11:00 AM-5:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 5-6 (Level 1)

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**Friday - 11:00 AM-6:00 PM**

**A20-108**

**Friday - 11:00 AM-6:00 PM**

**Religion and Media Workshop**

Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, Presiding

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston, Presiding

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Law, Public Culture, and Religion*

Friday - 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

Marriott-Atrium C (Atrium Level)

Andrew Ventimiglia, University of California, Davis

*Spirited Possessions: Intellectual Property and Media in the American Spiritual Marketplace*

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University

*Sound Law: The Politico-Aesthetics of Public Space*

Tisa Wenger, Yale University

*Mapping Religion in the Philippines: Religious Freedom and the Unsettled Secularisms of U.S. Empire*

Allison E. Fish, University of California, Davis

*Laying Claim to Yoga: Intellectual Property, Cultural Rights, and the Digital Archive in India*

Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University

*Beyond Religious Freedom: The Limits of Law and the Politics of Global Religious Difference*

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University

*Religion, Biopolitics, and State Violence: The Police State and the Politics of Racial Threat*

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**Friday - 11:45 AM-1:45 PM**

**M20-107**

**Forum on Religion and Ecology: Yale University Annual Luncheon**

Friday - 11:45 AM-1:45 PM

Hilton-208-209 (Level 2)

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**Friday - 12:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**M20-108**

**Drew University Pedagogy Workshop: Teaching Sexuality and Religion to a Changing Student Body**

Friday - 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover G (Exhibit Level)

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**Friday - 12:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**A20-109**

**Academic Relations Committee Meeting #1**

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding

Friday - 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

Hyatt-Heritage Boardroom (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Friday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**A20-200**

**Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Group and IQSA Qur'an and Late Antiquity Group**

Michael Pregill, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Towards a "Long Late Antiquity": Continuities from the Pre-Islamic to the Islamic Era*

Friday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-M104 (Marquis Level)

Emran El-Badawi, University of Houston

*Law and Tradition in the Long Seventh Century (570-705): Between Qur'an and Church Canon*

Walter Ward, University of Alabama, Birmingham

*The Pre-Islamic Image of the Word "Saracen" and Its Implications for Early Christian and Islamic Interactions*

Cecilia Palombo, Princeton University

*"Why Do the Rabbis and Religious Authorities Not Forbid Them from Uttering Sinful Words?": Qur'anic and Late Antique Attitudes towards Religious Scholars*

Mushegh Asatryan, University of Calgary



**Friday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Is Ghulat Religion Islamic Gnosticism? The Shi'ite "Extremists" of Early Islamic Iraq*

Dylan Burns, Freie Universität Berlin

*Is Ghulat Religion Islamic Gnosticism? Syro-Mesopotamian Gnostic Traditions*

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**P20-210**

**North American Paul Tillich Society**

Theme: *Feminist Engagements with Tillich*

Friday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover G (Exhibit Level)

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**P20-211**

**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies Board Meeting**

Friday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-International C (International Level)

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**Friday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**M20-200**

**Review and Expositor Editorial Board Meeting**

Friday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon C (Level 2)

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**P20-212**

**Thomas F. Torrance Theological Fellowship Annual Meeting and Lecture**

Hyatt-Hanover D (Exhibit Level)

W. Travis McMaken, Lindenwood University

*Actualism, Dualism, and Onto-Relations: Interrogating Torrance's Criticism of Barth's Doctrine of Baptism*

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**Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**A20-202**

**Ethnography and Theology Workshop**

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College, Presiding

*Theme: A Multi-Disciplinary Orientation and Consultation on Using Ethnographic Research Methods for Theological Scholarship from Experts in Social Science and Theology*

Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Hilton-Crystal CD (Level 1)

Panelists:

Ann B. McClenahan, Boston Theological Institute

Nancy Ammerman, Boston University

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University

James Spickard, University of Redlands

Kathleen Jenkins, College of William and Mary

Luke Bretherton, Duke University

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College

Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary

Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden Research Unit

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Peter Ward, MF Norwegian School of Theology

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**A20-203**

**Rethinking Islamic Studies Workshop**

Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, Presiding

Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College, Presiding

*Theme: Teaching Islamic Studies: Key Topics and Best Practices*

Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Hilton-404-405 (Level 4)

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**A20-204**

**Atlanta City Tour**

Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Hyatt-Meet at corner of Baker Street and Peachtree Street

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**Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**M20-201**

**Theology and Ethics Colloquy Meeting**

Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Hilton-401 (Level 4)

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**Friday - 1:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**P20-213**

**International Bonhoeffer Society Board of Directors Meeting**

Friday - 1:00 PM-6:00 PM

Hyatt-Kennesaw (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Friday - 1:30 PM-3:30 PM**

**A20-205**

**Women's Lounge Roundtable**

Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Leveling the Landscape: Women's Caucus Gathering and Workshop on Valuing the Feminist Study of Religion*

Friday - 1:30 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College

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**Friday - 1:30 PM-4:30 PM**

**M20-203**

**Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group**

**Friday - 1:30 PM-4:30 PM**

Theme: *Womanist In-Gathering*

Friday - 1:30 PM-4:30 PM

Hyatt-Baker (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Friday - 1:30 PM-5:30 PM**

**P20-214**

**Adventist Society of Religious Studies Meeting**

Friday - 1:30 PM-5:30 PM

Hyatt-International North (International Tower Level LL1)

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**Friday - 1:45 PM-5:00 PM**

**A20-206**

**Theological Education Workshop**

Cecilia Gonzalez-Andrieu, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Global Theologies: International Perspectives*

Friday - 1:45 PM-5:00 PM

Hilton-305 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Beverley Haddad, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University

Veli-Matti Karkkainen, Fuller Theological Seminary

Volker Kuester, Kampen Theological University

Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Jung Mo Sung, Universidade Metodista de Sao Paulo

Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary

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**Friday - 2:00 PM-3:50 PM**

**P20-215**

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

Theme: *Theory in a Time of Excess: What the Cognitive Science of Religion Is (And Is Not)*

Friday - 2:00 PM-3:50 PM

Hilton-311 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Claire White, California State University, Northridge

Responding:

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University

Brad Stoddard, Florida State University

Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba

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**Friday - 2:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**M20-204**

**Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)**

Theme: *Sadhana: Hindu Contemplative Practice Across Traditions*

Friday - 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

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**Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**A20-201**

**Religion and Ecology Workshop**

Nancy Menning, Ithaca College, Presiding

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, Presiding

Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, Presiding

**Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM**

Theme: *Journey of the Universe: Hope for the Future*

Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Hilton-Crystal ABEF (Level 1)

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**A20-207**

**Graduate Student Committee Meeting**

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding  
Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

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**A20-208**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change Tour**

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding  
Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Hyatt-Meet at corner of Baker Street and Peachtree Street

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**Friday - 2:00 PM-7:30 PM**

**P20-206a**

**Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Pre-Meeting Workshop  
for ATSI, FTE, HTI and NAIITS Doctoral Students on Teaching and Learning (by invitation only)**

Friday - 2:00 PM-7:30 PM  
Marriott-M304 (Marquis Level)

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**Friday - 3:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**A20-209**

**Representational Committees Meeting**

Friday - 3:00 PM-4:00 PM  
Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

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**Friday - 3:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**P20-216**

**Association of Practical Theology**

Boyung Lee, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Practical Theology for Politically Charged Situations*

Friday - 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Marriott-M101 (Marquis Level)

Reginald Blount, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Virginia Lee, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

*We Who Believe in Freedom Cannot Rest: Pedagogies of Justice*

Mai-Anh L. Tran, Eden Theological Seminary

Leah Gunning Francis, Eden Theological Seminary

*Taking it to the Streets: Practicing Theology at the Intersections of Ferguson and Faith*

Business Meeting:

Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University

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**Friday - 3:30 PM-6:00 PM**

**P20-217**

**Karl Barth Society of North America Meeting**

George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Friday - 3:30 PM-6:00 PM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Jinhyok Kim, Torch Trinity Graduate University

*Karl Barth's Doctrine of the Holy Spirit*

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary

*The Political Theology of Karl Barth: Why a Womanist Theologian Should Care*

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**Friday - 3:30 PM-6:30 PM**

**P20-218**

**European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism**

Theme: *Western Esotericism and Cognition*

Friday - 3:30 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-M108 (Marquis Level)

Leonard George, Capilano University

*A Biopsychological Perspective on Theurgical Ecstasy*

John MacMurphy, University of Amsterdam

*Oneiropoiesis in Ecstatic Kabbalah*

Simon Magus, University of Exeter

*Austin Osman Spare and the Conquest of the Imaginal*

Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religions, Turin, Italy

*Visualization, Scientology, and the Arts*

Egil Asprem, University of California, Santa Barbara

*A Theoretical Framework for the Generation of Experiential Knowledge*

Adam Klin-Oron, Van Leer Institute

*Channeled Consciousness*

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**Friday - 4:00 PM-5:30 PM**

**P20-313**

**North American Paul Tillich Society**

Theme: *Harvey Cox: The Legacy of Paul Tillich*

Friday - 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Marriott-M102 (Marquis Level)

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**Friday - 4:00 PM-5:50 PM**

**P20-314**

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

Theme: *Theory in a Time of Excess: Of Cognitive Science, Bricolage, and Brandom*

Friday - 4:00 PM-5:50 PM

Hilton-311 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Matthew Bagger, Auburn University

Responding:

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University

James Dennis LoRusso, Princeton University

Robyn Walsh, University of Miami

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**Friday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**M20-300**

**Oxford University Press New Oxford Annotated Bible Editorial Meeting**

Friday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Hyatt-Chicago C (Exhibit Level)

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**M20-301**

**Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)**

Theme: *Icons, Imagery, Imagination*

Friday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

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**Friday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**P20-315**

**Friday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies**

Alice Keefe, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Presiding

Theme: *What Is Wrong with Us? What Is Wrong with the World?*

Friday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University

Glenn Willis, Misericordia University

Roger Haight, Union Theological Seminary

Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy

Responding:

Kristin Johnston Largen, Lutheran Theological Seminary

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**Friday - 4:30 PM-6:30 PM**

**M20-304**

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

Friday - 4:30 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover G (Exhibit Level)

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**Friday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**M20-305**

**Stone-Campbell Journal**

Theme: *A Conversation about Ancient Inscriptions and Manuscripts with a Reception*

Friday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Sheraton-Atlanta 1-5 (Level 1)

Chris Rollston, George Washington University

**Friday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Writing and Literacy in the World of Ancient Israel: Epigraphic Evidence from the Iron Age  
(*Archaeology and Biblical Studies Series. Brill Press and the Society of Biblical Literature, 2010*)

Curt Niccum, Abilene Christian University

The Bible in Ethiopia: The Book of Acts (*Ethiopic Manuscripts, Texts, and Studies 14; Eugene: Wipf & Stock, 2014*)

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**Friday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM**

**A20-300**

**Department Chairs' Reception**

Friday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Marriott-AAR Suite

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**Friday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**M20-306**

**United Methodist Women of Color Scholars Reception**

Friday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 7 (Level 1)

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**Friday - 6:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**M20-307**

**Feminist Studies in Religion Board Meeting**

Friday - 6:00 PM-8:30 PM

Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Friday - 6:30 PM-8:30 PM**

**M20-308**

**Mennonite Scholars and Friends**

Melanie Howard, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Human Being and/as Creation: Biblical, Theological, and Historical Perspectives*

Friday - 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Marriott-A701 (Atrium Level)

David Rensberger, Decatur, GA

*Being Human in Creation: Three Views from the Psalms*

Justin Heinzekehr, Hesston College

*Shattering Hubmaier's Human: Rethinking Anabaptist Freedom for an Ecological Context*

Ry Siggelkow, Princeton Theological Seminary

*The Earth is a Battlefield and No One Can Remain Neutral: Theological Anthropology as Apocalyptic Cosmology*

Laura Schmidt Roberts, Fresno Pacific University

*"In the Beginning is Relation": Re-Forming Understanding of Human Creatureliness*

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**Friday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**M20-400**

**New Religious Movements Group Mentoring Workshop**

Friday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**M20-401**

**Grawemeyer Award in Religion**

Theme: *Celebrating Willie James Jennings's The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race*

Friday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Marriott-L404 (Lobby Level)

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**Friday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**M20-405**

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion Editorial Board Meeting**

Friday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Marriott-International B (International Level)

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**Friday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM**

**M20-406**

**Quaker Theological Discussion Group**

Theme: *Review of Wess Daniels's A Convergent Model of Renewal: Remixing the Quaker Tradition in a Participatory Culture*

Friday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Marriott-L402 (Lobby Level)

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**P20-405**

**Society for Hindu-Christian Studies and Dharma Academy of North America**

Stephanie Corigliano, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Rebirth: Hindu and Christian Perspectives*

Friday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Marriott-M101 (Marquis Level)

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**Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**A20-400**

**Film**

*Un Prophète*

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

**Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

Panelists:

Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary's University, Halifax

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**A20-401**

**Film**

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University, Presiding

*The Howard Finster Legacy: Three Short Films about a Stranger from North Georgia and Other Planets (I Can Feel Another Planet in my Soul, An End Time Interview with Howard Finster, and Paradise Garden: Howard Finster's Legacy)*

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Panelists:

David Fetcho, New College, Berkeley

Susan Fetcho, New College, Berkeley

Ava Leigh Steward, ArtWest Films

Jeremy Miller, ArtWest Films

Matt Nawada, Stupid Genius LLC

Jordan Poole, Paradise Garden Foundation, Summerville, GA

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**A20-402**

**Film**

*Pariah*

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Panelists:

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary

Samantha Curley, Level Ground, Pasadena, CA

Chelsea McInturff, Level Ground, Pasadena, CA

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**A20-403**

**Film**

**Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

*Zen Noir*

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Panelists:

Edward Godfrey, Temple University

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**A20-404**

**Film**

*Al-Nisa: Black Muslim Women in Atlanta's Gay Mecca*

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Panelists:

Red Summer, Washington, DC

Responding:

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

Aishah Shahidah Simmons, AfroLez Productions, Philadelphia, PA

Farah Zeb, University of Exeter

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge

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**A20-405**

**AAR and SBL Welcome Reception**

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-Atrium Ballroom (Atrium Level)

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**Friday - 8:30 PM-10:00 PM**

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**M20-403**

**Mennonite Scholars and Friends Reception**

Friday - 8:30 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-A703 (Atrium Level)

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**Friday - 8:30 PM-10:30 PM**

**M20-404**

**Feminist Studies in Religion Reception**

Friday - 8:30 PM-10:30 PM

Hyatt-Techwood (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Saturday - 7:00 AM-8:00 AM**

**A21-1**

**Yoga Class**

Saturday - 7:00 AM-8:00 AM

Marriott-L504-505 (Lobby Level)

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**Saturday - 7:00 AM-9:00 AM**

**M21-1**

**Feminist Studies in Religion Editorial Board Meeting**

Saturday - 7:00 AM-9:00 AM

Marriott-International C (International Level)

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**M21-3**

**Worldviews Board Meeting: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology**

Saturday - 7:00 AM-9:00 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon C (Level 2)

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**Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:30 AM**

**P21-1**

**Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting**

Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:30 AM

Hilton-407 (Level 4)

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**Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM**

**A21-2**

**AAR New Members' Breakfast**

Jack Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

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**A21-3**

**Regional Officers' Breakfast**

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Hyatt-Auburn (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Saturday - 8:30 AM-9:00 AM**

**A21-4**

**Mandala Sand Painting Opening Ceremony**

Saturday - 8:30 AM-9:00 AM

Marriott-Imperial (Marquis Level)

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**Saturday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

**Saturday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

**M21-4**

**Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Mentoring Gathering**

Saturday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Sheraton-Georgia 7 (Level 1)

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**Saturday - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM**

**A21-100**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *How to Establish and Maintain a Professional Online Presence*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Emily Crews, University of Chicago

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**Saturday - 9:00 AM-10:50 AM**

**P21-102**

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

Theme: *Theory in a Time of Excess: The High Stakes of Identifying (with) One*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-10:50 AM

Hilton-311 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Merinda Simmons, University of Alabama

Responding:

Jason Slone, Georgia Southern University

Martha Smith Roberts, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-10:50 AM**

Thomas Whitley, Florida State University

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**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**A21-102**

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

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: The Birth of a Nation *a Century Later*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

Rachel Lindsey, Washington University, Saint Louis

Kelly J. Baker, Tallahassee, FL

Business Meeting:

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

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**M21-100**

**Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)**

Theme: *Book Review: The Nay Science: A History of German Indology*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Marriott-A703-704 (Atrium Level)

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**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**A21-103**

**Reformed Theology and History Group and Wesleyan Studies Group**

John Thompson, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

Theme: *Arminius in Wesleyan and Reformed Traditions*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Hilton-206 (Level 2)

Susan Moudry, Baylor University

*Abhorrence, Appreciation, or Perhaps a Little of Both: Mr. Wesley's Commentary on Mr. Calvin*

David Hunsicker, Fuller Theological Seminary

*The Westminster Confession and the Possibility of a Reformed-Arminian Consensus*

Tamara Lewis, Southern Methodist University

*Wesley's Legacy: Early Modern English Reformed and Arminian Counter-Narratives of Literary and Racial Blackness*

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**A21-104**

**Ritual Studies Group**

Christopher Jensen, McMaster University, Presiding

Theme: *Etiquette and Religion*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Hyatt-Williams (Atlanta Conference Level)

Christopher Handy, McMaster University

*Indian Buddhist Lavatory Rituals and the Aesthetics of Etiquette in Early India*

Peder Gedda, University of British Columbia

*On the Quest for Divine Manners: The Sikh Khalsa and the Eighteenth Century Codification of Religious Etiquette in North India*

Hans Harmakaputra, Boston College

*Between Etiquette and Religious Precept: A Comparison of the Islamic Discourse of Shaking Hands between the Sexes in the United States of America and Indonesia*

Kim Ridealgh, University of East Anglia

*Talking to God: Facework and Amun(-Ra) in Ancient Egypt*

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**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A21-105**

**Theological Education Committee**

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Intersectionality in Theological Education: Continuing the Conversation*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L405-406 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Nancy J. Ramsay, Brite Divinity School

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Pacific School of Religion

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College

Traci C. West, Drew University

Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University

Maaraidzo Mutambara, Africa University

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**A21-106**

**Women's Lounge Roundtable**

Marcelle Grano, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Cultivating Minds: New Directions in Feminist Pedagogy*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

Kathryn Common, Boston University

*Forging Voice: Feminist Theology, Theopoetics and Film*

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University

*Trigger Warnings in the Feminist Religious Studies Classroom*

Marsha Thrall, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

*"What's Going On?" Using Music and Feminist Pedagogy to Bridge Racial and Class Divides between Congregations*

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**A21-107**

**Buddhism Section**

Jason Josephson, Williams College, Presiding

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *Formations of Doctrine in Buddhist Modernity*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Eyal Aviv, George Washington University

*A Well-Reasoned Dharma: Buddhist Logic in Republican China*

Jimmy Yu, Florida State University

*Chan as Dependent on Words and Language: A New "Doctrinal Classification" (Panjiao) within Chan Buddhism*

Hwansoo Kim, Duke University

*Propagation (P'ogyo) as a Site of Buddhist Governmentality in Colonial Korean Buddhism (1910-1945)*

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado

Baimacuo Baimacuo, Southwest Nationalities University

*Buddhist Modernism and Ethical Reform on the Tibetan Plateau: New Articulations of Non-Violence*

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**A21-108**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

David Mozina, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Mothers, Motherhood, and the Maternal Body in Comparative Contexts II*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L506-507 (Lobby Level)

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco

*Mothering Tamil Daughters in Hindu Mythology, Ritual, and Everyday Life*

Kyrah Daniels, Harvard University

*Ritual Centers and Love Turned Sour: Mothers' Rooted Births and Spiritual Vulnerability in Haiti and the Democratic Republic of Congo*

Vasiliki Limberis, Temple University

*"...Through a Glass Darkly," Cappadocian Motherhood*

Kimberley C. Patton, Harvard University

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Motherhood and Micro-Chimeras: The Challenge of Dyadic Identity*

Responding:

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

Business Meeting:

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College

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**A21-109**

**Ethics Section**

Christophe D. Ringer, Christian Brothers University, Presiding

Theme: *Black Lives Matter: The Ethics and Politics of Contemporary Protest*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)

Daniel A. Morris, Augustana College

*Eric Garner on the Jericho Road: Just War Thought, Police Brutality, and Black Resistance*

Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College

*Faith in Ferguson: Grassroots Challenges to the U.S. Penal State*

Sallie M. Cuffee, Medgar Evers College

*The Brooklyn African American Clergywomen Oral History Project: Engendering Ethical Discourse Among Clergywomen, the Black Church, and Male Leadership*

Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary

*Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round: The Politics of Embodied Protest from Selma to Ferguson*

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**A21-110**

**Philosophy of Religion Section and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**

John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

Theme: *Between Philosophy and a Phenomenological Hard Place: New Materialism as a Methodology in the Study of Religion*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Hilton-401-402 (Level 4)

Panelists:

Sonia Hazard, Duke University  
Peter Anthony Mena, Phillips Theological Seminary  
Karen Bray, Drew University  
Hillary Kaell, Concordia University, Montreal

Responding:

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

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**A21-111**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Ecclesial Practices Group**

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College, Presiding

Theme: *Can Ethnography Serve Theological Purposes?*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-304 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Luke Bretherton, Duke University  
Jeffery L. Tribble, Columbia Theological Seminary  
Kathleen Jenkins, College of William and Mary  
James Spickard, University of Redlands

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**A21-112**

**Religion in South Asia Section and Hinduism Group**

David Brick, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Proclaiming Power: The Ritual Uses of Flags in South Asia*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Ellen Gough, Emory University  
*Even the Gods Worship the Jina: The History of the Jain Festival of Indra*

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin



**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Royal Flags, Standards, and Pillars (Dhvaja) in the Late Malla Period of Nepal*

Michael C. Baltutis, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

*The Public Life of a Royal Scribe: Displaying Indra's Flag in Eighteenth Century Kathmandu*

Marko Geslani, Emory University

*An Omen Made to Please: Military and Astrological Sources of Indra's Banner*

Responding:

Richard H. Davis, Bard College

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**A21-113**

**Teaching Religion Section and North American Hinduism Group**

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching About Hinduism through Dance and Embodied Knowledge*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Crystal CD (Level 1)

Arthi Devarajan, University of Miami

*An Embodied Appeal: Indian Dance and Theory-Practice Learning as an Invitation to the Religious Studies Classroom*

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville

*Utilizing Embodied Pedagogy to Explore Textual Authority in Relation to Practice and Sensing the Hindu Gods*

Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Middlebury College

*Embodied Transformations: The Creative Possibilities of Dancing Krishna in an American College Classroom*

Sasikala Penumarthi, Academy of Kuchipudi Dance, Duluth, GA

*Angabhinayam: Conveying Emotion and Aesthetics through the Dancing Body*

Responding:

Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Michael Altman, University of Alabama

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**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A21-114**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Opportunities and Challenges of Teaching Islamic Studies in Theological Seminaries*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Nazila Isgandarova, University of Toronto

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union

Jerusha Lampsey, Union Theological Seminary

Nevin Reda, University of Toronto

Feryal Salem, Hartford Seminary

Ermin Sinanovic, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Herndon, VA

Responding:

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

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**A21-115**

**Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group and SBL African-American Biblical Hermeneutics Section, and SBL LGBTI/Queer Hermeneutics Section**

Love Sechrest, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Honoring the Scholarship of Randall Bailey*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Harris (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Eric Thompson, Graduate Theological Union

Rodney Sadler, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Valerie Bridgeman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame

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**A21-116**

**Buddhist Critical—Constructive Reflection Group**

Francisca Cho, Georgetown University, Presiding

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *Buddhist Responses to Religious Pluralism*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-302 (Level 3)

Rita M. Gross, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

*Religious Diversity: Finding the Real Questions*

Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University

*Buddhism and Beyond: The Question of Pluralism*

Rachel Pang, Davidson College

*The Contemporary Relevance of Shabkar's (1781-1851) Response to Religious Pluralism*

Abraham Velez de Cea, Eastern Kentucky University

*Are Buddhist Supremacist Claims Really Buddhist?*

Responding:

Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College

Grace G. Burford, Prescott College

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**A21-117**

**Chinese Religions Group**

Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Theme: *Sending Off the Dead: Funerary and Burial Practices in China*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

Keith Knapp, The Citadel

*Clay Roosters Cannot Lord over Mornings: The Religious Aspects of Austere Burials in Early Medieval China*

Claire Yi Yang, University of California, Berkeley

*Death Ritual of the Tang Dynasty (618-907): Time, Space, and Family*

Fan Zhang, Florida State University

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Afterlife Matters: Burial Practices and Ancestral Rites in Twelfth-Century Pingyang*

Karin Myhre, University of Georgia

*Disposition of the Dead: The Corpse and the Spirit in Chinese Dramas*

Benjamin Brose, University of Michigan

*Xuanzang, Psychopomp: Journey to the West as Mortuary Rite*

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**A21-118**

**Cognitive Science of Religion Group**

Dimitris Xygalatas, University of Connecticut, Presiding

Theme: *Morality Without Religion: Empathy, Fairness, and Prosocial Primates*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Frans de Waal, Emory University

Responding:

Sarah Brosnan, Georgia State University

Robert N. McCauley, Emory University

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia

Azim Shariff, University of Oregon

Frans de Waal, Emory University

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**A21-119**

**Contemplative Studies Group**

Jeffrey C. Ruff, Marshall University, Presiding

Theme: *Listening Closely: Toward an Interdisciplinary Ethnographic Neuroscience of Contemplative Practice*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

Michael Spezio, Scripps College

*"Bridge Laws" and the "Neural Encoding" of Mindfulness: Ethnographic Neuroscience and*

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Opportunities for Interdisciplinary Contemplative Studies*

Jennifer Mascaro, Emory University

*The Neural Mediators of Kindness-based Meditation*

Brendan Ozawa-de Silva, Emory University

*Contemplative Science, Secular Ethics, and the Lojong Tradition: A Case Study*

Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College

*The Potential of the Bi-Directional Gaze: A Call for Neuroscientific Research on the Activation of the Autonomic Nervous System through Tantric Practice*

Responding:

Andrea Hollingsworth, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego

Anne C. Klein, Rice University

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**A21-120**

**Contemporary Islam Group**

Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Muslim Politics*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Mashal Saif, Clemson University

*Insulting Muhammad: State, Sovereignty, and Pakistan's Blasphemy Law Controversy*

Nadeem Mahomed, University of Johannesburg

*The Ahmadi Cases: Religion and Identity in Apartheid South Africa*

Mohamed Shaid Mathee, University of Johannesburg

*What Is ISIS's Link to the Muslim Religious-Intellectual Tradition?*

Emann Allebban, McGill University

*What is Islamic in Islamic Political Theology? A Genealogy of Reformist Discourses on the Political and the Theological*

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Every Place is Karbala: Muslim Reflections on Cosmopolitanism, Modernity, and Imperialism*

Responding:

Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto

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**A21-121**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Group**

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding

Theme: *Valuing Paganism in Public and Open Spaces*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-201 (Level 2)

Gwendolyn Reece, American University

*Pagan Clergy and Leaders: A Quantitative Snapshot*

Daniela Cordovil, Pará State University

*Political Engagement of Feminist and Ecological Pagans: A Comparison between Brazil and Portugal*

Clara Schoonmaker, Syracuse University

*The Fight for the Pentacle: Pagans, Veterans, and the Limitations of American Religious Pluralism*

Paul B. Rucker, Minneapolis, MN

Alison Beyer, Cherry Hill Seminary

*Creating Sacred Space with Art Exhibitions: Another Approach to Interfaith Work*

Responding:

Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University

Business Meeting:

Chas Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo

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**A21-122**

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Group**

Tam Parker, University of the South, Presiding

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *Genealogies of Religion and Affect*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Edgewood (Atlanta Conference Level)

Randall Styers, University of North Carolina

*David Hume on the Passions, Affect, and Religion*

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

*Heterogeneity and/as Affect in Georges Bataille's Sacred Sociology*

Joseph Winters, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

*Adorno, Aesthetic Experience, and The Shuddering Subject*

Christine Libby, Indiana University

*Melancholic Lovesickness in Pre-Modern Religious Literature*

Responding:

J. Barton Scott, Montana State University

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**A21-123**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group**

Sarah Bloesch, Presiding

Theme: *Religious and Theological Reflections on Kathi Weeks's The Problem with Work:*

*Feminism, Marxism, Antiwork Politics, and Postwork Imaginaries (Duke University Press, 2011)*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-205 (Level 2)

Panelists:

Kathryn Blanchard, Alma College

Susannah Laramie Kidd, ACLS Public Fellow, Los Angeles County Arts Commission

Julie Mavity Maddalena, Brooks School

Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College

Responding:

Kathi Weeks, Duke University

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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**A21-124**

**Gay Men and Religion Group**

Deborah Jian Lee, Beacon Press, Chicago, IL, Presiding

Theme: *Progress and Perils in the Queer-Evangelical Sea Change*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon A (Level 2)

Panelists:

David P. Gushee, Mercer University

Richard Cizik, New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good, Oak Ridge, TN

Joshua Wolff, Adler University

Haven Herrin, Soulforce, Abilene, TX

Paul Southwick, On God's Campus

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**A21-125**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Group**

Noah Salomon, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Co-Editors Meet Critics: Sullivan and Hurd, Politics of Religious Freedom (University of Chicago Press, 2015)*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon B (Level 2)

Panelists:

Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University

Responding:

Laura Dudley Jenkins, University of Cincinnati

Melani McAlister, George Washington University

M. Christian Green, Emory University

Michael Kessler, Georgetown University

Ivan Strenski, University of California, Riverside

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College



**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Business Meeting:

Bronwyn Roantree, Harvard University

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**A21-126**

**Liberation Theologies Group and Contingent Faculty Task Force**

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Liberation and Charlatanry in Academia*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University

*The Adjunctification of Christian Higher Education*

Cláudio Carvalhaes, McCormick Theological Seminary

*We Have Always Been a Farce: The Good Savage and the Demonic Cannibal*

Joshua Davis, New York, NY

*Formation and Resistance: Rethinking Seminary Education as a "Seedbed" of Social Transformation*

Hollis Phelps, University of Mount Olive

*The Illegitimacy of Student Loan Debt: Toward a Liberative Theology of Resistance and Refusal*

Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific College

*Cultivating and Sustaining a Damn: Hope-Mongering and Choosing What to Learn, What Not to Learn, and How to Go about It in the Grit of a Twenty-First century Urban, Diverse, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Classroom*

Business Meeting:

Hannah Hofheinz, Harvard University

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**A21-127**

**Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group**

Vitor Westhelle, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Women and the Reformation*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Terra Rowe, Drew University

*Disorientation and Envelopment: An Aesthetic Interpretation of Luther's "Freedom of a Christian"*

Mary Philip, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Wilfrid Laurier University

*Dandelions, Thistles, Lotuses*

Austra Reinis, Missouri State University

*The Historia vom Leiden, Sterben, Auferstehung vnd Himelfart Christi of Margarethe, Princess of Anhalt (1473-1530)*

Arnfridur Gudmundsdottir, University of Iceland

*Katharina Zell and the Role of Experience in Her Theological Endeavors*

Responding:

Kirsi Stjerna, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Vitor Westhelle, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Kirsi Stjerna, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

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**A21-128**

**Middle Eastern Christianity Group**

Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Modern Arab Christianity and the Complexity of Identity*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Hiroko Miyokawa, National Institutes for the Humanities, Tokyo, Japan

*Modern Sons of Pharaohs? Racism, Pharaonism, and the Copts in Early Twentieth Century Egypt*

Stanley John, Alliance Theological Seminary

*Migrant Vulnerabilities that Shape Migrant Religious Experience: Kerala Christians in Kuwait*

Melanie Trexler, Valparaiso University

*Arab and Baptist? Creating Identities in Washington, D.C.*

Alistair Hunter, University of Edinburgh

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Fiona McCallum, University of St. Andrews

*Stick or Twist? The Tradition/Innovation Dilemma Facing Diasporic Middle Eastern Churches in Competitive Religious Marketplaces*

Business Meeting:

Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University

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**A21-129**

**Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Group**

Rita Brock, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Virtue Ethics as a Lens on Moral Injury: Possibilities and Limits*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Brian Powers, Emory University

*Distorted Willing and Moral Injury: Augustine and the Wounded Combatant*

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University

*Moral Injury as the Undoing of Virtue*

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University

*The Dissonance and Injury of Moral Clarity (and the Moral Freedom of Dissonance): On the Inevitability of Moral Injury in Virtue-Ethical Frameworks*

Kate Ward, Boston College

*Moral Injury and Virtue Ethics: Understanding the Moral Impact of Poverty*

Business Meeting:

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University

Rita Brock, Brite Divinity School

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**A21-130**

**New Religious Movements Group**

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding

Theme: *Theorizing the Study of New Religions*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Hilton-208 (Level 2)

Ata Anzali, Middlebury College

*The Making of a New Religious Movement in Iran: The Case of "Inter-Universal Mysticism"*  
(*Irfan-i Kayhani*)

Eileen Barker, London School of Economics and Political Science

*The Method-Illogical Limits of Sociological Enquiry? Inclusiveness and Exclusiveness in "The Cult Scene"*

Jennifer Hahn, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Theorizing Contemporary American Spirituality: Alcoholics Anonymous, A Case Study*

Song-Chong Lee, University of Findlay

*The Violence of the Sunchunji Church and the Entrepreneurial Model*

Responding:

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery

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### **A21-131**

Books under Discussion

#### **Pentecostal—Charismatic Movements Group**

Leah Payne, George Fox University, Presiding

Theme: *After Marie Griffith's God's Daughters (University of California Press, 1997): Narrating the Power of Submission in Contemporary Pentecostalism*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Kate Bowler, Duke University

Margaret Bendroth, Congregational Library and Archives, Boston, MA

Elaine Lawless, University of Missouri

Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Azusa Pacific University

Catherine Brekus, Harvard University

Marla Frederick, Harvard University

Responding:

R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, Saint Louis

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Business Meeting:

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University

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**A21-132**

**Qur'an Group**

Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College, Presiding

Theme: *The Qur'an Translated and Performed*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Marriott-M103 (Marquis Level)

SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College  
*Qur'an Translations and Commentaries in South Asia*

Shankar Nair, University of Virginia  
*A Hindu Qur'an? Sanskrit-to-Persian Translation as Qur'anic Commentary in Mughal South Asia*

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha  
*"For People Who Understand": Chinese Translation as Interpretation of the Qur'an*

Tehseen Thaver, Bard College  
*Performing the Qur'an: Text, Ritual, and Religious Identity in Medieval Islam*

Responding:

Travis Zadeh, Haverford College

Business Meeting:

Walid Saleh, University of Toronto  
Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin

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**A21-133**

**Religion and Science Fiction Group**

George Faithful, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Theme: *Cthulhu's Many Tentacles*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)

Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College

*Altar Call of Cthulhu: Religion in H.P. Lovecraft's Cthulhu Mythos*

David McConeghy, Chapman University

*The Monstrous Other: Enchantment and Secularism in the Cthulhu Mythos*

Justin Mullis, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

*Playing Games with the Great Old Ones: A Look at Ritual, Play, and "Recreational Religion" in the Cthulhu Mythos Fandom*

Jeremy Hanes, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Oh R'yleh? Internet Performances and the Parodic Potential of the Cthulhu Aesthetic*

Responding:

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University

Business Meeting:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

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**A21-134**

**Religion in Europe Group**

Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Groningen, Presiding

Theme: *Muslim Identity and European Media from the Danish Muhammad Cartoons to Charlie Hebdo*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

Jennifer Veninga, St. Edward's University

*Je Suis Charlie, Je Suis Ahmed, Je Suis Jyllands-Posten: Identities and Solidarities Ten Years after the Danish Cartoon Crisis*

Carol Ferrara, Boston University

*Je (Ne) Suis (Pas) Charlie: French Muslim Identity Politics in the Aftermath of the Charlie Hebdo Attacks*

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Harvard University

*On the "Front Lines" of the Classroom: Muslim and Non-Muslim Media Representations of State*

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Pedagogy in the Aftermath of the January 2015 Paris Attacks*

Matthew Robinson, Northwestern University  
*European Tolerance: A Fragile Treasure?*

Business Meeting:

Elissa Cutter, Saint Louis University

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**A21-135**

**Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group**

Jessica Delgado, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Latin American and Caribbean Christianities: Evangelization, Repentance, Conversion, and Public Religion*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hilton-307 (Level 3)

Kelsey Moss, Princeton University  
*Instructions in Faith: Constructing Religious and Racial Difference through Evangelizing Discourse in the Early Americas*

Ann Hidalgo, Claremont School of Theology  
*A Church Covering Itself in Ashes: Repenting for Sins against the Indigenous Peoples of Brazil*

Nathaniel Samuel, St. Thomas University  
*The Flower Festivals of St. Lucia: Exploring the Significance of the Creative Imagination in Caribbean Religiosity and Theology*

Brandon Bayne, University of North Carolina  
*"Willy Nilly Baptisms" and "Chichimeca" Freedoms: Ambivalent Rituals and the 1695 O'odham Revolt*

Business Meeting:

Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia

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**A21-136**

**Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Group**

Maria Heim, Amherst College, Presiding

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *Monasticism: Body, Community and the State*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)

Antoinette DeNapoli, University of Wyoming

*Gender, Monasticism, and the Reimagining of Sangha in Indian Traditions of Renunciation:  
Hindu Sadhus' Creation of Women's-Only Mandals in Rajasthan*

Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College

*Blood Matters: A Comparison of Female Impurity in Chinese and Indian Monastic Buddhism*

Ann Heirman, Ghent University

*Bodily Care in Buddhist Monastic Life of Ancient India and China: An Advancing Purity Threshold*

Chengzhong Pu, Leiden University

*State Intervention in Buddhist Ordination in Early History of Chinese Buddhism*

Responding:

James Robson, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University

Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

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**A21-137**

**Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group**

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *Assessment and Future Trajectories in the Study of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding:  
A Panel Discussion of the Oxford Handbook of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding (2015)*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Panelists:

Scott Appleby, University of Notre Dame

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

Slavica Jakelic, Valparaiso University



**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

John Kelsay, Florida State University  
David Little, Harvard University  
Cecelia Lynch, University of California, Irvine  
Peter Ochs, University of Virginia  
Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University  
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Lane Van Ham, Metropolitan Community College, Penn Valley

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**A21-138**

**Schleiermacher Group**

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding  
Shelli Poe, Millsaps College, Presiding

Theme: *Schleiermacher and Contemporary Constructive Theology: Christine Helmer's Theology and the End of Doctrine (Westminster John Knox Press, 2014)*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

Bruce L. McCormack, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Barth, Schleiermacher, and Constructive Theology Today*

Julia A. Lamm, Georgetown University  
*Schleiermacher's Writing as Spiritual Exercise: The Speeches and the Christmas Dialogue*

Christine Helmer, Northwestern University  
*Theology after the End of Doctrine*

Business Meeting:

Shelli Poe, Millsaps College  
Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School

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**A21-139**

**Vatican II Studies Group**

Kathleen Cummings, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *Catholicism vis-à-vis Modernity and Beyond: Religious Liberty, Other Faiths and "Signs of the Times"*

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

Francesca Cadeddu, John XXIII Foundation for Religious Sciences, Bologna  
*Debate on Religious Freedom in the Light of Dignitatis Humanae and Its Reception*

Nancy Dallavalle, Fairfield University  
*The Risk of Catholicity: Dignitatis Humanae Comes to the Synod on the Family*

Jutta Sperber, University of Rostock  
*The Debate on Religious Liberty in the Context of Catholic-Muslim Dialogue*

Dries Bosschaert, University of Leuven  
*Beyond Meeting the Modern World: The Diffusion of Louvain Christian Anthropology Between Malines and Zürich (September 1963 - February 1964)*

Eugene Schlesinger, Marquette University  
*Saecula Saeculorum: Church and World in Gaudium et Spes*

Responding:

Massimo Faggioli, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota

Business Meeting:

Peter De Mey, University of Leuven

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**A21-140**

**Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group**

LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College, Presiding

Theme: *Womanist and Black Feminist Responses to Tyler Perry's Productions*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Marriott-A706 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

Tamura A. Lomax, Virginia Commonwealth University

Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

Nyasha Junior, Howard University

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Lisa M. Allen, Interdenominational Theological Center  
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University

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**A21-141**

**Chinese Christianities Seminar**

Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Theme: *Crossing Regional Boundaries*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Christopher D Sneller, King's College London

*The Role of Union Theological Seminary (New York) in Indigenizing Christianity in Twentieth-Century China*

Stephanie Wong, Georgetown University

*Towards A Responsive Urbanizing Church: Chinese Catholics Crossing the Rural-Urban Boundary*

Mu-tien Chiou, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School

*Pluralism and Christian Ecumenism: A Theological Reflection on Post-Sunflower Movement Taiwan*

Di Kang, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

*Historiography and Community Identity: Hong Kong Christians and the Recording of the 2014 Pro-Democracy Protest*

Justin Tse, University of Washington

*A Tale of Three Bishops: Chineseness and the Global City in Vancouver's Anglican Realignment*

Responding:

Jonathan A. Seitz, Taiwan Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh

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**A21-142**

**New Perspectives on Religion in the Philippines Seminar**

Deirdre de la Cruz, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: *New Perspectives on Contested Communities and Religious Organizations in the Modern*

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Philippines*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

Arun W. Jones, Emory University  
*Filipino Protestantism under American Colonial Rule*

Marybeth Acac, Temple University  
*Migrating South: American Sponsored Christian Settlements in Mindanao*

Scott MacLochlainn, University of Michigan  
*Of Corporations and Congregations: A Christian Schism in the Philippines*

Alexander Blechschmidt, University of Zurich  
*"Keep Your Theology Out of My Biology": The Catholic Church, Reproductive Health and the Socio-Political Dimension of Organized Nonreligion in the Philippines*

Business Meeting:

Adrian Hermann, University of Hamburg

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**M21-101**

**National Association of Baptist Professors of Religion**

Theme: *November Meeting*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hyatt-Greenbriar (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Willie J. Jennings, Duke University

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**M21-104**

**Presbyterian Church (USA)**

Theme: *Theology for the PC (USA)*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hilton-310 (Level 3)

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**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**P21-103**

**Colloquium on Violence and Religion**

Thomas Ryba, University of Notre Dame & Purdue University, Presiding

Theme: *René Girard and Catherine Keller: Engaging Process Cosmology and Mimetic Theory*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-M102 (Marquis Level)

Katelynn Carver, Harvard University

*No Thing Outside: Affirming an Interconnected Reality to Reverse Patterns of Violence within a Whiteheadian-Girardian Paradigm*

Martha J. Reineke, University of Northern Iowa

*An Unfathomable God: Mimesis, Apocalypse, and the Process Theology of Catherine Keller*

Responding:

Daniel London, Graduate Theological Union

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**P21-104**

**Karl Barth Society of North America**

Garrett Green, Connecticut College, Presiding

George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Book Panel*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L401-403 (Lobby Level)

Kevin Diller, Taylor University

*Barth and Rationality according to D. Paul La Montagne*

D. Paul La Montagne, Presbytery of New Brunswick

*Theology's Epistemological Dilemma according to Kevin Diller*

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**P21-105**

**Society for Hindu-Christian Studies**

Theme: *God and Evil in Hindu and Christian Theology, Myth, and Practice*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Hilton-407 (Level 4)

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**P21-106**

**Søren Kierkegaard Society**

J. Aaron Simmons, Furman University, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and Religious Belief*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-M101 (Marquis Level)

Kevin Hart, University of Virginia

*Spiritual Acoustics*

Genia Schönbaumsfeld, University of Southampton

*Conceptual Schemes, Existence Spheres and Forms of Life*

Jeffrey Hanson, Fitzroy, Australia

*Response to Hart and Schönbaumsfeld*

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**P22-146**

Books under Discussion

**Society for Pentecostal Studies**

John Christopher Thomas, Pentecostal Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *A Roundtable Discussion of John Goldingay's The Theology of the Book of Isaiah (IVP, 2014)*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Baker (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Ricki Moore, Lee University

Jacqueline Grey, Alphacrucis College

Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham

Chris Green, Pentecostal Theological Seminary

Responding:

John Goldingay, Fuller Theological Seminary

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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**Saturday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**M21-102**

**Booth University College**

Andrew Eason, Booth University College, Presiding

Theme: *Salvation Army Scholars and Friends Annual Meeting*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Bruce Power, Booth University College

*Revisiting the Sociology of Salvationism: Mature (?) Musings of a Participant Observer*

Nathan T. Miller, Asbury University

*Beneath Two Flags: Music as a Lens for Understanding Salvationist Identity in America during the Age of Nationalism*

Rebecca Carter-Chand, University of Toronto

*The Politics of Being Apolitical: The Salvation Army in Nazi Germany*

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**P21-107**

**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies**

Sandra Costen Kunz, Trinity Theological Seminary, Legon, Ghana, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist and Ignatian Spiritualities: Points of Intersection and Dialogue*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover D (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Sarita Tamayo-Moraga, Santa Clara University

Andre' L. Delbecq, Santa Clara University

Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University

Responding:

Karen Enriquez, Xavier University

**Saturday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Business Meeting:

Alice Keefe, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

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**P21-108**

**Adventist Society of Religious Studies Meeting**

Saturday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Hyatt-International North (International Tower Level LL1)

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**Saturday - 9:00 AM-12:30 PM**

**M21-103**

**Society for the Study of Anglicanism**

Theme: *A Scots Irish Anabaptist at the Court of St. Augustine: Reflections on Communion, Conflict and Culture*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-12:30 PM

Hilton-211 (Level 2)

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**Saturday - 9:30 AM-11:30 AM**

**A21-143**

**High Museum of Art Tour and Optional Tour of Bill Arnett's Warehouse of African-American Vernacular Art**

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University, Presiding

Susan Crawley, Former Curator of Folk Art at High Museum of Art, Atlanta, Presiding

Saturday - 9:30 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Meet at corner of Baker Street and Peachtree Street

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**Saturday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

**A21-144**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Dealing with The Dossier: A Proactive Approach to Documenting Your Teaching*

Saturday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Raj Balkaran, University of Calgary

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**Saturday - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**M21-105**

**Dharma Academy of North America (DANAM)**

Theme: *Methods in Indian Discourse: Comparative Perspectives on Reason, Theology and Tradition*

Saturday - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Marriott-A703-704 (Atrium Level)

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**Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

**A21-145**

**Plenary Address: Racial Injustice and Religious Response from Selma to Ferguson**

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Imani Perry, Princeton University

Cornel West, Union Theological Seminary

Ruby Nell Sales, SpiritHouse Project, Atlanta, GA

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**Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

**A21-146**

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

Patrick S. Cheng, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Hyatt-International South (International Tower Level LL1)

Panelists:

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University

Anna Blaedel, Drew University

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Jennifer Harvey, Drake University

Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University

Randall Miller, Arcus Foundation, New York, NY

Cameron Partridge, Harvard University

Max Strassfeld, University of Arizona

Kathleen T. Talvacchia, New York University

Linn Tonstad, Yale University

Heather White, New College of Florida

Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

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**Saturday - 12:00 PM-1:00 PM**

**P21-202a**

**Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Faculty of Color Luncheon**

Saturday - 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Marriott-International A (International Level)

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**Saturday - 12:00 PM-1:30 PM**

**M21-106**

**Stanford University Press**

Theme: *New Directions in Protestant Social Ethics*

**Saturday - 12:00 PM-1:30 PM**

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Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

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**Saturday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

**A21-200**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Conquering Qualifying Exams*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Bhakti Mamtara, University of Florida

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**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

**M21-200**

**Theology Without Walls Group**

Theme: *Sources and Resources for Transreligious Theology*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM  
Sheraton-Georgia 3 (Level 1)

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**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**A21-201**

**Academic Relations Committee and Contingent Faculty Task Force**

David Harrington Watt, Temple University, Presiding

*How the University Works (New York University Press, 2008): A Roundtable on Labor in*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Religious Studies*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Shreena Gandhi, Kalamazoo College

Charles Haws, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA

Kelly J. Baker, Tallahassee, FL

Responding:

Marc Bousquet, Emory University

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**A21-202**

**Women's Lounge Roundtable**

Theresa Ann Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles, Presiding

Marcelle Grano, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding

Alicia Besa-Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Down and Dirty: From Good to Great Sex*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

Alicia Besa-Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Sex and the Seasoned Woman: Patriarchy to Heterarchy*

Responding:

Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Silver Spring, MD

Patricia Beattie Jung, Saint Paul School of Theology

Wanda Deifelt, Luther College

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**A21-203**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in the Study of Art and Religion: Norman Girardot's* Envisioning Howard Finster (*University of California Press, 2015*) *and Brent Plate's* A History of Religion in 5½ Objects

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*(Beacon Press, 2014)*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-310 (Level 3)

**Panelists:**

Philip Francis, Manhattan College  
Colin Rhodes, University of Sydney  
Bryan S. Rennie, Westminster College  
Jerry Cullum, Free Lance Art Critic and Curator  
Susan Andrews, Saint Joseph's University

**Responding:**

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College  
Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University

**Business Meeting:**

Yolanda Pierce, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Richard M. Carp, St. Mary's College of California

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**A21-204**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Gift of Theology: The Contribution of Kathryn Tanner to Contemporary Theology*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)

**Panelists:**

Paul DeHart, Vanderbilt University  
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia  
Ian A. McFarland, Cambridge University  
Hilda Koster, Concordia College, Moorhead  
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University  
Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College

**Responding:**

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Kathryn Tanner, Yale University

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**A21-205**

**North American Religions Section and Religion and Popular Culture Group**

Lance D. Laird, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Islamophobia, Civil Religion, and the Limits of Tolerance*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Rosemary R. Corbett (Hicks), Bard College

*For God and Country: Muslims Striving for National Belonging through Community Service*

Sher Afgan Tareen, Florida State University

*Bilalian Affect: Race, Immigration, and Civil Religion in the Nation of Islam*

Brandon Dean, University of Iowa

*"Infiltrate...Populate...Legislate...Decimate...Eliminate": Islamophobia in the Cartoon Tracts of Jack T. Chick*

Morgan Shipley, Michigan State University

*More than a Caricature: Youth Muslim Movements and the Boundaries of Religious Tolerance in Post-9/11 America*

Business Meeting:

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University

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**A21-206**

**Philosophy of Religion Section**

Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *Emotion and Religious Experience*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Evan Morse, Yale University

*Experience Itself: The Private Religion Argument*

Sameer Yadav, Westmont College

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Wonder and the Apophatic Attitude*

Niki Clements, Rice University

*Emotions and Imitation in Cassian's Reading Practices*

Julian Perlmutter, University of Cambridge

*Sacred Music, Religious Emotion, and Knowledge about God*

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**A21-207**

**Religion and Politics Section and International Development and Religion Group**

Daniel Perell, Baha'i International Community, Presiding

Theme: *The Politics of Engagement: Religious NGOs and the United Nations*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Jeremy R. Carrette, University of Kent

*The Disconnect: Asian Religion, NGOs, and the United Nations*

Karsten Lehmann, KAICIID Dialogue Centre, Vienna

*From Church Diplomacy to Civil Rights Activism: A Fundamental Shift in the UN-related Activities of the Quakers*

Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community, New York, NY

*Rethinking Religion in World Affairs: The Baha'i International Community and the United Nations*

Clara Braungart, Peace Research Institute, Frankfurt

Ann-Kristin Beinlich, Peace Research Institute, Frankfurt

*Pro-Life vs. Pro-Choice? Reconciliation vs. Punishment? The Impact of RNGOs on UN Diplomacy*

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**A21-208**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Sociology of Religion Group**

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College, Presiding

Theme: *Negotiating Religiosity in Public Institutions: Comparative Perspectives from the United States and Europe*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Mary Ellen Konieczny, University of Notre Dame

*"Service before Self:" Organization, Cultural Conflict, Religion, and the US Air Force Academy Cadet Freethinkers Group, 2000-2015*

Ines Michalowski, WZB Berlin Social Science Center

*Organization-Specific Opportunity Structures of Religious Accommodation: European Armed Forces in Focus*

Mar Griera, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

Anna Clot, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

*What Should a Multifaith Room Look Like? Negotiating Religious Diversity in Hospital Settings in Spain*

Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University

*God on the Fly? The Work of Airport Chaplains in the United States*

Responding:

Richard Callahan, University of Missouri

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**A21-209**

**Religion in South Asia Section**

Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Middlebury College, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in the Study of Religion in South Asia*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Ilanit Loewy Shacham, University of Chicago

*Geography, History, and Myth in Krsnadevaraya's Narration of Srivaisnavism*

Michael Allen, Hampden-Sydney College

*New Directions in the Study of Vedanta: Lessons from The Ocean of Inquiry*

Anand Taneja, Vanderbilt University

*Strangeness and the Role of Islam in the Ethical Life of Hindus: Some Reflections on the Dargah of Firoz Shah Kotla*

Purvi Parikh, University of Pennsylvania

*Constructing Moral Selves in Contemporary Hinduism: The Self-Ethics of Swadhyaya*

Responding:



**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

John Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University

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**A21-210**

**Study of Islam Section**

Shankar Nair, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Boundaries, Borders, Crossings*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-L401-403 (Lobby Level)

Samuel Kigar, Duke University

*Acquisition (Kasb) and the Construction of Borders in Pre-modern Islamic Thought*

William Sherman, Stanford University

*Why Did Bayazid Go to War? Rethinking a Mughal-Afghan Borderland*

Patrick DSilva, University of North Carolina

*"Finding Fortune in the Breath of the Master": Situating Sufi and Yogic Exchanges in a Nineteenth-Century Persian Manuscript*

Markus Dressler, Göttingen University

*Comparing Marginalized Alid Traditions from the Balkans to Western Iran: Toward a New Research Agenda*

Responding:

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont

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**A21-211**

Books under Discussion, Focus on Valuing the Study of Religion

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Presiding

Theme: *Tyler Roberts, Encountering Religion: Responsibility and Criticism After Secularism (Columbia University Press, 2013)*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-L405-406 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University  
Brenna Moore, Fordham University  
Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University

Responding:

Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College

Business Meeting:

Tamsin Jones, Trinity College  
Brenna Moore, Fordham

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**A21-212**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Law, Religion, and Culture Group and North American Hinduism Group and Religion and Migration Group**

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University, Presiding

Theme: *Enter the State: Revisiting the Making of Post-1965 Asian American Religion*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Ren Ito, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto  
*Reconstituting the Nation: Immigration, Discourses of State, and Asian North American Religiosity*

Paul Chang, University of Chicago  
*"There Is No Authority Except from God": Witness Lee and the Local Church Movement between Asceticism and Authority*

Melissa Borja, City University of New York  
*Resettling Religion: Refugee Resettlement Policy and Vietnamese and Hmong Religious Life*

Justin Tse, University of Washington  
*Restructuring the Church: Cantonese Protestant Organizations and Economistic States*

Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*The Interpretive Fiction of 1965: Constructing Conventional Wisdom about Asian-Influenced Metaphysical Religious Traditions in the United States*

Responding:

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University

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**A21-213**

**Augustine and Augustinianisms Group**

Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Augustine Theorizing the Many Facets of Human Poverty and Need*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Joshua Nunziato, Villanova University

*The Price of Wisdom? Voluntary Poverty and Sacrificial Community in Augustine's Monastery*

Joseph Clair, George Fox University

*Christ in the Poor: Augustine's Preaching and Teaching on Wealth*

Kevin Grove, University of Notre Dame

*Placing the Poor: Augustine's "In-Corporating" Rhetoric and the Enarrationes in Psalmos*

Gerald Boersma, Saint Bonaventure University

*Epistemic Poverty: Augustine on Seeing the Back of God*

Business Meeting:

Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa

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**A21-214**

**Bioethics and Religion Group**

George D. Randels, University of the Pacific, Presiding

Theme: *Vaccines, Medicines, and Responsibility for Public Health*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Williams (Atlanta Conference Level)

Erinn Staley, Wellesley College

*What's Religious about Vaccine Objections?*

Aline Kalbian, Florida State University

*Relational Autonomy, Vaccinations, and Public Health*

Christina McRorie, University of Virginia

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Aquinas on (Intellectual) Property: A Natural Law Argument Concerning Pharmaceutical Patents in the Case of HIV*

Tim Carey, Boston College

*"Compete with Each Other in Performing Good Deeds": A Comparison of Muslim and Catholic Lived Bioethical Approaches to HIV/AIDS in Kenya*

Business Meeting:

Marcella Norling, Orange Coast College

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**A21-215**

**Body and Religion Group**

George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *Body and Social Protests*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Nina Hoel, University of Oslo

*Exploring "Islamic Body Politics" through a Qualitative Lens: A Slice of South African Muslim Women's Engagements*

Janice McRandal, Australian Catholic University, Trinity College Queensland

*Body Attack: On the Liturgical (De)formations of Women's Bodies through Fitness*

Katherine Merriman, University of North Carolina

*Muhammad Ali and the Ritualization of the Muslim Body as Social Protest*

David Crawley, Laidlaw College

*Resistance to Religious Authority and the (Re)Appearing Body*

Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary

Liz Alexander, Chicago Theological Seminary

*When Caged Bodies Testify: Continental and Diasporan African Women's Memoirs as Sacred Texts*

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**A21-216**

**Buddhist Philosophy Group and Yogācāra Studies Group**

Robert Sharf, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Theme: *The Buddhist Philosophical Conception of Intersubjectivity*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)

Catherine Prueitt, Emory University

*Traces of Identity: The Karmic Foundations of Concept Formation in Dharmakīrti's Apoha (Exclusion) Theory*

Sonam Kachru, University of Chicago

*Yogācāra and the Extent of Inner Space*

Jake Davis, Brown University

*Seeing the World of Experience as It Is: Assessing the Epistemic Value of Mindfulness*

Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University

*Imagine Being a Preta: Early Indian Yogācāra Approaches to Intersubjectivity*

Responding:

Jay Garfield, Yale-NUS College

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**A21-217**

**Christian Spirituality Group and Mysticism Group**

Thomas Cattoi, Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University, Presiding

Theme: *The Life and Times of a Modern Mystic: On the Centenary of the Birth of Thomas Merton*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Daniel Rober, St. John's University, New York

*Is Thomas Merton a Saint? Does it Matter? Mysticism, Postmodernity, and the Limits of Sanctity*

Katelynn Carver, Harvard University

*The Many-Storied Mountains: A Mertonian Model for the Spiritual Significance of Narrativity*

Jack Downey, La Salle University

*"We Drank Many Gin and Tonics": Desire and Enchantment in Merton's Buddhist Pilgrimage*

Daniel Horan, Boston College

*The Lady, the Dunce, and the Monk: How Julian of Norwich and John Duns Scotus Shaped*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Thomas Merton's Incarnational Mysticism*

Responding:

Christine M. Bochen, Nazareth College

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**A21-218**

**Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group and SBL Violence and Representations of Violence among Jews and Christians Group**

Philip Tite, University of Washington, Presiding

Theme: *Children, Religion, and Violence*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Harris (Atlanta Conference Level)

Joel LeMon, Emory University

*Violence against Children and Girls in the Reception History of Psalm 137*

Diane Fruchtman, Washington and Lee University

*Instructive Violence: Educated Children as Victims and Aggressors in Late Antique Latin Martyr Poetry*

Paul Middleton, University of Chester

*"Suffer Little Children": Child-sacrifice, Martyrdom, and Jewish and Christian Identity Formation*

Michael Heyes, University of South Florida

*"Like an Innocent Lamb:" Accusations of Ritual Murder in English Martyrological Narratives*

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

*When Pain Becomes Symbolic of Commitment: The Practice of Spanking among Adults and Children Who Focus on the Family Childrearing Literature*

Responding:

Sarah Iles Johnston, Ohio State University

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**A21-219**

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

Brett Esaki, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *B(l)ack to the Future: Afrofuturism and Making Worlds with Words*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

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Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

DeAnna Daniels, Lehigh University

*Afrofuturist Architectonic Texts: Resituating Sites of Knowledge Production as Source Material*

Kamasi Hill, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

*AfroFunkFuturisticHipHopJazzySoul: The Afrofuturist Legacy of Atlanta's Funk Jazz Kafé*

Carl Petter Opsahl, University of Oslo

*"Dark Matter Moving at the Speed of Light": Exploring Afrofuturism and Hybrid Spirituality in Hip-Hop*

Michael Thate, Princeton University

*Reaping Profits and Weeping Prophets: Jeremiah, Tupac, and the Posturings of "Peace"*

Business Meeting:

Christopher Driscoll, Rice University

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**A21-220**

**Daoist Studies Group**

David Mozina, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Medicine and Religion in East Asia*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Crystal CD (Level 1)

C. Pierce Salguero, Abington College

*Toward a Global History of the Crosscultural Exchange of Buddhism and Medicine*

Michael Stanley-Baker, University College London

*Situating Medicine and Religion in Early Imperial China*

Ori Tavor, University of Pennsylvania

*Defying Aging and Restoring Vigor: Technologies of the Gendered Body in Early China*

Benedetta Lomi, University of Virginia

*Curing with Ox-Bezoars: Empowerment and Materiality in Heian-Period Therapeutic*

Responding:

Elena Valussi, Loyola University Chicago

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

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**A21-221**

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Group**

Candi Cann, Baylor University, Presiding

Theme: *What Are Near Death Experiences? Social Movement, Contested Category*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-208 (Level 2)

Pieter Craffert, University of South Africa

*Is There Really Such a Thing as a Near-Death Experience? Rethinking the Concept*

Michael Kinsella, University of California, Santa Barbara

*The Aging New Age: Baby Boomers, Near-Death Experiences, and the Emergence of the Afterlife Movement*

Joshua Wright, University of Colorado

*"Hell is Not Satan's Playground": Accounts and Critiques of Visionary and Near Death Experiences of Hell in American Evangelicalism, 1978-2014*

Kamini Gogri, University of Mumbai

Anne Vallely, University of Ottawa

*Messengers of Moksha: Jainism and the Near Death Experience*

Business Meeting:

Diana Walsh-Pasulka, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

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**A21-222**

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group and Religion and Sexuality Group**

Vera Shevzov, Smith College, Presiding

Theme: *Orthodoxy and Eros: Gender, Sexuality, and Embodiment in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-206 (Level 2)

Hans Boersma, Regent College

*Putting On Clothes: Body, Sex, and Gender in Gregory of Nyssa*

Crystal Lubinsky, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth



**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*What's in a Name?: The Transvestite or Andromimetic Saints of Eastern Christendom*

Maria McDowell, Portland, OR

*Common Particularity: Theodore the Studite and Symeon the New Theologian on the Diversity of Embodiment*

Ashley Purpura, Purdue University

*Beyond the Binary: Hymnographic Constructions of Eastern Orthodox Gender Identities*

Responding:

Edith Mary Humphrey, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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**A21-223**

**Ecclesiological Investigations Group**

Miriam Perkins, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *What's the Point of Synods?*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-201 (Level 2)

Luigi Gioia, Pontificio Ateneo S. Anselmo

*The Recent Practice of Synodality and its Ecclesiological Significance in the Light of Pope Francis' Evangelii Gaudium*

Bryan Kevin Brown, Boston College

*Synodality in Communities of Ministerial Women Religious: Sandra M. Schneiders's Contribution to a Dialogical Ecclesiology*

JK Melton, Fordham University

*Relationship as Sign of Communion: Anglican Relationships in the Aftermath of Lambeth 1998*

Responding:

Vladimir Latinovic, University of Tübingen

Business Meeting:

Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon

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**A21-224**

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group**

Molly Hadley Jensen, Southwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Unfamiliar Spaces: Critical Perspectives on Ethics, Sexuality, Pedagogy, and Erotics*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Wendy Farley, Emory University

*"Courage Unparalleled Opened Her Utterly" Maternal Ethics: Eros, Ambiguity, and Power*

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College

*Queering and De-Protestantizing "Religion and Sexuality" Courses*

Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University

*Let's Talk about Celibacy! An Analysis of Popular and Scholarly Discourses*

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University

*Crippling Responses to Sexual Violence*

Responding:

Elizabeth Gish, Western Kentucky University

Business Meeting:

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming

Carol White, Bucknell University

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**A21-225**

**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group**

Helene Russell, Christian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Relevance of Kierkegaard's Thought for Catholic Theology*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon A (Level 2)

Joshua Furnal, Dartmouth College, Radboud University

*Kierkegaard's Catholic Reception and the Legacy of Vatican II*

Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary

*Kierkegaard and Catholic Spiritual Writers on Faith, Love, and Natural Desire for God: A Way*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Beyond the Protestant/Catholic Impasse*

Christopher Barnett, Villanova University

*Rest as Unio Mystica?: Kierkegaard, Augustine, and the Spiritual Life*

Responding:

C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University

Business Meeting:

Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University

Avron Kulak, York University

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**A21-226**

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

David Carrasco, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Political Spirituality at the Crossroads of Religious Studies and Liberation Theology*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

Panelists:

Luis Leon, University of Denver

Chris Tirres, DePaul University

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami

Responding:

Jorge A. Aquino, University of San Francisco

Timothy Matovina, University of Notre Dame

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**A21-227**

**Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group**

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding

Theme: *Lesbians, Dykes, Feminists, and Queers: Who Really Is Part of the "L-Word" Today?*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

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Hilton-307 (Level 3)

Raedorah Stewart, Washington, DC

*Queer Femmes: Lipstick on My Dipstick and Other Womanist Feminist Lesbian Poems*

Amey Victoria Adkins, Duke University

*Hail, Mary: Intimacy, Ecstasy, and the Lesbian Relation of Annunciation*

Myrna Perez Sheldon, Rice University

*Against Nature and God: The Evangelical Use of Biology Against Feminists and Lesbians, 1980-2015*

Sarah Bloesch, Southern Methodist University

*Lesbians in Space and Out of Time: Sexuality on Display from Museums to Prisons*

Responding:

Amy Milligan, Elizabethtown College

Business Meeting:

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge

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**A21-228**

**Mormon Studies Group**

J. Spencer Fluhman, Brigham Young University, Presiding

Theme: *Mormons and Anti-Mormons without Borders: Transnational Places, Practices, and People*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-L506-507 (Lobby Level)

David Howlett, Skidmore College

John-Charles Duffy, Miami University

*American Zion, Global Church: Reimagining Sacred Space in Two U.S.-Centered Mormon Denominations*

Taunalyn Rutherford, Claremont Graduate University

*Colonialism and Caste in the LDS Church in India*

Philipp Gollner, University of Notre Dame

*Crossing "Our Country" to the Salt Lake: Mormon Otherness as a Foil for Immigrant Belonging*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Responding:

Melissa Inouye, University of New Zealand

Business Meeting:

Quincy Newell, Hamilton College

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**A21-230**

**Native Traditions in the Americas Group**

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Resilience, Recovery and Innovation: Surviving the Trail of Tears*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)

Margaret McMurtrey, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Native American Hymns and the Trail of Tears: Resistance, Resilience, and Recovery*

R. Alfred Vick, University of Georgia

*Overcoming the Loss of Culturally Significant Plant Species after the Trail of Tears*

Sarah Dees, University of Tennessee

*Chronicling Cultural Perseverance: The Legacy of the Trail of Tears in Public History and Anthropology*

Michael Zogry, University of Kansas

*Wide Open Spaces Revisited: The Trail of Tears and National Memories*

Responding:

Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University

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**A21-231**

**Open and Relational Theologies Group**

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

Theme: *Open and Relational Hope - with Jurgen Moltmann*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-International North (International Tower Level LL1)

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Jacob Erickson, St. Olaf College

*A Shimmering Planet: Climate Despair, Affect Theory, and the Spirit of Hope*

Ryan Patrick McLaughlin, Siena College

*Between Open and Process Theologies: The Hope of God and the Origin of Evolutionary Disvalues*

Bethany Sollereeder, University of Oxford

*Open Theism and the Foundations of Hope*

Johanne Stubbe Teglbjærg Kristensen, Copenhagen University

*Hope and the Body: Jürgen Moltmann's Eschatology of Resurrection from the Perspective of the Phenomenology of the Body*

Luke Higgins, Savannah, GA

*Hope Without Providence: God-World Reciprocity and Time in Whiteheadian Eco-Process Theology*

Responding:

Jurgen Moltmann, University of Tübingen

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**A21-232**

**Practical Theology Group**

Katharine Lassiter, Mount St. Joseph University, Presiding

Theme: *Postcolonializing Practical Theology: Methods, Issues, and Practices*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon B (Level 2)

Hee-Kyu Heidi Park, Xavier University

*Postcolonializing Practical Theological Methodology As Cartography of Boundary Dynamics*

Emmanuel Lartey, Emory University

*Postcolonializing Practical Theology: Responding to the Reality and Challenge of Multiple Religious Belonging*

Fulgence Nyengele, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

*Reclaiming a Marginalized Voice: Ubuntu As a Resource for Postcolonializing Practical Theology*

Melinda McGarrah Sharp, Phillips Theological Seminary

*Postcolonializing Role Dramas in Practical Theology: Implications for Theological Anthropology*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*from Intake to Interpretation*

Cedric Johnson, Wesley Theological Seminary

*Postcolonializing Congregations: Emerging Practical Theological Practices in the Neoliberal Age*

Responding:

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

Business Meeting:

Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology

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**A21-233**

**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group**

Joseph Winters, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

Theme: *Pragmatism and Genealogy*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-205 (Level 2)

Daniel Wyche, University of Chicago

*Dewey As Genealogist: Pragmatism, the "Genetic Method," and Philosophical Reconstruction*

Kevin Wolfe, Carleton College

*Genealogy and Nietzsche's Pragmatism*

Joshua Mauldin, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ

*Genealogy as Faith Seeking Understanding: The Case of Winnifred Fallers Sullivan's The Impossibility of Religious Freedom*

Responding:

William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

Business Meeting:

Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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**A21-234**

**Quaker Studies Group**

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Stephen Angell, Earlham College, Presiding

Theme: *Richard Nixon, Quakers, and Religion in Politics: A Panel Discussion on H. Larry Ingle's Book, Nixon's First Cover-up: The Religious Life of a Quaker President (University of Missouri Press, 2015)*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Edgewood (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Emma Lapsansky-Warner, Haverford College

Randall Balmer, Dartmouth College

Lon Fendall, George Fox University

Isaac May, Harvard University

Responding:

H. Larry Ingle, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga

Business Meeting:

Carole Dale Spencer, Earlham College

Jon Kershner, University of Lancaster

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**A21-235**

**Religion and Food Group**

Rachel Gross, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

Theme: *Culinary Conversion and Consumption in Contemporary Culture*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-401-402 (Level 4)

Aldea Mulhern, University of Toronto

*Why Pay More to Eat Less? Value, Values, and Religious Economics in Toronto, Canada*

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

*Secrets of a Food Storage Mom: Motherhood and Food Storage Practices in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*

Catherine Newell, University of Miami



**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Food Faiths: Religion, Science, and the World of Spiritual Eating*

Kathleen M. Self, St. Lawrence University

*Self-Transformation in Conversion Narrative and Weight-Loss Memoir: Fusing the Christian and the Secular*

Responding:

R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, Saint Louis

Business Meeting:

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester

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**A21-236**

**Religion and Humanism Group**

J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Humanism and Human Rights*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

National Center for Civil and Human Rights, 100 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd NW

Thurman Willison, Union Theological Seminary

*An Integrative Theory of Human Dignity*

James E. Helmer, Xavier University

*Dignity, Rank, and Rights: A Critical Reappraisal*

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

*"A Relatively New Discovery in the Modern West:" The Origins and Varieties of Black Humanism*

Responding:

Verna Marina Ehret, Mercyhurst University

Business Meeting:

Slavica Jakelic, Valparaiso University

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**A21-237**

Focus on Valuing the Study of Religion, Professional Practices and Institutional Location

**Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Group**

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University, Presiding

Theme: *Public School Teacher Preparation to Teach About Religion: International Perspectives on Teacher Training*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-309 (Level 3)

Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

*Unnatural Exclusion: Devaluing Domestic Religious Diversity in Teacher Training for Social Studies*

Isabelle Saint-Martin, École Pratique des Hautes Études

*Teaching about Religion in France: What Training for the Teachers?*

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark

*Religion Education and Citizenship Education - A Perfect Match or a Mismatch? A Danish Perspective*

Norman Richardson, Stranmillis University College, Belfast

*Teaching Religion in Public Schools in a Contested Society: A Perspective from Northern Ireland*

Business Meeting:

Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa

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**A21-238**

**Religion in Southeast Asia Group**

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University, Presiding

Theme: *Cultivating Authenticity, Efficacy, and Identity in Southeast Asia*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-304 (Level 3)

Annette Hornbacher, University of Heidelberg

*In Search of Spirituality: Religious Dynamics in Post-Suharto Bali*

Nathan McGovern, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

*Thai Brahmins, Buddhist Brahmins*

Thomas Patton, City University of Hong Kong

*The Wizard King and His Grandchildren: Intimate Bonds Between a Buddhist Saint and His*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Burmese Devotees*

Seb Rumsby, University of London

*The Changing Dynamics of Millenarian Movements in the Ethnic Politics of South East Asia*

Responding:

Anne R. Hansen, University of Wisconsin

Business Meeting:

Richard Fox, Universität Heidelberg

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**A21-239**

**Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group**

Jeffrey Wheatley, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *The Security of the State and the Regulation of Religion*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-213 (Level 2)

Michael Graziano, Florida State University

*Regulating Religion in the Postcolonial Intelligence State: The CIA and World Religions*

Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba

*Representations of Native Spirituality at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights and the Discourse on World Religions*

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University

*"It Is Just as Easy to Police the Portals of Heaven from Cappadocia as from Constantinople": The Regulation of Religion in Late Antiquity*

Cara Burnidge, University of Northern Iowa

*Regulating Religions of the World at the End of Empire: Or the Value of Religion in Early Twentieth Century Diplomacy*

Responding:

Brent Nongbri, Macquarie University

Business Meeting:

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston  
Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary's University, Halifax

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**A21-240**

**Space, Place, and Religion Group**

David Bains, Samford University, Presiding

Theme: *The Production and Destruction of Religious Space in Urban Contexts*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-211 (Level 2)

Benjamin Kirby, University of Leeds

*Prayer Walks and the Geopolitics of Urban Space: African Pentecostal Churches in Hong Kong*

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College

*Saints Who Cast Shadows: Vernacular Sanctity, Subversion, and Space in New Orleans*

Ariel Schwartz, Northwestern University

*Clearing Religious Rubble: Rebuilding after Arson*

David Le, Brown University

*Memorialization and Martyrdom in Tahrir Square*

Responding:

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota

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**A21-241**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**

Amaryah Jones-Armstrong, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *The Future of Debt: Theology, Economy, and the Political*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)

Devin Singh, Dartmouth College

*The Sovereign Logic of Jubilee*

Lucia Hulsether, Yale University

*The Multicultural Ethic and the Spirit of Microcredit*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Stephen Keating, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*Debt: The Last Few Years*

Sean Capener, Claremont Graduate University  
*The Price of Charity: "Christian Love" and Credit Banking*

Responding:

Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University

Business Meeting:

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University

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**A21-242**

**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group**

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Female Lives and Narratives in Tibet: New Materials and New Perspectives*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

Jue Liang, University of Virginia  
*Garland of Seven Strands: An Early Corpus of Yeshé Tsogyel's Hagiographies*

Elizabeth Angowski, Harvard University  
*Intimate Relationships in the Early Lives of Yeshé Tsogyel*

Alison Melnick, St. Lawrence University  
*Female Authority and the Lives of Women in Eighteenth Century Tibet: Reading Hagiography as History*

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado  
*Situating Female Religious Authority: Gender, Genre, and Geography in Eastern Tibet*

Michael Sheehy, Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center, Cambridge, MA  
*The Bibliographic Scope of Buddhist Women Literati in Tibet*

Responding:

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Business Meeting:

Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College

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**A21-243**

Professional Practices and Institutional Location

**Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group**

Johnny B. Hill, Claflin University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion on/from the Edge*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

*Watershed Pedagogy in the Crucible of Detroit Emergency: Christian Theology, Hip-Hop Prophecy, and Indigenous Ceremony Making Common Cause*

Susan Reynolds, Boston College

*Educating for Life in Ecclesial Borderlands: Transformative Pedagogy and Religious Practice in U.S. Multicultural Parishes*

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College

Judith Jones, Agnes Scott College

Andie Sweetman, Agnes Scott College

Ugonna Ume, Agnes Scott College

*Disruptive Students: Unruly Ramblings for Social Change in Atlanta*

Business Meeting:

Darby Ray, Bates College

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry

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**A21-244**

**World Christianity Group**

Jane Carol Redmont, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, Presiding

Theme: *Reconfiguring Mission? Diasporic Technologies, South-South Outreach, Colonial Comparisons, and the Business of Migrating Christianity*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

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Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Hyunwoo Koo, Harvard University

*Missionaries and Colonialism in Zambia: A Comparative Approach to the Motivations of the Nineteenth Century British and Contemporary Korean Missionaries*

Rachel Erickson-Rui, South Seattle College

*Wenzhou Christians: Mission and Business through Migration*

Geomon George, City Seminary of New York

*The Appropriation of Technology and the Dissemination of the Gospel among the Diaspora Kerala South Indian Pentecostals in the United States*

Sue Rodelius Dickson, Ashland University

*Mission From Africans to Africans: A Case Study of an African Independent Church*

Responding:

Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Jane Carol Redmont, Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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**A21-245**

**Economics and Capitalism in the Study of Buddhism Seminar**

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Health Care Institutions and Economics: Transforming Buddhist Practice*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-International C (International Level)

Susan Zakin, University of Chicago

*Buddhist Practices and/as Medicine in Contemplative Studies Programs: Mental Labor and the Corporatization of Health and Wellbeing*

Ira Helderman, Vanderbilt University

*Insider Trading and Outside Observers: The (Re)Construction of Contemporary Mindfulness Practices in U.S. Mental Health Economies*

Ronald Purser, San Francisco State University

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*Trickle Down Mindfulness: Examining and Questioning Core Assumptions in the Corporate*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Mindfulness Movement*

Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University

*Marketing Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction and Reiki to Hospitals and Hospices as Secular, Scientific, Cost-Effective Therapies*

Responding:

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee

Business Meeting:

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**A21-246**

**Holmes Welch and the Study of Buddhism in Twentieth-Century China Seminar**

Erik Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Prescriptive Ideals (Sectarian and Institutional) in Holmes Welch's Work on Chinese Buddhism*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

Erik Schickelanz, University of Tokyo

*Narratives of Buddhist Decline and Sectarian Formations in Modern China*

Wei Wu, Princeton University

*Distinction and Inclusiveness: The Rise of A Tibetan Esoteric School in Anti-Sectarian Trends in Republican China*

Jimmy Yu, Florida State University

*Centralized and De-centralized Approaches to the Study of Chinese Buddhist Monasticism*

Responding:

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Edinburgh

Business Meeting:

Erik Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Edinburgh

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**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**A21-247**

**Material Islam Seminar**

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding

Theme: *The Islamic Sensorium*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon C (Level 2)

Charles Hirschkind, University of California, Berkeley

*Reflections from Granada on the Place of Islam in Europe*

Esra Almas, Halic University

*Women, Coffee, and Prayers: Islam and the Practice of Everyday Life in Sâmiha Ayverdi's İbrahim Efendi's Mansion*

Richard McGregor, Vanderbilt University

*Viewing Practices and Pharaonic Objects in Medieval Egyptian Culture*

Karen Ruffle, University of Toronto

*Sensate Devotion: Invoking the 'Alam in Qutb Shahi Somatic Shi'ism*

Business Meeting:

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University

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**A21-249**

**African Diaspora Religions Group**

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

Maha Marouan, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Symbolism of Water in the African Diaspora*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-302 (Level 3)

Anisah Bagasra, Claflin University

*The Sheedis and the Shrine of Manghopir*

An Yountae, Lebanon Valley College

*From Trauma to Future: Reinventing the Collective Identity from the Depth of the Ocean*

Danielle Clausnitzer, University of Georgia

*Water Symbolism and the Allmuseri: An Analysis of Double-Conscious Identity in African*

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Americans*

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Duke University

*Monsters on Board: The Ontological Baptism of Blackness*

Kendra Marie Busby, University of Georgia

*The Bayou St. John: The Water That Healed a People*

Business Meeting:

Maha Marouan, Pennsylvania State University

Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver

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**P21-200**

**Art/s of Interpretation Group**

Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Farmington, Presiding

Theme: *Honoring Charles H. Long: The Art/s of Interpretation Group Celebrates his Retirement I*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Greenbriar (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Jennifer Reid, University of Maine, Farmington

Tatsuo Murakami, Sophia University

Raymond Carr, Pepperdine University

Tracey Hucks, Haverford College

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University

Lisa Poirier, DePaul University

Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

Vincent L. Wimbush, Claremont Graduate University

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University

Jay Geller, Vanderbilt University

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**P21-203**

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-311 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Leslie Dorrough Smith, Avila University

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**P21-204**

**North American Paul Tillich Society**

Theme: *Tillich and Lutheranism*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-International A (International Level)

Panelists:

Derek Nelson, Wabash College

Curtis L. Thompson, Thiel College

Anne Marie Reijnen, Faculté Universitaire de Théologie Protestante, Bruxelles

Thomas G. Bandy, Thriving Church

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**P21-205**

**Evangelical Philosophical Society**

Theme: *Just War as Deterrence Against Terrorism: Options from Theological Ethics*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-405 (Level 4)

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**P21-246**

**Society for Pentecostal Studies**

Rebecca Idestrom, Tyndale University College and Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Pentecostal Readings of Old Testament Texts*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-210 (Level 2)

Dongsoo Kim, Pyongtaek University

*The Jewish Origin of Glossolalia*

Meghan Musy, McMaster Divinity College

*A Pentecostal Hearing of Psalmic Voices*

David Hymes, Northwest University

**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*The Message of Qoheleth and Pentecostal-Charismatic Spirituality*

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**Saturday - 1:45 PM-4:00 PM**

**A21-248**

**Center for Civil and Human Rights Tour**

Saturday - 1:45 PM-4:00 PM

Hyatt-Meet at corner of Baker Street and Peachtree Street

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**Saturday - 2:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**M21-201**

**Nazarene Theological College, Manchester**

Theme: *The Promise of Robert Jenson's Theology: Constructive Engagements*

Saturday - 2:00 PM-4:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 4 (Level 1)

Stephen Holmes, University of St. Andrews

*Radicalising the Communicatio: Jenson's Theology in Confessional Lutheran Perspective*

Peter J. Leithart, Theopolis Institute

*The Biblical God*

Kristin Graff-Kallevåg, MF - Norwegian School of Theology

*One God—One Story? Engaging the Concept of Metanarrative in Jenson's Theology of Baptism*

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**Saturday - 2:30 PM-5:30 PM**

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**M21-202**

**Colloquy on the Future of Theological Education**

Theme: *Theological Education in an Age of Miseducation: The Raveling and Unravelling of Our Seminaries?*

Saturday - 2:30 PM-5:30 PM

Marriott-L503 (Lobby Level)

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**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**A21-300**

**Women and Religion Section**

K. Christine Pae, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: *Problematizing Agency and Subversion: New Directions in the Study of Women and Religious Activism*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Hyatt-Harris (Atlanta Conference Level)

Elissa Cutter, Saint Louis University

*Does Women's Agency Need to Be Subversive? The Example of Angélique Arnauld and Early Modern Convent Reform*

Emily Crews, University of Chicago

*Manipulating (In)visibility in Colonial Namibia: Loide Shikongo and "The Song of Chief Iipumbu"*

Nicholas Rademacher, Cabrini College

*Disrupting Assumptions: Mary Elizabeth Walsh's Integration of Secular and Religious Strategies for Racial Justice at Midcentury*

Scott Brown, University of Colorado

*Made in Her Image? The Problems of Imagining Women as Goddesses, and Goddesses as Women*

Responding:

Debra Majeed, Beloit College

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

Business Meeting:

Susan Abraham, Loyola Marymount University

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**A21-301**

**Evangelical Studies Group**

Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Jason Sexton, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: *Responding to Robert Johnston's God's Wider Presence: Reconsidering General Revelation (Baker Academic, 2014)*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Marriott-L405-406 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Douglas (Jake) Jacobsen, Messiah College

Beth Felker Jones, Wheaton College

Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah Biblical Seminary

Anna Robbins, Acadia Divinity College

Responding:

Robert K. Johnston, Fuller Theological Seminary

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**A21-302**

**Korean Religions Group**

Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *The Politics of Mourning: Religious Responses to the Sewol Ferry Tragedy*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Ja Woo Nyung, Video and Film Artist

*Showing of a Video on the Sewol Ferry Disaster*

Min-Ah Cho, St. Catherine University

*The Illusion of Religious Neutrality and the Korean Catholic Leadership*

Ju Hui Judy Han, University of Toronto

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

*Landscapes of Grief and Solidarity: Faith, Family, and Political Activism*

Kyeongil Jung, Saegil Christian Institute for Society and Culture

*Hostility Virus and Love Antibody: The Korean Church After Sewol*

Hiheon Kim, Sungkonghoe University

*A New Christian Wave for Truth and Love in Praxis*

Hyekyung Jee, University of Virginia

*An Examination of Two Buddhist Responses to the Sewol Ferry Incident: The Ways of Traditional Korean Buddhism and the Jungto Society*

Business Meeting:

Debernieri Torrey, University of Utah

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**P21-303**

**European Society of Women in Theological Research**

Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *In Memory of Luise Schottroff (1934-2015)*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Hyatt-Williams (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Kahl Brigitte, Union Theological Seminary

Martin Rumscheidt, Dove, NH

Bernadette Brooten, Brandeis University

Sean D. Burke, Luther College

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**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A21-303**

**Employment Workshops**

Theme: *Envisioning Academic Alternatives*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Sheraton-Valdosta (Level 2)

Panelists:

Amy Hale, Helix Education, Oakland, CA

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**A21-304**

**Graduate Student Committee**

B. J. Parker, Baylor University, Presiding

Bhakti Mamtara, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Dehumanized vs. Holistic Scholars: How Academia Impacts Our Lives*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

T. Laine Scales, Baylor University

Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University

Brian Palmer, Uppsala University

Donna Yarri, Alvernia University

Joshua Canzona, Georgetown University

Nicholas Werse, Baylor University

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**A21-305**

**Publications Committee**

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *How to Get Published*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Cynthia Eller, Montclair State University

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Aaron W. Hughes, University of Rochester

Karen Jackson-Weaver, Harvard University

John Nemec, University of Virginia

Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press



**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

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**A21-306**

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

Cameron Partridge, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Engaging Trans Studies in Religion: Scholarship, Teaching, and the Intersectionalities of Trans Lived Experience*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-201 (Level 2)

Panelists:

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Pacific School of Religion

Jacob Lau, University of California, Los Angeles

Max Strassfeld, University of Arizona

Justin Tanis, Graduate Theological Union

Erin Swenson, Atlanta, GA

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**A21-307**

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

Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Race, Ferguson, and the Future of American Democracy*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

National Center for Civil and Human Rights, 100 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd NW

Panelists:

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

Daisy L. Machado, Union Theological Seminary

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

Omid Safi, Duke University

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont School of Theology

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**A21-308**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

Richard M. Carp, St. Mary's College of California, Presiding

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Theme: *Binding Practices: Relational Connection in Visual and Performing Art*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-310 (Level 3)

Cia Sautter, College of St. Scholastica

*Smart Girls Are Beautiful: The Researcher as Performer*

Christina Carnes Ananias, Charleston Southern University

*Picasso's Visual Irony: The Nude and African Primitivism as Theological Critique in Les Demoiselles d'Avignon*

Anne-Marie Korte, Utrecht University

*Queer Iconoclasm and Queer Iconoclasm: From the Christas to Madonna*

Andrew Westover, J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA

*Communing with Objects: Scholarship, Experience, and the Museum*

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**A21-309**

**Buddhism Section and Buddhist Philosophy Group**

Masahiro Shimoda, University of Tokyo, Presiding

Theme: *Dṛṣṭi: The Problems of Views and Beliefs in Buddhism*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-M103 (Marquis Level)

A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo

*A Comparative Philosophical Approach to a Universal Problem: Views and Beliefs in Epistemology, Psychology, and Buddhism*

Rafal Stepień, Columbia University

*From the "Cessation of Conceptualization" to the "Abandonment of All Views": An Ultimate Reading of Nāgārjuna's Mūlamadhyamaka-kārikā*

Paul Fuller, Bristol, United Kingdom

*Actions Speak Louder Than Words: The Danger of Attachment to Views in the Pāli Canon and Engaged Buddhism*

Akira Saito, University of Tokyo

*On Satkāyadṛṣṭi*

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Responding:

Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago

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**A21-310**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Thinking Divine Attributes*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon A (Level 2)

Tyler Wittman, University of St. Andrews

*"Roomy without a Roof": Modern Theology, Aquinas, and the Therapeutic Retrieval of God's Happiness*

Eugene Schlesinger, Marquette University

*Closing the Gap: The Divine Missions and Divine Immutability*

James Gordon, Wheaton College

*Rethinking Divine Spatiality: Divine Omnipresence in Theological and Philosophical Perspective*

Joseph Lenow, University of Virginia

*Timelessness and Four-Dimensionalism*

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**A21-311**

Quadsponsorship

**Philosophy and Religion Section and Body and Religion Group and Hinduism Group and Tantric Studies Group**

Glen Hayes, Bloomfield College, Presiding

Theme: *"Affective Blooms": Feelings, Intimacies, and Bodies in Hindu Traditions*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Shubha Pathak, American University

*Making Divine Love: Kālidāsa's Creation of Śiva and Pārvatī's Consummation in the Kumārasambhava*

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*The Affect of Tantric Bodies*

Alexander Rocklin, Willamette University

*"All the World Loves a Lover": Gender, Affect, and Discipline in the Physical Cultural Program of the Hindu Mahasabha in Colonial Trinidad*

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside

*Haptic Logics: The Transmission of Affect in the Guru-Disciple Relationship*

Responding:

Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University

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**A21-312**

**Religion and Politics Section**

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C., Presiding

Theme: *Guns, Climate, Contraception, and Marriage: How Religion is Shaping American Politics Heading into 2016*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)

Michael Chan, Luther Seminary

Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia

*Faith and Firearms: The Role of Religion in the Construction of Meanings around Guns*

Jame Schaefer, Marquette University

*Catholic Influence on Climate Policy: Pope Francis, the U.S. Bishops, and Advocacy Organizations*

Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University

*Problematizing the Idea of Corporate Conscience in Religious Liberty Arguments*

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge

*Spouses for Life: How the Fight for Gay Marriage is Changing Religion and Politics*

Business Meeting:

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

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**A21-313**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Cognitive Science of Religion Group and Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group**

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Albert Silva, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Cross-Cultural and Cognitive Approaches to Changes in Sense of Self*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

Jared Lindahl, Brown University

*Meditation-Induced Changes in Sense of Self Reported by American Buddhists: History and Phenomenology*

Willoughby Britton, Brown University

*Meditation-Induced Changes in Sense of Self Reported by American Buddhists: Neurobiology and Cross-cultural Psychiatry*

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Shifts in Sense of Self in the Production of the Book of Mormon and A Course in Miracles*

Robert N. McCauley, Emory University

George Graham, Georgia State University

*Religious Experience, Schizophrenia, and Disownership of Self*

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**A21-314**

**Religion in South Asia Section**

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

Theme: *Transnational Dimensions of Religions in Contemporary India*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Afsar Mohammad, University of Texas

*So Far, So Near: Local Sufism, Trans-Local Sufi Poetics, and Urban Islam*

Claire Robison, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Inscribing a Global Vaisnava Culture on the Indian Nation-State*

Drew Thomases, Columbia University

*Camel Fair Kaleidoscopic: Religion and Color in Pushkar*

Jon Keune, Michigan State University

*Dhamma, Dalitness, and Diversity: Transnational Buddhist Collaborations in Nagpur*

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Responding:

Andrea Marion Pinkney, McGill University

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**A21-315**

**Study of Islam Section**

Vincent Cornell, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Performing Sufism*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Matthew Lynch, University of North Carolina

*Recite the Masnavi, Excite the Community: The Role of the Masnavi-khvan in the Nascent Stages of the Mevlevi Order*

Mohsin Ali, University of California, Los Angeles

*The Social Life of a Sufi Hagiography: Sayyid Abul Hasan 'Alī Nadwī's Use of Sayyid Aḥmad Shahīd*

Jessica Chen, Stanford University

*Five Pillars, Five Senses: The Practicing Body in Chinese Sufi Thought*

Oludamini Ogunnaike, Harvard University

*Performing Realization, Performing Sainthood: The Sufi Music Videos of the Taalibe Baay of Dakar*

Responding:

Syed Rizwan Zamir, Davidson College

Business Meeting:

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

Frederick Colby, University of Oregon

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**A21-316**

**Teaching Religion Section**

Darryl Stephens, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Sexuality and Religion: Contextual, Affective, and Trans/formative Aspects of*

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Classroom Pedagogy*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hilton-213 (Level 2)

Amanullah De Sony, University College Cork  
*Teaching Traditions in a Different World: Masculinity and Femininity in Islam*

Kate Ott, Drew University  
*Front and Center in the Classroom: Inviting Sexual Histories and Bodies to Be Seen*

Edward V. Vacek, Loyola University New Orleans  
*From Catholic Seminarians to Undergraduate Nones*

Stephanie M. Crumpton, Lancaster Theological Seminary  
*Trigger Warnings, Covenants of Presence and More: Cultivating Safe Space for Theological Discussions About Sexual Trauma*

Responding:

Patricia Beattie Jung, Saint Paul School of Theology

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**A21-317**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Black Theology Group and Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and Christian Theological Research Fellowship**

Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critic: Reggie Williams's Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus: Harlem Renaissance Theology and an Ethic of Resistance (Baylor University Press, 2014)*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Marriott-L401-403 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

J. Kameron Carter, Duke University  
Keri Day, Brite Divinity School  
Jennifer McBride, Wartburg College  
Clifford Green, Hartford Seminary

Responding:

Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

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**A21-318**

**African Religions Group and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group**

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

Theme: *Men in Focus: Negotiating Masculinity and Religion in Africa*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

Johanneke Kroesbergen-Kamps, Justo Mwale University

*A Business Trip to the Underworld: Engaging Masculinities in Testimonies of Zambian Ex-Satanists*

Stephen Lloyd, Boston University

*John Calvin, Oscar Pistorius, and the Contest for Afrikaner Masculinity*

Ayodeji Ogunnaike, Harvard University

*Managing Multiple Masculinities: Traditional Perspectives on Masculinity Drawn from Yoruba Mythology*

John Blevins, Emory University

Alexander Plum, Emory University

*"I'll Be Prepared to Be a Man": The Effects of a Faith-Based Program on Perceptions of Masculinity among Adolescent Kamba Males in Kenya*

Lilly Phiri, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal

*Queer Masculinities in Contemporary Protestantism in Zambia: Paradoxes and Possibilities*

Responding:

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

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**A21-319**

**Buddhism in the West Group and Contemplative Studies Group**

David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

Theme: *Toward an Ethics-Based Mindfulness: Rationales and Resistances*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-309 (Level 3)

Justin Whitaker, University of London



**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Sati, Sammā-sati, and Sīla: An Historical Examination of Mindfulness in the Early Texts*

Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University

*Explicit Ethics Essential to Skillful Speech, Right Intention, and Informed Consent*

Kin Cheung, Temple University

*To Teach or Not to Teach Explicit Ethics in Mindfulness Programs: Right Question, but We Need to Ask the Right Audience*

Lynette Monteiro, Ottawa Mindfulness Clinic

*Ethics and Secular Mindfulness Programs: Sila as Victim of the Fallacy of Values-Neutral Therapy*

Jake Davis, Brown University

*Facing up to the Question of Ethics in Mindfulness-Based Interventions*

Responding:

Linda Heuman, Brown University

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**A21-320**

**Chinese Religions Group**

Anna Sun, Kenyon College, Presiding

Theme: *Academic Legacies of the Study of Chinese Religions*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-304 (Level 3)

Christopher Daily, Regent's University, London

*From Missionary to Sinologist: The Impact of James Legge's Search for Authority on the Academic Study of Chinese Christianity*

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Edinburgh

*Water from Native Wells: Depictions of Chinese Sacred Spaces in Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth-Century Western Publications*

Thomas DuBois, Australian National University

*The Mind of Empire: Japanese Ethnographic Studies of Religion in China*

Lucas Carmichael, University of Chicago

*Historical and Scriptural Approaches to the Daode Jing*

Business Meeting:

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

James A. Benn, McMaster University  
Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee

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**A21-321**

**Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group**

Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University, Presiding

Theme: *Ethnographic Approaches to Religion and Violence*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Ryan Williams, University of Calgary

*Islam and Violence in UK Maximum-Security Prisons: An Ethnographic Approach*

Amarnath Amarasingam, Dalhousie University

*Foreign Fighters in Syria: Understanding the Whys and the Hows*

James Ponniah Kulandai Raj, University of Madras

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*Communal Violence in India: Exploring Strategies of Its Provocation and Resolution in Contemporary Times*

Grisel Oliva, Florida International University

*The Paradox of Ordination and Religious Nationalism: Theravada Buddhist Female Monastics and the 969 Movement in Burma*

Iselin Frydenlund, University of Oslo

*Buddhist Militarism beyond Texts: The Importance of Ritual during the Sri Lankan Civil War*

Business Meeting:

Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University

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**A21-322**

**Comparative Religious Ethics Group**

David Clairmont, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *Moral Theory and Comparative Religious Ethics*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-205 (Level 2)

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University

*De-Centering Culture: Comparative Religious Ethics and Normative Inquiry from an African Perspective*

Kevin Jung, Wake Forest University

*Normativity in Comparative Religious Ethics*

Bharat Ranganathan, University of Notre Dame

*On the Limits of the Ethnographic Turn*

Business Meeting:

Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University

Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

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**A21-323**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group**

Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, Presiding

Theme: *The Medicalization of Religion: Bodies and Brains as Loci of Control*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina

*The Religion of Homo Nexus: Cognitive Science of Religion, Biopolitics, and Neuroplasticity*

Daniel Moseson, Syracuse University

*The Medicalization of "Religious Experience" in Contemplative Studies*

Shin Kwon Kim, University of Oxford

*Purge Away Alcohol for Cleanliness: Cleanliness in Mind and Body, Individual and Society, and Secular and Sacred Realms*

Arlene Macdonald, University of Texas Medical Branch

*Organs as "Sensational Forms": Transplant Advocacy and the Transformation of Religious Experience*

Business Meeting:

Randall Styers, University of North Carolina

Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

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**A21-324**

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Group and Religion and Popular Culture Group**

Mohamed S. Hassan, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *The Grateful Undead: Afterlife and Sacrificial Narratives in Popular Culture*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-208 (Level 2)

Matt Frierdich, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

*The Terror of Resurrection: Representation and Theologies of (Un)Death in Cinema Horror*

Andrea Dara Cooper, University of North Carolina

*Alternative Sacrificial Narratives: Death Is Your Gift*

Michael Amoruso, University of Texas

*The Life of Dead Souls: What Representations of Afterlife and the Dead Tell Us about Religious Consensus in Brazil*

Courtney Tepera, Temple University

*Heaven in the Real World?: The Many Uses and Meanings of "Heaven" in Christian Contemporary Music*

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**A21-325**

Books under Discussion

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**

Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter, Presiding

Theme: *The Legacy of John Zizioulas: Thirty Years after Being as Communion (St. Vladimir's Seminary Press, 1985)*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-206 (Level 2)

Panelists:

Karen Kilby, University of Durham

Khaled Anatolios, Boston College

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University

Paul S. Fiddes, Regents Park College

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Business Meeting:

Vera Shevzov, Smith College

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University

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**A21-326**

**Ecclesial Practices Group and the Society for the Study of Anglicanism**

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Conflict and Reconciliation in Ecclesial Practice*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A706 (Atrium Level)

Christopher C. Brittain, University of Aberdeen

*Lent and Ramadan under the Same Roof*

Jesse Zink, University of Cambridge

*Debating the Sacraments in a War Zone: Conflict and Reconciliation among Anglicans during Sudan's Civil War*

Joyce Ann Mercer, Virginia Theological Seminary

*Conflicting Identities: An Ethnographic Account of Conflict and Schism in an Episcopal Parish*

Kyle Lambelet, University of Notre Dame

*Crossing the Line: Liturgical Protest and the Tasks of Deliberation*

Business Meeting:

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College

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**A21-327**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Group and Queer Studies in Religion Group and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: The Relevance of Lynne Huffer's Mad for Foucault (Columbia University Press, 2009) and Are the Lips a Grave? (Columbia University Press, 2013) for Theology and the Study of Religion*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary  
*The Walking Cure*

Jeremy R. Carrette, University of Kent  
*"Dazzlement": Foucault, Experience and Huffer's Erotic Ethics*

Wesley Barker, Mercer University  
*Tracing Lips: Reading Eros Beyond Ethics in the Work of Lynne Huffer*

Jason Frey, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*A Queer Vulnerability: Body Ethics and Foucauldian Relationality*

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University  
*The Bar/Bedroom as Liturgy's Rectum/Lips: In Search of Christianity's Catachrestic Heterotopias*

Responding:

Lynne Huffer, Emory University

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**A21-328**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Group and Secularism and Secularity Group**

Daniel Vaca, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: *The Economics of Secularism*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hilton-307 (Level 3)

Jotham Parsons, Duquesne University  
*Early Modern Political Economy and the Formation of the Secular*

Andrew Ventimiglia, University of California, Davis  
*The Profit in Prophecy: Intellectual Property and the Economics of Evangelical Publishing*

Kolby Knight, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*"The Scythe of Secularity": Schools, Capitalism, and the Decapitation of Religion in 1894*

Shannon Trosper Schorey, University of North Carolina  
*"All Knowledge for All!" Intellectual Property, Piracy, and Religion in an Information Age*

Responding:

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Bronwyn Roantree, Harvard University

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**A21-329**

Focus on Sustainability

**Religion and Ecology Group**

Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *Affect and Moral Emotions in Religion and Ecology*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon B (Level 2)

Courtney O'Dell-Chaib, Syracuse University

*Desiring Devastated Landscapes: Cultivating Biophilia Within Ecological Collapse*

Luke Higgins, Savannah, GA

*Affective Experimentation in Eco-Religious Practice: Insights from Whitehead and Latour*

Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago

*Climate Shame, Restorative Justice, Religious Ritual*

Brandon Morgan, Baylor University

*Materiality in Excess: Toward a Theological Aesthetics of Bodily Life in Elizabeth Grosz and Rowan Williams*

Andrew Thompson, University of the South

*Emotion and Ethics in Novel Ecosystems: An Environmental Pragmatist Approach*

Responding:

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego

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**A21-330**

**Religion in the American West Group**

Brandi Denison, University of North Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Promotion and Sacred Space in the American West*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University

*Religion, Fraud, and the American West: The "I AM" Activity and Defining the Limits of Religious*

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Freedom*

Justin Doran, University of Texas

*Bayou Revival: Houston as the Contact Zone between the New South and the American West*

Megan Goodwin, Bates College

*"This Is Not About Religion": The State of Texas v. Yearning For Zion*

Angela Tarango, Trinity University

Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina

*Hunting Buffalo in Oklahoma: Native American Casinos, Sacred Land, and Portrayals of Native Culture and Religion*

Responding:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Business Meeting:

Brett Hendrickson, Lafayette College

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**A21-331**

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

Ken Derry, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Pedagogy and Visual Culture*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Omar Shaukat, University of Johannesburg

*Teaching Sacrifice in Gran Torino, True Grit and Django Unchained: Thinking through Civil Religion in Films*

Edward Godfrey, Temple University

*Zen Noir vis-à-vis Myers-Briggs Personality Typology: Semiotic Multivalency as Grounds for Dialog*

Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary's University, Halifax

*Gangland Prophets: Un Prophète (2009) as a Tool for Teaching Islam*

Takushi Odagiri, New York University

*Depicting Religious Awareness in Documentary Modes: Global Japanese Cinema*



**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary  
Chelsea McInturff, Level Ground, Pasadena, CA  
Samantha Curley, Level Ground, Pasadena, CA  
*On Level Ground: Pedagogical Advances in Religion and Film*

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**A21-332**

**Religion, Media, and Culture Group and World Christianity Group**

Erika W. Dyson, Harvey Mudd College, Presiding

Theme: *The Medium Is the Mission: Christianity and Technology in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Marriott-L506-507 (Lobby Level)

Alia Wegner, University of Edinburgh  
*Wonders Mistaken for Signs: The British and Foreign Bible Society and Bible Shortage in Madras, May 1817*

Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, University of Iowa  
*A Telegraph for the Sultan and Other Spectacular Technology: Material Media in Colonial Christian Mission*

Adam T. Shreve, University of Edinburgh  
*White Jesus Speaking Shona: Campus Crusade's The Jesus Film (1979) and Neocolonialism in Zimbabwe Today*

Responding:

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston

Business Meeting:

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University  
Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, University of Iowa

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**A21-333**

**Ricoeur Group**

Michael Sohn, Cleveland State University, Presiding

Theme: *Ricoeur, Pluralism, and Interreligious Dialogue*

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

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Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Mark Godin, University of Chester

*Ricoeur and Human Plurality: Broadening Theological Visions*

Darryl Ferguson, University of Chicago

*"Truth" in the Political: Ricoeur's "Truth and Falsehood" and the Protection of Plurality*

Brian A. Butcher, Saint Paul University

*Naming the Unnameable (?) Liturgical (Un)Translatability and the Challenge of Interreligious Dialogue*

Wanjoong Kim, Graduate Theological Union

*Non-Self as Another: Reading Prajñāpāramitā Concept of Non-Self from Ricoeur's Dialectical Hermeneutics*

Business Meeting:

Kenneth A. Reynhout, Bethel Seminary

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**A21-334**

**Roman Catholic Studies Group**

Karen Enriquez, Xavier University, Presiding

Theme: *Critique of Family Discourses in the Catholic Church*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A703-704 (Atrium Level)

John Slattery, University of Notre Dame

*The Dogmatic Depravity of Adoption: Changing the Language of "Open to Life"*

Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine University

*"But I Thought Love Was Supposed to Endure All Things": Domestic Violence, Discernment, and the Indissolubility of Marriage*

Julia Enxing, University of Muenster

*The Trope of "Gender-Ideology" in the Documents of the Synods of Bishops on the Family Seen through Pope Francis' Call for Misericordia*

Mauricio Najarro, Graduate Theological Union

*Codependence and Familiar Idolatry: Liberation, Critique, and the Demands of Compassion in*

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Catholic Discourse*

Responding:

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University

Business Meeting:

Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University

Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

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**A21-335**

**Space, Place, and Religion Group**

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: *Examining Japanese Mountain Asceticism through the Lens of Space and Place*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-211 (Level 2)

Caleb Carter, University of California, Los Angeles

*Imagined Spaces and Encoded Places in the Historical Formation of Shugendō*

Frank W. Clements, University of Pennsylvania

*Summit, Foot, and Parish: Space and Authority in Early Modern Haguro Shugendō*

Carina Roth, University of Geneva

*Variations of Symbolic Topography: The Shaping of Japan's Mountains in Shugendō*

Diane E. Riggs, Western Michigan University

*Shrunk, Folded, and Hidden: Imagined Space in the Shugendō Yuigesa*

Responding:

Heather Blair, Indiana University

Business Meeting:

David Bains, Samford University

Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University

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**A21-336**

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group**

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Sharon Peebles Burch, Interfaith Counseling Center, San Anselmo, CA, Presiding

Theme: *Tillich's Theological Legacies*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Harvey Cox, Harvard University

Robert Russell, Center for Theology and Natural Sciences, Berkeley, CA

Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theological Seminary

Willie J. Jennings, Duke University

Responding:

Mary Ann Stenger, University of Louisville

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

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**A21-337**

**Transhumanism and Religion Group**

Tracy J. Trothen, Queen's University, Presiding

Theme: *Transhumanism and the Enhancement of Religion*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)

Alan Murphy, Vanderbilt University

*"Have You Believed Because You Have Seen?": Medical and Technological Alterations to the Visual Field as Possible Vehicles for Transhuman Enhancement of Religious Experience*

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

*Hacking the Religious Mind through Computer Simulation*

Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University

*Transhumanism, Postmillennialism, and Queer Visions of Eschatology*

Megan Leverage, Florida State University

*Second Creation and Procreation: Gender, Sexuality, and the Family in Transhumanist New Religious Movements*

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Responding:

Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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**A21-338**

Full Papers Available, New Program Unit

**Folklore and Religion Seminar**

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College, Presiding

Theme: *Vernacular Miracles: Folklore and Religion in Everyday Life*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Kate Kelley, University of Missouri

*Myth at the Intersection of Folkloristics and Religious Studies*

Tom Mould, Elon University

*The Social Life of Sacred Stories among Latter-Day Saints*

Robert Glenn Howard, University of Wisconsin

*A New Age Apocalypse: Digitally Driven Vernacular Religion*

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University

*"To Me They're Relics": Vernacular Religion in Ozarkian Orthodox Devotional Practices*

Joseph Sciorra, City University of New York

*Creativity, Polyphony, and Catholic Vernacular Arts of Italian Americans in New York City*

Sabina Magliocco, California State University, Northridge

*Beyond the Rainbow Bridge: Vernacular Cosmologies of Animal Afterlives*

Business Meeting:

Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College

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**A21-339**

**Global Perspectives on Religion and HIV/AIDS Seminar**

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Lynne Gerber, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Global Perspectives on Religion and HIV/AIDS Seminar*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International C (International Level)

Responding:

Christopher A. House, Ithaca College  
Beverley Haddad, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Business Meeting:

Anthony Petro, Boston University

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**A21-340**

**Religion and US Empire Seminar**

Tisa Wenger, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Conceptualizing American Empire: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A602 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

Cara Burnidge, University of Northern Iowa  
Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University  
Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University  
Elaine Peña, George Washington University  
Keith Feldman, University of California, Berkeley

Business Meeting:

Tracy Leavelle, Creighton University

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**A21-341**

Wildcard Sessions

**Wildcard Session**

Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki, Presiding

**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Theme: *From Tolerance to Recognition: Recognition and the Acceptance of Otherness*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

Aku Visala, University of Helsinki

Olli-Pekka Vainio, University of Helsinki

*Tolerance or Recognition? What Can We Expect?*

Panu-Matti Pöykkö, University of Helsinki

*Levinas on Recognition and Metaphoricity*

Minna Hietamäki, University of Helsinki

*Recognition: One-Minded Agreement or Positive Toleration of Differences?*

Elina Hellqvist, University of Helsinki

*Recognition, Toleration and Identity: LGBTQ in the Lutheran Church*

Ritva Palmén, University of Helsinki

Heikki J. Koskinen, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki

*Mediated Recognition and Agreement in Conflict: Peter Alfonsi's Dialogi contra Iudaeos*

Anna-Liisa Tolonen, University of Helsinki

*A Meaning and Many Visions: John Chrysostom in Conflict and Dialogue*

Joona Salminen, University of Helsinki

*Divine Mediation and Mediated Recognition: A Case Study of Marcellus of Ancyra*

Timothy Riggs, University of Jyväskylä

*In Search of the Good: Gnosis as Recognition in Proclus and Maximus the Confessor*

Responding:

Jan-Olav Henriksen, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University

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**P21-300**

**Art/s of Interpretation Group**

Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Theme: *Honoring Charles H. Long: The Art/s of Interpretation Group Celebrates his Retirement II*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Hyatt-Greenbriar (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Randal Cummings, California State University, Northridge  
Richard A. Gardner, Sophia University  
Claudine Michel, University of California, Santa Barbara  
James Anthony Noel, San Francisco Theological Seminary  
Karen Fields, Richmond, VA  
Corey D. B. Walker, Winston Salem State University  
Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver  
David Carrasco, Harvard University

Responding:

Charles H. Long, Chapel Hill, NC

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**P21-302**

**African Association for the Study of Religions**

Jehu J. Hanciles, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Issues in African-Initiated Churches and African Diaspora Christianity*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Baker (Atlanta Conference Level)

Bernard Appiah, University of Birmingham

*Integration Strategies of Pentecostal Churches in the African Diaspora*

Lovemore Togarasei, University of Botswana

Obed Ndeya Kealotswe, University of Botswana

Sana Mmolai, University of Botswana

*Quinine, Ditaola, and the Bible: Investigating Botswana Health Seeking Practices*

Janice McLean-Farrell, City Seminary of New York

*Singleness, Marriage, and the Second Generation: Charting the Future of African and African Diasporan Immigrant Families in the West*

JoAnn D'Alisera, University of Arkansas

*Afterlife Exiles: Death and Dying in the Sierra Leonian Diaspora*

Responding:



**Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Jehu J. Hanciles, Emory University

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**P22-347**

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

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Martha Ellen Stortz, Augsburg College, Presiding

Thomas Pearson, Wabash Center, Presiding

Theme: *Thinking about Writing and Teaching*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover G (Exhibit Level)

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**Saturday - 6:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**M21-203**

**Festschrift Presentation to Susan Niditch**

Saturday - 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Westin-Chastain A (Level 6)

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**Saturday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**M21-204**

**Forum for Theological Exploration Reception Honoring Fellows and Alumni**

Theme: *Reception Honoring Fellows and Alumni*

Saturday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Sheraton-Capitol Center-South (Level 1)

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**M21-205**

**John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Reception**

Saturday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Westin-Chastain E (Level 6)

**Saturday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

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**Saturday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

**A21-400**

**International Connections Committee Members' Reception**

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

Saturday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom D (Level 2)

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**Saturday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

**A21-401**

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

Saturday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

National Center for Civil and Human Rights, 100 Ivan Allen Jr Blvd NW

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**P21-403**

**Religious Education Association**

Kathy Winings, Unification Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Valuing the Teaching of Religion: Connecting, Disrupting, Transforming Power*

Saturday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Judith L. Bishop, Mills College

Andre E. Johnson, Memphis Theological Seminary

Boyung Lee, Pacific School of Religion

Sarah Tauber, Jewish Theological Seminary

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**Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:00 PM**

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**A21-402**

***Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR) Editorial Board Meeting***

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

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**A21-403**

**Friends of the Academy Reception**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Hyatt-AAR Suite

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**M21-400**

**Templeton Prize Plenary Lecture**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Westin-Peachtree D (Level 8)

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**Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**A21-404**

**Contingent Faculty and Applied Religious Studies Professionals Reception**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Marriott-AAR Suite

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**M21-401**

**Brigham Young University Reception**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Westin-Piedmont 2 (Level 12)

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**M21-402**

**United Church of Christ Scholars Reception**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 2 (Level 1)

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**Saturday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM**

**M21-403**

**William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. Reception**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Westin-Augusta 1-3 (Level 7)

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**M21-404**

**Zen Reading Group Second Annual Meeting**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Marriott-International 9 (International Level)

Steven Heine, Florida International University

*Introduction to Zen Readings*

Mario Poceski, University of Florida

*Mazu's Texts*

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona

*Seventeenth-Century Chinese Chan*

Gereon Kopf, Luther College

*New Approaches to Dōgen*

Responding:

Jin Y. Park, American University

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**M21-405**

**Indiana University Religious Studies Alumni and Friends Reception**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Westin-Augusta H (Level 7)

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**Saturday - 7:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**M21-407**

**Institute for the Biocultural Study of Religion Reception**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-10:00 PM

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Sheraton-Athens (Level 2)

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**M21-408**

**Graduate Theological Union Reception**

Saturday - 7:00 PM-10:00 PM

Westin-Savannah A (Level 10)

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**P21-404**

**Evangelical Philosophical Society**

Theme: *The Philosophical Basis for Religious Liberty*

Saturday - 7:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

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**Saturday - 7:30 PM-9:00 PM**

**M21-409**

**Fordham University Theology Department Reception**

Saturday - 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

Westin-Chastain F (Level 6)

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**Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:00 PM**

**A21-405**

**JAAR Reception for Authors and Board Members**

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:00 PM

Hyatt-AAR Suite

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**Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:00 PM**

**M21-410**

**Dallas Theological Seminary Alumni Reception**

Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:00 PM

Sheraton-Macon (Level 2)

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**Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:30 PM**

**M21-412**

**Society for Pentecostal Studies and Wesleyan Theological Society Joint Reception**

Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:30 PM

Westin-Chastain D (Level 6)

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**Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**A21-406**

**Film**

Asuka Sango, Carleton College, Presiding

*Jingū Kirin*

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Panelists:

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara

Ryan M. Cook, Emory University

Responding:

Kenshi Fushihara, Tokai Television Broadcasting, Ltd., Nagoya, Japan

Katsuhiko Abuno, Tokai Television Broadcasting, Ltd., Nagoya, Japan

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**A21-407**

**Film**

**Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

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Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Panelists:

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University

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**M21-413**

**Macquarie University and Australian College of Theology Reception**

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Westin-Chastain J (Level 6)

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**M21-414**

**Baker Academic and Brazos Press Reception**

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Westin-Chastain 1-2 (Level 6)

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**M21-415**

**De Gruyter Reception**

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Westin-Augusta A (Level 7)

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**M21-416**

**Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Reception**

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 7-9 (Level 1)

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**M21-417**

Receptions/Breakfasts/Luncheons

**New Religious Movements Group and *Nova Religio* Reception**

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Westin-Piedmont 4 (Level 12)

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**Saturday - 8:15 PM-9:15 PM**

**M21-411**

**John Templeton Foundation Reception**

Saturday - 8:15 PM-9:15 PM

Westin-Peachtree C (Level 8)

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**Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM**

**A21-408**

**Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession  
Committee LGBTIQ Scholars / Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception**

Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Marriott-Marquis C (Marquis Level)

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**M21-418**

**Swiss Reception: Universities of Zurich, Basel, Bern, Fribourg, Geneva, Lausanne, and Lucerne**

Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Westin-Peachtree 1-2 (Level 8)

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**Sunday - 7:00 AM-8:30 AM**

**M22-1**

**Church of Christ Professors Meeting**

Sunday - 7:00 AM-8:30 AM

Marriott-A602 (Atrium Level)

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**M22-2**

**Higher Education and Leadership Ministries Disciples of Christ Student and Faculty Breakfast**

Sunday - 7:00 AM-8:30 AM

Sheraton-Georgia 7 (Level 1)

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**Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM**

**A22-1**

**AAR Annual Business Meeting**

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Marriott-L503 (Lobby Level)

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**A22-2**

**Contingent Faculty Task Force Meeting**

Kelly J. Baker, Tallahassee, FL, Presiding

Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

**Panelists:**

Matthew Bingley, Georgia Perimeter College

Kerry Danner-McDonald, Georgetown University

Amy Hale, Helix Education, Oakland, CA

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University

Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University

David Harrington Watt, Temple University

Sarah Levine, American Academy of Religion

Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA

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**Sunday - 7:30 AM-9:00 AM**

**M22-3**

**Center of Theological Inquiry Breakfast Reception**

Sunday - 7:30 AM-9:00 AM

Marriott-Atrium C (Atrium Level)

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**M22-4**

**Feminist Studies in Religion Board Meeting**

Sunday - 7:30 AM-9:00 AM

Hyatt-Auburn (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM**

**A22-100**

**Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting and New Member Welcome**

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM

Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

B. J. Parker, Baylor University

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**Sunday - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM**

**P22-105**

**Colloquium on Violence and Religion**

Martha J. Reineke, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Karen Armstrong's* Fields of Blood: Religion and the History of Violence

Sunday - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Marriott-M103 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Chelsea King, University of Notre Dame

David Humbert, Thorneloe University

Brian Collins, Ohio University

William Johnsen, Michigan State University

John D. Dadosky, University of Toronto

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**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**A22-101**

**Indigenous Religious Traditions Group**

Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University, University of Chester, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Analysis of Gender and Transgender in Indigenous Cultures*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

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Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

*Visual, Erotic, and Theological Sovereignty in Kumu Hina (2014): Mahus and Kanaka Maoli Transgender Film*

Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College

*From a Male to a Female Prophetic Tradition among the Diola of Senegambia*

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College

*The Gendering of Being Possessed in Eastern Gujarat*

Business Meeting:

Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College

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**A22-102**

**Queer Studies in Religion Group and Religion and Disability Studies Group**

Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University, Presiding

Theme: *Queer Disability Theory and Theology*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Marriott-A707 (Atrium Level)

Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College

*Crippling Religion*

Max Thornton, Drew University

*Trans/Criptions: Gender, Disability, and Liturgical Experience*

Brian Blackmore, Temple University

*Towards a Crip Theology: Biblical Foundations of the Queer Disability Drive*

Cassie Houtz, Harvard University

*Saving the Unsavable: A Queer Redemption*

Karen Bray, Drew University

*Willfully Unredeemed: The Mad Crippling of Liberal Queerdom*

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**A22-103**

Wildcard Sessions

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**Wildcard Session**

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University, Presiding

Theme: *God's a White Racist: Ferguson, Black Death, and Racing Religion*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Travis Harris, College of William and Mary

*Performing Resistance: Hip Hop's Fight Against Institutional Racism in St. Louis, Missouri*

Ralph Watkins, Columbia Theological Seminary

*The Generational Divide in the Black Church: The Future of the Prophetic Witness in a Time of Crisis*

Andre E. Johnson, Memphis Theological Seminary

*Race, Ruckus, and the Color of God: A Spirituality of Ferguson*

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University

*When God Ain't Good and Humans Ain't Better: Ferguson, Black Death and the Monstrosity of Religious Rhetoric*

Responding:

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

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**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A22-104**

**Publications Committee Meeting**

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

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**A22-105**

**Academic Relations Committee**

Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

Theme: *Academic Freedom in Peril—And What to Do About It*

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Kelly J. Baker, Tallahassee, FL

Omid Safi, Duke University

Daniel Boyarin, University of California, Berkeley

Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College

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**A22-106**

**Public Understanding of Religion Committee**

Theme: *Religious Liberty, the Supreme Court, RFRA, and RLUIPA*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Kent Greenwalt, Columbia University

Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California

Mark Silk, Trinity College

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**A22-107**

**AAR Status of Women in the Profession Committee and SBL Status of Women in the Profession Committee**

Jerusha Lamptey, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *What Next? Institutional Changes in Work/Life Balance*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Hanover D (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

Denise K. Buell, Williams College

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Eastern University

Angela Bauer-Levesque, Episcopal Divinity School

April D. DeConick, Rice University

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary

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**A22-108**

**Buddhism Section**

Wendi Adamek, University of Calgary, Presiding

Theme: *Data-Driven Approaches in Contemporary Buddhist Studies: Perspectives on Textual and Praxis Lineages*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Crystal CD (Level 1)

James B. Apple, University of Calgary

*Phylogenetic Analysis in the Study of Tibetan Kanjurs*

Christopher Handy, McMaster University

*Mahāyāna by Number: An Experiment in Automated Genre Analysis*

Christopher Jensen, McMaster University

*Mapping Oneiric Practice in Medieval Chinese Buddhism: Using Geographic Information System (GIS) Software to Analyze Historical Trends in the Biographies of Eminent Monks Corpus*

Joseph Walser, Tufts University

*When Even the Devil Can Quote Sutra: A Data-Guided Approach to an Old Exegetical Problem*

Jason Protass, Stanford University

*Geographical Information Systems (GIS) and the Chan Lamp Records*

Responding:

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona

Business Meeting:

Lori Meeks, University of Southern California

Christian K. Wedemeyer, University of Chicago

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**A22-109**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University, Presiding

Theme: *Navigating the Boundaries of the "Religious" and "Secular" in Contemporary Social and*

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Political Circumstances*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L506-507 (Lobby Level)

Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University

*"The Secular" and "the Religious" Are Not Opposites, nor Necessarily Adversarial*

Ingrid Anderson, Boston University

*Teaching Jewish Studies in a Secular University*

Fred Abong, Salve Regina University

*Eagleman and Malabou: Prophets of Contemporary Neurobiological Practice as Postsecular Remedy to Subjective Anosognosia*

Jordan Miller, Salve Regina University

*Idle No More and the Ecology of Protest: Indigeneity, Spirituality, and Politics*

Responding:

Jeffrey W. Robbins, Lebanon Valley College

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**A22-110**

Books under Discussion

**History of Christianity Section**

Daniel Ramirez, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: *Albert Raboteau's Slave Religion (Oxford University Press, 1978): A Retrospective*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

Panelists:

Jason Young, State University of New York, Buffalo

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami

Marla Frederick, Harvard University

Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University

Responding:

Albert J. Raboteau, Princeton University

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Business Meeting:

Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Seminary of the Southwest

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**A22-111**

**North American Religions Section**

Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University, Presiding

Theme: *Protesting Catholics: The "New Anti-Catholicism" and the Politics of Public Religion in North America*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Panelists:

Anthony Petro, Boston University

Hillary Kaell, Concordia University, Montreal

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

Responding:

Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University

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**A22-112**

**Philosophy of Religion Section**

Derek Alan Woodard-Lehman, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *Description, Prescription, and Value in the Study of Religion*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Edgewood (Atlanta Conference Level)

Anil Mundra, University of Chicago

*The Natural, The Normative, and the Study of Religion*

Gary Slater, St. Edwards University

*Substituting "Implicit/Explicit" for "Prescriptive/Descriptive": A Pragmatic Response to Inquiry into Religious Values*

Travis Cooper, Indiana University

*Valuable Categories, Evaluative Taxonomies: Re-Reading Functionalist and Structuralist*



**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Classification Paradigms after Jonathan Z. Smith*

Bharat Ranganathan, University of Notre Dame  
*Atrocity and Intelligibility in the Study of Religion*

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**A22-113**

Focus on Valuing the Study of Religion, Quad sponsorship

**Religion and Politics Section and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group**

Duane Jethro, University of Utrecht, Presiding

Theme: *Empire and the Raw Materials of Religious Concern*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

Adam H. Becker, New York University  
*Empire, Imperial Engines, and the Raw Material of the Theory of Religion: A Non-Colonial Missionary Perspective*

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont  
*Defining Islam after the 1857 Sepoy Rebellion*

Michael Thate, Princeton University  
*Albert Schweitzer, W. E. B. Du Bois, and Colonial Africa*

Responding:

David Chidester, University of Cape Town  
Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University

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**A22-114**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

C. Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Shifting Forms of Religious Practice and Identity: Four Studies*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Sara Williams, Emory University

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*The Haunting of Cabbagetown Park: Black Church Presence in Atlanta's Milltown*

Dilara Üsküp, University of Chicago  
*Politicking from the Pulpit?*

Deborah Berho, George Fox University  
*Cantando Our Own Songs: Worship Music in Evangelical Latino Churches*

C Lynn Carr, Seton Hall University  
*How Can You Be Both \_\_\_\_\_ and Lukumi? Reconciling Multiple Religious Attachments in the U.S.*

Responding:

Nichole Phillips, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College  
Ann B. McClenahan, Boston Theological Institute

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**A22-115**

**Religion in South Asia Section and Space, Place, and Religion Group**

Valerie Stoker, Wright State University, Presiding

Theme: *Tomb and Mortuary Relic Worship in South Asia*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hilton-302 (Level 3)

Tillo Detige, Ghent University  
*Absence, Agency, and Immanence: The Ritual Veneration of Deceased Ascetics as a Technology of the Self in Digambara Jainism*

Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina  
*Islamic Norms and Local Identity in the South Asian Sufi Shrine*

Mark McLaughlin, College of William and Mary  
*Pre-Dargah Roots of Hindu Samadhi Burial Practice*

Dean Accardi, Connecticut College  
*Politics Enshrined: Governing the Sacred Landscape through the Tombs of Sufi Saints*

Responding:

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Carla Bellamy, City University of New York

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**A22-116**

**Study of Islam Section and Animals and Religion Group**

Dalia Abo-Haggar, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *To Kill or Not to Kill: Islamic Perspectives on Animal Ethics*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Nuri Friedlander, Harvard University

*Can Pain Be Good? Muslim Theologians and Jurists on the Problem of Animal Pain*

Ghazala Anwar, Graduate Theological Union

*From Animal Welfare to Animal Rights: The Basmalah of Vegetarianism*

Magfirah Dahlan-Taylor, Craven Community College

*Beyond Barbarity and Concealment: Islamic Responses to Postdomesticity*

Sarra Tlili, University of Florida

*Between the Letter and the Spirit of the Prophet's Word: al-Nafrāwī on the Treatment of Insects*

Responding:

Kecia Ali, Boston University

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**A22-117**

**Teaching Religion Section and Qur'an Group**

Roshan Iqbal, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Aesthetics, Authority, and Audience: New Directions in Teaching the Qur'an*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

Lauren Osborne, Whitman College

*Hearing the Qur'an*

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College

*Reading the Qur'an through a TED Talk*

Youshaa Patel, Lafayette College

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Texts and Contexts*

Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University  
*Translation as Interpretation*

Responding:

Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin

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**A22-118**

**Afro-American Religious History Group**

Valerie C. Cooper, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *The Work, Life, and Legacy of Vincent Harding: Reflections on Activism and Afro-American Religious History*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)

Tobin Shearer, University of Montana

*Vincent Harding's Academic/Activist Union: The Mennonite Roots, 1960-1965*

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

*"That's Not How the Story Ends:" Vincent Harding's Liberating Vision of African-American Religious History*

Responding:

Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver

Business Meeting:

LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College

Josef Sorett, Columbia University

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**A22-119**

**Anthropology of Religion Group**

David Amponsah, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: *Phenomenological Anthropology and the Study of Religion*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)

Don Seeman, Emory University

*Between Phenomenological Anthropology and the Phenomenology of Religion*

Kate DeConinck, Harvard University

*Negotiating Religion in the Wake of Mass Tragedy: An Existential, Phenomenological, and Anthropological Analysis of the 9/11 Tribute Center*

George Gonzalez, Monmouth University

*Towards an "Existential Archaeology" of Corporate Spirituality*

Marc Loustau, Harvard University

*"Making a Little (Christian) Friendship": What Do Phenomenological Anthropology and Christian Ethics Have to Say to Each Other about Friendship?*

Sonia Silva, Skidmore College

*Where All Journeys Meet: Knowledge and Experience in Basket Divination*

Responding:

Devaka Premawardhana, Colorado College

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**A22-120**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group**

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Stuart Hall and Convent of the Sacred Heart, Presiding

Theme: *Asian-American Christian Ethics*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

Rita Brock, Brite Divinity School

Traci C. West, Drew University

Andrew Park, United Theological Seminary

Patrick S. Cheng, Chicago Theological Seminary

Responding:

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Ilsup Ahn, North Park University

Business Meeting:

Devin Singh, Dartmouth College

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Stuart Hall and Convent of the Sacred Heart

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**A22-121**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and SBL Theological Interpretation of Scripture Group**

Myk Habets, Carey Baptist College, Presiding

Theme: *Bonhoeffer as Theological Interpreter of Scripture*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A703-704 (Atrium Level)

R. Walter Moberly, University of Durham

*Bonhoeffer's "Creation and Fall" Revisited*

Tyler Atkinson, Bethany College

*Bonhoeffer, Qoheleth, and the "Natural Joy of Bodily Life"*

Chris Dodson, University of Aberdeen

*"The Person Who Receives Blessing... Must Also Suffer Much": Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Wilhelm Herrmann, and a Hermeneutic of Suffering*

Derek Taylor, Duke University

*Nonreligious and yet Theological: Bonhoeffer's Interpretation in a World Come of Age*

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**A22-122**

**Childhood Studies and Religion Group**

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College, Presiding

Theme: *Children's Religious Education: Schools, Temples, and Beyond*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-307 (Level 3)

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College

*Raising the Gendered Soul: Childhood and Prescribed Gender Roles in Premodern Islamic Ethics*

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Sailaja Krishnamurti, York University

*Children's Texts and Pedagogies of Religion and Identity in Toronto Area Hindu Temples*

Leslie Ribovich, Princeton University

*"Loving Thy Neighbor" in 1950s New York City Public Schools: Students' Understandings of Morality and Religion*

Meredith Ross, Florida State University

*"I Don't Want That Culture around My Children": Anxiety, Islam, and Book Banning in Contemporary America*

Responding:

Vanessa R. Sasson, Marianopolis College

Business Meeting:

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

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**A22-123**

**Class, Religion, and Theology Group and SBL Poverty in the Biblical World Group**

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College, Presiding

Theme: *Class, Religion, and the Bible*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L401-403 (Lobby Level)

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University

*Why We Cannot Afford to Study Religion and Theology (or Anything Else) without Class*

Keri Day, Brite Divinity School

*From Atlanta to Africa: Class, Globalized Gospels of Success, and the New Black South*

Monica Melanchthon, University of Divinity

*"Tapping" the Hebrew Bible for Life in Just Social Relations – the Subaltern Way*

Richard A. Horsley, University of Massachusetts, Boston

*Class Conflict: What the Gospels Are All About*

Responding:

Roland Boer, University of Newcastle

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**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A22-124**

**Comparative Theology Group**

Martha L. Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Liturgical Turn in Comparative Theology: Methods and Cases*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Marianne Moyaert, VU University Amsterdam

*From Inter-Texting to Inter-Riting: Opportunities and Challenges*

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College

*Phenomenological Analysis of Interreligiously Shared Monoreligious Rites*

James Farwell, Virginia Theological Seminary

*Not-Two with Christ*

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

*Deep Ritual Thinking: Challenge and Opportunity for the Comparative Theologian*

Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh

*Ritual Embodiment after Iconoclasm: A Sunni and Protestant Comparative Liturgical Theology*

Business Meeting:

Hugh Nicholson, Loyola University Chicago

Kristin Johnston Largent, Lutheran Theological Seminary

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**A22-125**

**Confucian Traditions Group**

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: *The Ambiguous Place of Xiao (Filial Piety) in Premodern Chinese Thought*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Williams (Atlanta Conference Level)

Liang Cai, University of Arkansas

*The Master Kept a Distance from His Own Son: Is Confucian Xiao 孝 Consanguinism?*

Keith Knapp, The Citadel

*Punishing the Unfilial: A Confucianization of Early Chinese Law?*



**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Wei Zhang, University of South Florida

*Xiao in Early Confucian Texts and Later Imperial Discourses*

Business Meeting:

Yong Huang, Chinese University of Hong Kong

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**A22-126**

**Daoist Studies Group**

Joshua Capitanio, University of the West, Presiding

Theme: *Historical Models of Daoism and State Authority*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Mark Csikszentmihalyi, University of California, Berkeley

*The Eastern Han State and Daoist Heterodoxies*

Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado

*Daoism and the State under the Northern Dynasties*

Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University

*Bringing the Periphery to the Center: The Myths of Han Ziming*

Jonathan Pettit, Purdue University

*The Daoist Conversion of Yiguan Dao in Mid-Twentieth Century Taiwan*

Business Meeting:

David Mozina, Boston College

Elena Valussi, Loyola University Chicago

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**A22-127**

**Hinduism Group**

Patton Burchett, New York University, Presiding

Theme: *Hinduism, Science, and the Modern Indian Nation*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Claire Robison, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*"A Scientific and Systematic Religion": Representations of Gaudiya Vaisnava Hindu Tradition in Contemporary Mumbai*

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College  
*Narendra Modi and the Revelation of Vedic Science*

Daniel Cheifer, Syracuse University  
*Science, Ritual, Affect, and Community in the Gayatri Pariwar*

Antoinette DeNapoli, University of Wyoming  
*"God's and Humans' DNA are the same": The Rhetoric of Technoscience and the Reimagining of the Modern in the Practices of Hindu Sādhus in North India*

Responding:

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

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**A22-128**

**Japanese Religions Group**

Asuka Sango, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Conceiving Esoteric Buddhism in Medieval Japan*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Mikael Bauer, University of Leeds  
*Conceiving the Exoteric-Esoteric in the Writings of Kojima no Shinkō (934-1004)*

Yeonjoo Park, University of Illinois  
*Winding-Snake Mind: Tendai Esoteric Understanding of Non-duality and the Dynamic Structure of Enlightenment in the Keiran Shūyōshū*

Brian Ruppert, University of Illinois  
*The Turning-the-Dharma-Wheel Rite and Its Manuals: Constructing the Esoteric Buddhist Sovereign and Kami-Buddhist Multiverse of Medieval "Japan" (Nihon)*

Aaron Proffitt, University of Michigan  
*Dōhan (1179-1252) and the "Esoteric Pure Land" Culture of Early-Medieval Kōyasan*

Matthew McMullen, University of California, Berkeley  
*Reconsidering the Exoteric-Esoteric Paradigm in Medieval Japanese Buddhism*

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Responding:

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Mark Rowe, McMaster University

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**A22-129**

**Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group and La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion**

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

Theme: *Honoring Justo Gonzalez: Latino/a Christian Thought Past, Present and Future*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-304 (Level 3)

Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University, New York

*Santa Biblia and Beyond: The Promise of Latino/a Biblical Interpretation*

Loida I. Martell-Otero, Palmer Theological Seminary

*Mañana: Constructing Latina/o Theologies - Issues and Opportunities*

Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Southern Methodist University

*Interreligious Dialogue and Christian Mission and Ministry: Revisiting Our Theological Agenda in Light of World Christianity Studies*

Joanne Rodríguez, Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton, NJ

*HSP, AETH, and HTI: Latino/a Theological Education since 1989*

Responding:

Justo L. Gonzalez, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Efrain Agosto, New York Theological Seminary

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**A22-130**

**Liberal Theologies Group**

Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *Liberal Perspectives on Climate Change*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-201 (Level 2)

Panelists:

Myriam Renaud, University of Chicago

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University

Mark I. Wallace, Swarthmore College

Sofia Betancourt, Yale University

Daniel McKanan, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Daniel McKanan, Harvard University

Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary

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**A22-131**

**Music and Religion Group**

Stephen A. Marini, Wellesley College, Presiding

Theme: *Like You Mean It: Religious Sincerity in American Popular Music*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-401-402 (Level 4)

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

*Billie Holiday's "God Bless the Child": The Gospel of Uplift and the Double Consciousness of Spirit*

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

*Passing Religion: Bob Dylan and the Musical Politics of Difference*

Anne E. Monius, Harvard University

*Get Up, Stand Up: Bob Marley in Performance*

Chad Seales, University of Texas

*For Africa With Love: U2's Bono and the Religious Sincerity of Millennial Capitalism*

Responding:

Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Business Meeting:

Philip Stoltzfus, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota

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**A22-132**

**Nineteenth Century Theology Group and Schleiermacher Group**

Annette G. Aubert, Presiding

Matthias Gockel, Friedrich-Schiller-Universitat, Presiding

Theme: *Schleiermacher and Mediating Theology*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-205 (Level 2)

David Chao, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Euthyphro and the Doctrine of God: Isaak Dorner's Reconstruction of Divine Immutability in Ethical Terms*

Darren Sumner, Fuller Theological Seminary, Northwest

*Kenosis as a Mediating Christology: The Erlangen School and the Logic of Incarnation*

Kevin Vander Schel, Villanova University

*Mediating Christ: The Christocentric Theologies of Neander and Ullmann*

Zachary Purvis, University of Oxford

*Mediating Theology, Historicism, and the Sociology of Knowledge*

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**A22-133**

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**

John Kenney, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

Theme: *Ascent and Eros in the Platonic Tradition*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-206 (Level 2)

Mark Edwards, Oxford University

*Solomon's Kiss from Origen to the Later Middle Ages*

Harold Attridge, Yale University

*Seeing the Invisible, Knowing the Unknowable: Philo's Assent To God*

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University  
*Eros and Ascent in Plotinus*

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**A22-134**

**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group**

Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Help, Harm, or Resistance? Psychological and Religious Practices of Caregiving in a Neo-Liberal Society*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

Jessica Van Denend, Union Theological Seminary  
*Neoliberalism's Empathy and the Denial of Complicity and/or Commonality with the Suffering Other*

Richard Coble, Vanderbilt University  
*Chaplain as Cyborg: Negotiating Care in a Neoliberal Age*

Melinda McGarrah Sharp, Phillips Theological Seminary  
*Locked in Disbelief: Reading Michelle Alexander and Jessica Benjamin to Loosen Resistance in the Bonds of Love*

Cedric Johnson, Wesley Theological Seminary  
*Fanon, Freud, and Foucault: Towards an Integrative Approach to Soul Care in the Neoliberal Age*

Mary Clark Moschella, Yale University  
*Joyful, Spiritual Resistance: A Case Study*

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**A22-135**

**Religion and Ecology Group**

James Miller, Queen's University, Presiding

Theme: *The Religion and Politics of Sacred Space*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hilton-Grand Salon B (Level 2)

Luke Whitmore, University of Wisconsin, Steven's Point  
*Understanding the Destructive Dance of Nature*

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Muazu Shehu, University of Sheffield

*Varieties of Religious Environmentalism: Understanding the Spiritual Motivation for Pro-Environmental Action among Christian and Muslims in Northeastern Nigeria*

Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden Research Unit, Uppsala, Sweden

*Encounters with God in Rural Landscapes: "Nature-Based" Spirituality in Northern Sweden*

Todd LeVasseur, College of Charleston

*Grow the Scorched Ground Green: Values and Ethics in the Transition Movement*

Chris Crews, The New School

*Sumak Kawsay, Pachamama, and Cosmopolitics: The Rights of Nature, Earthbound People and Global Indigenous Struggles*

Responding:

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College

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**A22-136**

**Religion and Sexuality Group**

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Bodies that Matter: Exploring Dynamic Disabilities, Holy Children, Black Nuns, and the Virgin Mary*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

Shannen Williams, University of Tennessee

*"To Be Celibate, Black, and Committed:" Black Catholic Nuns and the Transformative Politics of Celibacy in the Twentieth-Century African-American Freedom Struggle*

Leonard Curry, Vanderbilt University

*Ordinary Aesthetics or Disabling Sightlines in Theological Personhood*

Johanna Hurtig, University of Helsinki

*Religious Community and Sexual Violence against Children: Conservative Laestadianism, a Revival Movement in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland*

Elina Vuola, University of Helsinki

*Finnish Eastern Orthodox Women, the Virgin Mary, and Gender*

Responding:

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Sharon Fennema, Pacific School of Religion

Business Meeting:

Nina Hoel, University of Oslo

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**A22-137**

**Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Group**

Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

Theme: *Medieval Christian Conceptions of Muslims and Jews*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Ryan Strickler, Australian Catholic University

*Christian and Jewish Apocalyptic Responses to Seventh-Century Crises*

Michael Heyes, University of South Florida

*Circumcising Olibrius: Threatening Sexuality and Religious Alterity in the Life of St. Margaret*

David Freidenreich, Colby College

Anna Spencer, Colby College

*Muslim Christ-Killers in Medieval Iberian Art*

Deeana Klepper, Boston University

*Christian Hebraism in a Changing Iberian Landscape: Ponce Carbonell, Pablo de Santa Maria, and Christian Engagement with Jewish Tradition*

Erika Tritle, University of Chicago

*On Choosing to Live without Dew or Hoarfrost in Late Medieval Spain*

Business Meeting:

Brian Catlos, University of California, Santa Cruz, University of Colorado

David Freidenreich, Colby College

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**A22-138**

**Religion, Affect, and Emotion Group**

Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Affect and the Politics of Religious Conviction*



**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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Hilton-208 (Level 2)

Valentina Napolitano, University of Toronto  
*On an Affective Return: Francis, the Criollo Pope*

Jessica Johnson, University of Washington  
*Coming under Conviction Online to Bodily Affect and Political Effect*

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University  
*Being the Promise: Happiness and Exhaustion in a Service Economy*

Responding:

Abigail Kluchin, Ursinus College

Business Meeting:

Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford

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**A22-139**

**Religion, Memory, History Group**

Matthew King, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *The Work of Material Memory: Nostalgia, (Dis-)Comfort, and Identity Construction in Religious Practice*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Katja Rakow, Heidelberg University  
*Materiality and Memory: The Bound Bible as Material Anchor for Nostalgia*

Alexandra Kaloyanides, Yale University  
*American Jesus in Burma: The Religious Face of Ethnic Difference*

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
*The Discomfort of Things: Materially Purging Memory through Object Destruction*

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*The Silent Missionary: Stereoscopic Tourism in the Mormon Imaginary*

Responding:

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Business Meeting:

Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University

Mona Hassan, Duke University

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**A22-140**

**Religious Conversions Group**

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

Theme: *Discussion of The Oxford Handbook of Religious Conversion (2014)*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-309 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Lewis R. Rambo, San Rafael, CA

Charles E. Farhadian, Westmont College

Eliza Kent, Skidmore College

Reid Locklin, University of Toronto

Esra Ozyurek, London School of Economics

Anne Spencer, College of Idaho

Business Meeting:

Charles J. Scalise, Fuller Theological Seminary

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**A22-141**

**Sacred Texts and Ethics Group**

Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Activism, Exegesis, and Prison Theology: Religion and Biblical Interpretation in the Campaign for a Georgia Death Row Inmate*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-211 (Level 2)

Jennifer McBride, Wartburg College

*Freedom and Hope on the Inside: The Transformative Power of Prison Theology*

Letitia M. Campbell, Emory University

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Motives, Messaging and Messengers: Religious Rhetoric and Persuasion in the #KellyOnMyMind Campaign*

Jeania Ree Moore, University of Cambridge

*Scripture as Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary: A Substantial and Shifting Resource in Political Engagement*

Kimberly Jackson, Absalom Jones Episcopal Center

*Preaching Justice and the Bible: A Case Study and Pastoral Reflection*

Melissa Browning, Mercer University

*Single Stories, Complex Issues, and the Ethics of Solidarity*

Responding:

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Emily Filler, Earlham College

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**A22-142**

**Yoga in Theory and Practice Group**

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University, Presiding

Theme: *Yoga and Nationalism: Identity and Destiny*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-213 (Level 2)

Christa Schwind, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver

*Imagining an American Yoga: Sridaiva #Buckthetuck*

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

*Where Yoga, Homophobia, and Nationalism Intersect: Baba Ramdev and the Sexual Politics of Yoga*

Sravana Borkataky Varma, Rice University

*Stirring the Teapot: Saffron vs. Red*

Responding:

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Business Meeting:

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

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**A22-143**

**Occupying Latino Male Bodies Seminar**

Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Occupying Latino Male Bodies Seminar*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Hanover C (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont School of Theology

Chris Tirres, DePaul University

Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University

Luis Leon, University of Denver

Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida

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**A22-144**

**Exploratory Sessions**

Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *The State of Political Theology Today*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon A (Level 2)

Panelists:

Abbas Barzegar, Georgia State University

Alex Dubilet, Vanderbilt University

Ruth Marshall, University of Toronto

Erin Runions, Pomona College

Ted A. Smith, Emory University

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Annika Thiem, Villanova University

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**A22-145**

**Exploratory Sessions**

Jill Krebs, McDaniel College, Presiding

Theme: *Marian Apparitions and Theoretical Problems in Religious Studies*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-310 (Level 3)

Panelists:

J. Gordon Melton, Baylor University

Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religions, Turin, Italy

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University

Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College

Sandra Zimdars-Swartz, University of Kansas

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

Emily Suzanne Clark, Gonzaga University

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

Joseph Laycock, Texas State University

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**A22-146**

**Wildcard Session**

Maria Doerfler, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *How to Do Things with Scripture: Case Studies in Performing the Word*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L405-406 (Lobby Level)

Rebecca Rine, University of Virginia

*How Scripture (and Commentary) Can Transform Its Hearers: Language and Linguistics in Gregory of Nyssa*

Mark James, University of Virginia

*Learning the Language of Scripture: Origen, Analogy, and the Logic of Performativity*

Sean Moberg, Catholic University of America

*Making Scripture Present: Meditation in Monasticism and Ancient Philosophy*

Robin Darling Young, Catholic University of America

**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Scriptural Symbola and the Monastic Habit in the Fourth Century*

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**P22-106**

**Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies and Society for Hindu-Christian Studies**

Theme: *Thomas Merton at 100: His Influence on the Study of Hinduism and Buddhism*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Hanover E (Exhibit Level)

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**P22-148a**

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

Theme: *Grant Writing Conversations*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Centennial Ballroom Booth #1311 (Ballroom Level)

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**Sunday - 9:30 AM-11:00 AM**

**A22-147**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Making Grading and Assessment Work for You*

Sunday - 9:30 AM-11:00 AM

Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Joshua Canzona, Georgetown University

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**Sunday - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**M22-100**

**Sunday - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**Heart Chakra Society**

Theme: *Dharma and Religious Pluralism*

Sunday - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Harris (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Sunday - 11:00 AM-12:30 PM**

**A22-148**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Double-Dipping: Or, Maximizing Your Time*

Sunday - 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Donna Yarri, Alvernia University

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**Sunday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM**

**A22-149**

**Public University Department Chairs Meeting**

Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida, Presiding

Sunday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

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**M22-101**

**HUC-JIR School of Graduate Studies Alumni Association Luncheon**

Sunday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover F (Exhibit Level)

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**Sunday - 11:30 AM-1:30 PM**

**M22-104**

**International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)**

Theme: *Reflections on Political Islam: Concepts and Contexts*

Sunday - 11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Westin-Savannah AB (Level 10)

Panelists:

John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

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**Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

**A22-150**

**Plenary Address: Valuing the Study of Religion**

Serene Jones, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

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**A22-151**

**Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee and Status of Women in the Profession Committee**

Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding

Michele Saracino, Manhattan College, Presiding

Theme: *Women's Mentoring Lunch*

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Marriott-L503 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Kecia Ali, Boston University



**Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University  
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University  
Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado  
Socorro Castañeda-Liles, Santa Clara University  
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology  
Stephanie M. Crumpton, Lancaster Theological Seminary  
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  
Namsoon Kang, Brite Divinity School, Texas Christian University  
Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University  
Nami Kim, Spelman College  
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University  
Insook Lee, New York Theological Seminary  
Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa  
Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology  
Angella Son, Drew University  
Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University  
Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary

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**M22-102**

**Struggling in Good Faith**

Theme: *12 American Religious Traditions and Their Perspectives on LGBTIQ Inclusion*

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM  
Marriott-L504-505 (Lobby Level)

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**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:00 PM**

**M22-200**

**North American Hindu Association of Dharma Studies**

Phyllis Herman, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Theme: *What is Ghar-Vapasi?*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:00 PM  
Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

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Panelists:

Ramdas Lamb, University of Hawai'i  
Balaji Murli, Hindu American Foundation  
Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley, University of Melbourne

Responding:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

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**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

**A22-200**

**Plenary Address: The Moral Challenges of Research: A Panel on the AAR's Draft Statement on Responsible Research Practices**

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury  
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University  
Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh  
Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University

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**A22-201**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Balancing Graduate School with Life: Work, Life, Identity, and Family*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Andrew Shepardson, Trinity College, University of Toronto  
Elissa Cutter, Saint Louis University

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

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**A22-202**

**Teaching and Learning Committee: Conversation with 2015 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner Judith Bishop**

Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Judith L. Bishop, Mills College

Responding:

Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia

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**A22-204**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

Charles Preston, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Cosmopolitan Modes of Religious Literature in South Asia: Modeling Local and Global*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Philip Friedrich, University of Pennsylvania

*Religious Space and Political Sociability in Late Medieval Sinhala Sandesas*

Justin Henry, University of Chicago

*Negotiating the Past: Vernacular Historiography in Sri Lanka from the Fourteenth Century*

Sarah Pierce Taylor, University of Pennsylvania

*Jinasena's Parsvabhyudaya and the Making of Jain Cosmopolitanism*

Responding:

Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University

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**A22-205**

**Buddhism Section and Buddhist Critical—Constructive Reflection Group and Buddhist Philosophy Group and Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group**

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University, Presiding

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Theme: *Women And Buddhist Philosophy*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-A703-704 (Atrium Level)

Jin Y. Park, American University

*Women, Buddhism, and Philosophy: Where and How Do They Meet?*

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

*Buddhist Women's Ways of Knowing: Gender and Philosophical Analysis in the Tibetan Tradition*

Constance Kassor, Smith College

*Rhetoric and Marginalization through a Tibetan Buddhist Perspective*

Joy Brennan, Kenyon College

*Gender and Karma Then and Now*

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**A22-206**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *God Is Not One (HarperCollins, 2011): Author Meets Critics*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Kenny Smith, Louisiana State University

Nathan Rein, Ursinus College

Responding:

Stephen Prothero, Boston University

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**A22-207**

**North American Religions Section and Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group and Secularism and Secularity Group**

Emily Wu, Dominican University of California, Presiding

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Theme: *Healing Between Religion and the Secular in North America*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

Justin Stein, University of Toronto

*The Impact of Different Framings of Reiki's "Spirituality" on Access to U.S. Healthcare Sites*

Katie Givens Kime, Emory University

*The Buffered Addict: Beneath the "Religious or Not?" of Twelve-Step Programs*

Shenandoah Nieuwsma, University of North Carolina

*Between "Religion" and "the Secular:" Negotiating Healthcare "Spirituality's" Place in the Twenty-First Century*

Ira Helderman, Vanderbilt University

*"Religion" and "Secular" in U.S. Psychotherapists' Interface with Buddhist Traditions*

Responding:

Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**A22-208**

**Study of Islam Section and Contemporary Islam Group and Islamic Mysticism Group and Islam, Gender, Women Group and Qur'an Group**

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: *Mentoring Session for Scholars Studying Muslims/Islam*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
Marriott-Atrium C (Atrium Level)

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**A22-209**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *God and Religion in the Next U.S. War*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
Hilton-Crystal CD (Level 1)

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Joshua Jeffery, Vanderbilt University

*"Never Been So Thoroughly Policed": Systematic United States Government Surveillance and Suppression of Religious Dissent during the Great War, 1917-1918*

Laura Alexander, University of Virginia

*International Law and Humanitarian Intervention: Theological Ethics in Public Deliberation over the "Next War"*

Responding:

George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary

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**A22-210**

**Women and Religion Section and Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group and Religion in Southeast Asia Group**

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

Theme: *Contesting Authority, Reclaiming Traditions: Religion and Gender in Southeast Asia*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Norbani Ismail, Herndon, VA

*Muslim Religious Authority and the Mass Media in Malaysia: Reaffirming Orthodoxy through Female Preachers (Pendakwah)*

Tyler A. Lehrer, University of Colorado

*Reframing Authority: Buddhist Blogging and the Theravāda Bhikkhunī Ordination Dispute*

Lara K. Schubert, Claremont Graduate University

*Restraint Over Freedom: Empowerment of Cambodian Buddhist Donji (Nuns) and Female Christian Pastors*

David Brian Esch, Florida International University

*The World's First Transgender Mosque: Javanese, Gendered, and Religious Embodiments*

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**A22-211**

**African Diaspora Religions Group and Indigenous Religious Traditions Group and Native Traditions in the Americas Group**

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College, Presiding

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Theme: *Decolonization through Therapeutic and Culinary Practices*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Natalie Avalos Cisneros, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Healing as Liberation: Native American and Tibetan Decolonization*

Andrea Smith, University of California, Irvine

*Indigenuity, Gender, and Anti-Blackness: Decolonizing Decolonization through Spiritual Healing and Transformation*

Scott Alves Barton, New York University

*Race, Faith, and Cake: Foodways and a Festa de Divino Espírito Santo*

Responding:

Kathleen J. Martin, California Polytechnic State University

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**A22-212**

**African Religions Group and Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group**

Dianna Bell, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Violence against Women in Africa: Politics, War, and Religion*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

Laura Grillo, Pacifica Graduate Institute

*An Intimate Rebuke: Female Genital Power in Civil War*

Won Chul Shin, Emory University

*The Liberian Mothers' Journey to Peace: Gendered Violence during the Liberian Civil Wars and the Liberian Women's Mass Action for Peace as Ritual in Protest*

Michelle Wolff, Duke University

*The "Corrective" Rape of Black Lesbians in South Africa: Locating the Failure of Progressive Politics within Secular Democracy*

David Tombs, University of Otago

*Breaking the Silence: The Role of the Churches in Responding to Sexual Violence in South Africa*

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Responding:

Sarojini Nadar, University of KwaZulu-Natal

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**A22-213**

**Afro-American Religious History Group**

Sarah Azaransky, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Researchin' Our History, Tellin' Our Truths: Afro-Jewish Studies from Insider Perspectives*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Walter Isaac, Marquette University

*Cooperian Reflections on Afro-Jewish Artifacts*

Andre Key, Paine College

*Situating Black Judaism in the South: Stories of Migration and Reorientation*

Sholomo Levy, Northampton Community College

*From Out of Zion: Arnold Josiah Ford and Black Jewish Nationalism*

Responding:

Khadijah Miller, Norfolk State University

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**A22-214**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Group**

Melissa Borja, City University of New York, Presiding

Theme: *Resistance through Interpretation: Pedagogy, Memory, and Narrative Identity*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-309 (Level 3)

Courtney T. Goto, Boston University

*Teaching to Decenter Assumptions about Context: An Asian North American Contribution to Practical Theology*

Min-Ah Cho, St. Catherine University

*Becoming Wisdom Woman and Strange Woman: Asian and Asian-American Women's Pedagogy in Coping with Stereotypes*



**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Henry Kuo, Graduate Theological Union

*The Dangerous Memory of 1965: Immigration Legislation as Asian-American Ecclesiological Challenge*

Anne Blankenship, North Dakota State University

*Reshaping the American West: Japanese American Pioneers during World War II*

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**A22-215**

**Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group**

Marion S. Grau, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Presiding

Theme: *Biblical and Theological Hermeneutics "After" Postmodernity*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Brock Perry, Drew University

*Surface Reading: Affective Encounters with the Bible after Postmodernism*

Brett Potter, Toronto School of Theology

*Film as Midrash: Postmodern Hermeneutics and Visual Theology*

Michael Sohn, Cleveland State University

*Word, Writing, Tradition: Ricoeur's Post-Modern Retrieval of Religion*

Richard Livingston, Claremont Graduate University

*Divining the Event Horizon*

Business Meeting:

Jacob Erickson, St. Olaf College

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**A22-216**

**Black Theology Group**

Brian Bantum, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Black Theology, The Arts, and Popular Culture*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Jeania Ree Moore, University of Cambridge

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

*Beauty, Ugliness, and Black Theology: A Theological Aesthetics for Black Experience*

Rufus Burnett Jr., Duquesne University

*Afro-Christian, Afro-Blue: Land-Based Autonomy and the Making of Blues Identities at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University

*Yeezus is Jesus: Examining the Socio- Hermeneutical Transmediated Images of Jesus Employed by Kanye West*

Responding:

Cornel West, Union Theological Seminary

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**A22-217**

**Body and Religion Group and Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group**

Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *Body as Ultimate Concern*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-L405-406 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Russell Re Manning, Bath Spa University

Mark Lewis Taylor, Princeton Theological Seminary

Courtney Wilder, Midland University

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**A22-218**

**Class, Religion, and Theology Group**

Joan M. Martin, Episcopal Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Class Contention in Religion and Theology*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

Jan Rehmann, Union Theological Seminary

*How Max Weber's Sociology of Religion Is Informed by His Class Project*

Jung Mo Sung, Methodist University of São Paulo

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

*Class, Consumption, and Struggle of Gods: An Approach from Liberation Theology*

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College

*Class Controversies in Religion and Theology*

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**A22-219**

**Comparative Religious Ethics Group and Religion and Humanism Group**

Slavica Jakelic, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *The Future of Human Dignity*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hyatt-Edgewood (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Jennifer A. Herdt, Yale University

Matthew Puffer, University of Virginia

Chad Wellmon, University of Virginia

Responding:

Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University

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**A22-220**

**Confucian Traditions Group**

Filippo Marsili, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: *Roundtable Discussion on Anna Sun's Confucianism as a World Religion: Contested Histories and Contemporary Realities (Princeton University Press, 2013)*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-Crystal AF (Level 1)

Panelists:

Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College

Stephanie Wong, Georgetown University

Yong Huang, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Responding:

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Anna Sun, Kenyon College

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**A22-221**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group**

Ipsita Chatterjea, Presiding

Theme: *Class, Cohort, and Aesthetics in the Study of Religion*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

Laurens de Rooij, Tricht, Netherlands

*Influences of Social Class on the Practice of Islam*

Helena Kupari, University of Helsinki

*"Sense of Beauty" and Minority Experience: The Case of Elderly Finnish Orthodox Christian Women*

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

*Class, Religious Aesthetics, and Force of Habit*

Responding:

Katja Rakow, Heidelberg University

Business Meeting:

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**A22-222**

**Hinduism Group**

Leela Prasad, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Sacred Sites in Urban India: Changing Temples, Changing Hinduisms*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Jennifer Ortegren, Emory University

*"Self and the City": Constructing Middle Class Identity in the Urban, Neighborhood Temple*

Emilia Bachrach, Millsaps College

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

*(Re)constructing Krishna's Home: Changing Temple Spaces in Gujarat and Rajasthan*

Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma  
*Kolkata: A Modern Day Temple City?*

Joyce Burkhalter Flueckiger, Emory University  
*Expanding Goddess Shrines, Changing Urban Landscapes: Hyderabad*

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**A22-223**

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group and Quaker Studies Group**

Jon Kershner, University of Lancaster, Presiding

Theme: *Quaker Spirituality and Interfaith Dialogue: Practical, Pedagogical and Ethical Dimensions*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Ann Riggs, Loyola University Chicago  
*The Multiple Strands of Quaker Ethics of Interfaith Dialogue*

Rebecca Mays, The Dialogue Institute, Philadelphia, PA  
*Will Interfaith Study and/or Activism Compromise Individual Faith and/or Religious Communal Identity?*

Rebecca Tatum, Union Theological Seminary  
*A Sense of the Meeting: Quaker Process as a Bridge between First Nations and Anglo Ways of Knowing in the 1995 British Columbia Land and Resource Management Plans (LRMP)*

Russell CD Arnold, Regis University  
*Cultivating Parker Palmer's Habits of the Heart in an Integrative Course on Israel/Palestine*

Julie Meadows, Generous Reader Editing, Clinton, SC  
*A Quaker Approach to Interreligious Dialogue: Michael Birkel's Qur'an in Conversation*

Responding:

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School

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**A22-224**

**Japanese Religions Group**

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University, Presiding

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Theme: *Selling Spirituality, Buying Buddhism, Commercializing Kami, Marketing Merit, Delivering Doctrine: Economic Aspects of Religious Traditions in Japan*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Elisheva Perelman, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University

*Pawns of Immortality: The Consequences of Soteriological Care in Japan's Modern Tuberculosis Epidemic*

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College

*Selling Doctrine: Buddhist Women's Associations and the Production of Religious Literature for Women (Fujin Kyōke) in Modern Japan*

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Creative Religiosity: Religious Performances and Religious Marketing in Edo Period Popular Religion*

Matthew Mitchell, Duke University

*Skewering Fortune: Temple Fundraising Lotteries in Early Modern Japan, with a Focus on Zenkōji's Daihongan Convent*

Responding:

Stephen G. Covell, Western Michigan University

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**A22-225**

**Middle Eastern Christianity Group**

Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Middle Eastern Christianity and Islam: Areas for Dialogue?*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon B (Level 2)

Melanie Trexler, Valparaiso University

*Educating the Americaines: Arab Baptist-Muslim Dialogue in Lebanon*

Joshua Mugler, Georgetown University

*How the Churches of Classical Baghdad Were Built*

Andrew M. Sharp, University of Virginia

*Orthodox Christians, Muslims, and the Environment: Ecology as Fertile Ground for Dialogue in*

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

*the Middle East*

Deanna Womack, Emory University

*Muslim-Christian Dialogue, Past and Present: Lessons from Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Syria*

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**A22-226**

**Music and Religion Group and Religion and Migration Group**

Philip Stoltzfus, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, Presiding

Theme: *Belief and Blessings: Migration, Music, and Affect*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-208 (Level 2)

Alemayehu Bahta, Duke University

*Bäsdät 'ägär Mänor: An Analysis of Ethiopian Sacred Music and the Changing Definition of Migration*

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College

*"The Gospel Train to Heaven": Technology and Salvation in Railroad Songs*

Alison Marshall, Brandon University

*Affective Tetherings: Blessings and Bayanihan in Filipino Canada*

Business Meeting:

Alison Marshall, Brandon University

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University

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**A22-227**

**Mysticism Group**

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritual but Not Religious: Mysticism and the "Nones"*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-307 (Level 3)

Jane A. Shaw, Stanford University

*The Mystical Turn and the "Spiritual but Not Religious" Phenomenon in Early Twentieth-Century Britain*

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Stephanie Yuhas, University of Colorado

*Seeking Non-Dual Experience: The Spiritual but Not Religious Approach to Mysticism*

Linda Ceriello, Rice University

*Contemporary Narratives of the SBNR and Nones: Toward a Metamodern Reading of Millennial Mysticism*

Responding:

Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School, Ohio

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**A22-228**

**Nineteenth Century Theology Group**

James Swan Tuite, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Neo-Kantianism and Religious Thought*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-304 (Level 3)

Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University

*The Philosopher as Interpreter: Hermann Cohen's Critique of the History of Religions School*

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University

*Paul Natorp "Between the Times"*

Peter Woodford, University of Cambridge

*The Very Idea of a "Science of Religion:" Ernst Troeltsch and Heinrich Rickert in Conversation*

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**A22-229**

**Pentecostal—Charismatic Movements Group**

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: *Reframing Gender and Pentecostalism in the Global and New South*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-310 (Level 3)

Kijan Bloomfield Maxam, Princeton University

*In, But Not Of the World: Pentecostal Faith and Belonging for Women and Girls in Urban Jamaica*



**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College

*Running For Jesus: Gender Mobility in Black American Pentecostalism*

Justin Doran, University of Texas

*The Heartfelt Spirit: A Pentecostal Dialectic between the New and the Global South*

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**A22-230**

**Religion and Sexuality Group**

Edward Silver, Wellesley College, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Erin Runions's The Babylon Complex: Theopolitical Fantasies of War, Sex, and Sovereignty (Fordham University Press, 2014)*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary

John Howell, University of Chicago

Larisa Reznik, Bowdoin College

Cynthia Ruth Chapman, Oberlin College

Responding:

Erin Runions, Pomona College

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**A22-231**

**Science, Technology, and Religion Group**

Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Science Fiction, Science and Religion*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-International 9 (International Level)

Catherine Newell, University of Miami

*Single Vision: The Wages of Scientific Materialism and Resurgence of Nature Religion in LeGuin's "Newton's Sleep"*

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University

*Developing an Apocalyptic Vision: Postcolonial and Indigenous Science Fiction and Hope for a*

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

*New World*

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College

*AI as Awakened Intelligence: Technological Singularity and the Buddhist Bardo in the Film Her*

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**A22-232**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**

Stefan Skrimshire, University of Leeds, Presiding

Theme: *Thinking Critically about the Future(s) of the Human*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Marriott-L506-507 (Lobby Level)

Agata Bielik-Robson, University of Nottingham

*Another Ecology: Adorno's Reconciliation with Nature*

Thomas Lynch, Chichester University

*Seeking a Philosophy for the End of the World? Religion, Hope, and Nihilism between Hegel and Bloch*

Responding:

Anthony Paul Smith, La Salle University

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**A22-233**

**Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Group**

James McGrath, Butler University, Presiding

Theme: *Bordering Others: Examining Religious Community in Eastern Late Antiquity*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-211 (Level 2)

Todd Godwin, University of London

*The Word "Tajik"/"Daqing" in Chinese Sources and What It Tells Us about the Islamicization of Central Asia during the Early Abbasid Caliphate*

Jennifer Hart, Elon University

*Fixing Ritual to Fix Community: Using Orthopraxy to Define "True" Mandaeanism*

Scott McDonough, William Paterson University

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

*"...And No Trace Left of Their Bones": Conversion and Continuity in Early Armenian Christianity*

Sara Ronis, Harvard University

*Seeing the Other in Sasanian Babylonia*

Christina Grobmeier, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

*Don't Bowl Me Over: An Examination of Aramaic Curse Bowls and the Suba Cave Inscriptions*

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**A22-234**

Wildcard Sessions

**Wildcard Session**

Theme: *From Post-Apartheid Cape Town to Post-Racial Ferguson: Black Death, Public Protests, and the Recasting of White Shamelessness*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

Christopher Driscoll, Rice University

*From "Big Men" Back to White Boys: The Shameful Path of White Male American Identity Formation*

Elonda Clay, VU University Amsterdam

*Burn This Bitch Down! Protest Space, Apocalyptic Envisioning, and Media Representations of Racial Unrest in Ferguson, Missouri*

Tiffany Trent, Arizona State University

*Scripturalism, Abrahamic Patriarchy, and the Tenth Commandment: Contemporary Constructions and Criminalizations of Black Advancement as Theft*

Rachel C. Schneider, Rice University

*Prophetic Politics and Police Brutality in Urban South Africa*

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**A22-235**

**Wildcard Session**

M. Douglas Meeks, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Moltmann and the Future of Theology*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

Catherine Keller, Drew University

*Earth-Hope: Moltmann, Political Theology, and Global Warming*

Christopher L. Morse, Union Theological Seminary

*Accounting for the Hope*

Miroslav Volf, Yale University

*What I Wish I Could Learn from Moltmann*

Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary

*The Future Spirit of Theology: Moltmann, Pneumatology, and Trinitarian Theology for the Third Millennium*

Willie J. Jennings, Duke University

*Jürgen Moltmann, The First Postcolonial Theologian?*

Responding:

Jürgen Moltmann, University of Tübingen

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**Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**P22-219**

**Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions**

Jeffrey Brodd, California State University, Sacramento, Presiding

Theme: *New Approaches in Social Sciences and the Study of Ancient Religion*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Kennesaw (Atlanta Conference Level)

Megan Daniels, Stanford University

*Religion, Cultural Evolution, and Axial Age Transitions: Investigating the Queen of Heaven in the Iron Age Mediterranean*

Sung Soo Hong, University of Texas

*A Hybrid Agency in the Making of Hellenistic Judaism: 2 Maccabees as a Test Case*

Carmen Palmer, University of Toronto

*The Language of "Brotherhood" in Ancient Mediterranean Groups: A Sign of Shared Kinship*

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

David Jorgensen, Colby College

*Methodological Approaches to Orthodoxy and Heresy in Recent Scholarship*

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**Sunday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**A22-236**

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

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Committee Meeting*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Marriott-L501 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

Preston Parsons, University of Cambridge

Darla Schumm, Hollins University

Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University

Soraya Shahrak, American Academy of Religion

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**Sunday - 1:00 PM-4:30 PM**

**M22-201**

**Liverpool Hope University and University of Manchester**

David Hart, Methodist Church of Great Britain, Presiding

Theme: *"With Their Own Voice": The Current State and Future Direction of Methodist-Evangelical Primary Text Scholarship*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Panelists:

David Ceri Jones, Aberystwyth University  
Andrew Cheadle, Liverpool Hope University  
Randy L. Maddox, Duke University  
Kenneth Minkema, Yale University  
Gareth Lloyd, University of Manchester

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**Sunday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**A22-237**

**Graduate Student Committee**

Rupa Pillai, University of Oregon, Presiding

Theme: *Undergraduate Workshops at Georgia State University*

Sunday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Hyatt-Meet at AAR Membership Desk (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Brett Esaki, Georgia State University  
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University

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**Sunday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM**

**A22-238**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Writing in Community: How a Writing Group Can Enhance Your Thesis or Dissertation*

Sunday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

David Cramer, Baylor University

**Sunday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM**

Jennifer Howell, Baylor University  
Jordan Rowan Fannin, Baylor University

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**Sunday - 2:45 PM-5:00 PM**

**A22-239**

**Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum Tour**

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding  
Sunday - 2:45 PM-5:00 PM  
Hyatt-Meet at corner of Baker Street and Peachtree Street

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**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

**A22-250**

**Theological Education Committee Meeting**

Jeffrey Williams, Brite Divinity School, Presiding  
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM  
Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

Panelists:

Scott C. Alexander, Catholic Theological Union  
Arthur Holder, Graduate Theological Union  
Phillis Isabella Sheppard, Vanderbilt University  
Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University  
Ryan Woods, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA

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**A22-251**

**Contingent Faculty Task Force**

Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University, Presiding

Theme: *Creative Responses to Contingency*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM  
Hyatt-Edgewood (Atlanta Conference Level)

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Panelists:

Katherine Daley, University of Georgia  
Kerry Danner-McDonald, Georgetown University  
Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama  
Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, University of Richmond

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**A22-252**

**Employment Workshops**

Theme: *Developing a Public Voice and Making a Living from It*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM  
Sheraton-Valdosta (Level 2)

Panelists:

Brian Palmer, Uppsala University

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**A22-253**

**Program Committee and Regional Coordinators**

Allen Redmon, Texas A&M University, Central Texas, Presiding

Theme: *Expanding the Possibilities for Scholarly Conference Presentations: Alternatives, Innovations, Enhancements*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM  
Hilton-211 (Level 2)

Panelists:

Sally Smith Holt, Belmont University, Southeast Region  
B. J. Parker, Baylor University, Southwest Region  
Jacob Kinnard, Iliff School of Theology, Rocky Mountains-Great Plains Region

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**A22-254**

**Public Understanding of Religion Committee Marty Forum**

Michael Kessler, Georgetown University, Presiding  
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM  
Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)



**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Panelists:

Ziba Mir-Hosseini, University of London

Diana L. Eck, Harvard University

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**A22-255**

**Ethics Section and Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group and Comparative Religious Ethics Group and Religion and Humanism Group**

Henrik Syse, Peace Research Institute Oslo, Oslo, Norway, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Law, and Violence: Comparative Approaches to the Critique of Humanitarianism, Intervention, and War*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)

John Corrigan, Florida State University

*Religious Violence and American Foreign Policy*

Troy Mack, Drew University

*The Atrocities of Carl Schmitt: Issues for Law, Religion, and Humanitarian Intervention*

Gregory M. Reichberg, Peace Research Institute Oslo

*The Relation of Just War to International Law: Two Competing Catholic Approaches*

Responding:

Nathan French, Miami University

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**A22-256**

**History of Christianity Section**

Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Civil War and Its Legacy in American Religion*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Katharine Batlan, University of Texas

*Christ is on Our Side: Christianity and Constitutions in the American Civil War*

Priscilla Eppinger, Graceland University

*The Religious Context of the Civil War and the Development of Liberal Theology: Lucretia Mott*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*as Exemplar of Theological Liberalism*

Louis A. Ruprecht, Georgia State University

*Beyond the Birth of a Nation, or, The Limits of Liberal Tolerance*

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**A22-257**

**North American Religions Section and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Liberation Theologies Group and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Group**

Carlos Decena, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *Prophetic Pulpits: The Influence and Legacies of MLK Jr. among Latina/o Activists*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

Panelists:

Michael Humphreys, Bethune-Cookman College

Maria T. Davila, Andover Newton Theological School

Altagracia Perez-Bullard, Episcopal Diocese of New York, New York, NY

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**A22-258**

**Religion and Politics Section**

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C., Presiding

Theme: *Politics and Piety: New Perspectives on the Influence of Theology and Churches on African American Political Activism*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Sam Speers, University of Virginia

Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia

*America's Freedom Church: The Politics of Piety at Ebenezer Baptist Church*

Crystal DesVignes, Duke University

*How God's House Influences the State House: The Importance of Faith to African-American Women's Political and Social Activism*

Dilara Üsküp, University of Chicago

*Blue Bible, Red Bible: Sin or Right? Examining the Impact of Theology on Morality-Based*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*Opinions among Faith-Centered African Americans*

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**A22-259**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

Ann B. McClenahan, Boston Theological Institute, Presiding

Theme: *Contributions to Social Scientific Theory in the Study of Religion*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hilton-208 (Level 2)

Trine Anker

Geir Afdal, MF Norwegian School of Theology

*In a Hybrid Voice: Latour on Religion*

Cyril Orji, University of Dayton

*The Contributions of C.S. Pierce to the Social Scientific Methodologies and the Academic Study of Religions*

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**A22-260**

**Study of Judaism Section**

Aaron W. Hughes, University of Rochester, Presiding

Theme: *Expecting and the Unexpected: Marriage and Reproduction*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hilton-Crystal AF (Level 1)

Jessica Kirzane, Columbia University

*Intermarriage and the Uncanny in the Literary Imagination of "Di Yunge"*

Mary Grace Dupree, Emory University

*According to the Law of Moses and Israel: The Wedding of Reuven Malter and Danny Saunders in Chaim Potok's The Chosen*

Michal Raucher, University of Cincinnati

*What to Expect When You are Haredi and Expecting: An Analysis of Pregnancy Advice Books for Haredi Women*

Responding:

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

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**A22-261**

**Women and Religion Section and Childhood Studies and Religion Group and Religion and Migration Group**

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College, Presiding

Theme: *Families in Migration*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Jesse Zink, University of Cambridge

*Turn Back on Us, O God: Religious Change among Dinka Women and Children during Sudan's Civil War*

Lisa Beth White, Boston University

*Building Bridges: A Feminist Missiological Examination of Religious Practices in Response to Mass Immigration by Undocumented Minors*

Responding:

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh

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**A22-262**

**Anthropology of Religion Group and Roman Catholic Studies Group**

Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Moving Bodies: Ethnographies of Latin American Devotional Communities*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

Eric Hoenes del Pinal, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

*Bearing the Collective Cross: Piety, Shared Experience, and Intercorporeality in Guatemala's Semana Santa Processions*

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College

*O'odham Walkers and their Staffs: Walking Sticks by Way of Calendar Sticks and Scraping Sticks*

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University

*Santa Rita, Juan XXIII, the New Mission Movement, and the "Domestic Church": Negotiating*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*Catholic Families in Rural Ecuador*

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**A22-263**

Books under Discussion, Quad sponsorship

**Chinese Religions Group and Confucian Traditions Group and Daoist Studies Group and Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Group**

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Conceiving the Indian Buddhist Patriarchs in China (University of Hawai'i Press, 2015)*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hilton-206 (Level 2)

Panelists:

Benjamin Brose, University of Michigan

Elizabeth Morrison, Middlebury College

C. Pierce Salguero, Abington College

Responding:

Stuart Young, Bucknell University

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**A22-264**

**Christian Spirituality Group**

Lauren F. Winner, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Preaching and Spirituality in the Work of Barbara Brown Taylor*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Peter S. Hawkins, Yale University

Thomas G. Long, Emory University

Donyelle McCray, Virginia Theological Seminary

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**A22-265**

**Cognitive Science of Religion and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Group and Science,**

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

**Technology, and Religion Group and SBL Religious Experience in Antiquity Group**

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Emotion, and Cognition*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-International 9 (International Level)

Mark Graves, Fuller Theological Seminary

Warren Brown, Fuller Theological Seminary

Kevin Reimer, University California, Irvine

Andrea Beckum, Fuller Theological Seminary

Shaina Smith, Fuller Theological Seminary

Michael Spezio, Scripps College

*Religion, Emotion, and Belief in Self-Identity Narratives of L'Arche Caring Exemplars*

Niki Clements, Rice University

*Ritual Reading and Affective Shaping: John Cassian and Late Antique Technologies of the Self*

Zaid Adhami, Williams College

*Reflexive Self-Awareness in Religious Belief? American Muslim Responses to Cognitive Dissonance*

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**A22-266**

**Comparative Theology Group**

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo, Presiding

Theme: *Comparative Spiritualities of Violence and Healing*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Brooks Barber, Catholic University of America

*Can Christ Serve Two Masters? Jesus as Religious Authority on Poverty in the Works of al-Ghazali and Bonaventure*

Ryan Kuratko, Emory University

*Defeat and Dope Slaps: the Shape of Ambiguity in the Rhetorics of Healing and Violence of the Pāli Vinaya and the Rule of St. Benedict*

Maureen Walsh, Rockhurst University

*Memorializing Pregnancy Loss in Contemporary American Catholicism and Japanese Buddhism*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Responding:

Kristin Johnston Largen, Lutheran Theological Seminary

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**A22-267**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Group**

Chas Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Presiding

Theme: *Tradition and Resistance in Paganisms*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hilton-201 (Level 2)

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

*In Memoriam Maleficarum: Contemporary Pagan Mobilizations of the Burning Times*

Mary Hamner, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

*Constructing an Authentic Witchcraft: Traditional Witchcraft, Wicca, and the Normalization of the Craft*

Mariya Lesiv, Memorial University

*Blood Brothers or Blood Enemies: Tradition and Ukrainian Pagan Responses to the Ukraine-Russia Crisis*

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**A22-268**

**Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Group and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group**

Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Presiding

Theme: *Sightings and Visions of Hip Hop and Religion*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Roy Whitaker, San Diego State University

*"He Has Showed Up More Fully by Disappearing": Tupac Shakur, Afrofuturism, and Trans/humanism*

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University

Adam Miller, The University of Chicago

*Cindi and the Beast: Self and Collective in Opposing Visions of the Future*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Jon Gill, Claremont Graduate University

*Apocalyptic Science Diction: Bigg Jus and the ATL Afro-Futuristic Destruction of "Blackness"*

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**A22-269**

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Group**

George Demacopoulos, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Crisis in Ukraine*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

Pavlo Smytsnyuk, University of Oxford

*Greek Wine for Ukrainian Wineskins: Insights from Contemporary Greek Theologians and the Crisis in Ukraine*

Tikhon Vasilyev, Oxford University

*The Mission of the Christian Church in Times of War and Humanitarian Crisis: Ethical Reflection*

Cyril Hovorun, St. Ignatios Theological Academy

*Ukrainian Churches in and after Maidan*

Nicholas Denysenko, Loyola Marymount University

*In Search of a Religious Identity: Sources for the Study of Intra-Orthodox Conflict in Ukraine*

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**A22-270**

Books under Discussion, Full Papers Available

**Evangelical Studies Group**

Myron A Penner, Trinity Western University, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics, John G. Stackhouse's* Need to Know: Vocation as the Heart of Christian Epistemology (*Oxford University Press, 2014*)

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-L405-406 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Richard J. Mouw, Fuller Theological Seminary

Lynn H. Cohick, Wheaton College

Paul Martens, Baylor University



**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary

Responding:

John G. Stackhouse Jr., Crandall University

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**A22-271**

**Islamic Mysticism Group**

Vernon James Schubel, Kenyon College, Presiding

Theme: *Walls and Bridges: Situating the "Islamic" in Islamic Mysticism*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Rubina Salikuddin, Harvard University

*Prohibitions and Proper Etiquette: Regulating Ziyārat in the Timurid Period*

William Sherman, Stanford University

*Rituals of Revelation: Dhikr on the Afghan Frontier*

Shobhana Xavier, Wilfrid Laurier University

*From Jaffna to Pennsylvania: Piety and Practice at the Shrines of Bawa Muhaiyaddeen*

Sam Houston, Florida State University

*"Soldiers of God": Tarbiya, Virtue, and Islamist Activism*

Responding:

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago

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**A22-272**

**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group and Yogācāra Studies Group**

Joseph Westfall, University of Houston-Downtown, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and Buddhism*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Sheridan Hough, College of Charleston

*Kierkegaardian Selves, Buddhist No-Selves, and the "Will to Suffer"*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

David Wisdo, Columbus State University

*The Self: Kierkegaard and Buddhism in Dialogue*

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**A22-273**

**Practical Theology Group and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group**

Carolyn McCrary, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

Theme: *The Strong Black Woman: Blessing or Burden? A Roundtable Discussion on Chanequa Walker-Barnes's Too Heavy a Yoke: Black Women and the Burden of Strength (Cascade Books, 2014)*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

Trina Armstrong, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Candice Benbow, Princeton Theological Seminary

Beverly Wallace, Shaw University

Responding:

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University

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**A22-274**

**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Group**

William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

Theme: *Wayne Proudfoot: Thirtieth Anniversary of Religious Experience (University of California Press, 1985)*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)

Panelists:

Matthew Bagger, Auburn University

Cornel West, Union Theological Seminary

G. Scott Davis, University of Richmond

Responding:

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Wayne Proudfoot, Columbia University

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**A22-275**

**Queer Studies in Religion Group**

Linn Tonstad, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Reimagining Religion as Queer Resistance*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Sonia Crasnow, University of California, Riverside

*Modern Mikveh: Innovated Liturgy and Ritual for Gender Transition*

Drake Konow, Meriden, CT

*The Cathedral Project: Protest, Liturgy, and AIDS Activism at St. Patrick's Cathedral*

Mara Block, Harvard University

*"Baudelaire's Dream": Queer Writing and Parodies of Clinical Discourse*

Responding:

Heather White, New College of Florida

Business Meeting:

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

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**A22-276**

**Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group**

Benjamin Sax, Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Genocide in the Balkans: Memory and Perspective*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-A707 (Atrium Level)

M. Christian Green, Emory University

*Religion and Gender in the Balkan Genocides: Unlearned Lessons for Twenty-First Century Conflicts*

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, Emory University

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*Analyzing Violence through Virtue: The Bosnian Case*

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**A22-277**

Books under Discussion

**Religion, Sport, and Play Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group**

Ellen Goldberg, Queen's University, Presiding

Theme: *Buying (into) Yoga: Perspectives on Andrea Jain's Selling Yoga: From Counterculture to Pop Culture (Oxford University Press, 2014)*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Panelists:

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

Anna Pokazanyeva, University of California, Santa Barbara

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University

Christa Schwind, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver

Lola L. Williamson, Millsaps College

Responding:

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

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**A22-278**

**Scriptural Reasoning Group**

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Scriptural Reasoning, Philosophy, and the Formation of Readers*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Hilton-205 (Level 2)

Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University

*Socrates and the Golden Calf: Being "Stiff-Necked" and the Formation of Torah Scholars*

Jacob Goodson, Southwestern College

*Applying Scriptural Reasoning Reading Strategies to the Philosophy of Religion: Five Hermeneutical Models for Bringing Scripture into the Undergraduate Classroom*

M M Nauman Faizi, University of Virginia

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*Interpretation as Restoration: Exploring Sir Sayyid Ahmed Khan's Argument for the Modernity of the Qur'ān*

Business Meeting:

Simeon Zahl, University of Oxford

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**A22-279**

**Tantric Studies Group**

John Nemec, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Weaving Traditions, Casting Spells: Tantra, Magic, and Folk Religion*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

June McDaniel, College of Charleston

*Tantric Magic in Bengal and Bali: From Pisacha Tantrikas to Dukuns*

Meera Kachroo, McGill University

*Professional Prayoga: Marketing Yantras in Contemporary Srividya*

Gordan Djurdjevic, Simon Fraser University

*The Kosmic Gnosis of the Left Hand Path: The Place of Hindu Theories and Practices within Esoteric Voudon*

Xenia Zeiler, University of Helsinki

*Exorcising Evil: The Interweaving of Tantra and Ojhāi (Ghost Exorcism and Healing Rituals)*

Sravana Borkataky Varma, Rice University

*Spells: Intersection of Magic with Tantra in Assam*

Responding:

Frank J. Korom, Boston University

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**A22-280**

**World Christianity Group**

Malik Muhammed, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *Enduring Christian Witness beyond Martyrdom: Lessons from El Salvador, Liberia, and Syria*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

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Marriott-L506-507 (Lobby Level)

Meg Stapleton Smith, Yale University  
*Redfining Martyrdom: Jon Sobrino's Christology of Witness*

Michael VanZandt Collins, Boston College  
*Spiritual Space and Christian Witness in Syria: The Case of Frans van der Lugt, S.J.*

Christine McCarthy, Fordham University  
*M/othering Peace: Toward a Theological Anthropology for Engendered Peacebuilding*

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**A22-281**

Exploratory Sessions

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Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Hybridities and Multiple Religious Belonging: A Contested Concept?*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM  
Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)

Andre van der Braak, VU University Amsterdam  
*Multiple Religious Belonging as a Contested Approach to Religious Hybridity*

Manuela Kalsky, Dominican Research Center for Theology and Society, Amsterdam, VU University Amsterdam  
*Multiple Religious Belonging: A Paradigm Shift from Theological Unity to Transreligious Multiplicity*

Abraham Velez de Cea, Eastern Kentucky University  
*Discipleship and the Possibility of Buddhist-Christian Belonging*

Responding:

Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University  
Emily Sigalow, Brandeis University

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**M22-202**

**Analytic Theology Lecture**

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Sheraton-Atlanta 1-2 (Level 1)

Nicholas Wolterstorff, Yale University  
*The Liturgical Knowledge of God*

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**Sunday - 3:30 PM-4:30 PM**

**M22-203**

**AAR Mid-Atlantic Region**

Theme: *Theology and Justice*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-4:30 PM  
Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

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**Sunday - 4:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**M22-300**

**Tutku Tours**

Mark Wilson, Regent University, Presiding

Theme: *The Smyrna Excavations*

Sunday - 4:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Marriott-M105 (Marquis Level)

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**Sunday - 4:00 PM-5:30 PM**

**A22-300**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Networking Like the Job Is in Hand*

**Sunday - 4:00 PM-5:30 PM**

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Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina

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**Sunday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**P22-326**

**Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion**

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Sacred Scriptures and Violence Against Women*

Sunday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A708 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University

Angela Parker, Chicago Theological Seminary

Mika Ahuvia, University of Washington

Karri Whipple, Drew University

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

Jerusha Lamptey, Union Theological Seminary

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**Sunday - 4:30 PM-6:00 PM**

**M22-302**

**Analytic Theology Reception**

Sunday - 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

Sheraton-Atlanta 3-4 (Level 1)

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**M22-303**

**Journal of Religious Ethics Editorial Board Meeting**

Sunday - 4:30 PM-6:00 PM



**Sunday - 4:30 PM-6:00 PM**

Sheraton-Georgia 2 (Level 1)

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**M22-304**

**HarperOne**

Theme: *The Study Quran: A New Translation and Commentary*

Sunday - 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

Westin-Peachtree D (Level 8)

Panelists:

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, George Washington University

Caner Dagli, College of the Holy Cross

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University

Joseph Lumbard, American University of Sharjah

Mohammed Rustom, Carleton University

Jack Miles, University of California, Irvine

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**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A22-301**

**Employment Services Advisory Committee Meeting**

Ryan Woods, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Charles Haws, Society of Biblical Literature, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-L501 (Lobby Level)

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**A22-302**

**Academic Relations Committee and Public Understanding of Religion Committee**

Kathleen Roberts Skerrett, University of Richmond, Presiding

Theme: *The Value of Religious Studies in an Age of Budget Cuts*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Panelists:

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa  
Charles A. Kimball, University of Oklahoma  
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida  
Grant H. Potts, Austin Community College

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**A22-303**

**Program Committee**

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding  
Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Theme: *How to Propose a New Program Unit*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

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**A22-304**

**Religion and the Arts Award Jury**

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Conversation with 2015 Religion and the Arts Award Winner Marilynne Robinson*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)

Panelists:

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College  
Brook Wilensky-Lanford, Killing the Buddha, Jersey City, NJ  
Marilynne Robinson, University of Iowa

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**A22-305**

**Buddhism Section**

Lori Meeks, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theme: *Books and Bodies, Caves and Technologies*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Marriott-International 9 (International Level)

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Yi Ding, Stanford University

*Constructing Merit: The Religious Functions of Dunhuang Caves in Light of the "Merit Record" (Gongde Ji) Texts*

Eric Huntington, Princeton University

*Creating Universes: Divergent Ritual Cosmologies in Nepalese and Tibetan Contexts*

Alexander Hsu, University of Chicago

*How Do You Use A Grove of Pearls? Notes toward a History of Medieval Chinese Buddhist Anthological Use with Evidence from Dunhuang*

Daniel Tuzzeo, Stanford University

*On Cognitive and Narrative Maps: Navigating Memory and the Afterlife through Imagined Space in Buddhist Texts and Material Culture*

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**A22-306**

**History of Christianity Section and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group and Practical Theology Group and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group**

Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in Theological Education: Pedagogical and Epistemological Models from Latino U.S.A.*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Justo L. Gonzalez, Emory University

Edwin David Aponte, The Louisville Institute, Louisville, KY

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Eastern University

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**A22-307**

**North American Religions Section and African Diaspora Religions Group and Afro-American Religious History Group and Latina/o Critical-Comparative Studies Group**

Solimar Otero, Louisiana State University, Presiding

Theme: *Feeling Santería: Ethnographies of Affect, Mobility, and Micropractices of Afro-Cuban Religion*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

Panelists:

Aisha Beliso-De Jesus, Harvard University  
Elizabeth Perez, Dartmouth College

Responding:

Tracey Hucks, Haverford College  
Todd Ramón Ochoa, University of North Carolina

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**A22-308**

**Philosophy of Religion Section**

Samantha Copping, Santa Barbara, CA, Presiding

Theme: *Continental Philosophy of Religion and Religious Studies: Past, Present, and Future*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Edgewood (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University  
Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago  
Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College  
Bradley Onishi, Rhodes College

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**A22-309**

**Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group**

Valerie Bridgeman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Theme: *Biblical Interrogations of Identity, Culture, and Social Location*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Lynn B. E. Jencks, Northwestern University  
*"For God So Loved The World": Latina/o Charismatic Catholics and the Transformative Experience of Encountering God's Love*

Leslie R. James, DePauw University  
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**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Re-Inventing the Human: Martin Luther King, Jr., C.L.R. James, and the New Jerusalem*

Angeline M.G. Song, University of Otago

*Not Just Hearing, but Feeling a Scream: Connecting with Esther through a Hermeneutic of Empathy*

Matthew W. Dougherty, University of North Carolina

*Reading Chosenness, Reading Race: Cherokee Uses of Biblical Narrative and Covenant Theology, 1819-1838*

Responding:

Ariella Werden-Greenfield, Temple University

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**A22-310**

**Buddhist Critical—Constructive Reflection Group**

Grace G. Burford, Prescott College, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhism as a Remedy for American Suffering: Issues in the Application of Buddhist Teachings*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Brooke Dodson-Lavelle, Emory University

*Against One Method: Toward a Critical-Constructive Approach to the Adaptation and Implementation of Buddhist-Based Contemplative Programs in America*

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida

*"Buddhism in America After Ferguson": Privilege, Diversity and Inclusion in American Convert Buddhism*

Responding:

Sid Brown, University of the South

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**A22-311**

**Chinese Religions Group**

Mark Csikszentmihalyi, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Politics, Imperial Institutions, and Religion in Imperial China*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Hilton-206 (Level 2)

Eric Greene, University of Bristol

*The Authority of Meditation in the Kaiyuan Era: The Scripture on the Secret Essentials of Meditation in Cave 59 at the Wofoyuan*

Richard G. Wang, University of Florida

*Liu Yuanran, the Longhushan Delegation, and the Competition for Prestige at the Ming Court*

Luke Habberstad, University of Oregon

*Who Gets to Praise the Emperor? A Western Han Debate about the New Year's Court Audience*

April Hughes, Gonzaga University

*Shifting Conceptions of Kingship in Medieval China: A Reexamination of the Canonical and Apocryphal Maitreya Scriptures*

Responding:

Charles D. Orzech, University of Glasgow

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**A22-312**

**Comparative Religious Ethics Group**

Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

Theme: *The Ethics of Social Difference, Global Interdependence, and Forced Migration*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Thomas Carrico, Florida State University

*A Social Critique of the Judgment of Morality: Pierre Bourdieu and the Critical Study of Religious Ethics*

Shifa Noor, University of Virginia

*Tanzih, Tashbih and Tawhid in A Secular Age: The Ethics of Oneness in Charles Taylor and Ibn Arabi*

Benjamin Schewel, University of Virginia

*Comparative Religious Ethics and the Problem of Forced Migration*

Responding:

Irene Oh, The George Washington University

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**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A22-313**

Professional Practices and Institutional Location

**Contemplative Studies Group and Mysticism Group**

June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Mystics and Contemplatives in the Academy Today: Religious Experience from the Outside In and Inside Out*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Panelists:

Anne C. Klein, Rice University

Lola L. Williamson, Millsaps College

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University

Jay Michaelson, Chicago Theological Seminary

Responding:

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University

Business Meeting:

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University

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**A22-314**

Quadsponsorship

**Ecclesiological Investigations Group and Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group and Vatican II Studies Group and SBL Jewish-Christian Dialogue and Sacred Texts Group**

Homayra Ziad, Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD, Presiding

Theme: *Inter-Religious Dialogue in Our Times: The Legacy of Nostra Aetate*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Crystal CD (Level 1)

Thérèse Martine Andrevon Gottstein, Institut Catholique Paris

*To What Extent Did the Shoah Really Influence the Redaction of Nostra Aetate § 4?*

Adam Gregerman, Saint Joseph's University

*Not All Blessings Are Equal: Post-Nostra Aetate Catholic Interpretations of the Biblical Blessings*

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*to the Jews and to the Nations*

Katharina von Kellenbach, St. Mary's College of Maryland  
*Nostra Aetate's Urgent Call to Forget the Past*

Christopher Denny, Saint John's University, New York  
*Religiones Antiquae: Reviving Nostra Aetate to Expand the Scope of Salvation History*

Responding:

John T. Pawlikowski, Catholic Theological Union

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**A22-315**

Full Papers Available

**Gay Men and Religion Group and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group and Religion, Sport, and Play Group**

Gregory Stevens, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Male Aesthetics and Muscle Gods*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University  
*Crossfit and Muscular Christianity Resurrected*

Jason Smith, Vanderbilt University  
*Foucault for Heisman: Normalizing Power and the "Gym-Built" Amateur Athlete*

Scott Strednak Singer, Temple University  
*From Muscular Christianity to Hard-Body Christianity: The Power Team and the Meaning of Muscle in Sports Evangelism*

Jared Vazquez, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver  
*When This Boy is Not a Bottom: Effeminate Men and the Failure of Masculine Performances*

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**A22-316**

**Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group**

Kirsi Stjerna, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding



**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Theme: *Christian Theology and Jewish Persecution with Martin Luther's Writing*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hilton-Grand Salon B (Level 2)

Brigitte Kahl, Union Theological Seminary  
*Luther and the Jews: Is Paul the Problem or Solution?*

R. Ward Holder, Saint Anselm College  
*Martin Luther and the Jews: A Theological-Historical Exploration of the Roots of Persecution*

Ryan Tafilowski, University of Edinburgh  
*"Dark, Depressing Riddle": The Dreadful Vocation of the Jews in the Theology of Paul Althaus*

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**A22-317**

Quadsponsorship

**New Religious Movements Group and Religion and Food Group and Western Esotericism Group and European Society for the Study of Western Esotericism**

Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College, Presiding

Theme: *New Religious Movements, Western Esotericism and Food*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

Daniel McKanan, Harvard University  
*Biodynamics, Community Supported Agriculture, and Slow Food: An Ecological Approach*

Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*They Will Be "Attracted to Us by Our Fruits": Organic Farming as Spiritual Practice and Practical Spirituality at Sunburst Farms*

Susannah Crockford, London School of Economics  
*We Are What We Eat: Dietary Regulations in "New Age" Spirituality*

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**A22-318**

**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group**

Storm Swain, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *Society Without God? "Existential Health" and Alternative Frameworks for Meaning-*

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

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Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Carrie Doehring, Iliff School of Theology  
*A Critical Phenomenological Pastoral Theological Method for Responding to Suffering in Ways That Respect Religious Differences*

Jonathan Stotts, Vanderbilt University  
*Homo Religiosus, Homo Prociendus: Meaning-Making as Projection or Sublimation?*

Annhild Tofte Haga, University of Oslo  
*Dialogues and Conflicts between Images of Jesus and Experiences of Being Oneself in Life Story Narratives: An Example of Dialogical Self Theory as an Analytical Tool in Empirical Research on Images of God*

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**A22-319**

**Reformed Theology and History Group**

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Resistance and Submission in the Reformed Tradition*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hilton-211 (Level 2)

Matthew Tuininga, Oglethorpe University  
*Because of Your Hardness of Heart: Calvin, Moral Pluralism, and the Politics of Submission*

Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University  
*Belligerent Public Theology: The Confessional Theology of Dirk J. Smit*

Christina Larsen, University of St. Andrews  
*Jonathan Edwards' "Humble Inquiry": Resistance and Submission as the Visibility of Love in the Church*

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**A22-320**

**Religion and Cities Group**

Irene Stroud, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Illegality and Criminalization in the City*

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

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Hilton-201 (Level 2)

Michael R. Fisher, Vanderbilt University

*To Catch A Criminal: The Illegality of Homelessness in the Neoliberal City and the Politics of Theological Legitimation*

Casey Crosbie, Claremont School of Theology

*Criminalizing Charity: Social Control and "Illegitimate" Assistance to the Homeless in Atlanta and Los Angeles*

Andrew Krinks, Vanderbilt University

*Property, Trespass, and the Spatial Delineations of Personhood: From Theologies of Criminalization to Counter-Theologies of Spatial Reclamation*

Responding:

Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:

Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology

Elise Edwards, Baylor University

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**A22-321**

**Religion and Disability Studies Group**

Leigh Ann Hildebrand, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Violence, Dignity, and Resistance: Disability Representation in Comics and on Screen*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A707 (Atrium Level)

Hajung Lee, Boston University

*The Social Perception of Disabled Women in the Film Oasis (2002)*

Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University

*Beyond the SuperCrip: How The 99 Turns Disability Narratives Upside Down and Inside Out*

Kimberly Humphrey, Boston College

*Fracturing the Myth of the Holistic Self: Persons with Dementia, Caregiving, and a Model for Ecclesial Response*

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**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A22-322**

**Religion and Popular Culture Group**

Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: *Between Sacred and Secular: Media, Performance, and Popular Religion*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Mandy McMichael, Huntingdon College

*Pageant Prayers: When Responding to God's Call Requires a Stage and a Crown*

Jessica Carr, Lafayette College

*Graphic Women: Gender in Jewish Comics*

Erika Gault, Hilbert College

*Youth, Religion, and New Media: The Rise of Gospel Rap and a New Black Church Aesthetic*

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**A22-323**

**Religion, Media, and Culture Group**

Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: *Third Spaces, Media, and Hybrid Subjects*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado

Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado

*The Third Spaces of Digital Religion*

Emad Hamdeh, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

*The Internet and Religious Authority in Modern Sunnism*

Andrew Polk, Middle Tennessee State University

*Free-Market Religion: Selling America after the Second World War*

Lucia Hulsether, Yale University

*Buying into the Dream: Utopian Subjects at the National Center for Civil and Human Rights*

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**A22-324**

**Science, Technology, and Religion Group**

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College, Presiding

Theme: *Experiencing Land and Body: Cultivating Lived Narratives of Science and Religion*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Cara Rock-Singer, Columbia University

*My Body is a Temple and a Laboratory*

Tamar Novick, Tel Aviv University

*Milk, Dance, and Dig: Techniques of Making a Holy Land in Palestine*

Adrienne Krone, Duke University

*Sacred Soil: The Contemporary Cultivation of Sustainable Jewish Agriculture in the United States*

Responding:

Evan Berry, American University

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**A22-325**

**Sikh Studies Group**

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Theme: *Sikh Encounters with Others: Comparative and Interreligious Engagements*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Crystal AF (Level 1)

Rahuldeep Singh Gill, California Lutheran University

*In Comparison a Power Dwells: Rethinking Communal Taxonomy in Early Sikh Literature*

Amanda Randhawa, Ohio State University

*Negotiations of Religion, Ritual, and Gender in Tamilnadu*

Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley, University of Melbourne

*Sikhs in Australia: Indentured Trysts, Religious Demography, and Street Assaults*

Responding:

Harjeet Grewal, University of Michigan

Business Meeting:

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia

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**A22-326**

**Study of Islam Section**

Bernadette Brooten, Brandeis University, Presiding

Theme: *Debating Concubinage: Regulating Sexual Slavery in Islamicate Contexts, Past and Present*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Craig Perry, Princeton University

*Legal Pluralism and Slave Concubinage in the Medieval Egyptian Jewish Community (1150-1250 CE)*

Younus Mirza, Allegheny College

*"The Slave Woman Will Give Birth to Her Master": Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali's Refutation of the Sale of the Umm al-Walad*

Kecia Ali, Boston University

*Redeeming Slavery, Rewriting History: The "Islamic State," Muslim Tradition, and Debates over Concubinage*

Responding:

Gail Labovitz, American Jewish University

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**A22-327**

**Tantric Studies Group and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group**

Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual (and) Practice in Hindu and Buddhist Tantrism*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

Rae Erin Dachille-Hey, University of California, Berkeley

*Tantric Ritual and the Problem of Imagination*

Patricia Sauthoff, University of London

*Controlling Death to Control Perceptions: Understanding How Kashmir Śaiva Death Rituals Lead*

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*to Social Influence*

Michael Reading, Claremont School of Theology

*Brahmacharya in Focus: Tantric and Advaita Vedantic Perspectives on the Spiritual Utility of Celibacy*

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**A22-328**

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group**

Frederick J. Parrella, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Theme: *New Appropriations of Tillich's Thought*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-205 (Level 2)

Mike Grimshaw, University of Canterbury

*God Is in the Details: Reading' Mies van der Rohe's Modern Architecture through Tillich's Theology of Culture and Technology*

Jari Ristiniemi, University of Gävle

*Clashes of Justice in Finding Life, Justice in General, and Expressive/Creative Justice in Modern Cinema*

Jon Gill, Claremont Graduate University

*Grounds of Being Becoming: The Possibility of a Tillichian-Inspired Process Theology as Displayed by Underground Rap*

Business Meeting:

Sharon Peebles Burch, Interfaith Counseling Center, San Anselmo, CA

Stephen G. Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

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**A22-329**

**Wesleyan Studies Group**

Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Wesleyan Culture and the Public Square since the Mid-Twentieth Century*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

Dion Forster, Stellenbosch University

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Nelson Mandela and the Methodist Church of South Africa: An African Christian Humanist Approach to Social Holiness*

Mark Gorman, Centre United Methodist Church, Forest Hill, MD

*The "Iconic" Methodist: George W. Bush and the State of Contemporary United Methodism*

Natalya Cherry, Southern Methodist University

*Rev. James M. Lawson, Jr., Called by King "The Greatest Teacher of Nonviolence in America"*

Responding:

Rebekah Miles, Southern Methodist University

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**A22-330**

**Yogācāra Studies Group**

William S. Waldron, Middlebury College, Presiding

Theme: *Reading the Tattvārtha Chapter*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-307 (Level 3)

Eyal Aviv, George Washington University

*Textual Context to the Tattvārthapaṭala*

Ulrich Timme Kragh, University of Copenhagen

*Rhetorical Devices in the Tattvārthapaṭala*

Ligeia Lugli, Mangalam Research Center for Buddhist Languages, Berkeley, CA

*Fragments of a Learned Conversation: Identifying the Interlocutors of the Tattvārtha's Arguments for the Inexpressibility of Reality*

Joy Brennan, Kenyon College

*Inversion, Clinging, and the Three Natures*

Business Meeting:

C. John Powers, Australian National University

Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University

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**A22-331**

Exploratory Sessions

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**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Richard McGregor, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Negative Theologies and Apophaticism*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-208 (Level 2)

Panelists:

Wendy Farley, Emory University

William Franke, Vanderbilt University

Eric Perl, Loyola Marymount University

Sajjad Rizvi, University of Exeter

Responding:

Elliot R. Wolfson, New York University

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**A22-332**

Exploratory Sessions, Focus on Valuing the Study of Religion

**Exploratory Sessions**

Daniel Vaca, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: *Spirits of Capitalism: Exploring Religion and Economy*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Panelists:

Janine Giordano Drake, University of Illinois

George Gonzalez, Monmouth University

Elayne Oliphant, New York University

Responding:

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

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**P22-350**

**African Association for the Study of Religions**

Esther Acolatse, Duke University, Presiding

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Theme: *Religion, Social Space, and Development*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover D (Exhibit Level)

Franz Kogelmann, University of Bayreuth

Magnus Echtler, University of Bayreuth

*Religion(s) and Sacred Space(s) in Africa and Beyond*

Komi Ahiatropa Hiagbe, Global Theological Seminary, Ghana

*An Investigation into Some African Endogamous Models of Development*

Maaraidzo Mutambara, Africa University

*African Ethics and Disability: Case Study of the Shona of Zimbabwe*

Responding:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

Business Meeting:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

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**Sunday - 5:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**A22-333**

Books under Discussion

**Women's Lounge Roundtable**

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Theme: *Enriching the Field: Publishing New Books on Gender and Religion*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-7:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

*Eminent Buddhist Women (State University of New York Press, 2014)*

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College

**Sunday - 5:00 PM-7:00 PM**

Embracing the Other, A Transformative Spirit of Love (*W. B. Eerdmans, 2015*)

Jennifer Hockenbery, Mount Mary College

Thinking Woman: A Philosophical Approach to the Quandary of Gender (*Cascade, 2015*)

Elisheva Baumgarten, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Practicing Piety in Medieval Ashkenaz: Men, Women and Everyday Observance (*University of Pennsylvania Press, 2014*)

Julie Neuffer, Eastern Washington University

Helen Andelin and the Fascinating Womanhood Movement (*University of Utah Press, 2014*)

Mary Beth Fraser Connolly, Purdue University North Central

Women of Faith: The Chicago Sisters of Mercy and the Evolution of a Religious Community (*Fordham University Press, 2014*)

Elizabeth O'Donnell Gandolfo, Wake Forest University

The Power and Vulnerability of Love: A Theological Anthropology (*Fortress Press, 2015*)

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**Sunday - 5:45 PM-8:45 PM**

**M22-305**

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

William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School, Presiding

Sunday - 5:45 PM-8:45 PM

Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

William E. Connolly, Johns Hopkins University

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**Sunday - 6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

**M22-306**

**Paulist Press Reception**

**Sunday - 6:00 PM-7:30 PM**

Theme: *Celebrating 150 Years: Reception in Honor of Bernard McGinn, Outgoing Editor-in-Chief of the Classics of Western Spirituality Series*

Sunday - 6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Hyatt-International North (International Tower Level LL1)

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**Sunday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**P22-353**

**Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Dinner for New Teachers**

Sunday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover F (Exhibit Level)

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**Sunday - 6:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**M22-308**

**Loyola University, Maryland**

Daniel Wade McClain, Loyola University, Maryland, Presiding

Theme: *Decreation: A Discussion with Paul Griffiths*

Sunday - 6:00 PM-8:30 PM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University

Jame Schaefer, Marquette University

Robert Trent Pomplun, Loyola University Maryland

Paul Griffiths, Duke University

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**Sunday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

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**A22-334**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section, Teaching Religion Section, Women and Religion Section, African Diaspora Religions Group, Anthropology of Religion Group, Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group, and Sociology of Religion Group**

Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Special Session in Honor of Karen McCarthy Brown*

Sunday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Aisha Beliso-De Jesus, Harvard University

Claudine Michel, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**Sunday - 7:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**A22-403**

Arts Series

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Theme: *The Snare Is Broken and We Are Set Free*

Sunday - 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

Hyatt-Learning Center (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Carrie Cates, Seattle School of Theology and Psychology

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**Sunday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**A22-400**

**AAR Awards Ceremony and Reception**

Jack Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

**Sunday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

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Westin-Overlook (Level 6)

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**M22-400**

**Denver University/Illiff School of Theology Study of Religion Reception**

Sunday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Westin-Piedmont 4 (Level 12)

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**M22-401**

**University of North Carolina Department of Religious Studies Reception**

Sunday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Sheraton-Macon (Level 2)

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**Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM**

**M22-307**

**Louisville Institute Reception**

Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom D (Level 2)

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**M22-402**

**Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Section Panel and Reception**

Theme: *Celebrating the 70th Anniversary of Nag Hammadi*

Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Sheraton-Capitol North (Level 1)

Panelists:

John D. Turner, University of Nebraska

Paul-Hubert Poirier, Université Laval

Gesine Schenke-Robinson, Claremont School of Theology

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**M22-403**

**Princeton University Department of Religion Reception**

**Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM**

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Westin-Savannah C (Level 10)

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**M22-404**

**University of Helsinki Reception**

Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM  
Marriott-Marquis C (Marquis Level)

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**M22-405**

**University of Iowa Alumni and Friends Reception**

Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:00 PM  
Westin-Piedmont 2 (Level 12)

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**Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM**

**M22-419**

**Liturgical Press Panel Discussion and Reception**

Theme: *Introducing the Wisdom Commentary Series*

Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM  
Sheraton-Capitol South (Level 1)

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**P22-400**

**Société Internationale d'Études sur Alfred Loisy**

David Schultenover, Marquette University, Presiding

Theme: *Contexts and Criticisms of Loisy's Ecclesiology*

Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM  
Marriott-L504-505 (Lobby Level)

Jeffrey Morrow, Seton Hall University  
*The Kingdom of God and the Church: A Look at Loisy's Ecclesiology*

Charles J. T. Talar, University of St. Thomas, Houston

**Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM**

*Creating Critical Distance: Pierre Batiffol and Alfred Loisy on the Church*

Danny Praet, Ghent University

*The Church in the Correspondence of Franz Cumont and Alfred Loisy*

Responding:

Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon

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**Sunday - 7:30 PM-9:00 PM**

**M22-406**

**Jewish Theological Seminary Reception**

Sunday - 7:30 PM-9:00 PM

Sheraton-Augusta (Level 2)

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**Sunday - 8:00 PM-9:30 PM**

**A22-401**

**Arts Series**

*Arti-Facts/Divorcing the Demons: A Collaborative Gallery Installation and Storytelling Performance with Babylonian Incantation Bowls*

Sunday - 8:00 PM-9:30 PM

Marriott-Marquis D (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Laurel Robinson, Georgia Southwestern State University

Keaton Wynn, Georgia Southwestern State University

Daniel Rosenberg, Chicago, IL

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**P21-402**

**Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion Reception**

Sunday - 8:00 PM-9:30 PM



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Marriott-Skyline North (Level 10)

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**Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**A22-404**

**Film**

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

*African Christianity Rising*

Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Panelists:

Birgit Meyer, Utrecht University

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, Trinity Theological Seminary

Responding:

James Ault, Filmmaker, African Christianity Rising

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**A22-405**

**Film**

*Gurukulam*

Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Panelists:

Neil Dalal, University of Alberta

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**A22-406**

**Film**

**Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

*The Muslims Are Coming*

Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Panelists:

John Lyden, Grand View University

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**A22-407**

**Film**

*César Chávez*

Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Panelists:

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

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**A22-408**

**Film**

*Touching the Murtis, Seen by God: The Distant Touch and the Material Gaze in BAPS Temples*

Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Panelists:

Torang Asadi, Duke University

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**M22-407**

**Trinity Evangelical Divinity School Alumni and Friends Dessert Reception**

Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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**Sunday - 8:30 PM-9:30 PM**

**A22-402**

**Arts Series**

Diane Glancy, Macalester College, Presiding

Theme: *Pushing the Bear: The 1848-49 Cherokee Trail of Tears*

Sunday - 8:30 PM-9:30 PM

Hyatt-Learning Center (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Michael Evenden, Emory University

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**Sunday - 9:00 PM-10:30 PM**

**M22-408**

**Brite Divinity School Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-10:30 PM

Westin-Peachtree 1-2 (Level 8)

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**Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM**

**M22-409**

**Brown University Department of Religious Studies and the Program in Judaic Studies Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Westin-Savannah A (Level 10)

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**M22-410**

**Columbia University Religion Department Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Westin-Savannah B (Level 10)

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**Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM**

**M22-411**

**Emory University Graduate Division of Religion Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Westin-Chastain 1-2 (Level 6)

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**M22-412**

**Florida State University Department of Religion Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 8-9 (Level 1)

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**M22-413**

**Johns Hopkins University Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Westin-Chastain E (Level 6)

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**M22-414**

**Southern Methodist University and Perkins School of Theology Alumni/ae and Friends Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Westin-Chastain F (Level 6)

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**M22-415**

**Scottish Universities Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Westin-Augusta 1-3 (Level 7)

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**M22-416**

**Union Theological Seminary Alumni/ae Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Sheraton-Georgia 3-4 (Level 1)

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**M22-417**

**University of California, Santa Barbara Religious Studies Reception**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Sheraton-Savannah 1-3 (Level 2)

**Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM**

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**M22-418**

**University of Chicago Divinity School Reception for Alumni and Friends**

Sunday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Westin-Peachtree C (Level 8)

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**Monday - 7:00 AM-8:30 AM**

**M23-1**

**Restoration Quarterly Breakfast**

Monday - 7:00 AM-8:30 AM

Sheraton-Georgia 7 (Level 1)

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**Monday - 7:00 AM-9:00 AM**

**M23-2**

**Fuller Theological Seminary Alumni Breakfast Hosted by Dean Joel Green, School of Theology**

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Monday - 7:00 AM-9:00 AM

Sheraton-Capitol North (Level 1)

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**Monday - 7:15 AM-8:45 AM**

**A23-1**

**Program Unit Chairs' Breakfast**

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding

Monday - 7:15 AM-8:45 AM

Hyatt-International South (International Tower Level LL1)

**Monday - 7:15 AM-8:45 AM**

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**Monday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM**

**M23-3**

**Union Presbyterian Seminary Alumni/ae Breakfast**

Monday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Sheraton-Valdosta (Level 2)

Bill Sweetser, Union Presbyterian Seminary

*A Copious Fountain: Union Presbyterian Seminary, 1812-2012*

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**Monday - 7:30 AM-9:00 AM**

**A23-2**

**Membership Task Force Meeting**

Warren G. Frisina, Hofstra University, Presiding

Monday - 7:30 AM-9:00 AM

Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

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**M23-4**

**University of Chicago Divinity School Coffee with the Dean for Prospective Students**

Monday - 7:30 AM-9:00 AM

Westin-Peachtree A (Level 8)

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**Monday - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM**

**A23-100**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Humility, Solidarity, and Mutuality: Three Holistic Methodological Goals for Comparative Religious Study*

Monday - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

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Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University

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**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**A23-101**

**Study of Judaism Section**

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Regulating Sexuality in Postwar American Jewish Communities: Navigating Queer Bodies, Heteronormativity, and Hegemonic Christianity*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)

Rachel Gordan, Brandeis University

*Alfred Kinsey and the Making of a Post-WWII Orthodox Jewish Sexuality*

Brett Krutzsch, College of Wooster

*Jewish in Life, Christianized in Death: The Jewishness of Harvey Milk's Gay Activism*

Gregg Drinkwater, University of Colorado

*AIDS Was Our Earthquake: American Judaism in the Age of AIDS*

Jonathan Jackson, Maxwell School of Syracuse University

*Useful and Inhuman: Inversions of Queer and Corrections of the Jewish Body*

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**A23-102**

**Confucian Traditions Group**

Michael Lackner, Friedrich-Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Presiding

Theme: *How the Changes Changed: Yijing Exegesis in Post-Imperial China*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Geoffrey Redmond, Columbia University

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

*Doubting Antiquity and the Reconstruction of the Ancient Zhouyi*

Tze-ki Hon, State University of New York, Geneseo

*Reading the Hexagrams for the New Nation: Yijing Studies in Twentieth-Century China*

Dennis Cheng, Hong Kong Institute of Education

*Tian (天, Heaven) and Yijing Philosophy*

Stéphanie Homola, Collège de France, École des Hautes études en Sciences Sociales

*A Cultural Encounter between the Yijing and Modern Astronomy: The Case of Liu Zihua 刘子华 (1899-1992)*

Responding:

On-cho Ng, Pennsylvania State University

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**A23-103**

Focus on Sustainability

**Ecclesiological Investigations Group**

Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *The Church and the Environmental Crisis*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Hilton-205 (Level 2)

Jennifer Kryszak, St. Thomas University, Miami Gardens

*Serving the Dear Neighbor through the Earth: A Mission for Ecological and Social Justice*

Andrew Spencer, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

*Southern Baptists and the Environment: Divergence Between Theology and Praxis*

Henry Kuo, Graduate Theological Union

*The Dangerous Memory of Accra: Hope for a Unified Reformed Response to the Ecological Crisis*

John Shelton, Duke University

*Sacramental Imagination: Forming an Ecological Conscience at the Lord's Table*

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**A23-104**

**Gay Men and Religion Group**

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University, Presiding



**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

Theme: *Queer Utopias and Dystopias*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Allison Covey, University of Toronto

*Comic-Con International as Performance of Queer Utopia*

Christopher Ashley, Union Theological Seminary

*A Kind Angel's Thesis: Religion, Technology, and Queer Humanism in Neon Genesis Evangelion*

Andrea Tucker, Vanderbilt University

*Desiring Earthseed: Teaching Octavia Butler's Parable of the Sower behind the Gate*

Anthony Hoshaw, Chicago Theological Seminary

*Trash Animals, Queers, and the City*

Business Meeting:

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary

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**A23-105**

**Roman Catholic Studies Group**

Matthew Cressler, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Race and White Supremacy in the Construction of American Catholicism*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Marriott-L405-406 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Emma J. Anderson, University of Ottawa

Shannen Williams, University of Tennessee

Felipe Hinojosa, Texas A&M University

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College

Karen Teel, University of San Diego

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**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A23-106**

**Public Understanding of Religion Committee**

Ayesha S. Chaudhry, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *Media Representations of ISIS/ISIL*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Kecia Ali, Boston University

Caner Dagli, College of the Holy Cross

Sohaira Siddiqui, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Qatar

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**A23-107**

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

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Disability Justice and Racial Justice: Intersections and Imperatives*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A707 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

Raedorah Stewart, Washington, DC

Willie J. Jennings, Duke University

Jeremy Schipper, Temple University

Allyssa Green, Jonesboro, GA

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

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**A23-108**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

Yolanda Pierce, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Between: Liminality as Creative (Re)Source in American Religion, Literature, and Art*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Hilton-208 (Level 2)

Joy R. Bostic, Case Western Reserve University

*Justice Making and the Beloved Community: The Underground Railroad, Toni Morrison's Beloved, and Mapping Emancipatory Landscapes*

Jason Bartulis, University of Chicago

*Between Photographic Naturalism and Literary Religion: Flannery O'Connor's Modernist Graces*

Matthew Potts, Harvard University

*Remaking American Monsters: Race and Religion in Cormac McCarthy's Fiction*

Andrew Smith, Tennessee Technological University

*Banjo and Bread: Hippy Christian Liturgy as New Left Liberation*

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**A23-109**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

Theme: *Apophysis and Its Limits: Speech, Language, and Reasoning about God*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon A (Level 2)

David Wilmington, Baylor University

*Toward a Harmonious Silence: An Argument for Relational Apophaticism*

Brendan McInerney, Fordham University

*A Concrete Mystery: Apophatic Theology and Trinitarian Discourse in the Thought of Hans Urs von Balthasar*

Deborah Casewell, University of Edinburgh

*Between Suffering and Reason: Jüngel as a Corrective to Modern Theology*

Kirsten Heacock Sanders, Emory University

*What Seeing Jesus Offers for the Doctrine of Impassibility*

Business Meeting:

David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary

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**A23-110**

**Ethics Section**

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Keri Day, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Fiftieth Anniversary Remembrance of the Voting Rights Act of 1965*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)

Jonathan Rothchild, Loyola Marymount University

*Why the Voting Rights Act Still Matters Fifty Years Later*

James McBride, New York University

*Black Votes Matter: Shelby v. Holder and the Moral Impoverishment of the United States Supreme Court*

Marc Rugani, Catholic University of America

*Clamo Ergo Sum: Establishing the Fundamental Right to Protest out of Christian Theologies of Liberation*

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**A23-111**

Books under Discussion, Focus on Valuing the Study of Religion

**Religion and Politics Section**

Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *How the Israeli Peace Camp Thinks About Religion, Nationalism, and Justice: Roundtable Debate of Atalia Omer's When Peace Is Not Enough (University of Chicago Press, 2013)*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Peter Ochs, University of Virginia

Cecelia Lynch, University of California, Irvine

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Shaul Magid, Indiana University

Responding:

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

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**A23-112**

Professional Practices and Institutional Location, Quadsponsorship

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**Religion in South Asia Section and Study of Islam Section and North American Hinduism Group and Sikh Studies Group**

Richard H. Davis, Bard College, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching the "Asian Religions" Survey: Challenges and Opportunities*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Panelists:

Michael Altman, University of Alabama

Pashaura Singh, University of California, Riverside

Christian Haskett, Centre College

Judson Murray, Wright State University

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University

Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University

Annabella Pitkin, Barnard College, Columbia University

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**A23-113**

Professional Practices and Institutional Location

**Teaching Religion Section and Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion**

David B. Howell, Ferrum College, Presiding

Theme: *Demonstrating a Teaching Tactic: Engaging Students in Learning*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-Atrium C (Atrium Level)

Rose Aslan, California Lutheran University

*Drama in the Classroom*

David Jorgensen, Colby College

*Coffee-Hour Role Play*

Brent Hege, Butler University

*Crafting a "Big Picture" Assignment: Interviews as Teaching Tool*

Umesh Patel, University at Buffalo

*Speed Dating*

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Using Clickers to Start Discussions in the Religious Studies Classroom*

Kyle Schiefelbein, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

*Engaging Historical-Theological Sources in the Digital Classroom*

Business Meeting:

David B. Howell, Ferrum College

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**A23-114**

Professional Practices and Institutional Location, Quad sponsorship

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Class, Religion, and Theology Group and Liberation Theologies Group and Religion and Cities Group**

Robert O. Smith, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *How Class, Religion, and Theology Shape Academia and Academics*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)

Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

*Phenomenal Women: Black Female Embodiment and American Iconic Power*

Mark Wood, Virginia Commonwealth University

*From Neoliberal Diversity to Deep International Solidarity: Reclaiming the University for Democracy and the Public Good*

James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

*The "Place" of Animist Theologies of Liberation: "Learning to Learn" From Gayatri Spivak's "Impossible Vision" of Global Ecological Justice*

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University

*Class and Power in the Classroom and beyond*

Business Meeting:

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University

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**A23-115**

Focus on Valuing the Study of Religion

**African Religions Group**

Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University, Presiding

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *African Values and Ethics on the Global Stage: Critical Perspectives on Religious Cosmopolitanism*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Dianna Bell, Vanderbilt University

*Islam in African Values: The Qur'anic Basis of Muslim Merit-Making in Posthumous Sacrifices in Mali*

Erin Nourse, University of Denver

*"Make My Hands Holy": How Gift-Giving (Hasin-Tanana) and the Malagasy Ethic of Reciprocity (Fihavanana) Equips Traditional Healers to Provide Clients with Much-Needed Therapeutic Resources in Regions of Medical Scarcity*

David Ngong, Stillman College

*Implications of the Spirituality of the Twin among the Vengo of Cameroon*

Beddingfield Meghan, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Reempowerment for the Family Man: Reestablishing the Okpara in the Igbo Second Burial Rite in Contemporary Nigerian Christianity*

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

*Hunting Values in an African State: Religion, Human Rights, and Post-Conflict Realities in Côte d'Ivoire*

Responding:

Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University

Business Meeting:

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University

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**A23-116**

**Augustine and Augustinianisms Group and Scriptural Reasoning Group**

Simeon Zahl, University of Oxford, Presiding

Theme: *New Research on the Practice of Early Christian Psalm Interpretation*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Charles Stang, Harvard University  
Rachel Muers, University of Leeds  
Daniel Weiss, University of Cambridge

Responding:

Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University

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**A23-117**

**Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group**

Céline Léon, Grove City College, Presiding

Theme: Kierkegaard and the Staging of Desire (*Fordham University Press, 2014*): *A Discussion of Carl Hughes' Book on Rhetoric and Performance in a Theology of Eros*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-304 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Don E. Saliers, Emory University  
Helene Russell, Christian Theological Seminary  
Edward Phillip Antonio, Iliff School of Theology  
Sylvia Walsh, Stetson University

Responding:

Carl Hughes, Texas Lutheran University

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**A23-118**

**Buddhism in the West Group**

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Presiding

Theme: *Converts, Immigrants, Social Movements, and Mindfulness*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara



**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*The Fortuneteller and the Freemason: Two Western Buddhist Converts and Their Influence on the Buddhist Churches of America in the Early Twentieth Century*

Courtney Bruntz, Nebraska Wesleyan University

*Dharma in the Heartland: An Exploration of Immigrant Buddhists in Nebraska*

Jason Ellsworth, Dalhousie University

*Reinvigorating the Market: Taiwanese Buddhist Ethical Food Projects on Prince Edward Island*

Ronald Purser, San Francisco State University

*From Healthcare Intervention to Spiritual Lineage: Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) as a Modern Single-Practice Tradition*

Business Meeting:

David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College

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**A23-119**

**Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Group and Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Group**

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Approaches to Moral Injury and Recovery*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

Grace G. Burford, Prescott College

*Buddhist Teachings and Practices as Resources for Understanding and Treating Moral Injury*

John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University

*Aṅgulimāla's Redemption: Narrating a Buddhist Way beyond Moral Injury*

Brendan Ozawa-de Silva, Emory University

*Theoretical and Practical Resources of the Tibetan Lojong (Blo Sbyong) Tradition for Addressing Moral Injury*

Jennifer Wade, Boston College

*Mind Training Informed by the Transformational Anger of Judith Butler as Resource to Support Recovery from Moral Injury*

Responding:

Zachary Moon, Illiff School of Theology

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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**A23-120**

**Contemporary Islam Group**

Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg, Presiding

Theme: *Connecting Islam in Africa: Patterns of Islamic Reform and Politics of Change*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Ahmed Khalid Ayong, University of Bayreuth

*From the Jauleru to the Jamiah: The Life and Activities of Sheikh Abdourrahman Nasrou (1933-2003)*

Brannon Ingram, Northwestern University

*True Sufis Don't March in the Streets: Deobandi Political Ethics from South Asia to South Africa*

Alexander Thurston, Georgetown University

*Teaching Hadith in Northern Nigeria*

Ann Wainscott, Saint Louis University

*Religious Regulation as Foreign Policy: The Case of Morocco*

Matthew Steele, Harvard University

*Shafi'i Student, Maliki Scholars, and Hanafi Laws: The Making of Juridical Authority in Early Twentieth Century Sudan*

Responding:

Terje Ostebo, University of Florida

Business Meeting:

Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University

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**A23-121**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Group and Indigenous Religious Traditions Group**

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, Presiding

Theme: *The Problem of "Religion" in the Study of Indigenous and Polytheistic Traditions*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Hilton-Crystal CD (Level 1)

Erich Fox Tree, Wilfrid Laurier University

*One Hundred One Myths about Indigenous Religion, or A Religion about "Mythical Indigens"*

Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University, University of Chester

*Defining Pagan Religions through Charity Law*

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Emory University

*From the Fetish Concept to the Construction of Religion: The Discursive Formation of African Religious Others*

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**A23-122**

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group**

Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Pluralism and Feminist/Womanist/Mujerista Theologies*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

Jerusha Lamptey, Union Theological Seminary

Joanne Marie Terrell, Chicago Theological Seminary

Rachel Heath, University of Chicago

Nina Hoel, University of Oslo

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Pacific School of Religion

Business Meeting:

Homayra Ziad, Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School

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**A23-123**

**Korean Religions Group**

Debernieri Torrey, University of Utah, Presiding

Theme: *Meaning, Memory, and Message: New Approaches to Seminal Issues in Korean Religions*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School

*Jeremiad against Korean Evangelicalism, 1990–2015: Denunciations and Prescriptions*

Haewon Yang, Claremont, CA

*Contextualization and Spiritualization: A Paradoxical Combination in the Korean Translation of Eugene H. Peterson*

Seong-nae Kim, Sogang University

*Cultural Memory of the Cheju Massacre and the Korean War: Moral Practices of Spirit Possession and Kinship Rites*

Franklin Rausch, Lander University

*Humble but Wise: Papal and Korean Leadership during Pope Francis's 2014 Visit to Korea*

Young Woon Ko, Lorain Community College

*Masculinities, Confucianism, and Sexual Identity in the New Paradigm of Korean Yijing*

Responding:

Richard D. McBride, Brigham Young University, Hawaii

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**A23-124**

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

Theresa Torres, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Presiding

Theme: *The Legacy of César Chávez after Fifty Years*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Lloyd Barba, University of Michigan

*Activists and Aleluyas: The Politicization of Pentecostal Farmworkers*

Jason Steidl, Fordham University

*César Chávez and the Dangerous Rhetoric of Ecumenism*

Jeremy Cruz, St. John's University, New York

*César Chávez and Faith-Based Egalitarianism: Source or Stumbling Block?*

Responding:

Luis Leon, University of Denver

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Business Meeting:

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

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**A23-125**

**Men, Masculinities, and Religions Group**

Amanullah De Sony, University College Cork, Presiding

Theme: *Performative and Discursive Masculinities: Intersecting Race, Religion, Ethnicity, and Sexuality*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

David Newman, Syracuse University

*Playing the Second Skin: Mormon Men, Sexuality, and the Holy Garments*

Myounghun Yun, Vanderbilt University

*Deconstructing the Misframing and Misrepresentation of Asian American Masculinities: A Qualitative Study on 1.5 Generation Korean-American Men in the Evangelical Tradition.*

Darrius Hills, Rice University

*Reciprocal Masculinities in Alice Walker's The Color Purple*

Alyssa Maldonado, Princeton University

*"They Give the Feast Their Hearts, These Faithful and Honest Men:" Manhood and Masculinity at the Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

Business Meeting:

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

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**A23-126**

**Nineteenth Century Theology Group**

Alexander J.B. Hampton, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Aesthetics and the Religious Imagination in the Nineteenth Century*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)

Liane Carlson, Columbia University

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*The Poetics of Pantheism in Early German Romanticism*

David Le, Brown University

*The End of Art and the Non-End of Religion: Hegel on Aesthetics and Religion*

Devon Abts, King's College London

*"An Incomprehensible Certainty": Exploring A Sacramental Approach to the Religious Imagination in Nineteenth Century Britain*

Responding:

Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge

Business Meeting:

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University

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**A23-127**

**Practical Theology Group**

Christine Hong, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Dismantling Mass Incarceration*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-213 (Level 2)

Hannah Adams Ingram, University of Denver

*Letters Like Prayers: Appealing to the Gods of the Parole Board*

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University

*Practical Theology and the Shift from Prison Reform to Prison Abolition: The Liberation of Theological Reflections on Incarceration*

Jill Snodgrass, Loyola University Maryland

Harold Dean Trulear, Howard University

*Healing Communities: Responding to the Prison Industrial Complex by Transforming Congregational Cultures*

Amy Levad, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis

*The Eucharist, Justice, and Dismantling Mass Incarceration*

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**A23-128**

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**Qur'an Group**

Tariq Jaffer, Amherst College, Presiding

Theme: *Legal, Ethical, and Mystical Readings of the Qur'an*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L506-507 (Lobby Level)

Yousef Casewit, American University of Sharjah, New York University, Abu Dhabi

*What Ambiguity?: Ibn Barraġān's (d. 536/1141) Treatment of the Muḥkamāt and Mutashābihāt*

Hamilton Cook, Emory University

*"From the Wombs of Absence:" Rūzbihān Baqlī's "Theology of Absence" in his 'Arā'is al-Bayān fī ḥaqā'iq al-Qur'ān*

Ayat Agah, Claremont Graduate University

*Recovering Walayah as an Ethic of Concern*

Responding:

Joseph Lumbard, American University of Sharjah

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**A23-129**

Focus on Sustainability

**Religion and Ecology Group**

Anne Marie Dalton, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in Ecotheology*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Panu Pihkala, University of Helsinki

*Rediscovery of Early Twentieth Century Ecotheology*

Lily Oster, Emory University

*Bound in Being: An Obligated Ontology*

Daniel Horan, Boston College

*Decolonizing Creation: A Postcolonial Critique of Ecological Stewardship*

David Larrabee, Union Theological Seminary

*Process Thought and Environmental Ethics*

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Matthew Eaton, University of St. Michael's College

*From Idolatry to Infinity: Transitional Christology Following Emmanuel Levinas and the New Materialism*

Responding:

Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University

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**A23-130**

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**Religion and Popular Culture Group and Religion and Science Fiction Group and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group**

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *(Re)presentations of Science and Yogic Religion in Pop Culture*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon B (Level 2)

Anna Pokazanyeva, University of California, Santa Barbara

*The Turbaned Superman: Popular Depictions of Yogi Figures and the Shift to a Scientific Universalism*

Joel Gruber, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Tibetan Yogic Practices in the Batman Epic: The Dark Yoga of the Dark Knight*

Adam Krug, University of California, Santa Barbara

*"I'll See You Again in Twenty-Five Years:" Tibetan Buddhism in David Lynch's Twin Peaks and in American Pop Culture in the 90s*

Paul G. Hackett, Columbia University

*The Future Is Not What It Used To Be: Religion, Yoga, and Tibet in Star Trek and Doctor Who*

Rex Barnes, Columbia University

*The Implied Spider-Man: Transcreating Religious Imagery, Symbol, and Meaning in Spider-Man India*

Responding:

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West

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**A23-131**

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



**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: *Muslims, Film, and Visual Culture*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina

*In Fatima's Footsteps: Commemorating the Daughter of the Prophet*

Susie Paulik Babka, University of San Diego

*"Less Hamas, More Hummus": The World of Street, Mural, and Graffiti Art by Muslim Artists*

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha

*New American Muslim Cinema: A Transnational Critique of Hollywood*

Responding:

John Lyden, Grand View University

Business Meeting:

Ken Derry, University of Toronto

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**A23-132**

Professional Practices and Institutional Location

**Religion, Sport, and Play Group**

Arthur Remillard, Saint Francis University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Studies Pedagogies for Sport and Play*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-211 (Level 2)

Panelists:

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University

Patton Burchett, New York University

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville

Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary

Randall Balmer, Dartmouth College

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Business Meeting:

Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary  
Arthur Remillard, Saint Francis University

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**A23-133**

**Science, Technology, and Religion Group**

Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Technology and the Sacred*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Hilton-401-402 (Level 4)

Yasmin Cho, Duke University

*Taking Photos of Sacredness: Technology, (In)Visibility, and the Production of Sacredness in the Practice of Tibetan Buddhism*

John Allison, Princeton Theological Seminary

*The Question Still Concerning Technology: Imagining Ontology with Eliade and Heidegger*

Takeshi Kimura, University of Tsukuba

*Hybridity of Robotics and Mahayana Buddhism: The Mahayana Buddhist Philosophy of Robot in the Case of Masahiro Mori*

Jordan Brady Loewen, Syracuse University

*"Welcome to a New Reality": Digital Shamanism and Its Embodied Consequences*

Business Meeting:

Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago  
Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

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**A23-134**

**Sociology of Religion Group and Critical Research on Religion**

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Sociology of Religious Experience*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM  
Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Philip Wexler, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Resacralizing Critical Social Theory; An Example from Jewish Mysticism*

Jill Krebs, McDaniel College

*Chitchatting with Our Lady, or What Sociology Can Learn from Marian Visionaries*

Scott Muir, Duke University

*The Spirit of The Scene: Music Festivals, Collective Effervescence, and the Cult of the Individual*

Jeremy Hamilton-Arnold, Yale University

*Native Appropriation in Hipster Heterotopia: The Plains Indian Headdress and (In)Authentic Identities at Indie Music Festivals*

Responding:

Warren S. Goldstein, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University

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**A23-135**

**Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Group**

Karen Jackson-Weaver, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Creating Community and Consciousness: New Perspectives on the Significance of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

Dominic Erdozain, King's College London

*King and the American Conscience: The Challenge to the "Thermometer" Church*

Miriam Perkins, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

*The Praxis of Prophetic Voice: Martin Luther King, Jr. and Communication Strategies of Resistance*

Raimundo César Barreto, Princeton Theological Seminary

*The Significance of Martin Luther King, Jr. for Latin America: A Brazilian Perspective*

James H. Evans, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

*A New Creation: Spiritual and Social Transformation in the Sermons of Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Cory May, Aberdeen, Scotland

*Christian Pacifism or Christian Cowardice? Ethics of Coercive Action Through The Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr and Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Business Meeting:

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University

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**A23-136**

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group**

Sharon Peebles Burch, Interfaith Counseling Center, San Anselmo, CA, Presiding

Theme: *"A" Body Revealing Ultimate Concern*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-302 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Kayko Driedger Hesslein, Graduate Theological Union

Shonda Nicole Gladden, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Beth Ritter-Conn, Belmont University

Devan Stahl, Saint Louis University

Adam Pryor, Bethany College

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**A23-137**

**Wesleyan Studies Group**

Priscilla Pope-Levison, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Unity/Disunity in the Wesleyan Family*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A706 (Atrium Level)

Kevin Watson, Emory University

*Embodying Methodist Theology: Competing Visions of Holy Living within the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Rise of Free Methodism*

Jared Maddox, Southern Methodist University

*The 1844 General Conference and the Politicization of the Methodist Episcopal Church*

Nell Becker Sweeden, George Fox Evangelical Seminary

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*(Dis)Unity in Social Holiness: Complexities of Race, Class, and Gender*

Robert Doyle Smith, Olivet Nazarene University

*Conflicting Concepts of Pentecost: The Nazarene Response to the Azusa Street Revival Shapes Their Future Relations with Pentecostalism*

Responding:

Steven T. Hoskins, Trevecca Nazarene University

Business Meeting:

Ted Campbell, Southern Methodist University

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**A23-138**

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

Eboni Marshall Turman, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Sin, Suffering, and Spatiality: Exploring Culture, Caste, and Critique*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-201 (Level 2)

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Duke University

*The Propensity of Stains: Suffering as Dirty*

Sailaja Krishnamurti, York University

*Hindu Religiosity at the Margins of Diaspora: Queer and Feminist Activism, South Asian Diaspora Communities, and the Critique of Caste*

Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology

*Is Purple the New Orange? A Womanist Ethic of Survival in an Age of Mass Incarceration*

Elyse Ambrose Minson, Drew University

*Liberative Ethics at "The Pier": Environmental Transphobia and the Christopher Street Pier, New York City*

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College

Joseph Cheah, University of Saint Joseph

*Theological Reflections on "Gangnam Style": A Racial, Sexual, and Cultural Critique*

Business Meeting:

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

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**A23-139**

Full Papers Available, New Program Unit

**Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion Seminar**

Randy Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Theme: *What Is the Emerging Church? Definitions and Constructions*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International C (International Level)

Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University

*Deconstructing Westphalia: The Emerging Church, Citizen Pilgrims, and Globalization*

Steven Studebaker, McMaster Divinity College

Lee Beach, McMaster Divinity College

*From Monks to Punks: Emerging Christianity in Canada*

Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University

*Heresy, Betrayal, Magic, and Insurrection: Theology, Philosophy, and Politics in the Work of Peter Rollins*

Brandon Daniel-Hughes, John Abbott College

*The Emergent Church Movement as Experimental Program: Embodied Hypotheses in Cognition and Value*

Adam Sweatman, Florida State University

*A Generous Heterodoxy: A History of the Emerging Church Milieu*

Responding:

Xochitl Alvizo, California State University, Northridge

Shenandoah Nieuwsma, University of North Carolina

Business Meeting:

Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University

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**A23-140**

Full Papers Available, New Program Unit

**Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Seminar**

Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *Categories for Comparative Philosophy of Religion*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-307 (Level 3)

Jacob Sherman, University of Cambridge

*From "Faith and Reason" to the Post-Colonial Re-Evaluation of Religious Epistemologies*

Nariman Aavani, Harvard University

*Rethinking the Categories of Philosophy of Religion Through the Particularities of Shabistari and Sarasvati's Epistemologies of the Self*

Nathaniel Holmes, Florida Memorial University

*Philosophy of Religion and Disabilities*

Steven G. Smith, Millsaps College

*Scripture as a Topic in Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion: A Preliminary Survey of Major Questions*

Lawrence Whitney, Boston University

*The Problem of Religious Language*

Business Meeting:

Gereon Kopf, Luther College

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**A23-141**

**Responsible Research Practices Seminar Meeting**

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Jack Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

Panelists:

Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University

Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology

John Kelsay, Florida State University

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University

Randall Styers, University of North Carolina

Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Cheryl A. Giles, Harvard University

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**A23-142**

**Stand-alone MA Programs in Religion Seminar**

Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Future of MA Programs in Religion: Where Do We Go from Here?*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom D (Level 2)

Panelists:

Eric Bain-Selbo, Western Kentucky University

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University

Martha Finch, Missouri State University

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Dennis Kelley, University of Missouri

David T. Stewart, California State University, Long Beach

Oren Baruch Stier, Florida International University

Jarrold Whitaker, Wake Forest University

Brian Wilson, Western Michigan University

Molly Zahn, University of Kansas

Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois

Business Meeting:

Jarrold Whitaker, Wake Forest University

Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University

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**A23-143**

**Video Gaming and Religion Seminar**

Heidi Ann Campbell, Texas A&M University, Presiding

Theme: *Crafting the Study of Religion and Video Games: A Roundtable Discussion of Key Perspectives*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-206 (Level 2)

Panelists:



**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Jason Anthony, Brooklyn, NY  
Ian Bogost, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
Owen Gottlieb, Rochester Institute of Technology  
Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen  
Michael Waltemathe, Ruhr University Bochum  
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College  
Xenia Zeiler, University of Helsinki

Responding:

Michael Houseman, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes

Business Meeting:

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen

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**A23-144**

**Michael C. Carlos Museum Tour**

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Meet at corner of Baker Street and Peachtree Street

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**A23-145**

**Pitts Theology Library Special Collections Tour**

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Meet at corner of Baker Street and Peachtree Street

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**P23-143**

**Society for Pentecostal Studies**

Theme: *Pentecostal Readings of New Testament Texts*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hilton-405 (Level 4)

David R. Johnson, Bangor University

*The Mark of the Beast or the Seal of God: Pneumatic Discernment, Effective History, and Early*

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Pentecostal Periodical Literature*

Blaine Charette, Northwest University

*The Whence and Whither of Those Born of the Spirit: John 3.8 and the Correlation between Son of God and Children of God*

Adam White, Alphacrucis College

*Spirit-Filled, Educated Morons: The Calling of the Twenty-First Century Pentecostal in Light of the "New Atheism"*

Daniel I. Morrison, McMaster Divinity College

*Presentations of Parance and Performance as Seen by Thyatira*

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**Monday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

**A23-146**

Especially for Students, Focus on Employment

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Alt-Ac Employment: Hiring from an HR Perspective*

Monday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Jessica Lee Ehinger, University of Oxford

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**Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

**A23-147**

**Plenary Address: "Normativity" and the Academic Study of Religion: Reframing the Conversation about Theology and Religious Studies**

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

**Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM**

Panelists:

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Graham Ward, Oxford University

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**A23-148**

**Program Committee Meeting**

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding  
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM  
Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

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**A23-149**

**Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee Connecting Conversations Luncheon**

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding  
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM  
Marriott-Atrium C (Atrium Level)

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**A23-150**

**Women's Caucus Business Meeting**

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding  
Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding  
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM  
Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Marcelle Grano, California Institute of Integral Studies  
Alicia Besa-Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Kathryn Common, Boston University  
Marsha Thrall, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
Natalie Terry, Santa Clara University  
Kathy McCallie, Phillips Theological Seminary  
Julia Berger, Baha'i International Community, New York, NY  
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University  
Francesca Tronetti, California Institute of Integral Studies  
Hannah Bacon, University of Chester

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**Monday - 12:30 PM-4:00 PM**

**A23-151**

**William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum Tour**

Jill Petersen Adams, Emory University, Presiding

Theme:

Monday - 12:30 PM-4:00 PM

Hyatt-Meet at corner of Baker Street and Peachtree Street

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**Monday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM**

**A23-200**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *The Dissertation Distance Dilemma*

Monday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Brandon Turner, Catholic University of America

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**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

**A23-201**

**History of Christianity Section**

Peter Anthony Mena, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Christian Pieties, Practices, and Receptions in Historical Perspective*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Hilton-213 (Level 2)

Paul A Brazinski, Catholic University of America

*Maximus Planudes and Boethius' Byzantine Reception: Βίος Βοηθίου*

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

David Grumett, University of Edinburgh

*The Fourth Lateran Council, Eucharistic Reservation, and Corpus Christi*

Klaus Yoder, Harvard University

*Freedom in Divine Service: Vernacular Liturgical Singing as a Paradigm for Reformation Ritualization*

Caleb McCarthy, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Christian Missionaries and the Creation of "Oriental" and Islamic Museum Collections in the United States*

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**A23-202**

**Study of Judaism Section**

Larisa Reznik, Bowdoin College, Presiding

Theme: *Thinking Beyond Jewish Thought*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom D (Level 2)

Elias Sacks, University of Colorado

*The Business of Philosophy: Mendelssohn and Krochmal on Economics and Judaism*

Samuel Brody, University of Kansas

*On David Ricardo, Jewishness, and the Secular Space of Economy*

Shira Billet, Princeton University

*Judaism and the German Academy in the Nineteenth Century: Hermann Cohen between Neo-Kantianism, Protestantism, and Wissenschaft des Judentums*

Dustin Atlas, Al Quds Bard College

*Buber's Appropriation of Feuerbach's Anthropology of Religion*

Business Meeting:

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

Aaron W. Hughes, University of Rochester

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**A23-203**

**Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group**

Chris Tirres, DePaul University, Presiding

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

Theme: *Latina/o Religious Iconoclasm*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Hilton-307 (Level 3)

Adrian Emmanuel Hernandez-Acosta, Harvard University

*On Queer Religion, Nationalism, and Sex: A Response by Caribbean (Theological) Bottoms*

Alejandro Escalante, Union Theological Seminary

*God in Drag: An Indecent Approach to the Sacrament of Protest*

Patrick Polk, University of California, Los Angeles

*Deconstruction and Reconstruction: Making Mexican Folk Saints for the Twenty-first Century*

Daisy Vargas, University of California, Riverside

*Patrolling Borderland Religion: the Surveillance and Criminalization of Mexican Devotion*

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside

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**A23-204**

**Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group**

Jed Forman, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *We Came to Believe: Spiritual Healing in Alcoholics Anonymous and Related Groups*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Hilton-308 (Level 3)

Ed Van Herik, Marietta, GA

*From Sobriety to the Sanctuary: How Recovery from Alcoholism Populates the Pews*

Jennifer Hahn, University of California, Santa Barbara

*A Power Greater Than Ourselves: Alcoholics Anonymous' Spiritual Solution to Modern Suffering*

Dennis Kelley, University of Missouri

*Having Had a Spiritual (Re)Awakening: Traditional Spirituality and Sobriety in Indian Country*

Responding:

Michael Kuhar, Emory University

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

Business Meeting:

Lance D. Laird, Boston University

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**M23-200**

**Theology Without Walls Group**

Theme: *Theology From the Ground Up*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Marriott-M103 (Marquis Level)

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**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**A23-205**

**Academic Relations Committee Meeting #2**

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-222 (2nd Level)

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**A23-206**

**Employment Workshops**

Theme: *PhD Transitions over 40*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Sheraton-Valdosta (Level 2)

Panelists:

Amy Hale, Helix Education, Oakland, CA

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**A23-207**

**Social Theory and Religion Cluster**

Samuel B. Castleberry, Syracuse University, Presiding

Sara Swenson, Syracuse University, Presiding

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Theme: *Sex, Asceticism, and Historiography*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-401-402 (Level 4)

Panelists:

Lynne Huffer, Emory University

Constance Furey, Indiana University

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University

LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College

Business Meeting:

Randall Styers, University of North Carolina

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara

Warren S. Goldstein, Harvard University

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**A23-208**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

Piotr Malysz, Samford University, Presiding

Robert David Nelson, Baker Academic & Brazos Press, Presiding

Theme: *Eberhard Jüngel on the Doctrine of God: Trinity, Metaphysics, Analogy*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)

Paolo Gamberini, Berkeley, CA

*Jüngel's Concept of Analogy as an Apologia for the Humanity of God*

David Bruner, Princeton Theological Seminary

*God's Being is in Coming: Jüngel's Demythologized Doctrine of the Trinity*

David Congdon, InterVarsity Press Academic, Downers Grove, IL

*God's Being Is in Self-Contradiction: Eberhard Jüngel and the Contemporary Debate over Divine Simplicity*

Kathryn Reinhard, Fordham University

*The Augustinian Logic of Jüngel's Pneumatology and Ecclesiology*

Robert Saler, Christian Theological Seminary



**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Jüngel's Contribution to a Christian Grammar of Death and Suffering*

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**A23-209**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College, Presiding

Theme: *Methodical Aspects of Comparison*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-211 (Level 2)

Panelists:

Oliver Freiburger, University of Texas

Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara

David Freidenreich, Colby College

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

Responding:

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

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**A23-210**

**Ethics Section and Black Theology Group**

Tyson-Lord J. Gray, New York, NY, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Ontological Blackness (Continuum, 1995): A Twenty Year Retrospective*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

Panelists:

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University

Stacey M. Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

Adam Clark, Xavier University

Barbara Holmes, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Responding:

Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Business Meeting:

Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University  
Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

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**A23-211**

**North American Religions Section**

Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: *Discourses of Race and Religion in American History*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Hilton-302 (Level 3)

Brad Stoddard, McDaniel College  
*Hebrew Israelites: Encountering Race in Faith-Based Prisons*

Emily Suzanne Clark, Gonzaga University  
*Black Bodies, Bright Spirits: Afro-Creole Spiritualism and Race*

M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University  
*Resurrecting Nat Turner: History, Fiction, and Changing Discourses of Race and Religion after the Styron Affair*

Rachel Lindsey, Washington University, Saint Louis  
*Born Free and Equal: Americanism in Ansel Adams's Manzanar Photographs*

Responding:

Curtis Evans, University of Chicago

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**A23-212**

**Philosophy of Religion Section**

Jonathon Kahn, Vassar College, Presiding

Theme: *Race and the Practice of the Philosophy of Religion*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Hilton-Grand Salon A (Level 2)

Sonia Sikka, University of Ottawa

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Is Philosophy of Religion Racist?*

Josef Sorett, Columbia University

*Secular Compared to What? African American Religion and the Trope of Black Sacred/Secular Fluidity*

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

*Multiple Religious Belonging Theorized through African American Studies: Redressing a Challenge in Theories of Religious Pluralism*

Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University

*Anti-Blackness as Radical Evil*

Business Meeting:

Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

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**A23-213**

**Religion in South Asia Section**

John E. Cort, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: *Theorizing Spirit Possession in South Asia*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College

*When a Macho Hindu God Occupies a Female Christian Body: Spirit Possession as Assisted Reproductive Technology in South India*

Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University, Thailand

*When a Celibate Male God Occupies a Female Body: A Native Theory of Spirit Possession*

Anne Vallely, University of Ottawa

Kamini Gogri, University of Mumbai

*Negotiating with Worldliness: A Jain Spirit Medium and the Healing Power of the Goddess*

Nirmal Selvamony, Central University of Tamil Nadu

*Possession and Community*

Responding:

Michael Slouber, Western Washington University

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Business Meeting:

Valerie Stoker, Wright State University  
Carla Bellamy, City University of New York

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**A23-214**

**Women and Religion Section and Quaker Studies Group**

Carole Dale Spencer, Earlham College, Presiding

Theme: *Women, Religion and Reform in the Nineteenth Century*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Hilton-205 (Level 2)

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo  
*First Wave Feminist Religious Critique: Elizabeth Cady Stanton (USA) and Aasta Hansteen (Norway)*

Priscilla Eppinger, Graceland University  
*"All of These Subjects of Reform Are Kindred in Their Nature": Lucretia Mott's Praxis-Oriented Theology*

Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University  
*"Death or Dishonor?" Caroline Dall, Transcendental-Unitarianism, and the Spiritual Crisis of Prostitution*

Courtney VanLacy, Southern Methodist University  
*Jarena Lee and Her Mystical Permeability*

Amy Easton-Flake, Brigham Young University  
*Constructing Womanhood: Collective Biographies of Mormon Women*

Responding:

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

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**A23-215**

**African Religions Group and Anthropology of Religion Group and Religion, Colonialism and Postcolonialism Group and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group and World Christianity Group**

Adrian Hermann, University of Hamburg, Presiding

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Theme: *Author-Meets-Critics Session: Birgit Meyer's Sensational Movies: Video, Vision, and Christianity in Ghana (University of California Press, 2015)*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University  
J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu, Trinity Theological Seminary  
Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee  
David Morgan, Duke University  
Don Seeman, Emory University

Responding:

Birgit Meyer, Utrecht University

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**A23-216**

**Animals and Religion Group**

David Clough, University of Chester, Presiding

Theme: *Animals in Religious Studies and Jewish Thought: A Conversation on Aaron Gross's The Question of the Animal and Religion: Theoretical Stakes, Practical Implications (Columbia University Press, 2015)*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Hilton-206 (Level 2)

Beatrice Marovich, University of North Dakota  
*Animals in the Theory of Religion and the Mystification of Solidarity: A Response to Aaron Gross*

Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford  
*Animal Method: The Materialist Shift in Aaron S. Gross's The Question of the Animal and Religion*

Matthew Eaton, University of St. Michael's College  
*The Question of the Animal and Theology: Re-imagining Theory and Incarnation*

Responding:

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Business Meeting:

David Clough, University of Chester  
Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

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**A23-217**

**Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group**

Jacob Erickson, St. Olaf College, Presiding

Theme: Poetics of the Flesh (*Duke University Press, 2015*): A Book Review Panel on Mayra Rivera's *New Work*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Hilton-304 (Level 3)

Panelists:

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross  
M. Shawn Copeland, Boston College  
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University  
Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University

Responding:

Mayra Rivera, Harvard University

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**A23-218**

**Buddhist Philosophy Group**

Christian K. Wedemeyer, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Siddha-Scholars and Scholar-Siddhas: Tantra and Philosophy in Indian Buddhism*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Alexander Yiannopoulos, Emory University  
*Continuity and Convergence in Epistemology and Meditation: Ratnākaraśānti's Synthesis of Sūtra and Tantra*

Kammie Takahashi, Muhlenberg College  
*Birds and Fishes: View and Method in the Mahāyoga Texts of Buddhaghosa*

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Adam Krug, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Philosophy and Polemics in Indrabhūti's Jñānasiddhi*

Davey Tomlinson, University of Chicago  
*The Tantric Context of a Philosophical Debate About Consciousness: Ratnākaraśānti's Nirākāravāda*

Responding:

John D. Dunne, University of Wisconsin

Business Meeting:

Richard Nance, Indiana University  
Sara L. McClintock, Emory University

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**A23-219**

**Chinese Religions Group and Daoist Studies Group**

Stephen F. Teiser, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Querying "Buddho-Daoism"*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Kwi Jeong Lee, Princeton University  
*A Barbarian Ancestor or an Honorable Patriarch: Buddho-Daoist Debates over the Image of the Buddha in Medieval China*

Joshua Capitanio, University of the West  
*Transformations of Sanskrit and Pseudo-Sanskrit Incantations in Daoist Thunder Ritual Manuals*

Stephanie Balkwill, University of Southern California  
*The Way of the Lotus: Finding the Lotus Sūtra in the Daoist Canon*

Gil Raz, Dartmouth College  
*Buddhists, Daoists, or Both? Buddho-Daoist Stelae of the Northern Dynasties and the Lived Religion of Local Communities*

Responding:

Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University

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**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**A23-220**

**Christian Spirituality Group**

Mary Frohlich, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Perspectives on Teresa of Avila on the Five-Hundredth Anniversary of Her Birth*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

Tara Soughers, Plainville, MA

*"The More He Loves Them the Greater the Tribulation": Teresa of Avila's Spirituality of Suffering*

Ryan Kuratko, Emory University

*Attending to Others: Iris Murdoch and Teresa of Avila on Attention, Consolation, and Transformation*

Mauricio Najarro, Graduate Theological Union

*Hematological Linguistic and Itinerant Practice: Spirituality and Tradition in Teresa of Ávila*

Jean-Pierre Fortin, Université de Sherbrooke

*Prayerful Spirituality as Experiential Theology: Teresa of Avila's Mystical Transposition of Augustine's Confessions*

Responding:

Bernard McGinn, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:

Glenn Young, Rockhurst University

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**A23-221**

**Cognitive Science of Religion Group**

Robert C. Neville, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *How We Got This Way: Cognitive and Evolutionary Approaches to Religious Ideology*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Crystal CD (Level 1)

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University

*Introducing the Multidimensional Religious Ideology Scale*

Connor Wood, Boston University



**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*The Biotechnology of Group Formation: A Durkheimian Account of Conservative and Liberal Morals in Religion*

Aimee Radom, New York Psychoanalytical Society and Institute

*Religious Analogs of Secular Ideology: An Empirical Validation of a Three-Factor Model*

Jonathan Morgan, Boston University

Sevil Hacaoglu, Istanbul University

Catherine Caldwell-Harris, Boston University

Ayşe Ayçiçeği Dinn, Istanbul University

*Cosmopolitan Ideology and Religiosity in Istanbul: How Cultural Context Shapes the Relationship between Cognitive Style and Religion*

Business Meeting:

Claire White, California State University, Northridge

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University

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**A23-222**

**Contemporary Islam Group and Religion in Southeast Asia Group**

Richard Fox, Universität Heidelberg, Presiding

Theme: *Tensions in the Study of Islamic Piety, Affect and Self-Formation: Views from Indonesia*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Webb Keane, University of Michigan

*Mediating Piety: A Qur'anic Quarrel in Indonesia*

Mun'im Sirry, University of Notre Dame

*The Politics of Forbidding Wrong: Defining Piety and Contending Authority*

James Hoesterey, Emory University

*Sincerity, Scandal, and the "Authentic Fake" in Indonesian Islam*

Carla Jones, University of Colorado

*Style on Trial: Visibility and Sincerity in Gendered Critiques of Piety in Indonesia*

Robert W. Hefner, Boston University

*Shariah Law and Ethical Subjectivity: Selfhood and Sensibility in Indonesian Muslim Women's Morality*

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Responding:

Charles Hirschkind, University of California, Berkeley

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**A23-223**

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

Christopher Driscoll, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *Re-"Shaping" Music, Race, and Religion: From Sacred Harp to Southern Rap*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Sheraton-Athens (Level 2)

Jesse P Karlsberg, Emory University

*The Black in "White Spirituals": Sacred Harp's Nineteenth-Century Black Belt Roots*

Timothy Eriksen, Wesleyan University

*Shape Note Music, Postmillennialism, and Antislavery: Black and White "Old Folks' Concerts" in Western New England*

Christopher Rapko, Marietta, GA

*"I Cannot See Heaven Being Much Better Than This": Prosperity Gospel and Conceptions of Heaven in Country Rap Lyrics*

Kendall Marchman, Young Harris College

*What's Good for Hip-Hop May Not be Good for My Soul: The Dilemma of Big K.R.I.T.*

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**A23-224**

Books under Discussion

**Evangelical Studies Group**

Jason Sexton, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: *Responding to Matthew Avery Sutton's American Apocalypse: A History of Modern Evangelicalism (Belknap Press, 2014)*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-L405-406 (Lobby Level)

Panelists:

Margaret Bendroth, Congregational Library and Archives, Boston, MA

Amanda Porterfield, Florida State University

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Joy J. Moore, Fuller Theological Seminary  
Fred Sanders, Biola University

Responding:

Matthew A. Sutton, Washington State University

Business Meeting:

Joy J. Moore, Fuller Theological Seminary

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**A23-225**

**Gay Men and Religion Group and Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Group**

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Theme: *Pray the Gay Away (New York University Press, 2012): An Author-Meets-Critics Session*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

John Erickson, Claremont Graduate University

*The Power of Interview: Deconstructing the Geographical, Temporal, and Current Experiences of Gay Men and Lesbians in the Bible Belt*

Aaron Klink, Duke University

*Praying after the Gay Wouldn't Go: Ethnography, Theology, and Spiritual Practice*

Daniel Tidwell, Seattle University

*We Pray What Our Bodies Know: A Formational Response to Bernadette Barton's Pray the Gay Away*

David Bos, University of Amsterdam, VU University

*Perseverance of the Saints: The Short but Meaningful Life of "the Ex-Gay" in the Dutch Bible Belt*

Responding:

Bernadette Barton, Morehead State University

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**A23-226**

Focus on Valuing the Study of Religion

**International Development and Religion Group**

Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury, Presiding

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Theme: *Between Theology and Religious Studies: Normativity and the Academic Study of International Development*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Christine McCarthy, Fordham University

*Capability and Capax Dei: Human Nature and Justice in Elizabeth Johnson and Martha Nussbaum*

Spencer Bogle, Southern Methodist University

*Saving Progress: A Critical Analysis of Enduring Enlightenment Notions of Progress through Soga Expression of Salvation*

Kathryn Kraft, University of East London

Jonathan D Smith, University of Leeds

*Connectors, Normalizers and Buffers: The Role of Mediating Actors in the Responses of Local Faith-based Organizations to the Syrian Refugee Crisis*

Kristy Bergman Schroeder, University of Winnipeg

*Religion, Gender, and Rights-based Development*

Responding:

Roland Robertson, University of Aberdeen, University of Pennsylvania

Business Meeting:

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University

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**A23-227**

**Interreligious Reflections on Immigration Seminar**

Alexander Y. Hwang, Saint Leo University, Presiding

Theme: *Interreligious Reflections on Immigration Seminar*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Crystal AF (Level 1)

Casey Strine, University of Sheffield

*Mother, Sister, Liar, Breadwinner? An Analysis and Comparison of the Mother/Sister Stories in the Book of Genesis*

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Ilsup Ahn, North Park University

*Parareligious Cooperation to Provide Justice to Undocumented People: A Christian-Buddhist Engagement on Offering Hospitality to Strangers*

Gurbet Sayilgan, Georgetown University

*The Ur-Migrants: The Qur'anic Narratives of Adam and Eve and Their Contribution to a Constructive Islamic Theology of Migration*

Matthew Jantzen, Duke University

*Immigration and the Theological Problem of Sovereignty: Catholic Social Teaching, Carl Schmitt, and the Theopolitical Foundations of the Modern State*

Daniel Campana, University of La Verne

*Dislocation and Immigrant Experience as Resources for Interreligious Discourse*

Silas Allard, Emory University

*Crossing Borders: Religion, Migration, and a Critique of the Legal Subject*

Responding:

Michael Canaris, Loyola University Chicago

Laura Alexander, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University

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**A23-228**

New Program Unit, Professional Practices and Institutional Location

**Islam, Gender, Women Group**

Souad T. Ali, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Academic Scholarship and Activism: Negotiating Normativities, Subjectivities, and Feminisms*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University

Jerusha Lamptey, Union Theological Seminary

*Exegetical Gazes, Interpretive Authority, and Gender: Methodological and Ethical Questions*

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco  
*To Work for Change: Normativity, Feminism, and Islam*

Adis Duderija, University Malaya  
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College  
*Toward Scriptural Hermeneutics of Islamic Feminism*

Ellen McLarney, Duke University  
Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College  
*Soft Force: Women in Egypt's Islamic Awakening*

Sarah Eltantawi, Evergreen State College  
Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University  
*Colonial Feminism or Good Ethnography? Untying the Ethical Knot*

Business Meeting:

Kecia Ali, Boston University  
Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco

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**A23-229**

Quadsponsorship

**Middle Eastern Christianity Group and SBL Syriac Literature and Interpretations of Sacred Texts Section and SBL Religious Competition in Late Antiquity Section**

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University, Presiding

Theme: *Wisdom Literature in Middle Eastern Christian Communities*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Hilton-315 (Level 3)

Ilaria L. E. Ramelli, Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome (Angelicum)  
*Bardaisan of Edessa's Wisdom Christology: Roots, Parallels, Meanings*

Jacob Lollar, Florida State University  
*"Listen, My Son, and Understand Me": The Translation and Arrangement of the Proverbs of the Syriac Legend of Ahiqar*

Hans Moscicke, Marquette University  
*Prodigal Reunion: Tatianic Developments in the Syriac Hymn of the Soul*

Mourad Takawi, University of Notre Dame  
*Asceticism as Resistance: The Ishmaelites, Monastic Practice, and Orthopraxy in the Virtues of*

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*St. Macarius of Egypt*

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University

*The Arabic Renditions of the Sayings of the Desert Fathers: Greek and Syriac Wisdom, Arabic Culture*

Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

*Edifying Anecdotes of Alexander the Great in Medieval Copto-Arabic Literature*

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**A23-230**

**Native Traditions in the Americas Group**

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Theorizing Native American Religions: Thought and Practice Through Time and Space*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-201 (Level 2)

Erich Fox Tree, Wilfrid Laurier University

*The Cultural and Religious Implications of Tribal-Maya Collaboration in a Diasporically Indigenous Homeland*

Tammy Heise, University of Wyoming

*Nowhere to Call Home: How The 1870 Ghost Dance Inspired the Modoc War*

Dana Lloyd, Syracuse University

*Conceptions of Land and Religious Freedom: Reading Lyng v. Northwest Indian Cemetery Protective Association*

Timothy A. Brown, Randolph-Macon College

*Minimalist Religion in the Works of Sherman Alexie*

Responding:

Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University

Business Meeting:

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa

Michael Zogry, University of Kansas

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**A23-231**

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**Open and Relational Theologies Group**

Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College, Presiding

Theme: *Open and Relational Hermeneutics*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon B (Level 2)

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College

*The Openness of Christ: A Plea for an Open, Agapically Relational Biblical Hermeneutic*

Mary Rebecca Huie-Jolly, CPE Center, St. Francis Hospital, Columbus, GA

*Opening Scripture and Mending the World: Applying Cognitive Linguistic Tools within Open and Relational Hermeneutics*

John Sanders, Hendrix College

*Conceptual Metaphor Theory as Support for Open Theistic Hermeneutics*

John Holloway, Regent University

*"I Am the Lord! If I Say It, It Will Happen": Open Theist Approaches to Biblical Prophecy in the Eighteenth Century*

Amanda Brobst-Renaud, Baylor University

*The Annunciation and Magnificat as a Theological Hermeneutic: Scripture and Human Experience in Dialogue*

David H. Nikkel, University of North Carolina, Pembroke

*The Wildness of Creation: An Interpretation of the Voice from the Whirlwind in Job*

Daniel Ott, Monmouth College

*Engaging Scripture as Myth: Revisiting Bernard Meland and (Re)Mythologizing Process Theology*

Business Meeting:

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University

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**A23-232**

**Religion and Disability Studies Group**

Rebecca Spurrier, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Disability Theology: Religious Reflection and Ethnography with/in Intellectually Disabled, Deaf, and Autistic Communities*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM



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Marriott-A707 (Atrium Level)

Elizabeth Antus, John Carroll University

*"Body" as Disruption: Intellectual Disabilities, Butlerian Ethics, and Dismantling the Christian Regime of the Ableist Body*

Peter Capretto, Vanderbilt University

*Caring Without Condescension, or On Not Operationalizing Disability in Theology*

Lorraine Cuddeback, University of Notre Dame

*Working Friendships: An Ethnography of Different Agencies among Adults with Intellectual Disabilities*

Jason Hays, Naropa University

*Embodied Poetics: Deaf Religious Resistance to Logocentrist Hermeneutics*

Olivia Bustion, University of Chicago

*"God Speaks Aspergian": An Online Ethnography of Autistic Christians*

Business Meeting:

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

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**A23-233**

Focus on Sustainability, Professional Practices and Institutional Location

**Religion and Ecology Group and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group**

Laura Stivers, Dominican University of California, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Climate Change and Climate Justice in Religion/Religious Studies Classrooms*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-208 (Level 2)

James Martin-Schramm, Luther College

Daniel T. Spencer, University of Montana, Missoula

*Using a Case Method Approach and Unique Pedagogical Techniques to Teach about Climate Change*

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

*Teaching Climate Change for Moral Agency, Eco-Justice, and Structural Analysis*

Kevin O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Teaching Climate Controversies as Theological Conflicts*

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University  
*Ecowomanism and Ecological Reparations*

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**A23-234**

**Religion and Popular Culture Group**

John Lyden, Grand View University, Presiding

Theme: *Book Session: The Routledge Companion to Religion and Popular Culture (2015)*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Panelists:

Sheila J. Nayar, University of North Carolina  
James Mark Shields, Bucknell University  
Rodger Payne, University of North Carolina, Asheville

Responding:

Richard Callahan, University of Missouri

Business Meeting:

Chad Seales, University of Texas

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**A23-235**

**Ritual Studies Group and Western Esotericism Group**

Grant H. Potts, Austin Community College, Presiding

Theme: *The Ritual Dimension in Western Esotericism: Between Normativity and Transgression*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM  
Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Elizabeth Lowry, Arizona State University  
*Ritual Dirt: Discourses of Purity and Pollution in the Nineteenth-Century Seance*

Ellen Randolph, Florida International University  
*Gnosticism, Transformation, and the Role of the Feminine in the Gnostic Mass of the Ecclesia*

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

*Gnostica Catholica (E.G.C.)*

Cimminnee Holt, Concordia University, Montreal

*Magic and Media: Centralizing the Material in Satanic Ritual*

Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University

*Esoterica in the Amphitheater: Transgressive Reenactment and Metaphysical Re-embodiment in Ritual Pageantry*

Business Meeting:

Claire Fanger, Rice University

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**A23-236**

**Secularism and Secularity Group**

Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Future Directions in the Study of the Secular*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-M106-107 (Marquis Level)

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University

*Securing the Secular*

Mayanthi Fernando, University of California, Santa Cruz

*The Materiality of Secularity: Secular Bodies and Secular Space*

Noreen Khawaja, Yale University

*The Existential Ethic: Reconsidering the Secular in Modern European Thought*

Devin Singh, Dartmouth College

*Secularity and the Money Economy*

Responding:

Saba Mahmood, University of California, Berkeley

Business Meeting:

Jonathan VanAntwerpen, The Henry Luce Foundation, New York, NY

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**A23-237**

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

**Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Group and SBL Religious World of Late Antiquity Group**

Wendy Mayer, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

Theme: *"Christianization" and "Islamization": Terminologies, Categories, Case Studies*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Nathan Schumer, Columbia University

*Disaster and Christianization: The Earthquake of 363 CE and the Christianization of the Cities of Roman Palestine*

Adam Bursi, Cornell University

*"Sprinkle the Place with This Water": Christianization and Islamification of Religious Space in Late Antiquity*

Rebecca Falcasantos, Providence College

*By the World Forgot: Sabbatians and the Manipulation of Memory in Fifth-Century Constantinople*

John Zaleski, Harvard University

*Forming a Muslim Understanding of Celibacy: The Case of al-Junayd al-Baghdadi*

Jessica Lee Ehinger, University of Oxford

*Living and Dying a Christian under Islam: Martyrologies and the Islamification of Late Antique Palestine*

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**A23-238**

**Wildcard Session**

Tarald Rasmussen, University of Oslo, Presiding

Theme: *Exploring Protestantization*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-A706 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

Helge Årsheim, University of Oslo

Oddbjørn Leirvik, University of Oslo

Aud Valborg Toennesen, University of Oslo

Marius Timmann Mjaaland, University of Oslo

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Vebjorn Horsfjord, University of Oslo

Trygve Wyller, University of Oslo

Responding:

Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

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**A23-239**

**Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group**

Pamela Lightsey, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Contestable or Acceptable: Representations of Black Women on Television and in Fictional Literature*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

Lakisha Lockhart, Boston College

*Being Scandal-Less: Re-Imagining the Narrative of the Successful Black Woman*

Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University

*What Manner of Woman Is This? Images of Black Womanhood in the Art of Shonda Rhimes*

Lacette Cross, Union Presbyterian Seminary

*Frieda's 'Ruined' Resistance*

Andriette Jordan-Fields, Iliff School of Theology

Valerie L. Jackson, Iliff School of Theology

*Vixen, Gladiator, or The Help!*

Business Meeting:

Tracey Hucks, Haverford College

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**P23-241**

**Society for Comparative Research on Iconographic and Performative Texts**

Dorina Miller Parmenter, Spalding University, Presiding

Theme: *Sensing Books, Sensing Scriptures*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hilton-404 (Level 4)

**Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM**

Richard Newton, Elizabethtown College

*Sculpting "Source-Places:" Alex Haley "Wroughts" a Scripture*

Steve A. Wiggins, Routledge

*Sensing the Bible in the TV Series Sleepy Hollow*

Natalia Suit, University of North Carolina

*How Printing Created Manuscripts: Aesthetic and Historical Approaches to Quranic Manuscripts*

Anne Clark, University of Vermont

*Sensing Scripture in a Medieval Illustrated Prayer Book*

Yohan Yoo, Seoul National University

*Sensory Readings of Classics: A Neo-Confucian Form of Spiritual Cultivation*

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**Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**A23-240**

**Ponce de Leon Avenue Houses of Worship Tour**

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, Presiding

David Bains, Samford University, Presiding

Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Hyatt-Meet at corner of Baker Street and Peachtree Street

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**Monday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM**

**A23-241**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Kickstarter and Pinterest? Creating a Web of Support for Dissertation Writing Through Popular Social Media Technology*

Monday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover A (Exhibit Level)

**Monday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM**

Panelists:

Michelle Mueller, Graduate Theological Union

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**Monday - 3:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**M23-201**

**Theology Without Walls Group Planning Meeting**

Monday - 3:00 PM-4:00 PM

Marriott-L504-505 (Lobby Level)

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**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**A23-300**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and Bioethics and Religion Group and Religion and Disability Studies Group and SBL Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World Group**

George D. Randels, University of the Pacific, Presiding

Theme: *Narrating Disability and Illness in Christian and Jewish Literature, Bioethics, and Theology*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Marriott-A707 (Atrium Level)

Brent Cline, Spring Arbor University

*Monasticism and the Disabled Body*

Mark Lambert, University of Chicago

*Majestic and Macabre Mirrors: Virginity and Leprosy in the Thought of Gregory of Nyssa*

Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University

*Please Be Patient: Jewish Narratives of Embracing Pain and Finitude*

John Berkman, The Catholic University of America

*Redemptive vs. Non-Redemptive Suffering: Christian Theological Narratives as Spiritual Boot Camp*

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

Responding:

Candida Moss, University of Notre Dame

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**A23-301**

Quadsponsorship

**Christian Systematic Theology Section and Eastern Orthodox Studies Group and Middle Eastern Christianity Group and Roman Catholic Studies Group**

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University, Presiding

Theme: *The Legacy of Chalcedon (451): Christology, Ecclesiology, and the Communion of Middle Eastern Churches*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon B (Level 2)

Paul Pasquasi, Marquette University

*Narsai and Babai on Two Natures: The East Syriac Defense of Two Natures Christology and Acceptance of a Modified Seal of Chalcedon*

Nathaniel Wood, Fordham University

*Deification and Divine-Humanity: The Legacy of Chalcedon in Modern Russian Orthodox Theology*

Brendan McInerney, Fordham University

*Disordered Dyophysitism: An Ecumenical Critique of Chalcedon in Contemporary Catholic Theology*

Mark Yenson, King's University College

*Is There Such a Thing as "Pure Chalcedonism"? Correcting Selective Memory in Western Christology*

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**A23-302**

**Ethics Section**

Fred Simmons, The Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ, Presiding

Theme: *Visions of Justice*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon A (Level 2)

Richard Oxenberg, Endicott College



**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

*Retributivism and Outraged Love: A Search for the Heart of Retributive Justice*

Michael Humphreys, Bethune-Cookman College  
*Restorative Justice as a Theology of Liberation*

Dallas Gingles, Southern Methodist University  
*Justice Denied Is Justice Delayed: Bonhoeffer, King, and the Politics of Martyrdom*

Jacob Robinson, Vanderbilt University  
*Liberation, Reconciliation, and Beyond: The Politics and Ethics of Howard Thurman and Desmond Tutu*

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**A23-303**

**North American Religions Section and Religion, Memory, History Group**

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Materiality, Memory, and North American Religions*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM  
Hilton-302 (Level 3)

Lauren Kerby, Boston University  
*Disruptive Objects: Challenging Evangelical Narratives of the American Past and Present on Tours of Washington, D.C.*

Erika W. Dyson, Harvey Mudd College  
*A Discontinuous Chant of Amabilities: Emma Dunham Kelley-Hawkins, Photography, and the Return of the Author*

Vaughn Booker, Princeton University  
*"In Protestation of this Great National Sin": The Star of Zion and America's Lynching Crisis*

Kati Curts, Yale University  
*Harrowing Histories: The Relics and Reliquaries of Henry Ford*

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**A23-304**

**Religion and Politics Section and Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Group**

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Freedom of Expression: Teaching about Activism and Terrorism in Liberal*

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

*Societies*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Will Livingston, Florida State University

*Hashtag Humanism: An Ethico-Political Analysis of #BlackLivesMatter and #JeSuisCharlie*

Marie von der Lippe, University of Bergen

Trine Anker, MF Norwegian school of Theology

*Teaching Terrorism: A Discussion of 22 July and Religion Education in Norway*

Elizabeth Barre, Rice University

*The Politics of Valuing (in) the Religious Studies Classroom*

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**A23-305**

**Study of Judaism Section**

Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual as Tradition, Ritual as Innovation*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom D (Level 2)

Vadim Putzu, Missouri State University

*Two Kabbalists Walk into a Bar: Attitudes toward Wine among Sixteenth-Century Jewish Mystics*

Barbara Thiede, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

*The Tie That Binds: How Jewish Women of Ashkenaz Subverted the Rabbis, Changed the Liturgy, and Created a New Material Culture*

Shira Schwartz, York University

*Passover Objects: How to Be/Have Them*

Daniel Weiss, University of Cambridge

*Actual Israel and Ideal Israel: Tensions between Ethnographic Approaches to Jews and Judaism and the Jewish Textual Tradition's Theological Stance towards Empirical Jewish Communities*

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**A23-306**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section and Asian North American Religion, Culture and Society Group and Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Group**

Boyung Lee, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

Theme: *Engaging Asian/Asian North American Feminist Theologies*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Hyatt-Hanover B (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Nami Kim, Spelman College

Eboni Marshall Turman, Duke University

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton

Kate Ott, Drew University

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Stuart Hall and Convent of the Sacred Heart

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**A23-307**

Quad sponsorship

**Afro-American Religious History Group and Queer Studies in Religion Group and Religion and Sexuality Group and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group**

Whitney Bond, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Protest, Performance, and Prophecy: Resisting Violence against Black Queer Bodies*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

*Queer Prophecy and Afro-Cosmopolitan Imagination: Kenyan Writer Binyavanga Wainaina's Coming Out and Religious Critique*

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

Benae Beamon, Boston University

*"Dying" to Live: Protest and the Radical Performativity of Black Queer Bodies*

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University

*Enraged Against Us: African-American Women Students Practicing Non-Violence at Prudence Crandall's Academy, 1833-34*

Indhira Udofia, Duke University

*Whoring the Madonna, Virginizing the Jezebel: Black Women's Gender Performance*

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**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**A23-308**

**Religion and Popular Culture Group**

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Made for TV: The Popular Religion of Television Shows, Real or Not*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

*Welcome to the Desert of the Real: Piety, Absolution, and Moral Licensing in Reality TV's Environmental Economy of Virtue*

Myev Rees, Northwestern University

*Religion and Reality Television: Dismantling the Public/Private Binary on TLC's 19 Kids and Counting*

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

*Good God/Good Sex: Sexual Ethics in Religious Reality TV*

Courtney Wilder, Midland University

*Broadchurch: Exploring Theodicy in Contemporary Crime Drama*

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**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A23-309**

**Buddhism Section and Japanese Religions Group**

Bryan Lowe, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Ears and Eyes: Audiences in East Asian Buddhist Ritual, Eighth-Thirteenth Centuries*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Ballroom A (Level 2)

Amanda Goodman, University of Toronto

*"Call Down the Assembly": Reflections on "Local" Ritual and Ritual Audience in Chinese Buddhist Invocation Texts from Tenth-Century Dunhuang*

Heather Blair, Indiana University

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Reverently I Pray: Ritual and Literary Audiences for Liturgical Prayers in Heian Japan*

Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University

*Looking Up to See: The Audience as Reflected in Instructions for Star-Related Rituals in the Asabashō Manual*

Bryan Lowe, Vanderbilt University

*Who's the King? Ritualized Writing and Celestial Audience in Ancient Japanese Buddhism*

Responding:

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas

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**A23-310**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section and Comparative Theology Group**

Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Sacrifice, Holiness and Worship in Hinduism and Judaism*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-211 (Level 2)

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

Daniel Polish, Mount Saint Mary College

*Image Worship and Sacrifice: Legitimacy, Illegitimacy, and Theological Debate*

Thomas Forsthoefel, Mercyhurst University

*The Guru and the Zaddik and the Testimony of the Holy Ones*

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University Chicago

*Shakti Garbha as Ark of the Covenant at an American Hindu Goddess Temple*

Ithamar Theodor, University of Haifa

*The Ladder of Ethics in Vishvanatha Chakravarti and the Ramhal*

Responding:

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College

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**A23-311**

**Study of Islam Section**

Jamillah Karim, Spelman College, Presiding

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Theme: *(Re) presenting Islam and Muslims: Performance, Gender, and Media*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hilton-Grand Ballroom C (Level 2)

Sophia Arjana, Iliff School of Theology  
*Dracula's Wives: The Female Muslim Monster in Modernity*

Kayla Renée Wheeler, University of Iowa  
*"That's Not Islam": Muslim Women Using YouTube to Create New Subjectivities*

Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq  
*Beyond Victims and Heroines: Gender, Religion, and the Syrian Conflict*

Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University  
*Performing the Words of God*

David Tittensor, Deakin University  
*The Gülen Movement and the Issue of Gender: Tensions between Traditionalism and Reform*

Responding:

Saadia Yacoob, Williams College

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**A23-312**

**Teaching Religion Section**

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Practical Uses of Technology in the Classroom*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Raleigh Heth, University of Georgia  
Tyler Kelly, University of Georgia  
Scott Brevard, University of Georgia  
*iReligion: A Proposal for the Use of Podcasts as an Educational Medium in the Field of Religion*

Amod Lele, Boston University  
*Promoting Collaborative Learning in the Study of Religion: A Case Study Using Google Apps and WordPress Blogs*

Michael McGravey, Duquesne University

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Complement Student Learning with Mobile Tech*

Michael Ostling, University of Queensland  
*Drawing on the Board*

Responding:

David McConeghy, Chapman University

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**A23-313**

**Women and Religion Section and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group**

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University School of Medicine, Presiding

Theme: *Gender, Health, and Healing: Women's Bodies, Religious Cures, and Productions of Medical Knowledge*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Hilton-205 (Level 2)

Yasmin Cho, Duke University

*Buddhist Medical Nuns: Gender, Monastic Education, and the Production of Medical Knowledge in Tibetan Buddhism in Contemporary China*

Michelle M. Lelwica, Concordia College, Moorhead

*Vulnerable Bodies, Controlling Discourses: A Critical Analysis of Christian and Cartesian Legacies Embedded in the Commercial Pursuit of "Women's Health"*

Lynn B. E. Jencks, Northwestern University

*The Gendering and Healing of Depression in Latina/o Immigrant Charismatic Catholicism*

Cara Curtis, Harvard University

*In Search of a Full Account of Mothers' Spiritual Response to Depression: Using a Womanist Phenomenological Approach across Boundaries*

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**A23-315**

**African Religions Group and African Association for the Study of Religion**

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *Ebola, Africa, and Beyond: An Epidemic in Religious and Public Health Perspectives*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Hyatt-Regency (Ballroom Level)

Panelists:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

Scott Santibañez, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA

John Kpahun Yambasu, Religious Leaders Task Force on Ebola in Sierra Leone, Freetown, Sierra Leone

John Blevins, Emory University

Ellen Idler, Emory University

Responding:

Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University

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**A23-316**

**Animals and Religion Group**

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Animals as Harbingers of Fortune, Disaster, and Power in Asian Religions*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-206 (Level 2)

Huaiyu Chen, Arizona State University

*Living with Tigers in Medieval Chinese Religions*

Brandon Dotson, Ludwig Maximilians Universität München

*Wild Animals, Fortune, and the Hunt in Old Tibetan Dice Divination*

Takashi Miura, University of Arizona

*How to Deify a Catfish: The Significance of "Earthquake Catfish" as a World-Renewing Deity in Japanese Religion*

Zhang Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

*Animal Spirits, Chinese Religion, and the Problem Space of Chinese Secularism*

Responding:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

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**A23-317**

**Anthropology of Religion Group**



**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Donna S. Mote, University of the South, Presiding

Theme: *Transnational Flows and Cultural Borrowing: Ethnographies of Influence*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University

*Affinity and Intimacy: Representational Economies in Jewish Affinity Christianity*

Drew Thomases, Columbia University

*Camel Fair Kaleidoscopic: Religion, Value, and Color in Pushkar*

Nalika Gajaweera, University of Southern California

*Mindfulness: A Buddhist Modernist Innovation for the "Spiritual but Not Religious" Age*

Responding:

Ellen Badone, McMaster University

Business Meeting:

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

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**A23-318**

**Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group and Christian Spirituality Group  
and Music and Religion Group and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Group**

David Stowe, Michigan State University, Presiding

Theme: *Gendering Gospel Music*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Crystal CD (Level 1)

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

*I Opened My Mouth to the Lord! Authoritative Women's Voices and Prophetic-Apocalyptic  
Biblical Discourse in Gospel Music*

Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University

*Singing High: Black Countertenors and Treble Timbres of Transcendence in Gendered Gospel  
Performance*

Charrise Barron, Harvard University

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Sweeter: The Gospel Music and Performance of Kim Burrell*

Cory Hunter, Princeton University

*Gospel Love Albums: Sex, Sensuality, and Spirituality*

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**A23-319**

**Black Theology Group**

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Black Theology and Sacred Texts*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury

*Dread Hermeneutics: Bob Marley, Paul Ricoeur, and the Productive Imagination*

Richetta Amen, Graduate Theological Union

*A Womanist Interpretation of the Lukan Parable of the Great Supper (Luke 14:15-24) Using the Amended Parable Theory of Octavia E. Butler*

Timothy McGee, Southern Methodist University

*Living Beyond Death: Engaging the Christo-logics of God of the Oppressed after Sisters in the Wilderness*

James H. Evans, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

*A Hermeneutic of the Cross: Religion and Racialized Discourse in the Thought of James Baldwin*

Cláudio Carvalhaes, McCormick Theological Seminary

*Yourubá and Black Theologies, a Dialogue*

Business Meeting:

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary

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**A23-320**

**Body and Religion Group**

Nikki Bado, Iowa State University, Presiding

Theme: *Bodily Touch and Modes of Knowledge*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Marriott-A706 (Atrium Level)

Stephanie N. Arel, Boston University

*Haptic and Somatic Knowing in Religious Practice: Ethical Dimensions of Touching the Traumatized Body*

Rebecca Spurrier, Emory University

*Take My Hand: The Reading and Touching of Common Prayer*

Erinn Staley, Wellesley College

*This Is My Body: Christian Traditions and the Work of Breastfeeding*

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania

*Touching the Divine: The Haptic Theology of Ida Craddock*

Business Meeting:

George Pati, Valparaiso University

Nikki Bado, Iowa State University

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**A23-321**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group**

Egil Asprem, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Perspectives on the Cognitive Science of Religion*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-401-402 (Level 4)

Ruth Marshall, University of Toronto

*Genealogical Reflections*

Arthur McCalla, Mount Saint Vincent University

*Idéologues on Religion: Toward a Genealogy of the Cognitive Science of Religion*

Matt Williams, Stanford University

*The Architecture of Orthodoxy: Toward a Religious Theory of Cognitive Science*

John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College

*Paranoia Is All in Your Head*

Responding:

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

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**A23-322**

**Hinduism Group**

Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Textual Commentary in Colonial South Asia: Innovations, Adaptations, Continuities*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-L405-406 (Lobby Level)

Joel Bordeaux, Colgate University

*Devotion Through Double Entendre: Bilingual Poetry and Bitextual Commentary in Colonial Bengal*

Arun Brahmbhatt, University of Toronto

*Envisioning and Engaging a Scholastic Public: Swaminarayan Vedanta Commentaries*

Eric Steinschneider, University of Toronto

*The Child Saint and the False Philosopher: Comacuntara Nayakar, the Periyapuram, and "Tamil Religion"*

Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen

*The Context of Hariharananda Aranya's Commentaries on the Yogashastra and Their Reception as "Authentic" by Scholars*

Business Meeting:

Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside

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**A23-323**

**Islamic Mysticism Group**

Elizabeth R. Alexandrin, University of Manitoba, Presiding

Theme: *The Sufi Tradition in Formation*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

Jeremy Farrell, Emory University

*Canon and Counter-Canon in Early Sufi History*

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Jason Welle, Georgetown University

*Clarifying Companionship: How Ādāb al-Ṣuḥba Function for al-Sulamī*

Nicholas Boylston, Georgetown University

*Islam from the Inside Out: 'Ayn al-Qudat on the Nature and Significance of Islamic Doctrine and Practice*

Arjun Nair, Harvard University

*From Mystical Poetry to Sufi Path: Understanding Ibn al-Fāriḍ's Naẓm al-sulūk as a Work of Theoretical Sufism*

Shifa Noor, University of Virginia

*Tawhid as Thirdness: Ibn Arabi's Phenomenology of Tanzih and Tashbih*

Responding:

Cyrus Zargar, Augustana College

Business Meeting:

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University

Omid Safi, Duke University

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**A23-324**

**Jain Studies Group**

Lisa Owen, University of North Texas, Presiding

Theme: *Jain Modernities*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Crystal AF (Level 1)

M. Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University

*The Shifting Terrain of Jain Modernity and Gendered Religious Practices*

Andrea Luithle-Hardenberg, Tübingen University

*Ascetic Child Initiations among the Jains: Defending Religious Freedom and Minority Rights of Shvetambar Jains*

Anne Vellely, University of Ottawa

*Jain Food and Modernity: The Eclipse of Metaphysics and Rise of Identity Politics*

Tine Vekemans, Ghent University

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Jain Digital Modernities: (Re)presenting Jainism in New Media*

Responding:

John E. Cort, Denison University

Business Meeting:

Lisa Owen, University of North Texas

John E. Cort, Denison University

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**A23-325**

**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group and Religious Conversion Group**

Jennifer Veninga, St. Edward's University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Conversion and Søren Kierkegaard*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-309 (Level 3)

Jeffrey Hanson, Australian Catholic University

*The "Main Point" in the Merman's Life: Continuity as Conversion in Fear and Trembling and The Concept of Anxiety*

Grant Poettcker, Briercrest College and Seminary

*Socrates, Nicodemus, and Zacchaeus: Kierkegaard and Halík on Conversion and Offense*

Deidre Nicole Green, Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark

*Christianity Becomes You: Conversion, Atonement, and Love in the Thought of Søren Kierkegaard*

Andrew Torrance, University of St. Andrews

*Can a Person Prepare to Become a Christian?*

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**A23-326**

**New Religious Movements Group**

Megan Goodwin, Bates College, Presiding

Theme: *New Religions and Popular Culture*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini College

*The Complexion of God: The Vernacular Photography of Father Divine's Peace Mission Movement*

Satoko Fujiwara, University of Tokyo

*Explaining Japanese Youth Religiosity after Aum: An Alternative or a New Mainstream?*

David Krueger, Philadelphia, PA

*Straight Edge Religion: Hardcore Punk and the Sober Revolution*

Responding:

W. Michael Ashcraft, Truman State University

Business Meeting:

Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma

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**A23-327**

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Group**

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Lloyd Gerson and the Relevance of Platonism*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)

Panelists:

Lloyd Gerson, University of Toronto

Responding:

Willemien Otten, University of Chicago

John Kenney, Saint Michael's College

Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge

Business Meeting:

Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge

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**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

**A23-328**

**Reformed Theology and History Group**

Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Theme: *Engaging the Work of B.A. Gerrish*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon D (Level 2)

Panelists:

Bruce L. McCormack, Princeton Theological Seminary

Martha L. Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary

Roger Haight, Union Theological Seminary

Dawn A. De Vries, Union Presbyterian Seminary

Business Meeting:

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary

J. Todd Billings, Western Theological Seminary

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**A23-329**

**Religion and Ecology Group**

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Local and Transnational Religious Environmental Discourses*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Hilton-Grand Salon E (Level 2)

Rose Caraway, Iowa State University

*The Spiritual Dimensions of Cuban Permaculture Ethics*

Emma DeVries, Duke University

*Climate Ethics from the Site of the Wound: Exploring Race, Bodies, and Resistance in the Alberta Tar Sands*

Brett Esaki, Georgia State University

*Environmental Justice, Religious Studies, and the Development of Sustainability Literacy*

Anna Huxley, University of Manchester

*The Wonder and Awe of U.K. Faith-Based Organizations Engaged in Advocacy on Climate*



**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Change: A Qualitative Investigation*

Responding:

Robin Veldman, Iowa State

Business Meeting:

James Miller, Queen's University

Evan Berry, American University

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**A23-330**

**Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group**

Alana Vincent, University of Chester, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Reflections on the One-Hundredth Anniversary of the Armenian Genocide*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Noelle Vahanian, Lebanon Valley College

*Between Denialism, Revisionism, and Memorializing: Rethinking the Victim of Genocide through Laruelle's General Theory of Victims and Marion's "Saturated Phenomenon"*

Tamar Wasoian, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary  
*Armenian Women and Post-Genocide Collective Memory*

Wendy Wiseman, Beykent University

*One Hundred Years of Oblivion: The Task of Witnessing at the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide*

Responding:

Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University

Business Meeting:

Alana Vincent, University of Chester

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**A23-331**

**Religion, Media, and Culture Group**

Heidi Ann Campbell, Texas A&M University, Presiding

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Theme: *Lessons in Jewish Resistance and Reconstruction of New Media from Digital Judaism*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Menahem Blondheim, Hebrew University  
*The Jewish Communication Tradition and Its Encounters with (the) New Media*

Wendi Bellar, Texas A&M University  
*Sanctifying the Internet: Aish HaTorah's Use of the Internet for Digital Outreach*

Oren Golan, University of Haifa  
*Legitimation of New Media and Community Building among Jewish Denominations in the USA*

Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa  
*On Pomegranates and Etrogs: Internet Filters as Practices of Media Ambivalence among Israeli National Religious Jews*

Owen Gottlieb, Rochester Institute of Technology  
*Jewish Games for Learning: Renewing Heritage Traditions in the Digital Age*

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**A23-332**

**Ritual Studies Group**

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: *Improvising and Performing Gender and Media*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM  
Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

Cara Rock-Singer, Columbia University  
*Improvisational Reading: The Silent Dramatics of Kohenet Hebrew Priestesses' Torah Service*

Perundevi Srinivasan, Siena College  
*"Disrobing Draupadi:" Gender in Text, Theatre, and Life*

Elena Kravchenko, University of Texas  
*Ethics of Gender: Cultivating Christian Womanhood with the Help of Soviet and Eastern Orthodox Technologies of Self*

John Thibdeau, University of California, Santa Barbara

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

*Performing Egyptian Mawlid Festivals: Ethical Implications of Fractured Soundscapes*

Torang Asadi, Duke University

*Touching the Murtis, Seen by God: The Distant Touch and the Material Gaze in BAPS Temples*

Neil Dalal, University of Alberta

*Approaching Ritual Embodiment through the Senses: Visual Ethnography in a South Indian Advaita Vedānta Gurukulam*

Responding:

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

Business Meeting:

Grant H. Potts, Austin Community College

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**A23-333**

**Tantric Studies Group**

Guhrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Theme: *Fear and Loathing in Samsara: a Study in Terror across Tantric Literature and Practice Systems*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Marriott-L506-507 (Lobby Level)

Katarina Turpeinen, University of Virginia

*Going beyond Fear: The Cutting Practices in Rindzin Gödem's Dzokchen Anthology*

Elaine Fisher, University of Wisconsin

*When Tantra Becomes Orthodoxy: Samayin Śrīvidyā the Sanitization of Fear-Based Technology*

John R. B. Campbell, University of Virginia

*Awake and Terrified: Buddhist Tantric Commentators on the Subtle States of Mind at Death*

David Gray, Santa Clara University

*Laughing in the Face of Fear: Horror and Terror in Yoginītantras*

Responding:

Christian K. Wedemeyer, University of Chicago

**Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM**

Business Meeting:

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado  
John Nemec, University of Virginia

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**Monday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

**A23-400**

Arts Series

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Theme: *Mandala Sand Painting Closing Ceremony*

Monday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM  
Marriott-Imperial (Marquis Level)

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**Monday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

**M23-400**

Receptions/Breakfasts/Luncheons

**King's College London**

Theme: *Reception*

Monday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM  
Westin-Peachtree 1-2 (Level 8)

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**Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**A23-401**

**Film**

**Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

*Waking in Oak Creek*

Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

Panelists:

Charles Townsend, University of California, Riverside

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**A23-402**

**Film**

*The Fire Inside: A Documentary Screening and Conversation about Nature, Contemplative Practice and the Climate Crisis*

Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

Panelists:

Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College

Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University

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**A23-403**

**Program Unit Chairs' and Steering Committee Members' Reception**

Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Marriott-AAR Suite

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**Monday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM**

**M23-401**

**Claremont School of Theology and Claremont Graduate University Reception**

Monday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Westin-Chastain 2 (Level 6)

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**Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

**A24-100**

**Ethics Section**

Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge, Presiding

Theme: *Political Asceticism: Practices of Disobedience and Imagination*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Hyatt-Edgewood (Atlanta Conference Level)

Karline McLain, Bucknell University

*Gandhi's Ashrams: Residential Experiments in Spiritual and Political Asceticism*

Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Princeton University

*Thoreau's "Free Labor": Asceticism against Slavery in Walden*

Brian Hamilton, University of Notre Dame

*Barefoot and Angry: Poverty as Provocation in Medieval Religious Movements*

Responding:

David Brakke, Ohio State University

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**A24-101**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

Ann B. McClenahan, Boston Theological Institute, Presiding

Emily Sigalow, Brandeis University, Presiding

Theme: *Developments in Ecclesial and Congregational Relationships in Belgium, Latin America, and the US*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Hyatt-Auburn (Atlanta Conference Level)

Jelle Creemers, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit

*Making Friends with the Unrighteous Mammon: How Evangelical Free Churches in Belgium Redefined Themselves in View of Government Subsidies (1980-2015)*

Robert Haynes, Durham University

*Pilgrimage to the Other: Exploring U.S. American Short-Term Missioners' Views of Their Latin American and Caribbean Hosts as Objects of Pilgrimage*

Paul D. Numrich, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

*Sacred Assemblies under the Same Roof: How Groups Share Common Space for Religious*

**Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

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**A24-102**

**Teaching Religion Section**

David B. Howell, Ferrum College, Presiding

Theme: *Service Learning 2.0: New Models for Collaborative Learning*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Marriott-M301-302 (Marquis Level)

Mara Brecht, St. Norbert College

*Serving by Storytelling: Teaching Muslim and Christian Theologies Dialogically*

Donna Yarri, Alvernia University

*Service Learning in "The Ethical Treatment of Animals" Course*

Meghan T. Sweeney, Boston College

*What's Next? Service Learning Meets Social Entrepreneurship: Possibilities and Cautions*

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**A24-103**

**Animals and Religion Group and Contemplative Studies Group and Religion and Ecology Group and Space, Place, and Religion Group**

Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

Theme: *The Value of Religious Studies in 21st Century Higher Education: Place-Based Pedagogy in the Southern U.S.*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Hyatt-Hanover D (Exhibit Level)

Panelists:

Joseph Witt, Mississippi State University

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University

A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida

Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University

Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University

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**A24-104**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group**

**Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

Craig J. Slane, Simpson University, Presiding

Theme: *Aesthetics and Modernity with Bonhoeffer*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Hyatt-Piedmont (Atlanta Conference Level)

Joseph McGarry, St Margaret's Anglican Church, Auckland, New Zealand

*Bonhoeffer, Cervantes, and The Real: Don Quixote and Its Contemplative Influence on Bonhoeffer's Theology*

Winston Persaud, Emory University

*Life as Art in the Immanent Frame: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Charles Taylor in Conversation*

Javier Garcia, University of Cambridge

*Key Questions for Latino Pentecostals: Negotiating Race, Pluralism, and Ecumenism in Dialogue with Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Business Meeting:

Jennifer McBride, Wartburg College

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**A24-105**

**Mysticism Group and Western Esotericism Group**

Marco Pasi, University of Amsterdam, Presiding

Theme: *A Twentieth Century Mystic and Esotericist: Valentin Tomberg*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Hyatt-Harris (Atlanta Conference Level)

Glenn McCullough, University of Toronto

*The Gnostic Christian: Valentin Tomberg's Integration of C.G. Jung's Gnostic Psychology with Catholic Orthodoxy*

Michael Stoeber, University of Toronto

*Reincarnation in Christian Hermeticism: Valentin Tomberg's View of Soul-Making Rebirth and Roman Catholicism*

Helmut Zander, University of Fribourg

*Esoteric Catholic Spirituality: The Tomberg-Network and the Spirituality of Reincarnation and Grace*

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**Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM**

**A24-106**

**Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group**

Lane Van Ham, Metropolitan Community College, Penn Valley, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Practices for Nonviolence, Social Healing, and Peacebuilding*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Marriott-L402 (Lobby Level)

Trelawney J. Grenfell-Muir, University of Massachusetts, Boston

*Strategies in the Minefield: The Effect of Leadership Style, Personality, Social Power, and Context on Activism Levels in Northern Ireland Clergy Peacebuilders*

Siti Sarah Muwahidah, Emory University

*Everyday Peacebuilding and Sunni-Shī'i Coexistence in Indonesia*

Mehmet Salih Sayilgan, Catholic University of America

*Said Nursi's Ethics of Non-Violence: Implications to Rene Girard's Mimetic Scapegoat Theory*

Ross Kane, University of Virginia

*Social Healing through Hybrid and Syncretic Sacrifice in South Sudan*

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**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**A24-107**

**Religion and Politics Section**

Vincent Biondo, California State University, Fresno, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Perspectives on Middle East Political Movements: Human Rights in Historical and Contemporary Contexts*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Marriott-L405 (Lobby Level)

Sarah Eltantawi, Evergreen State College

*Nahda vs. Sunna: Tracing the Genealogy of the Muslim Brotherhood Movement in Egypt from 1928-Today to Understand Contemporary Islamic Movements*

Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

*The Egyptian Constitution of 2014: Islamic Law, Christians, and the Return of the Millet?*

Doug Rossinow, Metropolitan State University

*Writing the History of American Zionism: National, Transnational, and Postnational Perspectives*

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**A24-108**

**Study of Judaism Section**

Benjamin Sax, Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD, Presiding

Theme: *Catastrophe! Judaism and Disasters*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Hyatt-Williams (Atlanta Conference Level)

David Gottlieb, University of Chicago

*How to Remember a Catastrophe: Sacrifice as a Template for "Midrashic Memory"*

Tim Langille, University of Pittsburgh

*Affective Collective Memory in Second Temple Judaism*

Una Stroda, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

*Inferno by Yael Bartana - Is This a Joke?*

Jennifer Caplan, Syracuse University

*Tza'ar Ba'alei Chayim? Jews as Predators and Prey in the Zombie Apocalypse*

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**A24-109**

**Roman Catholic Studies Group**

Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University, Presiding

Theme: *Public Catholicism and the American Experience*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Hyatt-Roswell (Atlanta Conference Level)

Bradley Kime, University of Virginia

*Religious Outsiders and the Catholic Critique of Protestantism in America*

Michael Pfeifer, City University of New York

*The Strange Career of New Orleans Catholicism: Race and the Transformation of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in the Twentieth Century*

**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

Claire Wolfteich, Boston University

*Public Leadership, Mothering, and Catholic Spirituality: Analyzing Life Writing of Dorothy Day and Dolores Huerta*

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University

*Reframing Cultural Diversity in the Church*

Responding:

Anthony Burke Smith, University of Dayton

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**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A24-110**

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

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Cultivating Cultures of Accessibility in the Academy and the Classroom: An Interactive Workshop with Margaret Price*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A707 (Atrium Level)

Panelists:

Margaret Price, Spelman College

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**A24-111**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Section**

Alexis S. Wells, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *A Story of One's Own: Authorizing Mosaics of American Women's Religious Experience*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Lenox (Atlanta Conference Level)

Laura McTighe, Columbia University

*"In Search of Our Mothers' Gardens": The Spiritual Work of History-Making in Post-Katrina New Orleans*

Meredith Coleman-Tobias, Emory University

**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Audre and Africa: Reconsidering Lorde's Rites/Rights*

Jessica B. Davenport, Rice University

*Multiplicity in Text and Image: Carrie Mae Weems's Kitchen Table Series as a Quest for Complex Subjectivity*

Meredith Doster, Emory University

*Dancing with Dissidence: Sue Monk Kidd's Secret Life of Self*

Responding:

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

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**A24-112**

**Buddhism Section and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group**

Michael Sheehy, Tibetan Buddhist Resource Center, Cambridge, MA, Presiding

Theme: *Tibetan Teachers, Tibetan Performers: Can Performance Theories Help Us Understand Buddhist Pedagogical Practices?*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A702 (Atrium Level)

Ryan Jones, McGill University

*Performativity and Personhood between Teachers and Students in Tibetan Buddhist Preliminary Practices (Sngon 'Gro)*

Joshua Schapiro, Fordham University

*Performative Framing and Reflexivity: Patrul Rinpoche's Teachings about Teaching*

Elizabeth Monson, Harvard University

*The Performance of Truth Telling: Spiritual Transformation in the Writings of Drukpa Kunle (1455-1529)*

Annabella Pitkin, Barnard College, Columbia University

*Dazzling Displays and Mysterious Departures: Bodhisattva Pedagogy as Performance in the Biographies of Two Twentieth Century Tibetan Buddhist Masters*

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**A24-113**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Section**

David Stowe, Michigan State University, Presiding

**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *Digitally Mapping Religion through the Senses*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-Marquis D (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

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**A24-114**

**History of Christianity Section**

Michael Ostling, University of Queensland, Presiding

Theme: *Small Gods: Fairies, Demons, and Nature Spirits at the Margins of Christianity*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Dunwoody (Atlanta Conference Level)

Lisa Bitel, University of Southern California

*Spirits, Saints, and the Síd in Early Medieval Ireland*

Éva Pócs, University of Pécs

*Angels and Others: Christianity and Folk Demonology in Hungarian Healing Practices*

Hans Broedel, University of North Dakota

*Text, Testimony, Faith, and Reason: Early Modern Protestant Divines Contemplate the Existence of Marvelous Creatures*

Ülo Valk, University of Tartu

*The Devil and Nature Spirits between Christianization and Nation Building*

Responding:

Misty Bastian, Franklin & Marshall College

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**A24-115**

**Philosophy of Religion Section**

Jill Petersen Adams, Emory University, Presiding

**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *Sacrifice and Secularism: Embodied Economies of Value*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L508 (Lobby Level)

Johannes Zachhuber, University of Oxford

*The Secularization of Sacrificial Discourse and Its Theological Background*

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University

*Secularity, Sacrifice, Impasse*

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

*Secular Relics*

Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford

*Imaging Postsecular Sacrifice: Calvary and Economies of Attachment*

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**A24-116**

**Study of Islam Section**

Frederick Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding

Theme: *Assessing the Role of Sunna and Hadith*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-L401 (Lobby Level)

Nebil Husayn, Princeton University

*When Ali Was without Equal: Tafdil Ali in Proto-Sunni Thought*

Rebecca Williams, University of South Alabama

*Did Ibn Kathir Practice What He Preached? Methodology and Content in the Sira and Tafsir*

Alan Godlas, University of Georgia

*Emotion and Cognition in the Sunnah*

Joel Blecher, Washington and Lee University

*ISIS, Classical Hadith Commentary, and the Revival of Slavery*

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**A24-117**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Section**

Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago, Presiding

**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Theme: *Public and Counterpublic Theologies: Methods Amidst Fracture and Plurality*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-A704 (Atrium Level)

Olivia Bustion, University of Chicago

*Particularity without Provincialism: Public Theology as Dramaturgy*

Julius Crump, University of Chicago

*Evil as (a) Good: Public Theology, Public Conversation, and the Language of Faith*

Jessica Smith, Emory University

*Articulating, De-articulating, Re-articulating: Theology Going Public with Its Capitalist Bedfellows*

Rick Elgendy, Wesley Theological Seminary

*On Keeping Public Theology Both "Public" and "Theological": Liturgical Participation and the Production of Knowledge*

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**A24-118**

**Women and Religion Section**

SueJeanne Koh, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Who's a Sinner, Who's a Slave? Sex Trafficking and the Rescue Industry*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 1 (International Level)

Panelists:

Amey Victoria Adkins, Duke University

Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

Letitia M. Campbell, Emory University

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**A24-119**

**Childhood Studies and Religion Group**

Sally Stamper, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Theme: *Child Theologies: Rethinking Doctrines and Practices with Attention to Childhood*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Marriott-A705 (Atrium Level)

Joseph Morgan-Smith, Duquesne University

*Toward a Lutheran Program of Moral Education: Or, Why Luther Bribe Children to Pray*

Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

*Children and the Mysteries of Habituation*

Marcia Bunge, Gustavus Adolphus College

*Diverse Approaches to Child Theologies: Exploring Child Theology Projects in England, South Africa, and the United States*

DJ Konz, Aberdeen University

*Barth's Child: The Concept and Challenge of the Child in and to the Theology of Karl Barth, with Constructive Proposals for Doctrine and Practice*

Responding:

Mary Ann Hinsdale, Boston College

Amy Marga, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul

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**A24-120**

**Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group**

Margo Kitts, Hawaii Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Violence, and the Social Imaginary*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 3 (International Level)

M. Christian Green, Emory University

*Questionable Martyrdom: Contemporary Disputes over Its Nature and Scope*

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College

*Is It Sweet to Die? Sacrificial Rhetoric and Discipline in U.S. Ways of War*

Sharmin Sadequee, Michigan State University

*American Inquisition of Islam in the Communications Management Units under the U.S. Empire's "War on Terror"*

James G. Kroemer, Concordia University, Mequon

*"Fight for the Cause of Christ": Bernard of Clairvaux's Rationale for Sacred Violence*

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University



**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Georgette Ledgister, Emory University

*Priests and Practices: Religion as a Social Imaginary for War and Sustainable Peace in Liberia*

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**A24-121**

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group**

Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Sharing the Sacred? On the Ritual Dimension of Interreligious Encounters*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 9 (International Level)

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University

*When Practice Precedes Theory: A Study of Interfaith Ritual*

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

*Interreligious Learning vs. Interreligious Misappropriation: Gandhian Criteria for Assessing Forms of Multiple Religious Participation*

Richard Kearney, Boston College

*Sharing the Sacred: Towards an Open Eucharist*

Marianne Moyaert, VU University Amsterdam

*On Ritual Boundaries: Inter-Riting and Its Limits*

Samuel Etikpah, University of Oslo

*Festival as Diapraxis: Interreligious Convivance and Community Development in Ghana*

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**A24-122**

**Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group**

Theresa Torres, University of Missouri-Kansas City, Presiding

Theme: *Fieldwork and Methodologies in the Study of Latina/o Religious Communities*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-M104 (Marquis Level)

Panelists:

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton

Lara Medina, California State University, Northridge

**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Gastón Espinosa, Claremont McKenna College

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**A24-123**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Group**

Stephen Keating, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Micrologics of the Postsecular*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marriott-International 7 (International Level)

An Yountae, Lebanon Valley College

*Poetics of Creolization: Rethinking the Spiritual beyond the Secular Coloniality/Modernity*

Amaryah Jones-Armstrong, Vanderbilt University

*Disinheriting Supremacy: Black Theology and the Politics of the Flesh*

Beatrice Marovich, University of North Dakota

*In the Wreckage of Life's Sanctity: Death and Postsecularity*

Alex Dubilet, Vanderbilt University

*Undecidable Acts of Subversion: Thinking the Postsecular with Pussy Riot's "Punk Prayer"*

Responding:

Anthony Paul Smith, La Salle University

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**P24-141**

**Søren Kierkegaard Society**

Kyle Roberts, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and Biblical Hermeneutics in Conversation*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hyatt-Embassy F (International Tower Level LL2)

Hugh Pyper, University of Sheffield

*"I, Nebuchadnezzar, Am No Longer Nebuchadnezzar": Decolonizing the Mind in Kierkegaard, Fanon, and Glissant*

Andrew Torrance, University of St. Andrews

*When Scripture Gets in the Way: A Kierkegaardian Note of Caution*

**Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Mari Leesment, University of Toronto

*Kierkegaard Explains Ecclesiastes: Contradictions as a Reflection of the Limits of Wisdom for Describing Life Under God*

Silas Morgan, Loyola University Chicago

*On the Troubles of Thinking Postcolonially about Kierkegaard*

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**Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

**A24-124**

**Christian Systematic Theology Section**

Junius Johnson, Baylor University, Presiding

Theme: *Knowing and Speaking of God*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Marriott-M106 (Marquis Level)

Devon Abts, King's College London

*"Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places": A Study in Poetry, Imagination, and Trinitarian Theology*

Daniel Robinson, Graduate Theological Union

*Clement of Alexandria's Strategy of Symbiosis with Hellenistic Epistemology*

Won Jae Hur, Boston College

*"In Lively Sentience with Another": An Embodied Model of Knowing God in Edith Stein's Later Works*

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**A24-125**

**North American Religions Section and Mormon Studies Group and Ritual Studies Group**

Kate Holbrook, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT, Presiding

Theme: *Women and Healing in Nineteenth-Century Mormonism*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Marriott-International 6 (International Level)

Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College

**Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

*Women, Health, and Identity in Early Mormonism*

Kristine Wright, Guelph, ON

*"I Have Had Seasons of Being Better but Never Well": Chronicity, Ritual Failure, and Mormon Identity*

Responding:

Samuel Brown, University of Utah School of Medicine

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**A24-126**

**Religion in South Asia Section**

Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University, Presiding

Theme: *The Religious in Sanskrit Drama: A City, a Story, a Lesson*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Marriott-A706 (Atrium Level)

Seth Ligo, Duke University

*Stories of Kāśī: Narrative and the Realization of Sacred Space*

Nell Hawley, University of Chicago

*"Behave like Rāma, Not like Rāvaṇa:" Theorizing Conflict between Epic Stories and Moral Lessons*

Aleksandra Gordeeva, Yale University

*Religion and Literary Theory in Jain and Hindu Dramas*

Responding:

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

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**A24-127**

**Contemporary Islam Group**

Nargis Virani, New York, NY, Presiding

Theme: *Forgetting the Indic for the "Islamic": Exploring the Development of Khōjā Caste Memory*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Marriott-International 2 (International Level)

**Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

Karim Gillani, University of Alberta

*The Contestation of Indic Khoja Oral Literature (Ginans) as "Islamic"*

Iqbal Akhtar, University of Edinburgh

*The Chronicle of Light: Khōjā Cosmology in the Periphery of Indic Islam*

Responding:

Bruce B. Lawrence, Duke University

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**A24-128**

Focus on Valuing the Study of Religion

**Law, Religion, and Culture Group and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group**

Richard Amesbury, Universität Zürich, Presiding

Theme: *Negotiating the Religious-Secular Distinction in the Colonial Marketplace*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Hyatt-Marietta (Atlanta Conference Level)

Kenneth Richards, University of North Carolina

*Sovereign Exchange: The Force of Religious Freedom in Eighteenth Century Maine*

Alexander Rocklin, Willamette University

*Making Laborers into Sadhus: The Politics of the Category Religion in a Plantation Economy*

J. Brent Crosson, University of Texas

*Religion against the Law: Re-Valuing Obeah in the Caribbean*

Stephanie Wright, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Islam Incorporated: Halal Foods and the Anxieties of Secular Consumption*

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**A24-129**

**Sociology of Religion Group and Critical Research on Religion**

Warren S. Goldstein, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Cultural Warriors and Counter-Publics: Redescribing Identity in the Sociology of Religion*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Marriott-A601 (Atrium Level)

Sorcha Brophy, Yale University

**Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

*Orthodoxy as Project: Maintaining Ideological Identity in an American Protestant Denomination*

Brian Carwana, University of Toronto

*Evangelicalism and Secularism: Christian Lobbyists Confront the Affective Regimes of a Liberal Public Square*

Amy McDowell, University of Mississippi

*Challenging Islamophobia: Images of Muslim Masculinity and Femininity in Taqwacore Punk Rock*

Jin Sook Kim, Graduate Theological Union

*Performing Gender and the Death Drive: A Lacanian Interpretation of Gender Practice*

Responding:

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery

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