



## **PRELIMINARY PROGRAM BOOK**

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

**A17-100**

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

Kathleen T. Talvacchia, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

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**A17-101**

**Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting**

Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

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**Friday - 8:00 AM-5:30 PM**

**A17-102**

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

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

Friday - 8:00 AM-5:30 PM

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

**A17-103**

**Regional Coordinators Meeting**

Friday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

**A17-113**

**Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting**

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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**A17-104**

**International Connections Committee Meeting**

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

Friday - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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**A17-105**

**Theological Education Workshop: Resisting Injustice in the Age of Trump**

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

Friday - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Jacqueline Lewis, Middle Collegiate Church and The Middle Project

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Marie Alford-Harkey, Religious Institute

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

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**Friday - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**A17-106**

**Comparative Hagiology Workshop: Cross-cultural Approaches to Religious Life Writings**

Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University, Presiding

Friday - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

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**A17-107**

**THATCamp - The Humanities and Technology Camp**

Eric Smith, Iliff School of Theology, Michael Hemenway, Iliff School of Theology, and

Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

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**Friday - 10:30 AM-1:00 PM**

**A17-108**

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

Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University, Presiding

Friday - 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

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**Friday - 11:00 AM-4:00 PM**

**A17-112**

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

Friday - 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

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

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

**A17-109**

**Religion and Media Workshop: Between Fake News and Natural Media**

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

Friday - 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

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Panelists:

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

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

**A17-110**

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

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University, Presiding

Friday - 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

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**Friday - 12:30 PM-5:30 PM**

**A17-111**

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

**A17-200**

**Graduate Student Committee Meeting**

Bhakti Mamtora, University of Florida, Presiding

Friday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

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**A17-201**

**Brand You: Creating Your Own Brand for Academic Survival**

Paula McGee, Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding

Friday - 1:00 PM-4:30 PM

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

**A17-202**

**Ethnography and Theology Workshop: The Use of Ethnography for Theological Research**

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto, Jonas Ideström, Church of Sweden Research

Unit, Uppsala, Sweden, Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, and Mary

McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding

Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Angela Cowser, Garrett Evangelical Seminary

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Karen Kilby, University of Durham

Peter Ward, MF Norwegian School of Theology

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**A17-203**

**Academic Relations Committee Leadership Workshop on Digital Media and Communications**

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee, and

Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Panelist:

Jeremy Hughes, University of Tennessee

Responding:

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

Brian M. Britt, Virginia Polytechnic University

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**A17-204**

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

**Teaching Religion and Disability Studies Workshop: Engaging Curriculum and Pedagogy with Intersectionality and Communities**

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

Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

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**A17-205**

**Boston City Tour**

Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

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

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

**A17-206**

**Women's Caucus Gathering and Workshop: Resilience and Vulnerability in Transforming Lives and Scholarship**

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, and Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Friday - 1:30 PM-3:30 PM

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

**A17-207**

**The Public Scholars Project Workshop: Practical Skills for the Public Scholar**

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

Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Liz Kineke, CBS Religion & Culture

*How to Respond to Requests for Information from Journalists*

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

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

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

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

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

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**Friday - 2:30 PM-5:30 PM**

**A17-208**

**Religion and Ecology Workshop: Integrating Ecology and Justice**

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, and John A. Grim, Yale University, Presiding  
Friday - 2:30 PM-5:30 PM

Panelists:

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

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

**A17-209**

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

Arti Dhand, University of Toronto, Presiding  
Friday - 3:30 PM-6:00 PM

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Steven Lindquist, Southern Methodist University

*Teaching Stories about Teaching Self: Upaniṣadic Narrative in the Classroom*

Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University

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

Vishwa Adluri, City University of New York

*Re-Imagining the Mahābhārata: A Report from the Kochi-Muziris Biennale*

Joydeep Bagchee, Free University of Berlin

*Myth and History: Teaching Hinduism Through Narratives*

Elizabeth Mary Rohlman, University of Calgary

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

Raj Balkaran, University of Toronto

*How the Goddess Teaches Hinduism: Decoding Divergent Boons*

Jeffrey Brackett, Ball State University

*Translation, Transcreation, and Tukaram*

Shana Sippy, Carleton College

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

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

**A17-300**

**Department Chairs' and Program Coordinators' Reception**

Friday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

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

**A17-400**

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

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

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM



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Panelist:

Donna Roberts, PROJECT ZULA

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**A17-401**

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

Christian Hackbarth-Johnson, University of Salzburg, Presiding

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Sudhakshina Rangaswami, Self Employed

Catherine Cornille, Boston College

Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles

Nadya Pohran, University of Cambridge

Responding:

Fabrice Blée, Saint Paul University

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**A17-402**

**Film: *Get Out***

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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

**A18-1**

**Yoga Class**

Saturday - 7:00 AM-8:00 AM

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

**A18-2**

**New Members' Breakfast and Annual Meeting Orientation**

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

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

Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

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**A18-3**

**Regional Officers' Breakfast**

Elizabeth Hardcastle, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

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

**A18-100**

**Graduate Student Committee**

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

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida

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

Brianne Donaldson, Rice University

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

Nayawiyyah Muhammad, Claremont Graduate University

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

Responding:

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

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**A18-101**

**Anthropology of Religion Unit**

James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

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

Theme: *Vulnerability and Reciprocity in the Fieldwork Encounter*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Gwendolyn Gillson, University of Iowa

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

Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College

*Ethnography Over Time: Vulnerable Subjects*

James Edmonds, Arizona State University

*Flipping the Ethnographic Gaze: Illuminating the Importance of Belief*

Jason Ellsworth, Dalhousie University

*"Rolls of Love": Food Insecurity, Vulnerable Populations, and Buddhist Food Programs*

Jessica Johnson, University of Washington

*Vulnerabilities of Encounter: Religion, Ethnography, Affect*

Responding:

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming

Business Meeting:

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

James Bielo, Miami University

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**A18-102**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

Zhang Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

Theme: *Theopoetics and Poetic Religion*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Regina Walton, Harvard Divinity School

*What is Twenty-First Century Devotional Poetry? An Exploration in Three Parts*

Caleb Murray, Brown University

*Allen's Lamentation: Religion, Resistance, and the Poetics of Madness*

Shawn Fawson, Iliff School of Theology & University of Denver

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

*Passionately Pursuing the Real: Conveying the Sacred through Contemporary Poetry*

Heather R. Martin, Principia College

*Jack Clemo's Theopoetics: A Call to Community From the Margins*

Gloria Maité Hernández, West Chester University

*Discalced Carmelite Theopoetics*

Business Meeting:

Yolanda Pierce, Princeton Theological Seminary

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**A18-103**

**Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit**

Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa, Presiding

Theme: *Augustine on Exile and Migration*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Sean Hannan, MacEwan University

*Tempus Refugit: Reimagining Pilgrimage as Migrancy in Augustine's City of God*

Kevin Grove, University of Notre Dame

*Exercises in Wayfaring: Augustine's Expositions of the Psalms of Ascent as Communal Explorations of Exile and Migration*

Joseph Lenow, University of Virginia

*"Interstitial Homiletics: Augustine's sermo Dolbeau 26 in Postcolonial Perspective"*

Matthew Elia, Duke University Graduate Program in Religion

*The Wanderer in Exile and the Fugitive Slave: Two Models of Citizenship for Augustinian Politics*

Responding:

Sarah Stewart-Kroeker, University of Geneva

Business Meeting:

Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University

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**A18-104**

**Black Theology Unit and Theology and Religious Reflections Unit**

Adam Clark, Xavier University, Presiding

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

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Ashon Crawley, University of California, Riverside  
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University  
Bryan Massingale, Marquette University  
Carol B. Duncan, Wilfrid Laurier University  
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Responding:

Josef Sorett, Columbia University

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**A18-105**

**Body and Religion Unit**

George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *The Spatiality and Instrumentality of the Body*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

Matthew Robertson, UCSB  
*Autophagous Bliss: The Obliteration of Spatiality in the Bodily Philosophies of Georges Bataille and the Taittirīya Upanishad*

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

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

Responding:

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University Chicago

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

Business Meeting:

George Pati, Valparaiso University  
Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University

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**A18-106**

**Buddhism Unit**

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Poetic Turns in Buddhist Literature*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Julie Regan, La Salle University  
*An early Buddhist theory of Poetics as a Path to Awakening*

Sonam Kachru, University of Virginia  
*Of Poets, Their Lies, and the Savage Fruits thereof: Four Brief Vignettes on the Imagination in Buddhism*

Xi He, Appalachian State University  
*Buddhists and Sanskrit Prose Literature during the Early Centuries CE*

Nancy Lin, Vanderbilt University  
*Promiscuous Bodies of Knowledge: Poetics at the Fifth Dalai Lama's Court*

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

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**A18-107**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Caleb Carter, Johns Hopkins University  
*Gendered Topographies in Medieval Japan: Faultlines in the Standard Narrative*

Lindsey DeWitt, University of Washington  
*Rethinking the Religious Landscape of "No-Women-Allowed" Mt. Ōmine, Japan*

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

Eric Huntington, Princeton University

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

Responding:

Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University

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**A18-108**

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit**

Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Race and the Genealogy of Genealogies*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jason Josephson-Storm, Williams College

*Foucault, Nietzsche, Genealogy, History, and Race*

Terence Keel, University of California, Santa Barbara

*A Tradition of Christian Peoplehood*

Myrna Sheldon, Ohio University

*The biology of biopower: genealogy in the cultural history of religion*

Sarah Dees, Northwestern University

*American Scholars on Cultural and Religious Evolution*

Business Meeting:

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College

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**A18-109**

**Daoist Studies Unit**

Joshua Capitanio, Stanford University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Stephen R. Bokenkamp, Arizona State University

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

C. Franciscus Verellen, Ecole française d'Extrême-Orient  
Mark Csikszentmihalyi, University of California, Berkeley  
James Robson, Harvard University  
Gil Raz, Dartmouth College  
Chao-jan Chang, Fu Jen Catholic University

Responding:

Terry Kleeman, University of Colorado

Business Meeting:

David Mozina, Boston College  
Elena Valussi, Loyola University, Chicago

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**A18-110**

**Ecclesial Practices Unit and Practical Theology Unit**  
Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto  
Karen Kilby, University of Durham  
Tom Beaudoin, Fordham University  
Daniel Franklin Pilario, Adamson University

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**A18-111**

**Ethics Unit**  
Nichole Flores, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Civic Virtues and Democratic Citizenship*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, Birmingham-Southern College  
*The Geopolitics of Virtue*

Jesse Perillo, DePaul University  
*Redemption Requires Recognition: Attending anger and incivility when a product of structural*



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

*injustice*

Joe Pettit, Morgan State University  
*In Praise of the Boring Political Virtues*

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University  
*Defying the Status Quo: Humility, Hope and Courage as Necessary for Civic Virtue of Justice*

Rosemary Kellison, University of West Georgia  
*Empathy and the Politics of Virtue*

**A18-112**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit**

Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University, Presiding

Theme: *Performance, Precarity and Disruption*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

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

Elonda Clay, VU University, Amsterdam  
*"I Only Roll With Goddesses": Black Women as the Divine Feminine in Internet subcultures and Digital Visual Culture*

Responding:

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

Business Meeting:

Carol White, Bucknell University  
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming

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**A18-113**

**Hinduism Unit and Women and Religion Unit**

Nancy M. Martin, Chapman University, Presiding

Theme: *Reconstructing Authority: Female Gurus Today*

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

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István Keul, University of Bergen

*The Parsi guru: Female leadership in a transreligious movement in Mumbai*

Antoinette E. DeNapoli, University of Wyoming

*A Female Shankaracarya?: The Feminism and Alternative Religious Leadership of a Female Guru in a North Indian Pilgrimage Town*

Karen Pechilis, Drew University

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

Cora Gaebel, University of Cologne

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

Responding:

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside

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**A18-114**

**Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit**

Maria Heim, Amherst College, Presiding

Theme: *The Art of Commentary*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

John Makeham, La Trobe University

*Strategies Adopted in Commentaries on the Analects*

Mark L. Blum, University of California, Berkeley

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

Alexander Hsu, University of Chicago

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

Richard Nance, Indiana University

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

David Buchta, Brown University

*God and Her Grammarian: Grammatical Justifications in Śantanu's commentary on the Durgāsaptasatī*

Michael Allen, University of Virginia

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

*The Art of Sub-Sub-Commentary: Prakāśātman on the Nature of Ignorance*

Business Meeting:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University

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**A18-115**

**Islam, Gender, Women Unit**

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Fareen Parvez, University of Massachusetts at Amherst

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College

*Politicizing Islam: The Islamic Revival in France and India*

Anna Piela, Leeds Trinity University

Andrea Stanton, University of Denver

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

Sa'diyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town

Homayra Ziad, Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies

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

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University

Zaid Adhami, Williams College

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

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

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

Responding:

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College

Business Meeting:

Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco

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

**A18-116**

**Jain Studies Unit**

Lisa Owen, University of North Texas, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds

Caroline Starkey, University of Leeds

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

Anja Pogacnik, University of Edinburgh

*Religious Change in Diasporic Jainism: Young Leicester Jains and their Conceptualisation of Socio-Geographical and Inter-Generational Religious Change*

Aleksandra Gordeeva, Yale University

*Aṇahilavāḍ and Kharatara Gaccha Views on Drama: Reflection of the City Life in Literary Works*

Gregory Clines, Harvard University

*The Multiple Regions and Multiple Languages of Early Modern Digambara Literature*

Responding:

Ellen Gough, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Lisa Owen, University of North Texas

Steven Vose, Florida International University

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**A18-117**

**Liberation Theologies Unit**

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, Presiding

Theme: *Liberating Identities*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology

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

Katie Grimes, Villanova University

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

*Blackness, Class, and Race*

Samaneh Oladi

*Women's Sacred Activism: Between Modernity and Tradition*

Alexander Abbasi, University of Johannesburg

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

Jorge Rodriguez, Union Theological Seminary

*The Neoliberal Co-Optation of "Identity Politics": Geo-Political Situatedness as a Decolonial Alternative*

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College

*Beyond 'Identity' vs. 'Class': Strategic Classism Built from Insights of New Working Class Studies and Fraser's Critical Theory*

Business Meeting:

Hannah Hofheinz, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

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**A18-118**

**Mysticism Unit**

Jason N. Blum, Davidson College, Presiding

Theme: *Definitions on the Edge*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christine Libby, Indiana University

*Mystic Assemblages and the Translation of Affect*

Gary Gardiner, University of West Indies

*Restoring the Mystery in Mysticism*

Anthony Dupont, University Leuven

*Augustine of Hippo's Personal Experience and Theoretical Understanding of Mysticism*

Evan Goldstein, Union Theological Seminary

*"Mysticism," Judaism, and Orientalism in Graetz and Scholem*

Joel Harrison, Northwestern University

*Mysticism Between Normativity and History: A Reconsideration of Ernst Troeltsch's Mystic Type*

Business Meeting:

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

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida

Jason N. Blum, Davidson College

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**A18-119**

**New Religious Movements Unit**

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Joshua Paddison, Wittenberg University

*Dangerous Celibacy: The Fountaingrove Sex Scandal of 1891-1892*

Evelyn Sterne, University of Rhode Island

*"Heaven on Earth" or "Harem Heaven"?: Delegitimizing Michigan's House of David*

James B. Bennett, Santa Clara University

*For Faith, Family, and the Future of America: The Rise of the Modern Anticult Movement and Religious Intolerance in the 1970s*

Responding:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Business Meeting:

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster

Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University

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**A18-120**

**Philosophy of Religion Unit**

Oona Eisenstadt, Pomona College, Presiding

Theme: *The Political Worlds of Hannah Arendt*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

David Grumett, University of Edinburgh

*Love for the World in Hannah Arendt's Augustinian Political Philosophy*

Johnathan Kelly, Boston University

*Arendt's Theodicy of the Banality of Evil*

Timothy Stanley, The University of Newcastle, Australia

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

*Supplementing Arendt*

Elijah Prewitt-Davis, Drew University

*Alienation and Lost Belief: Arendt and Deleuze on the World*

Responding:

Anna Bialek, Washington University in St. Louis

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**A18-121**

**Queer Studies in Religion Unit and SBL LBGTTI/Queer Hermeneutics Unit**

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Rhiannon Graybill, Rhodes College

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

Justin Crisp, Yale University

Erin Runions, Pomona College

Linn Tonstad, Yale University

Responding:

Lee Edelman, Tufts University

Business Meeting:

Thealthia Young, Bucknell University

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**A18-122**

**Religion and Disability Studies Unit**

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Valerie Michaelson, Queen's University

John Swinton, University of Aberdeen

*Spiritual Health, Disability and Church Involvement of Canadian Children: A quantitative study*

Courtney Wilder, Midland University

*Spoonies, #Disabled and Cute, and Crippling the Vote: Audre Lorde, Paul Tillich, and Religious Activity on Twitter*

Richard Saville-Smith, University of Edinburgh

*Acute Religious Experiences – Disability or What?*

Michael Mawson, University of Aberdeen

*Disability and the Limits of Life: Insights from Disability Theology for Approaching Aging*

Bruce Stevens, Charles Sturt University

*Old Behind Bars: A Systematic Review with Theological Implications*

Business Meeting:

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College

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**A18-123**

**Religion and Ecology Unit**

Evan Berry, American University, Presiding

Theme: *Identity and Community in Religion and Ecology*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Amanda Baugh, California State University, Northridge

*Reading Laudato Si with Catholics Who Deny Climate Change*

Jason Brown, University of British Columbia

*Dwelling in the Wilderness: The Embodied Semiotics of Catholic Monks in the American West*

Stephen Meawad

*The Wholeness of Living Ecologically: The Development of a Coptic Orthodox Politeia and its Contribution to Ecological Ethics*

Rose Caraway, Iowa State University

*If we are the problem then we are the solution: Religion and resilience in contemporary Cuba*

Robin Veldman, Iowa State University

*“Global warming alarmists remove our motivation to thank God for his gifts of cheap, abundant energy resources”: How Leaders in the Christian Right Used Evangelical Mass Media to*



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

*Promote Climate Skepticism*

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**A18-124**

**Religion and Humanism Unit and Ricoeur Unit**

J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *National Formations of Narrative Identities*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Richard A. Rosengarten, University of Chicago

*Revisiting Oneself As Another: Reprise, or Revise?*

Claire Taylor Jones, University of Notre Dame

*Memory in Iron: the Teutonic Knights and National Identity in Eastern Europe*

Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa

*The Narratives of Black Folk:*

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University

*Narrative Identity and National Nostalgia*

Verna Marina Ehret, Mercyhurst University

*Public Discourse as Performative Narrative of Reconciliation*

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**A18-125**

**Religion and Politics Unit**

Alex Matthews, University of Chicago, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kevan Feshami, University of Colorado Boulder

*“Wiederkehr der Ahnen”: Paganism, Black Metal, and the Anti-Christian and Anti-Capitalist Roots of the White Genocide Myth*

Cynthia Jonas, University of Colorado-Boulder

*American Civil Religion in the Courts of the Conqueror*

D. Ashley Campbell, University of Colorado-Boulder

*Speaking of Hope and Change: The Civil-Religious Rhetoric of Trump and Obama*

Yukai Chen, University of Colorado, Boulder

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

*The Spring Gala: Rituals and Symbols of Civil Religion in China*

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**A18-126**

**Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Study of Islam Unit**

Scott Gardner, Hartford Seminary, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Elizabeth Coody, Iliff School of Theology

Beth Davies-Stofka, Colorado Community Colleges Online

Mohamed S. Hassan, Temple University

Constance Kassor, Lawrence University

Aaron Ricker, McGill University

Responding:

A. David Lewis, MCPHS University

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**A18-127**

**Religion and Sexuality Unit**

Shelley Dennis, Drew University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Minenhle Nomalungelo Khumalo, Drew University

*Hagar, Sarah, and their by-products of patriarchy: A Marxist, Afro-futurist exploration of reproductive justice. [OR Sorry, not sorry. Womb closed. No fetuses today.]*

Max Thornton, Drew University

*Repetition and Procreation: Theology and The Reproduction of Whiteness*

Ylisse Bess, Boston University

*The White Vote: On Abortion Access for African American Adolescent Women*

Lisa Gasson-Gardner, Drew University

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

*Contra The Sovereign Rape Exception: Towards a Political Theology of Reproductive Justice*

Responding:

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

Kate Ott, Drew University

Business Meeting:

Jennifer S. Leath, Iliff School of Theology

Nina Hoel, University of Oslo

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**A18-128**

**Religion in Europe Unit**

Elissa Cutter, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Carol Ferrara, Boston University

*The Making of a Common Enemy: Interreligious Consensus Amidst Secular Pluralism in France*

Stephanie Frank, Columbia College Chicago

*The Niqab Ban in France: Unveiling the Durkheimian Model of Religion at Work*

David Bos, University of Amsterdam and VU University

*Homosexuality and Islam in Dutch Public Discourse since the 1960s*

Spencer Dew, Centenary College of Louisiana

*The Purloined Church: Ahmadiyya Negotiations of Danish Conceptions of Religion*

Business Meeting:

Elissa Cutter, Loyola Marymount University

Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Groningen

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**A18-129**

**Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit**

Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of Southern California, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Panelists:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida  
C. Pierce Salguero, Abington College  
Ofelia Villero, Graduate Theological Union

Responding:

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University School of Medicine

Business Meeting:

Emily Wu, Dominican University of California

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**A18-130**

**Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit**

Ian Brown, University of Toronto, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Rebecca Bartel, University of Toronto  
*The Promise of a New Colombia: Miracles, Morality, and the Yet to Be*

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

Sarah MacDonald, Emory University  
*Transformation without Saviors: Lessons from Faith-based Solidarity Activism in Colombia*

Responding:

Kimberly Theidon, Tufts University

Business Meeting:

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

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**A18-131**

**Sikh Studies Unit**

Pashaura Singh, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

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

Theme: *Sikh Scholar-Activists on Vulnerabilities*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Simran Jeet Singh, Trinity University  
Sapreet Kaur, Sikh Coalition  
Tejkaran Kaur Bains, United Sikhs  
Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University  
John Cibotti, Florida International University  
Valarie (tentative) Kaur, Stanford University

Business Meeting:

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University

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**A18-132**

**Space, Place, and Religion Unit**

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

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kelsey Moss, Princeton University  
*Cidades de Deus no Brasil Colonial: Religion and Race in the Space and Place of Colonial Salvador da Bahia*

Richard Gale, Cardiff University  
Andrew Rogers, University of Roehampton, London, UK  
*Accommodating practices? Urban planning, post migrant faith groups and the spatial politics of belonging in the UK*

Claire Dwyer, University College London (UCL)  
Nazneen Ahmed, University College London  
David Gilbert, Royal Holloway University of London  
*Performing religion in suburbia: negotiations in public space*

Enoch Gbadegesin, Obafemi Awolowo University  
*Secularizing the City of 201 Gods: Oòni of Ife and the Transformation of Sacred Spaces in Ile-Ife*

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

*of Southwestern Nigeria*

Responding:

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University

David Bains, Samford University

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**A18-133**

**Teaching Religion Unit**

Henry Goldschmidt, The Interfaith Center of New York, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Richard Newton, Elizabethtown College

Martha Roberts, University of the South

Christine Hong, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life

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**A18-134**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit**

Travis Stevens, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Memorializing "Mourning and Melancholia"*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University

Dana Luciano, Georgetown University

Kalpana Seshadri, Boston College

Kris Trujillo, University of California, Berkeley

Antonio Viego, Duke University

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

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**A18-135**

**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Ian MacCormack, Harvard University

*Figuring the Divine: Kāvya in Tibetan Political Writing*

William Dewey, University of California Santa Barbara

*Geluk Sectarianism and the Tibetan Regency*

Christopher Bell, Stetson University

*Standardizing the Oracles: Spirit Possession in the Tibetan Monkey Year Festival*

Katarina Turpeinen, University of Virginia

*Soteriology and Shamanism in the Case of a Tibetan Oracle*

Natasha Mikles, University of Virginia

*“When is a Hat a Mountain? : Ritual’s Role in Constructing the Object of Vision*

Business Meeting:

Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College

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**A18-136**

**World Christianity Unit**

Dale T. Irvin, New York Theological Seminary, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Joel Cruz, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

*Spaniards in the Americas: Las Casas among the Reformers*

Rebecca Giselsbrecht, University of Zurich, Fuller Seminary

*Women from Then to Now: A Commitment to Mutuality and Literacy*

David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary

*The Global South: The Synod of Dort on Baptizing “Ethnics”*

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

Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University

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

Responding:

Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Business Meeting:

Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University

Corey Williams, Leiden University

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**A18-137**

**Material Islam Seminar**

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Asma Hilali, Institute of Ismaili Studies

*The Sanaa palimpsest and the early transmission of the Qur'an*

Jonathan E. Brockopp, Pennsylvania State University

*The earliest Arabic manuscripts and the rise of book culture among the 'ulamā'*

Ali Karjoo-Ravary, University of Pennsylvania

*Adorning the King of Islam: the Materiality of a 14th Century Persian Chronicle*

Walid Saleh, University of Toronto

*Tafsīr manuscripts in Istanbul: preliminary remarks*

Responding:

Sheila Blair, Boston College

Business Meeting:

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University

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**A18-138**

**Political Theology Seminar**

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding



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

Theme: *Resisting: Political Theology*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

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

Responding:

Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion

Business Meeting:

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

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**A18-139**

**Promoting Religious Literacy College-Wide Seminar**

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding  
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University, Presiding  
Steve Herrick, American Academy of Religion, Presiding  
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

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

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**A18-140**

**Transnational Religious Expression: Between Asia and North America Seminar**

Lucas Carmichael, University of Chicago, Presiding

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

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Lawrence Whitney, Boston University

*Protestantization and Confucianism: The Case of Boston Confucianism 2.0*

Anandi Salinas, Emory University

*Lived transnational religion: Reflections on an ethnography of Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava practices in the southeastern US*

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha

*Asian American Muslim Cinema: A Theoretical Preface*

Minjung Noh

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

Torang Asadi, Duke University

*Transmateriality: Iranian-American Alternative Healing Practices*

Responding:

Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies

Business Meeting:

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado

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**A18-141**

**Video Gaming and Religion Seminar**

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen, Presiding

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

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Vit Sisler, Charles University

Josef Slerka, Charles University

*Communion Reloaded: Social Network Analysis of Religion and Gaming*

John Borchert, Syracuse University

*No-Death: Posthuman Living Through Ritualized Game Death*

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

Jonathan A. Seitz, Taiwan Theological Seminary

*The Temple is a Dojo, The Church is a Gym: Gaming, Walking and Worshipping with Pokémon Go in Taipei, Taiwan*

Benjamin Chicka, Claremont Graduate University

*Nontraditional Video Games and The Other*

Business Meeting:

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

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**A18-142**

**Women's Caucus**

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

Theme: *Rethinking Resistance and Resilience*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michael Karlberg, Western Washington University

*Constructive Resilience and Feminist Theories of Power*

Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery

*Pussy Hats and Anatomical Signage: Ritualizing and Resistance at the Women's March on Washington D.C.*

Robert Drake, Princeton Theological Seminary

David Smith, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Reinhold Niebuhr and the Queer Ethic of Pride*

Susan Willhauck, Atlantic School of Theology

*Female Child Soldiers and Christian Feminist Resistance and Resilience*

Responding:

Julia Berger, University of Kent

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

**A18-143**

**Tour: Museum of Fine Arts**

Saturday - 9:30 AM-12:00 PM

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

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**Saturday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM**

**A18-144**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

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

Saturday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Panelists:

Mary T. Stimming, Wabash Center

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

**A18-145**

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

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

Theme:

Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

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**A18-146**

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Mentoring Lunch**

Kathleen T. Talvacchia, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University  
Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

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

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Faith Matters Network  
Mark Larrimore, The New School  
Pamela Lightsey, Boston University  
Cameron Partridge  
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

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**A18-147**

**Women's Caucus**

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

Theme: *Goddess Studies and Herstory of Resilience*

Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University of Pennsylvania  
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

Responding:

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College

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

**A18-200**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Effective Strategies for Scholarly Publication*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Steven Félix-Jäger, Southeastern University

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

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**A18-201**

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

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University

Keri Day, Brite Divinity School

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

Ann Pellegrini, New York University

Alex McNeill, More Light Presbyterians

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**A18-202**

**Anthropology of Religion Unit and Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**

Anna Sun, Kenyon College, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Lucas Carmichael, University of Chicago

Jeffrey J. Kripal, Rice University

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside

Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

Responding:

David A. Palmer, University of Hong Kong

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

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**A18-203**

**Body and Religion Unit and Contemplative Studies Unit**

David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota, Presiding

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

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University  
*Reprogramming Embodied Experiences in the Maharthamañjarī of Maheśvarānanda*

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

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

Kerry Martin Skora, Hiram College  
*The Subtle Body of Vital Presence in Contemplative Practices of Abhinavagupta's Trika Shaivism and Longchenpa's Great Perfection*

Responding:

M. Alejandro Chaoul, The University of Texas, Houston

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**A18-204**

**Buddhism in the West Unit**

John Crow, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *New Studies of Buddhism in the West*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Todd Perreira, San Jose State University  
*America's Buddha in an Age of Empire: Cosmopolitan Domesticity or Commodity Racism?*

Laura Harrington, Boston University  
*Cold War Karma: a brief history of Buddhist Studies and the CIA, 1951-1967*

Adeana McNicholl, Stanford University  
*Being Buddha, Staying Woke: Racial Formation in Black Buddhist Writings*

Christopher Emory-Moore, University of Waterloo  
*Renunciation and the Householder/Renouncer Relation in a New Buddhist Movement*

Caroline Starkey, University of Leeds  
*'Don't mention the F word': Monastic Women and Gendered Hierarchies in British Convert*

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

*Buddhism*

Business Meeting:

David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College

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**A18-205**

**Buddhism Unit and Chinese Religions Unit**

Alison Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Reshaping Family Life in Modern Chinese Buddhism*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Jessica Zu, Princeton University

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

Paul Katz, Academia Sinica

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

Natasha Heller, University of Virginia

*Buddhist Parenting for Modern Families: A Case Study*

Neky Tak-Ching Cheung, University of Macau

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

Responding:

Robert Weller, Boston University

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**A18-206**

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit and Schleiermacher Unit**

Shelli Poe, Millsaps College, Presiding

Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Calli Micale, Yale University

*A Schleiermacherian Solution: Eschatological Continuity, Disability, and Communication*

Simon Gerber, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin



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

*Schleiermacher's Views on "the Lord's Supper" – From His Letters, Lectures on Church History, and Christian Faith.*

Andrew Packman, University of Chicago Divinity School  
*Schleiermacher's "Change of Heart" and the Recovery of Feeling in Theology*

Timo Helenius, Brown University  
*The State of Servitude: Schleiermacher's Phenomenology of Sin*

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**A18-207**

**Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Religion and Disabilities Studies Unit**

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, Presiding

Theme: *The Complex Intersections Between Disability and Class*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Joseph Strife, Union Theological Seminary  
*Charity and the Formation of the Working Class*

Lang Chen, Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
*Disability, Religion, and Class in Shi Tiesheng's Works: A Post-Communist Perspective*

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College  
*Intersections of Disability and Class: Redistributive Recognition, Organizing Collaboration, and Anti-Work Theory*

Lisa Hancock, Southern Methodist University  
*Resisting Salvific Productivity: Disability, Cyborgs, and the Body of Christ*

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**A18-208**

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

Claire White, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia  
David DeSteno, Northeastern University

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Mina Cikara, Harvard University

Responding:

Claire White, Yale University

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**A18-210**

**Comparative Religious Ethics Unit**

Aline Kalbian, Florida State University, Presiding

Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Roundtable Session on Richard B. Miller's Friends and Other Strangers (Columbia University Press, 2016)*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

Diana Fritz Cates, University of Iowa

Eric Gregory, Princeton University

Ross Moret, Florida State University

Responding:

Richard Miller, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:

Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University

Jung Lee, Northeastern University

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**A18-211**

**Comparative Theology Unit and Society for Hindu-Christian Studies**

John Carman, Harvard University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Gopal Gupta, The College of Idaho

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

*Why Ramanuja? Some Reflections on Christian-Vaisnava Comparative Theology*

Hugh Nicholson, Loyola University, Chicago

*Rudolf Otto's Encounter with Ramanuja as Model for Comparative Theology*

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston

*What if Rāmānuja was right? On the possibility of divine embodiment in the Christian tradition*

Ankur Barua, University of Cambridge

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

Robindra Martin Ganeri

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

Responding:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

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**A18-212**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and Western Esotericism Unit**

Egil Asprem, Stockholm University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Vivianne Crowley, Nottingham Trent University

*Ancient Egypt in an Irish Castle- how an Irish Goddess spirituality movement bridges the esoteric and exoteric, Pagan and Christian worlds*

Caroline Tully, University of Melbourne

*Isis of the North: the Celtic Priests of the Linage of Scota*

Diana Brown, Syracuse University

*"Eastern Methods and Western Bodies:" Dion Fortune's Assessment of Yoga for a "Western" Audience*

Jason Winslade, DePaul University

*Faeries, Bards, and Magicians: Fantasy Worlds of the Pagan Music Festival*

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**A18-213**

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

Christopher Driscoll, Lehigh University, Presiding

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

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Abimbola Adedokun, University of Texas

*The Widow Morality: Anti-Hubris and Nigerian Hip Hop Music*

Forrest Kentwell, University of Groningen

*Flatbush Zombies, Aries, and Afro-Pessimism: A Way of Reading*

Marcus Evans, McMaster University

*Wu-Tang Clan's East Asian Religious Dimensions. Racial and Religious Transcendence in the Life-Narrative and Imagination of RZA.*

Amanda Furiasse, Florida State University

Sher Afgan Tareen, Florida State University

*Listening to the End Times: Brand Nubian and the Ethics of Listening as a Black Apocalyptic Disciplinary Practice*

Jessica Couch, University of Georgia

*Is God a Gangsta? Recentering the Narrative I and the Precarity of Black Masculinity*

Responding:

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University

Business Meeting:

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University

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**A18-214**

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit**

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Cyril J. O'Regan, University of Notre Dame

David B. Hart, University of Notre Dame

Paul R. Valliere, Butler University

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

Katherine Sonderegger, Virginia Theological Seminary

Responding:

Jennifer Newsome Martin, University of Notre Dame

Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter

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**A18-215**

**Evangelical Studies Unit**

Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelicalism and Posturing Public Life*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

April French, Brandeis University

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

Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah Biblical Seminary

*Reimagining Piety, Prophetic Witness & Political Theology: An Appraisal of Bonhoeffer and Evangelicalism*

Lindsey Maxwell, Florida International University

*Training God's Children: Curriculum and Culture in the Christian Homeschooling Movement, 1983-2000*

Aaron Griffith, Duke University Divinity School

*"Lawlessness has become the spirit of our age": Crime Concern and the Making of Postwar Evangelicalism*

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**A18-216**

**Hinduism Unit and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit**

Michael Altman, University of Alabama, Presiding

Theme: *Constructing and Contesting Race in Hindu Religions*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Nicole Karapanagiotis, Rutgers University, Camden

*Krishna West and the Reinvention of ISKCON*

Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Yoga, Race, and the Place of "Hindus" in Early Twentieth Century America*

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

Alexander Rocklin, Willamette University

*The Race of a Hindu: Hindu Identification, Obeah, and Politics of Categorization between the US and the Caribbean*

Drew Thomases, San Diego State University

*Appropriating Archetypes: Murtis and 'Idol Anxieties' on the Margins of Hindu and Hippie*

Responding:

Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University

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**A18-217**

**Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit**

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

Theme: *Barbies, Bots, and Mere Mortals: Images of God?*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Victoria Lorrimar, University of Oxford

*Does Co-Creation Theology Encourage Human Enhancement?*

Karen O'Donnell, Durham University

*Performing the Imago Dei: Human Enhancement and Optative Image-Bearing*

Alec Arnold, Saint Louis University

*Perceiving Soul in Bread, Bodies, and Bots: A Liturgical-Theological Evaluation of Transhumanism*

Kara Slade, Duke University

Michelle Wolff, Duke University

*Beyond Barbie, Blow-Up Dolls, and Blondes: Sex Robots and the Transhuman Future*

Business Meeting:

Tracy J. Trothen, Queen's University, Kingston

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**A18-218**

**International Development and Religion Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit**

Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Theme: *Asian Religious Sites and Secular Space in Dynamic Tension*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

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Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University

*A Tale of Three Temples, Three Cities, and Three Goddesses? Historicity and Sacred Space in the Cult of Tianhou/Mazu at Meizhou, Beigang, and San Francisco*

Steven Hu, University of California Santa Barbara

*“Transforming the City by God’s Grace”: Christian Publicity, Sense of Place, and Place-Making in Shanghai, China*

Grace Ramswick, Stanford University

*Reinventions and Revaluations of Pakistan’s Buddhist Ruins: The Case of Recent South Korean Delegations to Taxila and Takht-i-Bahi*

Brooke Schedneck, Chiangmai University

*Loss and Promise: The Buddhist Temple as Tourist Space in Thailand*

Responding:

Courtney Bruntz, Doane University

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**A18-219**

**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Sheridan Hough, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and the Future of Revelation – Part I: The Power and the Fragility of Revelation*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Avron Kulak, York University

*Kierkegaard, History, Contemporaneity: Reflections After 11/9*

Christopher Nelson, South Texas College

*Opening a Kierkegaardian Time-Capsule in 21st Century America: Communications, Reduplications, and Revelations*

Bryan Ellrod, Emory University

*After the Earthquake: Is there something edifying for a Post-Trump America to be found in a polemic against justice?*

Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University

*“Blooming in the Dung Heap”: Kierkegaard and the Dialectic of Revelation and Faith in Troubling Times*

Business Meeting:

Sheridan Hough, College of Charleston

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

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**A18-220**

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

William David Hart, Macalester College, Presiding

Theme: *Pragmatism in the Age of Trump*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Aaron Ghiloni, University of Queensland

*Dewey Defeats Trump!*

Jacob Waldenmaier, University of Akron

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

Logan Narikawa, University of Hawai'i

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

Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

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

Business Meeting:

William David Hart, Macalester College

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**A18-221**

**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit**

Stephanie M. Crumpton, Lancaster Theological Seminary, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Beverly Wallace, Shaw University

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

Phillis Isabella Sheppard, Vanderbilt University

*Womanist Pastoral Ethics: Linking Scholarship and Practice*

Pamela Yetunde, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

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

Kishundra King, Vanderbilt University



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

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

Business Meeting:

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

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**A18-222**

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

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Presiding

Theme: *Christianity and Islam in the Late Antique*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Richard (Todd) Godwin, University of London  
*Leveling the Playing Field: The Flat-earth Cartography and Worldly Asceticism of Cosmas the India Traveler's Topographica Christiana and Its Readers*

Ute Possekkel, Harvard University  
*Exegesis and Ritual at the School of Nisibis: Thomas of Edessa on the Feast of Epiphany*

Matthew Niemi, Indiana University  
*What was Islam?: The meaning of DIN in 7th-Century Arabia*

Marianna Klar, SOAS  
*Ibn Kathīr's (d. 774/1373) Treatment of the David and Uriah Narrative: The Issue of Isrā'īliyyāt and the Syrian School of Exegesis*

Responding:

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University

Business Meeting:

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

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**A18-223**

**Reformed Theology and History Unit**

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Kingdom of God and Civil Governments*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

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Henry Kuo, Graduate Theological Union

*Peregrinating Between Two Cities: Revisiting the Peregrinus*

Matthew Kaemingk, Fuller Theological Seminary

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

Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University

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

Matthew Jantzen, Duke University

*Reformed Resistance Theory: A Theological Minority Report*

Business Meeting:

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

J. Todd Billings, Western Theological Seminary

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**A18-224**

**Religion and Economy Unit**

Kati Curts, Sewanee: The University of the South, Presiding

Theme: *Valuing Religion*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Samuel Brody, University of Kansas

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

Andrew Jungclaus, Columbia University

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

Charles McCrary, Florida State University

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

Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg, University of Copenhagen

*Value creation, marketization of spiritual tourism and religious transformation in Ladakh, India*

Responding:

Bethany Moreton, University of Georgia

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

Business Meeting:

Elayne Oliphant, New York University  
Daniel Vaca, Brown University

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**A18-225**

**Religion and Politics Unit**

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Seth Gaiters, Ohio State University  
*Critical Complexities: Religious-Secularity or Secular-Religiosity, and #BlackLivesMatter*

Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College  
*Seeing Jesus in Michael Brown: Theological Protest as the Performance of Purity in the Black Lives Matter Movement*

Larycia Hawkins, University of Virginia  
*The Reproductive Politics of Evangelical Tea Party Women and the Afterbirth of Trump's America*

Adam Hankins  
*Populism in the Southern Baptist Convention*

Business Meeting:

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

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**A18-226**

**Religion in Southeast Asia Unit**

Richard Fox, Heidelberg University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Susan Hayward, Georgetown University, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C.  
*Women's Bodies as Battleground: Debates about nationalism, conversion, and women's rights in Myanmar*

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

Kelly Meister, University of Chicago

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

Raphael Lorenzo Aguilang Pangalangan, University of the Philippines

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

Hans Harmakaputra, Boston College

*The 'Conservative Turn' in Indonesian Islam and Indonesian Christians Responses*

Responding:

Alexandra Kaloyanides, Stanford University

Business Meeting:

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University

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**A18-227**

**Religion, Media, and Culture Unit**

Heidi Ann Campbell, Texas A&M University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Nandra Perry, Texas A&M University

*Cybersaints? Ritual, Community, and the Book of Common Prayer Online*

Rebecca Hankins, Texas A&M University

*Reel Bad Muslims: The Complicated Portrayals of African American Muslims on TV*

Ashley Passmore, Texas A&M University

*Electronic Apikoros/Electronic Apostate: Orthodox Jewish Satire Online*

Nesrine Mansour, Texas A&M University

*Virtual Sacred Architecture in Digital Religion: Ambiance Perception of Light as Shaping Public & Personal Spiritual Experience*

Tommy Pfannkoch, Texas A&M

*William Tyndale as Media Theorist: Collaboration and Authority In Sixteenth-Century England*

Felicia Piscitelli, Texas A&M University

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

*Whose Music Is It? The Use of Sacred Music and Its Audiences*

Ruth Tsuria

*Jewish Sexuality Online – No Touching!*

Business Meeting:

Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina

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**A18-228**

**Roman Catholic Studies Unit**

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Dylan Belton, University of Notre Dame

*Technology and the Modern City: Toward a Contemporary Catholic Vision*

Brennan Keegan, Duke University

*Industrial Catholicism: The Collision of Catholicism and Mining in Urban Montana*

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College

*Catholic in Flyover Country: Studying Rural Catholicism in the U.S.*

Adrienne Ambrose, University of the Incarnate Word

*Throwback Theater: Max Reinhardt's The Miracle, Public Catholicism and the Age of Urban Spectacle*

Responding:

Catherine Osborne, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University

Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University

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**A18-229**

**Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College Dublin, Presiding

Theme: *Resurrecting Wounds: Living in the Afterlife of Trauma (Baylor University Press, 2017):*

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

*A Book Review Panel on Shelly Rambo's New Work*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Wendy Farley, San Francisco Theological Seminary

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross

Richard Kearney, Boston College

Responding:

Shelly Rambo, Boston University

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**A18-230**

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

Monika Wohlrab-Sahr, University of Leipzig, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Christoph Kleine, Leipzig University

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn

Sven Bretfeld, Norwegian University of Science and Technology at Trondheim

Markus Dressler, Leipzig University

C. Pierce Salguero, Pennsylvania State University, Abington

Business Meeting:

Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara

Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Henry Luce Foundation, New York, NY

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**A18-231**

**Study of Islam Unit**

Carole Barnsley, Transylvania University, Presiding

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

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Frederick Colby, University of Oregon

*Reacting to the Religious and Political Past: Using RTTP role-playing pedagogies in the Religious Studies Classroom*

Harold Morales, Morgan State University

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

Hussein Rashid

*This is not an Islam course: Teaching Islam through Popular Culture*

Anandi Salinas, Emory University

*Transnational Religion in the Classroom: Transformative Theories and Digital Methods*

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**A18-232**

**Tantric Studies Unit**

Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Theme: *Transformation in the Iconography of Tantric Deities*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Adam Newman, University of Virginia

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

Xenia Zeiler, University of Helsinki

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

Anna A. Golovkova, Cornell University

*A Visual History of the Goddess Tripurasundarī*

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin

*The Iconography of Śiva Mrtyuṃjaya*

Responding:

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

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

Business Meeting:

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin  
John Nemecek, University of Virginia

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**A18-233**

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

Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College  
Jack Downey, La Salle University  
Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College  
Matthew Haar Farris  
Holly Hillgardner, Bethany College

Responding:

Tina Pippin, Agnes Scott College

Business Meeting:

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

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**A18-234**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford  
*The Lust to Believe: Paranoia, Conspiracy Theory, and Apocalypticism*



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

Maia Kotrosits, Denison University

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

Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College

*Scary Stories: Apocalyptic, Conspiracy, Horror and Affect*

Erin Runions, Pomona College

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

Business Meeting:

Brenna Moore, Fordham University

Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Hartford

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**A18-235**

**Women and Religion Unit**

Boyung Lee, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Women's Activism Past and Present*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Ally Kern, Claremont School of Theology

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

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

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

Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University

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

Sherry Jordon, University of Saint Thomas

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

Business Meeting:

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

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**A18-236**

**Chinese Christianities Seminar**

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

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

Theme: *Chinese Christianities and Religious Boundaries*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Jin Lu, Purdue University Northwest

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

Tsz Him Lai, Episcopal Divinity School

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

Justin Tse, Northwestern University

*The Politics of Exclusivity: the secular political implications of Cantonese evangelical rejections of Buddhist cooperation in Vancouver, BC*

Responding:

Stephanie Wong, Georgetown University

Business Meeting:

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh

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**A18-237**

**Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Seminar**

Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Philosophies of the Self*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Oludamini Ogunnaike, The College of William and Mary

*Two Islamic Global Philosophies of Religion: Suhrawardi and Shushtari*

Agnieszka Rostalska, Ghent University

*Nyāya theory of knowledge generating processes - the case of testimony. A comparative study of Nyāya and A. Goldman.*

Kiseong Shin, Drew University

*The Understanding of Self as a Psycho-Somatic Complex and Relational Nexus*

Business Meeting:

Gereon Kopf, Luther College

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

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**A18-238**

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

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, Presiding

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University

*New Materialism and Planetary Persistence, Purpose and Politics*

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology

*Matter Values: Ethics and Politics for a Planet in Crisis*

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

*Gut Theology: On the Peril and Promise of Religious and Political Affect*

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

*The Animist, Almost-Feminist Old Materialism of Giordano Bruno*

Luke Higgins, Armstrong State University

*Process Thought and the New Materialisms*

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University

*An Emergence Theory of Religion*

Zayin Cabot, California State University, East Bay

*Planetary Thinking: This Time with Feeling and Affect*

Ursula Goodenough, Washington University

*The Emergence of Consciousness from the Material*

Adrian Ivakhiv, University of Vermont

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

Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School

*Process, Pragmatism and Planetary Thinking*

Kimerer L. LaMothe, Granville, NY

*Dancing Immanence: A philosophy of bodily becoming*

Business Meeting:

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

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**A18-239**

**Religion and US Empire Seminar**

Tracy Leavelle, Creighton University, Presiding

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

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Jessica Carr, Lafayette College

*An Imperial Imagination: Orientalism, Palestine, and Jewish-American Visual Culture*

Michael Hawkins, Creighton University

*Sanitizing the Taboo: Slavery, Polygamy, and the Moro Exhibit at the St. Louis World's Fair*

Gale Kenny, Barnard College

*Protestant Missionaries and the Practice of Comparative Religion in the Early Twentieth Century*

Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois

*Reforming Religion, Reconstituting Empire: New Deal Encounters with Anti-Modern Faiths in Agricultural California*

Responding:

Cara Burnidge, University of Northern Iowa

Business Meeting:

Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University

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**A18-240**

**Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar**

Martha L Finch, Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *Fashioning Religion*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Adam Park, Florida State University

*"Black Belts of the Faith": Accessories and Christian Martial Artistry*

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa

*The 'Pocahontas Perplex' Lives on in Designer Clothing*

Andre Key, Claflin University

*Holy dashikis! Cultural Nationalism and Black Hebrew Religious Fashion.*

Lynn S. Neal, Wake Forest University

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

*"A Catholic Nunnish Theme"*

Kayla Renée Wheeler, University of Iowa

*Fashioning Muslim Women: YouTube as a Space for Creating Alternative Islamic Femininities and Knowledges*

Business Meeting:

Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma

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**A18-241**

**Exploratory Session**

Patrick Mason, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Global Perspectives on Religion and National Security*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Whitny Braun, Loma Linda University

*Religion and National Security in India: The Evolution of Sikh and Hindu Nationalist Views on the Indian Military*

Flagg Miller, University of California, Davis

*When Salvation Meets the "Security Belt": Reading and Reporting Sectarianism in Southern Yemen*

Elizabeth McAlister, Wesleyan University

*National Security and Natural Disaster in Haiti*

Chase L. Way, Claremont Graduate University

*From Narcotraffickers to Knights: How Drug Cartels Use Theology to Resist Mexico's National Security State*

Responding:

Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University

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**P18-205**

**African Association for the Study of Religions**

Esther Acolatse, Duke University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

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Anita Aba Ansah, University of Oslo

*Appropriation of African Traditional Religion Mechanisms in the Healing and Deliverance Practices of Pentecostals in the Milieu of Inadequate Health Care in Ghana*

S. Kip Elolia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

*The Role of Repentance in the Holistic Healing of the Roho Churches of Kenya*

Timothy Carey, Boston College

*“God Has Sent Down Both the Disease and the Cure”: Syncretism in Islamic and African Traditional Worship in Post-Colonial Kenya*

Responding:

Jude Aguwa, Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY

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**Saturday - 1:45 PM-4:15 PM**

**A18-242**

**Back Bay Wine Tasting Tour**

Saturday - 1:45 PM-4:15 PM

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

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**Saturday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM**

**A18-243**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

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

Saturday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM

Panelists:

Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina

Shannon Trosper Schorey, University of North Carolina

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

**A18-300**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Panelists:

Raj Balkaran, University of Toronto

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

**A18-301**

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

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Protecting the Vulnerable on Campus*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Cameron Partridge, Harvard University

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

Prea Persaud, University of Florida

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

James Keenan, Boston College

*Solidarity within the Faculty*

Hussein Rashid, Islamicate, LLC

*Ad Junk: Accounting for Different Vulnerabilities in Vulnerable Professional Positions*

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University

*Just Employment: Solidarity among Campus Workers*

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**A18-302**

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

**Applied Religious Studies Committee**

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Jason Blakeburn, McGill University  
Regina Walton, Harvard Divinity School  
Emily Mace, Lake Forest College  
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute  
Lauren Taylor, Harvard University

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**A18-303**

**Publications Committee**

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

Theme: *How to Get Published*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Cynthia Eller, Claremont Graduate University  
Karen Jackson-Weaver, Harvard University  
Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College  
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University  
John Nemecek, University of Virginia  
Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha  
Robert A. Yelle, Ludwig-Maximilian-University of Munich

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**A18-304**

**African Religions Unit**

Dianne Stewart, Emory University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM



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Sheila Otieno, Boston University

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

Georgette Ledgister, Emory University

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

Danielle Clausnitzer, Georgetown University

*The “Problem” of Albinism: The Construction of Racial and Spiritual Difference in 21st Century Tanzania*

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Duke University

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

Responding:

Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University

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**A18-305**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Lauren Turek, Trinity University

Peter Manseau, National Museum of American History

William Trollinger, University of Dayton

Susan Trollinger, University of Dayton

Laura Weinstein, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

Responding:

Stephen Prothero, Boston University

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**A18-306**

**Black Theology Unit**

Walter Earl Fluker, Boston University School of Theology, Presiding

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

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Larry Perry, University of Virginia

*A Blues Enthused Mysticism: Howard Thurman, Mysticism, and Tragedy*

Wendy Arce, University of San Francisco

*Freedom in an Age of Repression: The Role of Black Theology and Black-Produced Media in Forging Freedom*

Gregory Williams, Duke Divinity School

*Jewish Election and the Blackness of God: Reading Barth on the Election of the Community in the Context of Mass Incarceration and #BlackLivesMatter*

Spencer Johnson, Boston College

*“Trapped in a History Which They Do Not Understand:” Reading James Baldwin with Thomas Merton, Toward a Theological-Spiritual Account of Mass Incarceration*

Responding:

Michelle Alexander, Union Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary

Adam Clark, Xavier University

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**A18-307**

**Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Unit**

Manuela Kalsky, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Barbra R. Clayton, Mount Allison University

*The Development of Wellbeing: Gross National Happiness and Bhutan’s Vision for the Ideal Society*

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College

*Buddhist Environmentalist Visions of the Good Life for All*

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

Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy

*Dharma Drum Mountain's Version of Humanistic Buddhism*

Gereon Kopf, Luther College

*The Conception of Life in Contemporary Japanese Socially Engaged Buddhism*

Responding:

Sallie B. King, James Madison University

Business Meeting:

Sid Brown, University of the South

Hsiaolan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy

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**A18-308**

**Chinese Religions Unit**

Zvi Ben-dor Benite, New York University, Presiding

Theme: *Chinese Religions and Print Culture*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Noga Ganany, Columbia University

*Origin Narratives: Writing and Worship in Late Ming Print Culture*

Katherine Alexander, University of Colorado, Boulder

*Late Qing Performances of Philanthropic Identity in Reprints of Pan Gong baojuan*

Yair Lior, Boston University

*The Tang-Song Transition in light of Communication Technologies*

Kaiqi Hua, University of British Columbia

*The Tangut Buddhist Canon in the Yuan Dynasty: Printing Alien Scriptures under Alien Rule*

Responding:

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona

Business Meeting:

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee

Anna Sun, Kenyon College

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**A18-309**

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

**Christian Spirituality Unit**

Lisa E. Dahill, California Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritualities of the Reformation*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Simeon Zahl, University of Nottingham

*Prayer and Affliction: Martin Luther on the Spiritual Roots of Theological Insight*

Justin Nickel, Princeton Theological Seminary

*We Must Inquire After Their Language: Luther's Language as Spiritual Discipline*

Travis Ables, Regis University

*The Cross of the Bitter Christ: Competing Christomorphisms in the Radical and Magisterial Reformations*

Flynn Cratty, Yale University

*The Origins of Reformed Prayer: Devotional Humanism and the Fracturing of European Devotional Culture*

Rebecca Giselsbrecht, University of Zurich, Fuller Seminary

*The Prayer Book and Spiritual Writings of Anna Alexandria von Furstenberg zu Rappoltstein*

Business Meeting:

Margaret Benefiel, Shalem Institute For Spiritual Formation

Glenn Young, Rockhurst University

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**A18-310**

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit**

Vera Shevzov, Smith College, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Kemi Ajayi Ingram, Murrieta, CA

*Reclaiming the Faith of Our Grandparents: Identity, Values and Tradition in African American Orthodox Christian Narratives*

Sonja Luehrmann, Simon Fraser University

*"Jessica's Hope:" Fieldwork and Translation between Evangelical and Orthodox Family Values*

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

John P. Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

*Traditional Values? National Identity as a Problem for "Orthodox Rus" and "Christian America"*

Vebjorn Horsfjord, University of Oslo

*"Traditional Values" at the UN: Can "Shared Religiousness" Be a Basis for Political Action?*

Responding:

Christopher Stroop, University of South Florida

Business Meeting:

Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter

Vera Shevzov, Smith College

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**A18-311**

**Ecclesiological Investigations Unit**

Miriam Perkins, Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Vincent J. Miller, University of Dayton

*Which Nationalism? What Extremism? Responding to Political Violence in a New Moment*

Stan Ilo, DePaul University

*Confronting the Challenges of Religious Extremism and the Humanitarian and Migration Crisis in Africa*

Ulrich Schmiedel, Ludwig-Maximilians-University of Munich

*European Extremes: Churches in the Clash of Cultures*

Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University

*Resisting the Politics of Hatred and Exclusion: Time for New Forms of Public and Political Theology*

Business Meeting:

Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University

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**A18-312**

**Ethics Unit**

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

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

Theme: *The Ethics of Democracy*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross

*Laying Claim to Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Civil Rights Legacy: An Ethical Assessment of Walter Rauschenbusch Scholarship*

Thomas Greene, Florida State University

*“Religious Endorsements for Secular Governments: Contemporary Iranian Examples of Moving Beyond a Modus Vivendi”*

Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

*Who Are The Wicked?: Religion and the Shifting Political Production of the Drug Addict*

Sarah Azaransky, Union Theological Seminary

*The Harlem 9: Public Education and the Limits of American Democracy*

Tyler Davis, Baylor University

*From Gradualism to Imminence: Reinhold Niebuhr’s Civil Rights Authorship, 1954-1968*

Derrick Muwina, Boston University

*A Reflection on Donald Trump’s Rhetoric on Immigration through the Ethical Lens of Civility*

Business Meeting:

Keri Day, Brite Divinity School

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**A18-313**

**Gay Men and Religion Unit**

Marco Derks, Utrecht University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Brett Krutzsch, The College of Wooster

*Religion in Secular Gay Activism: A Reflection on Heather White's Reforming Sodom*

David Bos, University of Amsterdam and VU University

*Sodom Across the Atlantic: A Comparison of American and Dutch Histories*

William Boyce, University of Virginia

*Reforming Sodom in Review: Prospects for Solidarity and the Theo-Political Imagination of*

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

*Evangelical Protestants*

Responding:

Heather White, University of Puget Sound

Business Meeting:

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University

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**A18-314**

**Hinduism Unit and North American Hinduism Unit**

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Richard H. Davis, Bard College

*Modi, Obama, and Gandhi's Gita: The Politics of a Diplomatic Gift*

Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College

*Transnational Homespun: Citizen Art, Gandhi Ashrams and Performing Counter-modernity*

Karline McLain, Bucknell University

*The Afterlives of Gandhi's Ashrams in South Africa and India*

A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida

*Non-Violence, Voluntary Simplicity and Radical Democracy: Gandhi's Legacy in Contemporary Intentional Communities in the US*

Leela Prasad, Duke University

*The Resonance of Ahimsa: Teaching Gandhi in a US Prison*

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**A18-315**

**History of Christianity Unit**

Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Erika Helgen, Yale Divinity School

*Migration, Drought, and the Pentecostalizing of Catholic Anti-Protestantism in Brazil, 1911-*

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

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Lloyd Barba, Amherst College

*Through the Lens of the Subaltern: Mexican-Pentecostal Narratives and Church Family Photographs*

Justin Doran, University of Texas

*Um País Laico, com Infraestrutura Apropriada: toward a post-secular political economy in São Paulo's Templo de Salomão*

Jorge Rodriguez, Union Theological Seminary

*Creating Puerto Rican Subalterns: The Protestant Missionary Project of the late Nineteenth Century*

Responding:

Ana Maria Bidegain, Florida International University

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**A18-316**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Haley Iliff, Florida State University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Michael Graziano, University of Northern Iowa

*True Religion and the Iranian Revolution: The View from Washington, D.C.*

Brad Stoddard, McDaniel College

*Free Exercise?: Religious Freedom in American Prisons*

Sarah Dees, Northwestern University

*Legitimate Religions or "Conjurors' Arts"?: Native American Traditions and the Court of Indian Offenses*

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico

*Catholic Sisters, Hospitals, and the Legitimization of Public Work*

Responding:

Michael McVicar, Florida State University

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**A18-317**



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

**Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit**

Vitor Westhelle, Lutheran School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Reformation: Repentance and Resistance*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

L. DeAne Lagerquist, St. Olaf College

*Reformation, Repentance, #decolonizeluthernism*

Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, Iliff/University of Denver

*The Repentance of Playmobil Luther: Resisting Anti-Judaism in the Iconization of Luther in Popular Culture*

Carl-Eric Gentes, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

*Justified By Faith Not Reason: The "Sin Against Rigorous Thinking" and the Possibilities of Thought in Human/Animal Entanglements*

Moses Paul Peter Penumaka, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

*Reformation and Lutheran Theology in Asia*

Jesse David Chariton, Columbus State University

*Addie Graves (1922-2007) and Lutheran Church Desegregation in Columbus, Georgia*

Business Meeting:

Kirsi Stjerna, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

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**A18-318**

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

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *(Re)Defining Moral Injury*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Michael Yandell, Emory University

*Fractured Morality/Fractured Selves: Moral Injury as Epistemological Brokenness*

Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific College

*(Re)Defining Moral Injury: Using Moral Injury to Help Us Understand Immigrant Experiences in Today's Cultural-Political Moment*

Carrie Doehring, Iliff School of Theology

Shawn Fawson, Iliff School of Theology & University of Denver

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

*Making the Invisible Visible: (Re)defining Moral Injury through the Experience of Microaggressions and the Poetics of Testimony*

Callid Keefe-Perry, Boston University School of Theology

*Getting Beyond "An Act:" Moral Dimensions of the Teaching Profession and the Need to Expand the Construct of Moral Injury*

Business Meeting:

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary

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**A18-319**

**Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and North American Religions Unit**

Tiffany Hale, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Margaret McMurtrey, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Standing Rock: Movement or Spiritual Call?: Confrontations Concerning Space- and Place-Based Rhetoric*

Peter Huff, University of Mary

*Parliament of Religions on the Prairie: Standing Rock as Interreligious Event*

Lily Oster, Emory University

*Decolonizing Earth-based Spiritualities: Negotiating Earth-awakening without Appropriation*

David Walsh, Gettysburg College

*Ceremony in Historical Perspective at Standing Rock*

Responding:

Michael McNally, Carleton College

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**A18-320**

**Philosophy of Religion Unit**

Jonathon Kahn, Vassar College, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Robert Overy-Brown, Claremont Graduate University

*Tanabe Hajime's Philosophy of Metanoetics and the Comparative Future of Political Theology*

Timothy McGee, Southern Methodist University

*Opacity and the Racial Politics of (Human) Redemption Between Charles Long and Sylvia Wynter*

Danube Johnson, Harvard University

*On Foucault's Racial Speech: Failures, Silences, and Transgressions*

Anna Bialek, Washington University in St. Louis

*Justice in Time: Reparations, Sabbath, and Temporality in Justice-Seeking*

Stephen Bush, Brown University

*Politics and Philosophy in Doris Salcedo's Art*

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**A18-321**

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit**

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Eros and Ascent in the Ancient and Medieval World*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Michael Motia, Harvard University

*Mimetic Desire in late antiquity: on Gregory of Nyssa and Iamblichus of Chalcis*

Jordan Wood, Boston College

*Provocations on mystical union in Thomas Aquinas and Maximus Confessor*

Adam Eitel, Yale University

*The Politics of Contemplation*

Luke Zerra

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

Jyoti Raghu, University of Oxford

*I'm mad about you, God, you're mad about me: the erotic to agapic transfiguration of our "bootylicious" body*

Business Meeting:

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University

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**A18-322**

**Religion and Politics Unit**

Evan Berry, American University, Presiding

Theme: *International Relations and Religious Studies: Pedagogy and Interdisciplinary Exchange*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Panelists:

David Buckley, University of Louisville  
Jeremy Menchik, Boston University  
James Miller, Queen's University, Kingston  
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University  
Qamar-ul Huda, Georgetown University  
Nukhet Sandal, University of Ohio

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**A18-323**

**Religion and Popular Culture Unit**

James Thrall, Knox College, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Richard Callahan, University of Missouri  
Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West  
Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University  
John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College

Responding:

Jeffrey H. Mahan, Iliff School of Theology  
Bruce Forbes, Morningside College

Business Meeting:

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

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**A18-324**

### **Religion and Science Fiction Unit**

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Global Science Fiction*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Michael Pittman, Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

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

Erica Hurwitz Andrus, University of Vermont

*From Handmaid to Gardener: Margaret Atwood Gets Religion*

Chris Porter, Ridley College

*The Ghost in Our Shell? – An exploration of self and identity within Eastern and Western frames of transhumanism and artificial intelligence.*

Ahmed Ragab, Harvard Divinity School- Harvard University

*Muslim futures: science fiction, Islam and the making of ethnoreligious futurity*

Bradley Johnson, Rice University

*The Invention of Hells: Black Mirror and Punishment as Spectacle*

Responding:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University

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### **A18-325**

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

Elaine Peña, George Washington University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Gustavo Morello, Boston College

*"The poor, the pope and the religious legitimation in the public sphere"*

Néstor Da Costa, Universidad Católica del Uruguay

*'Non-affiliated' and believers in the Uruguayan public sphere, definitions, tensions and*

*reconfigurations of the 'public'*

Iziar Basterretxea, Universidad de Deusto  
*Latin-American Catholics in Bilbao. What changes and what remains*

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

Responding:

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Princeton University

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**A18-326**

**Schleiermacher Unit**

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *God, Grace, and History: Schleiermacher in Reformed Theology*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Anette Hagan, National Library of Scotland  
*Eternal Blessedness for All? A Historical-Systematic Examination of Friedrich Schleiermacher's Reinterpretation of Predestination*

Shelli Poe, Millsaps College  
*Essential Trinitarianism: Schleiermacher as Trinitarian Theologian*

Zachary Purvis, University of Edinburgh  
*Theology and the University in 19th-century Germany*

Kevin Vander Schel, Gonzaga University

*Embedded Grace: Christ, History, and the Reign of God in Schleiermacher's Dogmatics*

Responding:

Paul Nimmo, University of Aberdeen  
Paul Dafydd Jones, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School

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**A18-328**

**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**

Michael Sheehy, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Voices from Larung Gar*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Antonio Terrone, Taiwan National Chengchi University

*“Striving to do Virtuous Deeds”*: *The Tenth Panchen Lama and Larung Gar in the Making of Modern Buddhism in Tibet*

Jann Ronis, University of California, Berkeley

*‘The Union of Religion and Tibetan Culture,’ Rebuttals by Metrül Tenzin Gyatso (b.1968) to the Anti-Religious Polemics of Tibetan Secularists*

Chelsea Hall, Harvard

*Khenmo Yönten’s Quiet Commentaries: Publishing Female-Authored Buddhist Texts at Serta Larung Gar*

(Kabzung) Gaerrang, Sichuan University, China

*Khenpo Tsultrim Lodrö’s Advice to Curtail Moral Degradation among Herders*

Catherine Hardie, University of Oxford

*The PRC-based ‘Larung movement’: promoting listening, contemplating and a superior mode of lay participation for Chinese newcomers to Tibetan Buddhism*

Responding:

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado

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### **A18-329**

#### **Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit and IQSA Qur’an and Late Antiquity Unit**

Michael Pregill, Boston University, Presiding

Khodadad Rezakhani, Princeton University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Jennifer Hart, Elon University

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College

Sara Ronis, St. Mary's University, TX

Kevin Jaques, Indiana University-Bloomington

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**A18-330**

**Western Esotericism Unit**

Claire Fanger, Rice University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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

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

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

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

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

Responding:

Henrik Bogdan, University of Gothenburg

Business Meeting:

Egil Aspren, Stockholm University  
Claire Fanger, Rice University

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**A18-331**

**Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit**

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

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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



Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College

*Constructing the Self through Yoga: Exploring Roots of Yoga and Other Yogic Texts on Self-Cultivation*

Anya Pokazanyeva Foxen, California Polytechnic State University

*Tangled Roots: What about Modern Yoga?*

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University

*Creating a Canon: Roots of Yoga and the History of Yoga in the Academy*

Responding:

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

James Mallinson, SOAS, University of London

Business Meeting:

Andrea Jain, Indiana University School of Liberal Arts

Sravana Borkataky-Varma, University of North Carolina Wilmington

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**A18-332**

**Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion Seminar**

Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Randy Reed, Appalachian State University

*"Goosing" Millennials, Millennials in the South and the Wild Goose Festival*

Stephanie Yuhas, Naropa University

*Burning Man Festival as Spiritual Ritual Space for the Millennial Generation*

Vanessa Williams, Fordham University

*The Church of Fandom: Why Religious Scholars, Theologians, and Church Leaders Need to Pay Attention to Nerd Culture*

Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University

*Crafting Church: Ecclesiological Life of Progressive Christians in the Upper South*

Galen Watts, Queen's University

*"Spiritual but not Religious" Millennials in Canada*

Rachel Schneider, Rice University

*New Monasticism, Poverty, and the Politics of Friendship in the US and South Africa*

Business Meeting:

Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University

Randy Reed, Appalachian State University

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**A18-333**

**Navarātri Seminar**

Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Ehud Halperin, Tel Aviv University

*Establishing Gods, Kingship, and Kingdom: Palanquin Rituals in the Kullu Dasahra*

Anne Mocko, Concordia College

*Removing the Royals from Nepal's Navaratri*

Jeremy Saul, College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University

*Navaratri as a Festival of Hanuman and Male Asceticism*

James Bradbury, University of Manchester

*Durga puja: civic engagement and communitarian belonging*

Responding:

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona

Business Meeting:

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona

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**A18-334**

**Exploratory Session**

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University  
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University  
Devin Singh, Dartmouth College  
David Kyuman Kim, Connecticut College  
Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary  
An Yountae, Lebanon Valley College

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**A18-335**

**Wildcard Session**

Risto Saarinen, University of Helsinki, Presiding

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**A18-336**

**Women's Caucus**

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

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

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Stephanie N. Arel, Boston University

*Affect Theory, Shame, and Christian Formation*

Sharon Delgado, Earth Justice Ministries

*Love In a Time of Climate Change: Honoring Creation, Establishing Justice*

Katie Grimes, Villanova University

*Christ Divided:” Antirblackness as Corporate Vice*

Celene Lillie, Tanho Center

*The Rape of Eve: The Transformation of Roman Ideology In Three Early Christian Retellings of Genesis*

Sabrina MisirHiralall, Montclair State University

*Confronting Orientalism: [1]A Self-Study of Educating Through Kuchipudi Dance*

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College

*Absent Mother God of the West: A Kali Lover's Journey into Christianity and Judaism.*

Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College

*Racial Purity and Dangerous Bodies: Moral Pollution, Black Lives, and the Struggle for Justice*

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**Saturday - 5:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**A18-337**

**Friends of the Academy Reception**

Saturday - 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

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**Saturday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM**

**A18-400**

**International Members' Reception**

Saturday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

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**Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:00 PM**

**A18-401**

**Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:00 PM**

***Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR) Editorial Board Meeting***

Cynthia Eller, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:00 PM

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**Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:00 PM**

**A18-402**

**Presidential Address - Eddie Glaude: *Religion and the Most Vulnerable***

David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:00 PM

Panelist:

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University

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**A18-403**

***JAAR Reception for Authors and Board Members***

Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:00 PM

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**Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**A18-404**

**Film: *Kundun***

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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**A18-405**

**Film: *Alone in Fukushima***

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University

Christopher Ives, Stonehill College

**Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

Barbara Ambros, Independent Filmmaker

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**A18-406**

**Film: *Hunger for God, Hunger for Bread: The Faith of Latin America's Poor* (CBS News)**

John Phillip Santos, San Antonio, TX, Presiding

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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**Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM**

**A18-407**

**LGBTIQ Scholars/Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception**

Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

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

**A19-1**

**AAR Annual Business Meeting**

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding

Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

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**A19-2**

**Applied Religious Studies Breakfast**

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

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**Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM**

**A19-100**

**Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting**

Bhakti Mamtara, University of Florida, Presiding

Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM

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

**A19-101**

**Applied Religious Studies Committee and Public Understanding of Religion Committee**

Mara Willard, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

Theme: *Inside the State Department: Scholars Reflect on Working for the Government*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Evan Berry, American University

Jerome E. Copulsky, American University

Todd Green, Luther College

Elizabeth Prodromou, Tufts University

Robert Albro, American University

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**A19-102**

**Status of Women in the Profession Committee**

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Women and Vulnerability in the Academy*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary

Teresa Delgado, Iona College

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco

Siobhan Kelly, Harvard University

Nikky Singh, Colby College

Jeanine Viau, University of Central Florida

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**A19-103**

**African Religions Unit**

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding

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

Theme: *Decolonizing the Study of Religion in Africa*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Oludamini Ogunnaike, The College of William and Mary  
*From Theory to Theoria and Back Again: Decolonizing Theories of African Religion and Philosophy*

Annalisa Butticci, Utrecht University  
*Nana Ntona: The Aesthetics and Politics of a Ghanaian Afro-Catholic Saint*

Marcus Harvey, University of North Carolina, Asheville  
*The "Speech of Silence" and Other Decolonizing Concepts: New Theoretical Horizons in Malidoma Somé's Of Water and the Spirit*

Ayodeji Ogunnaike, Harvard University  
*(Re)Making African Religions*

Responding:

Laura Grillo, Georgetown University

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**A19-104**

**Afro-American Religious History Unit and North American Religions Unit**

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *"Religio-Racial Identity" as Challenge and Critique*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Matthew Cressler, College of Charleston  
*Black Power, Religio-racial Identity, and the Unveiling of White Catholicism*

Jamil Drake, Florida State University  
*"American Peasants," Religio-racial Identity, and the Problem of Class In Health Research*

Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University  
*Disciplining Religio-racial Difference: Anti-Klan Laws v. Women of Color*

Laura McTighe, Columbia University  
*Surveillance and Sabotage: Religio-racial Identity in the Women's Carceral Sphere*

Responding:



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

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College

Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis

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**A19-105**

**Anthropology of Religion Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit**

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, Presiding

James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

Theme: *The Anthropology of Catholicism: A Roundtable on Method, Challenges, and Opportunities*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Julie Byrne, Hofstra University

Brian Clites, Northwestern University

Susan Reynolds, Boston College

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Business Meeting:

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

Nichole Phillips, Emory University

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**A19-106**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

James Ponniah Kulandai Raj, University of Madras, Presiding

Theme: *Dialogue through Art: Asian Christian Art and Inter-Religious Discourse in South, South-East and East Asia*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

John Clammer, O.P. Jindal Global University

*Dialogue through the Image: Asian Christian Art and Inter-Religious Discourses in Early Modern Asia*

Gudiun Loewner, United Theological Seminary

*Interreligious Dialogue in Art: The Icon of Saint Teresa of Calcutta*

Verena Grüter, University of Goettingen  
*The Art of Music in Asian Christianity*

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville  
*Performing Social Critique: Christian Nāyikās in Bharata Natyam*

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**A19-107**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit**

Helen Jin Kim, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Race, and National Belonging*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University  
*Transnational Pioneers: A Century of the Hari Family in Calgary*

Daniel Eng, University of Cambridge  
*The Shameless Father: Honor and Shame in the Parable of the Prodigal Son and its Reception Among Asian Americans*

Ren Ito, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto  
*Beyond the Binary in Asian North American Antiracism*

Ryan Anningson, Wilfrid Laurier University  
*Once the Buddha was an Aryan: Race Sciences and the Domestication of Buddhism in North America*

Business Meeting:

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Schools of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco  
Devin Singh, Dartmouth College

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**A19-108**

**Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Theme: *Present and Future of Biblical Studies Part I*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Fiona Black, Mount Allison University  
Steed Davidson, McCormick Theological Seminary  
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College  
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College  
Stephen Moore, Drew University  
Jorunn Okland, University of Oslo

Responding:

Randall C. Bailey, Interdenominational Theological Center

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**A19-109**

**Buddhism Unit**

José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Practical Canons: Textual Community in the Pre-modern Buddhist World*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Rafal Felbur, Stanford University

*A Canon before the Canon in Chinese Buddhism: Reflections on the Practical Canon in the Work of Sengrui (352-419 or 354-421)*

Jonathan Young, CSU Bakersfield

*Practical Canons from Buddhist Past: What Pāli Anthologies Can Tell Us about Buddhist History*

Or Porath, University of California, Santa Barbara

*A Cunning Canonization: the Plasticity of Canon in Tendai's Eshin Lineage*

Adam Krug, University of California, Santa Barbara

*The Early Indian Mahāmudrā Canon and Practical Canonicity in the Esoteric Buddhism of India and Tibet*

Responding:

Anne M. Blackburn, Cornell University

Business Meeting:

James Robson, Harvard University

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

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**A19-110**

**Buddhist Philosophy Unit**

A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo, Presiding

Theme: *Emotion: Buddhism, Neuroscience and Moral Cultivation*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

John Dunne, University of Wisconsin

*Constructing Emotion for Action in the World: A Buddhist Perspective*

Lisa Feldman Barrett, Northeastern University

*Neuroscientific Theories of Emotion: Classical and Constructed*

Jake Davis, Brown University

*Emotion and the Qualities of Heart: Towards a Cross-Cultural Cognitive Science*

Christian Coseru, College of Charleston

*Does Introspective Attention Change What We Perceive and How We Feel?*

Emily McRae, University of New Mexico

*The Moral Contours of Self-Liberating Emotions in Patrul Rinpoche's Essential Jewel*

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**A19-111**

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

Theme: *Tradition, Catholic and Protestant*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Simeon Zahl, University of Nottingham

*Tradition and its 'Use': Theological Retrieval as Ethical Drama*

Pui Ip, University of Cambridge

*The relationship between Revelation (Scripture) and its transmission (Tradition): John Webster on the root of the Protestant-Catholic disagreement*

Steven Edward Harris

*Christ the One Teacher of All: Toward an Ecumenical Theology of the Magisterium*

Luke Tallon, LeTourneau University

*Trinitarian Tradition: A Critical Response and Counter-Proposal to Joseph Ratzinger's Ecumenical Reformulation*

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**A19-112**

**Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Japanese Religions Unit**

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College, Presiding

Theme: *Trauma in Japanese Religion*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University

*Disasters Inscribed upon a Landscape: Buddhist Institutions, the Massed Dead, and the State in Pre-modern Japan*

Byoungdo Park, University of Tokyo

*Commemorating Trans-Sectarian Deaths: From Two Cases of Disasters in Early Modern Japan*

Paride Stortini, University of Chicago

*The Silk Road as the Way Home: Trauma, Memory, and Buddhism in the Art and Activism of Hirayama Ikuo*

Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University

*Guilt Trip: Pilgrimage, Dark Tourism, and an Ethic of the Visitor at a Nuclear Disaster Site*

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University

*From Pastoral Care to Victim Care: Toward a Genealogy of "Trauma" in Contemporary Japanese Religion*

Responding:

Akira Nishimura, The University of Tokyo

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**A19-113**

**Comparative Theology Unit**

Aaron Hollander, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Agents of Aesthetic Encounters with Holiness: Hagiography as Lens on Theological-Aesthetic Developments in Islam and Christianity*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Alec Arnold, Saint Louis University

*Come and See, Come and Hear: Holy Mediators of Divine Aesthetics in early Islamic and Byzantine Christian Hagiographies*

Axel Takacs, Harvard University

*Between Sainthood and Friendship in Christianity and Islam: The Role Hagiographies Play in the Drama of Life*

June-Ann Greeley, Sacred Heart University  
*'Saintly' Optics and Gendered E (in)vocations of Holiness: The Hagiographic Traditions of St. Clare of Assisi and Women Mystics of Islam*

Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary  
*Writing the Sublime: Visual Hagiography and the Promotion of Christian-Muslim Understanding*

Responding:

James W. Morris, Boston College

Business Meeting:

Marianne Moyaert, VU University, Amsterdam  
Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America

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#### **A19-114**

##### **Contemporary Islam Unit**

Yunus Dogan Telli, City University of New York - Graduate Center, Presiding

Theme: *Intersections of Islamophobia: Between Nationalism and Globalization*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Mathew J. Guest, Durham University  
*Representing Islam on UK University Campuses: Negotiating Research and Identity within a Securitised Educational Environment*

Iman AbdoulKarim, Dartmouth College  
*Muslim Women in the Black Lives Matter Movement: Identities on the Frontier of Islamophobia*

Giulia Evolvi, Ruhr University  
*Islamexit: Twitter Islamophobia after the British Referendum*

Iselin Frydenlund, Norwegian School of Theology  
*Islamophobia and its Buddhist Vicissitudes*

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston  
*"CIA To Survey World's Moslems:" Islam and the American Public under Carter and Reagan*

Business Meeting:

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College

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#### **A19-115**

**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit and Science, Technology, and Religion Unit**  
Anthony Petro, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Histories of Technology in the Americas*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College  
*On Technomasochism*

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Railroading Secularism*

Kati Curts, Sewanee: The University of the South  
*Secular Sublime, Remixed Religion: Categorical Mash-Up in Christian Marclay's The Clock*

Lucia Hulsether, Yale University  
*Bound to the Company: Technologies of Capitalist Humanitarianism*

Angela Tarango, Trinity University  
*The "New Buffalo": Indian Gaming and Cultural Identity Among the Oklahoma Nations*

Cara Rock-Singer, Columbia University  
*Relational Technologies: Performing Queer Ritual Art*

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College  
*Railroad Catechisms*

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**A19-116**

**Evangelical Studies Unit**

Jason Sexton, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: *Evangelicalism and Questions of Ethnicity*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Dan Wells, Florida State University  
*'I just wish I could be born again everyday': Eldridge Cleaver and the Evangelical Mentality of Displacement*

Shari Madkins, Emory University  
*Ain't I an evangelical, too? How whiteness erases people of color from the multi-cultural evangelical church movement.*

Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia

*The White Problem in Evangelicalism: A Costly Model of Reconciliation*

Daniel Rodriguez, Pepperdine University

*“Hispanic Evangelicalism in the United States: Critical and Theological Responses to Trump’s Vision for America and to White Evangelicals Who Embrace It”*

Keith Johnson, Wheaton College

*Evangelicals, Race, and the Perils of the Evaluative Form*

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### **A19-117**

#### **History of Christianity Unit**

Peter Anthony Mena, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Late Ancient Ruminations: Thinking Today by Reading the Past*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Nathaniel Morehouse, John Carroll University

*Nicaea's Unorthodox Benefactor: The Emperor Julian and the Rise of Nicene Dominance*

Tola Rodrick, Indiana University

*Technologies of the Cell: Transforming Mud Brick into Virtue in Late Ancient Egypt*

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University

*The Conception of the Past in the Present: Reimagining Abortion in Antiquity in Twentieth-Century America*

Dan Salyers, Fuller Theological Seminary

*Refugee Bishops in the Fourth Century*

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### **A19-118**

#### **Islamic Mysticism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit**

Shaman Hatley, Concordia University, Presiding

Theme: *Sufism and Yoga in Early Modern India*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Supriya Gandhi, Yale University

*Sound, Breath, and Mystical Nondualism: Reading the Omnāma*

Ayesha Irani, University of Massachusetts-Boston

*Yoga for the Bengali Darveś: The Esoteric Teachings of the Jñāna Pradīpa, “Lamp of Knowledge”*



Heidi R. M. Pauwels, University of Washington  
*Encounters and Transformations: Yogis in the Sufi Romances (premākhyān)*

Shankar Nair, University of Virginia  
*Yoga for Sufis?: “Muslim Yoga” in a Persian Mughal Treatise*

Responding:

Carl W. Ernst, University of North Carolina

Business Meeting:

Andrea Marion Pinkney, McGill University  
Hamsa Stainton, University of Kansas

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**A19-119**

**Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Stacey Ake, Drexel University, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and the Future of Revelation – Part II: Community and the Limits of Democracy*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jennifer Veninga, St. Edward's University  
*Kierkegaard's Hope for the Present Age: Individuality, Love and Witness as Antidotes to Uncertain Times*

Thomas Millay, Baylor University  
*Revelation contra Nation(s): Kierkegaard's Theological Critique of Nationalism*

Natalia Marandiuc, Perkins School of Theology, SMU  
*Love is a Revolution: Kierkegaard at the Women's March*

Brandon Pierce, Stamford Church of Christ  
*“Very simply—I want honesty”: Kierkegaard's Attack on Christendom, Black Theology, and the Failure of White Liberal Activism*

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**A19-120**

**Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit**

Amy Milligan, Old Dominion University, Presiding

Theme: *The Lesbian as a Space for Revolution in Communities, Organizations, and Politics*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Laulie Eckeberger, University of Winchester

*"I can't believe we're still protesting this!": How the Lesbian-Feminist Embodies Our Way Forward*

Andrea Glass, Pennsylvania State University

*"Postcards from the Resistance": The Politics and Practices of the Lesbian Community in Lancaster*

Anjeanette LeBoeuf, Claremont Graduate University

*Space, Location, Resistance, and Lesbians*

Responding:

Michelle Wolff, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge

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**A19-121**

**Music and Religion Unit**

Jeffers Engelhardt, Amherst College, Presiding

Theme: *Community Formation: Intersections of Congregations, Religious Musics, and Popular Culture*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Katelyn Medic, University Of Minnesota

*The Voice and Worship in Twin Cities Churches*

Maren Haynes Marchesini, University of Montana

*"It's Not Our Brand": Mission, Music and Race in a 21st Century New Calvinist Megachurch*

Andrew Mall, Northeastern University

*Resistance, Renewal, and Congregation at Christian Music Festivals*

Joshua Busman, University of North Carolina, Pembroke

*Bands, Brands, and Bodies: "Corporate" Worshipping at the Passion Conference*

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University

David Stowe, Michigan State University

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**A19-122**

**Open and Relational Theologies Unit and Tillich: Issues in Theology and Culture Unit**

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University, Presiding

Theme: *Does God Need the World? Whitehead and Tillich in Conversation.*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University

*"Tillich on the Dynamics of the 'Divine Life': Evasive or Earnest?"*

Kirk MacGregor, McPherson College

*The Tillichian Dispensability of the World to God*

Demian Wheeler, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

*God is the World: Bernard Loomer as a Bridge between Whitehead and Tillich*

Janna Gonwa, Yale University

*"A Tender Care that Nothing Be Lost": Whitehead, Tillich, and the Eternal Life of the Ecosystem*

Responding:

Robert C. Neville, Boston University

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**A19-123**

**Practical Theology Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit**

Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Theological Education in Spaces of Social Marginality*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Clare Radford, University of Glasgow

*Interpreting Injustice: narrating experiences of marginalisation in Scotland as constructing theological praxis*

Sarah Jobe, Duke Divinity School

*Programs in Prisons: Transforming the Who, Where, How, and What of Theological Education*

Rachelle Green, Emory University

*Pedagogical Justice: Toward a Theologically Responsible Pedagogy for Teaching Religion to Women in Prison*

Richard Burgess, University of Roehampton

*The pedagogical challenges of teaching theology to first generation students from non-traditional churches*

Responding:

Daniel Franklin Pilario, Adamson University

Business Meeting:

Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology

Darby Ray, Bates College

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**A19-124**

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

William David Hart, Macalester College, Presiding

Theme: *Ecology, Naturalism, and Democratic Faith*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Mary Friedline, Southern Methodist University

*Is Democratic Faith Secular? Seeking Pluralism in Rorty's Achieving Our Country*

Gary Slater, St. Edward's University

*The Ecological Ethics of William James's A Pluralistic Universe*

Scot Yoder, Michigan State University

*Neo-Pragmatism and Religious Naturalism: What Rorty and Rue Might Learn From Each Other*

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**A19-125**

**Religion and Cities Unit**

Elise Edwards, Baylor University, Presiding

Theme: *Conflict and Creativity: The Reimagining of Urban Space*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

*A Holy War in Harlem: Father Divine, Daddy Grace, and the Battle for the Soul of Black New York*

Heather White, University of Puget Sound

*"This Disco Used to be a Cute Cathedral": Queer Genealogies of Secularism at the Limelight Nightclub*

Jung Lee, Northeastern University

*The Dharma of the City: A Tibetan Buddhist Refuge in Cambridge*

Responding:

Katie Day, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia

Business Meeting:

Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology

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**A19-126**

**Religion and Ecology Unit**

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Approaches to Racial and Environmental Justice*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University

*Racial and Environmental Justice in the Wild*

Karen Crozier, Fresno County Historical Museum

*Black Prey, White Predator: Fannie Lou Hamer's Practical Theology of Racial Freedom in the U.S. 'Wilderness'*

Courtney O'Dell-Chaib, Syracuse University

*Making-With Disaster*

Ryne Beddard, University of North Carolina

Benjamin Steele-Fisher, University of Denver

*Toward a Decolonial Religious Poetics Beyond the Human*

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

*Hearing Nature's Voice: The Possibilities of Ecological Democracy*

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**A19-127**

**Religion and Food Unit**

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Food, and Place*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Cody Musselman, Yale University

*In Tune with the Intimate: The Imperial Bodies of New Thought*

Beth Ritter-Conn, Belmont University

*Guests at Our Own Tables: Paradox, Power, and Hospitality in a Southern City*

E Moore Quinn, College of Charleston

*"To hell the generous will never go!": the clash of Ethical Cultures in 19th century Ireland"*

Business Meeting:

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University

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**A19-128**

**Religion and Politics Unit**

Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University, Presiding

Theme: *Islam and Muslims in Western States*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

David Tittensor, Deakin University

*Navigating the Era of Hyper Security: Being Muslim in Australia*

Kaarina Aitamurto, University of Helsinki, Aleksanteri Institute

*The Pressure for Centralization in the Russian Governance of Islam as a Challenge to Solidarity within Muslim Minorities in Moscow and St. Petersburg*

Angela Bernardo, Sapienza University of Rome

*Negotiating religion: the "National Pact for an Italian Islam" between agency, security claims, legitimization and recognition*

Abbas Barzegar, Georgia State University

Naghm Elkarhili, Georgia State University

*Countering Violent Extremism: Paradoxical Muslim Responses to the Question of Islam and Terrorism*

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**A19-129**

**Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit**

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Images and Shrines in Latin America: Authors/Book Session*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

William Taylor, University of California, Berkeley  
Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia

Responding:

David Carrasco, Harvard University

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**A19-130**

**Ritual Studies Unit**

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual Aesthetics and the Senses*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Adam Bursi, University of Tennessee  
*Scents of Pilgrimage: Early Islamic Pilgrimage, Relics, and the Senses*

Sarah Kathleen Johnson, University of Notre Dame  
*Listening for Harmony and Dissonance in Overlapping Ritual Systems*

Clayton Ashton, University of British Columbia  
*The Moral Aesthetics of the Everyday: Ritualization in the Chinese Book of Rites*

Jay Ramesh, Columbia University  
*Transforming Language: Prescription, Affect and Translation in Early Modern South Indian Śaiva Literature*

Responding:

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

Business Meeting:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico  
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

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**A19-131**

**Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit**

Valerie C. Cooper, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *American Divines: Interpretations of Authority, Sacrifice, and Exceptionalism*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michael Cohen, Temple University  
*George Duffield, John Adams, and America as New Israel*

Joshua Nunziato, Villanova University  
*The Offering of Walden—Thoreau and the Sacrificial Economy of the Bhagavad-Gita*

Seth Perry, Princeton University  
*“Five Links, Two Hooks, and a Swivel” : Lorenzo Dow’s Chain as Populist Exegesis*

Responding:

Molly Farneth, Haverford College

Business Meeting:

Emily Filler, Earlham College

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### **A19-132**

#### **Study of Judaism Unit**

Annette Yoshiko Reed, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Reimagining the Field: Theorizing the "Jewishness" of Jewish Thought*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Samuel Brody, University of Kansas  
*On Building a Jewish Political Economy Canon*

Elias Sacks, University of Colorado  
*Critical Theory out of the Sources of Judaism: Horkheimer, Cohen, and Jewish Thought*

Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago  
*The Reluctant Children of Postwar French Judaism: Jean Wahl, Vladimir Jankélévitch and Rabi*

Responding:

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago

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### **A19-133**

#### **Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit**

Melva L. Sampson, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Wholistic Self-Care: Mining the Depths, Challenges, and Stigmas of Communal and Private Mental Health from Womanist Perspectives*



Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Rezenet Moges, California State University, Long Beach  
*The Unveiled Treasure of "Phenomenal Black Deaf Womxn"*

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology  
*Womanist Ase: Ifa Practices that Support Black Women's Experiences of Depression*

Responding:

Trina Armstrong, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
Chanequa Walker-Barnes, Mercer University

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### **A19-134**

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

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Practice During Collapse: Economic, Cultural, Institutional, and Political*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Courtney Bruntz, Doane University  
*Buddhism for a Tech-Savvy Chinese Youth*

Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg, University of Copenhagen  
*The centrality of 'youth' in promoting and reforming Buddhist monasteries in Ladakh*

Brooke Schedneck  
*Theravada Buddhist Economic Realities: Decline Narratives and Coffee Shops in Northern Thailand*

Kevin Buckelew, Columbia University  
*Buddhist Rhetorics of Productivity and Debt at the End of Medieval China: "Inner-Worldly Asceticism" and the Chan Tradition*

Timur Badmatsyrenov, Buryat State University  
*The Buddhist economy in Buryatia: traditions and innovations*

Business Meeting:

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union

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### **A19-135**

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

Rongdao Lai, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theme: *Revisiting the Revival: Holmes Welch's Work at 50*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Erik Braun, University of Virginia  
Robert E. Buswell, University of California, Los Angeles  
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado  
Jessica Main, University of British Columbia  
Nathaniel Welch, Welch Consulting

Business Meeting:

Erik Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University  
Gregory Adam Scott, University of Manchester

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**A19-136**

**Exploratory Session**

Andrea Jain, Indiana University School of Liberal Arts, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritual but Not Religious: A Roundtable Discussion on the Past, Present, and Future(s) of Research*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Joy R. Bostic, Case Western Reserve University  
Robert C. Fuller, Bradley University  
Matthew Hedstrom, University of Virginia  
Linda A. Mercadante, Methodist Theological School, Ohio  
William Parsons, Rice University  
Jodie Vann, Arizona State University

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**A19-137**

**Publications Committee Meeting**

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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**A19-143**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and Religion and Migration Unit and Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit**

Alison Marshall, Brandon University, Presiding

Theme: *American Gods*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

Ken Derry, University of Toronto

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University

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**Sunday - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**A19-138**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Employment and Recruitment from an HR Perspective*

Sunday - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Jessica Ehinger, Boston University

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**Sunday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM**

**A19-139**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Balancing Act: Creating a Diverse and Dynamic CV*

Sunday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

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Panelists:

Katelynn Carver, University of St Andrews

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

**A19-140**

**Public University Department Chairs Meeting**

Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama, Presiding

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

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**A19-141**

**Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee and Status of Women in the Profession Committee Women's Mentoring Lunch**

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary, and Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

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Panelists:

Kecia Ali, Boston University

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University

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

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University

Valerie Miles-Tribble, GTU-American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley CA

Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa

Michele Saracino, Manhattan College

Angella Son, Drew University

Nargis Virani, Graduate Theological Union

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**A19-142**

**Women's Caucus**

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

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

Theme: *Parliament of World Religions Women's Task Force – A Brown Bag Discussion*

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:

Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary

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

**A19-200**

**Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee**

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *The Rapid Erosion of Tenure: 2008-2018*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Frank Donoghue, Ohio State University

*The Tenure Myth*

Responding:

Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles

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**A19-201**

**Public Understanding of Religion Committee**

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Back From the Front Lines of Diplomacy: A Religion Scholar Reflects on the Role of Religion Expertise in US Foreign Policy*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Shaun Casey, Georgetown University

Elizabeth Dias, TIME Magazine

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

**A19-202**

**Religion and the Arts Award Jury**

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Conversation with Religion and the Arts Awardee Martin Scorsese*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Martin Scorsese

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**A19-203**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Using Teaching Opportunities to Expand Your Skill Set*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Kristy Slominski, University of Mississippi

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**A19-204**

**Teaching and Learning Committee**

Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: *Conversation with Excellence in Teaching Award Winner Lynn Neal*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Lynn S. Neal, Wake Forest University

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**A19-205**

**African Diaspora Religions Unit and Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit**

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Presiding

Theme: *The Black and Red Atlantic*

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

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Joanne Braxton, Library of Congress

*Red-Black Spirit Medicine in the Chesapeake: Origins of the Weyanoke and the Weyanoke Association, 1619-present*

Gabriel Estrada, California State University

*James Young Deer, Wampanoag, and Seminole Media: Red-Black Atlantic Spiritual Traditions*

Andrew McKee, Florida State University

*"The Red Men are Melting": Making and Marking Urban Native Spaces in the Antebellum Atlantic World*

Responding:

Jace Weaver, University of Georgia

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**A19-206**

**Animals and Religion Unit and Teaching Religion Unit**

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Animals and Religion*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego

Barbara K. Darling-Smith, Wheaton College

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

David Clough, University of Chester

Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology

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**A19-207**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

Eric Williams, Smithsonian Institution, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Expression and Sacred Power in African American Literature*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

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Emerson Zora Hamsa, Rice University

*Mah Tongue is in Mah Friend's Mouf: Black Women's Truth-Telling, Healing, and Spiritual Transformation in Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God*

Derek Brown, Boston College

*Behind That Wall: Trauma, Choice, and Heterogeneity in Toni Morrison's Beloved*

Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College

*"Pulpit and Pew": African American Humor on Irreverent Religious Participation in the Negro Digest*

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**A19-208**

**Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit and Evangelical Studies Unit**

David Henreckson, Dordt College, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: James K.A. Smith's Awaiting the King: Reforming Public Theology (Baker Academic, 2017)*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Eric Gregory, Princeton University

Gregory Lee, Wheaton College

Molly Farneth, Haverford College

Responding:

James K. A. Smith, Calvin College

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**A19-209**

**Body and Religion Unit**

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Theme: *Carnal Hermeneutics*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Nathan Lyons, University of Cambridge

*Sign as body, sign as God: a psychosomatic analogy of the Trinity*

Adam Pryor, Bethany College



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

*Desiring Flesh: Incarnation as a Normative Framework for Carnal Hermeneutics*

Julia Reed, Harvard University

*Word as/made Flesh: Carnal Hermeneutics and an Interdisciplinary Approach to Incarnation*

Responding:

Richard Kearney, Boston College

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**A19-210**

**Buddhism Unit**

Eric Swanson, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Clear Serenity, Quiet Insight (University of Hawai'i Press, 2017): Reflecting on Zhiyi's Masterwork and Paul Swanson's English Translation*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Jinhua Chen, University of British Columbia

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas

Paul Groner, University of Virginia

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

Brook Ziporyn, University of Chicago

Responding:

Paul L. Swanson, Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture, Nanzan University

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**A19-211**

**Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit**

C. John Powers, Deakin University, Presiding

Theme: *Yogācāra in the World: Social and Political Dimensions*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University

*Locating a Social Consciousness in Yogācāra*

William S. Waldron, Middlebury College

*Prolegomena for a Yogācāra Critical Theory*

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

Jin Y Park, American University

*Beyond Subjective Idealism: Yogācāra and Creative Engagement with the World*

Eyal Aviv, George Washington University

*Transforming the Social Base: Thich Nhat Hanh's Yogācāra Social Philosophy*

Responding:

Sallie B. King, James Madison University

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**A19-212**

**Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit**

Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University, Presiding

Theme: *Fantasy, Religion, and Violence*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Christopher Rodkey, Penn State York

*You'll Have to Pry Christendom from My Cold, Dead Hands: God's Not Dead as Reverse Revenge Fantasy of Whiteness*

Michael Broyles, Arizona State University

*Lest We Become Possessed: James Baldwin, Fyodor Dostoyevsky, and the Relationship between Myth and Violence*

Huan Jin, City University of Hong Kong

*Fantasy Disseminated: the Drama of Politics and Religion in the Taiping Rebellion*

Business Meeting:

Jamel Velji, Claremont McKenna College

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**A19-213**

**Comparative Theology Unit**

Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Silence and Apophaticism in Theory and Practice: Comparative Theological Perspectives*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Andrew Massena, Boston College

*Torah Lishmah and Lectio Divina: Contemplative Reading in Rabbinic Judaism and Evangelical*

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

*Christianity*

Yongho Francis Lee, University of Notre Dame

*Bonaventure and Chinul: The Soul's Leap into Union with God and The Mind's Awakening to Absolute Reality*

Rhiannon Grant, Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre

*Silence as Common Ground? Liberal Quakerism as Hosting Space and Theological Conversation*

James Bretzke, Boston College

*Deep Silence: Giving Voice to Shusaku Endo's Novel Use of Zen Ascetical Spirituality*

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**A19-214**

**Contemporary Islam Unit and Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Islamic Mysticism Unit and Qur'an Unit and Study of Islam Unit**

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *Mentoring Session for Scholars Studying Muslims/Islam*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago

Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco

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**A19-215**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit**

Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *Magic in the Time of the Tower: Witchcraft, Activism, and Political Resistance*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Peg Aloï, SUNY New Paltz

*"We Are the Weirdos, Mister!": The Re-emergence of W.I.T.C.H. and a New Generation of Media Witches*

Sabina Magliocco, California State University, Northridge

*Witchcraft as Political Resistance: Magical Responses to the 2016 Election*

Egil Asprem, Stockholm University

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

*The Magical Theory of Politics: Meme Magic, the Cult of Kek, and How to Topple an Egregore*

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**A19-216**

**Daoist Studies Unit**

Michael Puett, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in Daoist Studies: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Lived Religion*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego

*Towards a Contemplative and Animalistic Daoist Studies*

James Miller, Queen's University, Kingston

*Daoist Studies, Sinology, and Sustainability*

David A. Palmer, University of Hong Kong

*Daoist Studies and the "Ontological Turn" in Anthropology*

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

*Secularism, Spirituality, and Daoist Studies*

Responding:

Norman J. Girardot, Lehigh University

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**A19-217**

**Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit and Middle Eastern Christianity Unit**

Peter Galadza, Saint Paul University, Presiding

Theme: *Peacemaking and Hospitality in Middle Eastern Christianity: Accommodating Difference in the Eastern Christian Traditions*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Nicholas Sooy, Fordham

*Peacemaking in the Lives of St Maruthas and St Acacius*

Bishoy Dawood, University of Toronto

*Coptic Chanting, Pluralistic Voices: Coptic Hymns as a Medium for a Pluralistic Egypt*

Lana Sloutsky, Boston University

*Helena Palaiologina: Preserving Byzantine Culture through Philanthropy in Post-1453 Cyprus*

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

Responding:

Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

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**A19-218**

**Ecclesiological Investigations Unit**

Mark Chapman, Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Presiding

Theme: *Church Perspectives on the Legacy of the Reformation*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Brian Flanagan, Marymount University

*Ecclesial Sin and Holiness in Liturgical Commemoration of the Reformation*

Wolfgang Vondey, University of Birmingham

*Pentecostalism and the Reformation: Toward a Joint Ecumenical Commemoration*

Shaun Brown, Wycliffe College, University of Toronto

*George Lindbeck's Early Israelology: A "Catholic Protestant" Perspective on the Reformation*

Responding:

Gunda Werner, Eberhard-Karls-University, Tuebingen

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**A19-219**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit**

Carol White, Bucknell University, Presiding

Theme: *Staying with the Trouble: Cultivating Selves in Relation with the Most Vulnerable*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union

*A Feminist Theological Framework for Incorporating Child Sexual Abuse Prevention in Catholic Schools*

Tom Berendt, Temple University

*Offering Sanctuary to the Most Vulnerable: A Feminist Response to the Horrors of Husbandry*

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming

*Staying with Trouble in the Chthulucene: I/indigeneity and the sixth extinction in art, image, sound and illusions?*

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

**A19-220**

**Japanese Religions Unit and Tantric Studies Unit**

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Tantrification of Gods and Deities in Medieval Japan: Bernard Faure's Gods of Medieval Japan (University of Hawai'i Press, 2015)*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Charles D. Orzech, University of Glasgow

*What Are the Gods? Faure and the Question of Esoteric Buddhism in Medieval Japan*

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University

*Gods and Demons at the Interface of Religious Studies and Art History*

Aaron Proffitt, University at Albany, SUNY

*Normativity and Heterogeneity: Rethinking Medieval Japanese Pure Land Buddhism*

Kristin Johnston Largen, Gettysburg Seminary

*Gods and Gender: Women, Sexuality, and Performance in Medieval Japan*

Responding:

Bernard Faure, Columbia University

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**A19-221**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Unit and Religious Conversions Unit**

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University, Presiding

Theme: *Trial and Error: Religious Conversions Before the Law*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Jacob Betz, University of Chicago

*"She objects to having her child reared in a Protestant family": Catholics, Child Custody, and Court-Ordered Conversions in the United States, 1870-1920*

Justin Jones, University of Oxford

*The threat of apostasy and its lawful solution: debating marriage, law and conversion in Indian Islam*

Karin Neutel, University of Oslo

*Male Circumcision as an Obstacle to Religious Conversion? The Problematic Origins of the Concept of Religion in Legal Criticism of Circumcision*

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

Allison Covey, University of Toronto

*Authenticity and Secular Conversion: Grainger, Hashman, and the Ontario Human Rights Commission*

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**A19-222**

**Liberation Theologies Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**

Filipe Maia, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Speaking of Liberation: Unexpected Sacred Texts in Contemporary Social Justice Movements*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Alease Brown, Stellenbosch University

*Re-imagining Sacred Texts: How Protests, Tattoos, and Hashtags Constitute Vibrant Articulations of the Christian Faith.*

Kathryn House, Boston University

*For Those Who Kissed Waiting Goodbye: Exploring the Sacred Texts of Evangelical Purity Culture*

Jason Wyman, Union Theological Seminary

*"I Speak to God in Public": Contemporary Black Popular Music as Primary Theological Language, Sacred Text, and Liberation Theology*

Responding:

Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College

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**A19-223**

**Mysticism Unit**

Margarita Simon Guillory, University of Rochester, Presiding

Theme: *Mutable Flesh: Mysticism, Bodies, and Boundaries*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Emily Holmes, Christian Brothers University

*"Her Table is Hunger": Eating and Being Eaten in the Writings of Two 13th c. Women Mystics*

Mara Block, Harvard University

*Boundaries Undone: Time, Bodily Negations, and Mystical Exercises in the Late Notebooks of Simone Weil*

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

Justine Bakker, Rice University

*On the Afterlife of Those Who Drowned: Ellen Gallagher's Watery Ecstatic, Oceanic Feeling, and Mysticism in the Flesh*

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**A19-224**

**North American Religions Unit and Religion, Memory, History Unit**

Hillary Kaell, Concordia University, Montreal, Presiding

Theme: *White Nostalgia in the North American Religious Landscape*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Kimberly Humphrey, Boston College

*The Challenge of Dangerously Remembering White Supremacy in a "Colorblind" Society: Shame, Disgust, and Ecclesial Failures*

Lauren Kerby, Boston University

*Saving History: White Nostalgia and the American Christian Right*

Emmy Corey, Emory University

*Moral Memories: Racial Justice and the Problem of Whiteness*

Andrew Hudson, University of Pennsylvania

*The Not-white White Pentecostals of Appalachia: Rethinking religio-racial identities in the history of American Pentecostalism*

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**A19-225**

**Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit and Queer Studies in Religion Unit**

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: A Discussion of Ashon Crawley's BlackPentecostal Breath: The Aesthetics of Possibility (Fordham University Press, 2016)*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Ashon Crawley, University of California, Riverside

Responding:

Biko Gray, Rice University



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

Keri Day, Brite Divinity School

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**A19-226**

**Philosophy of Religion Unit**

Beverley Clack, Oxford Brookes University, Presiding

Theme: *Gendering Philosophy of Religion: The Influence of Pamela Sue Anderson*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Kate Kirkpatrick, University of Oxford  
Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College  
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University  
William Robert, Syracuse University

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**A19-227**

**Religion and Economy Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit**

Dana Logan, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: A Conversation about Finbarr Curtis's The Production of American Religious Freedom (New York University Press, 2016)*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Tisa Wenger, Yale University  
Sonia Hazard, Franklin and Marshall College  
Joseph Winters, Duke University  
Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University

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**A19-228**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Unit**

Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

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

Theme: *Religion's Role in Producing Strangers and Neighbors*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Mary Puckett, University of Florida  
*The Cosmopolitanization of a Mexican Pentecostal Church*

Gwendolyn Gillson, University of Iowa  
*Supplementing the "Uchi" through Buddhism: Japanese Women's New Visions of Stranger and Neighbor*

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**A19-229**

**Roman Catholic Studies Unit**

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College, Presiding

Theme: *Between the Imperial and the Intimate: Practicing Catholicism in a Global Media Environment*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Maryellen Davis Collett, Lewis University  
*Miraculous Mediation(s) and Paradoxes of Peace: Marian Apparitions, Genocide, and Global Catholic Media*

Marc Loustau, College of the Holy Cross  
*Global Becoming among Transylvanian Catholic Media Volunteers*

Mathew N. Schmalz, College of the Holy Cross  
*"My ways are not Your Ways:" The Discourse of Sin and Success in a North Indian Catholic Charismatic Television Show*

Eric Hoenes del Pinal, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
*Negotiating Intimate Relationships with an Uncertain Audience: Q'eqchi'-Maya Catholics' Use of FM Radio*

Responding:

Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

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**A19-230**

**Scriptural Reasoning Unit**

Deborah Barer, Towson University, Presiding

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

Theme: *Scriptural Reasonings: Pragmatism, Semiotics, and Vulnerability*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Nechama Juni, Brown University

*Christian Pragmatism and Halakha: Rethinking the Tension Between Continuity and Change in Religious Traditions*

H. Peter Kang

*Like a Game of Catch: Non-Binary Relational Semiotics in Clement of Alexandria*

Matthew Goldstone, New York University

*The Unstable Dynamics of Extreme Vulnerability*

Business Meeting:

Simeon Zahl, University of Nottingham

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**A19-231**

**Women's Caucus**

Julia Berger, University of Kent, Presiding

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Emerging Scholars: Resilience Amidst Vulnerability in International Issues*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

*Global Vulnerability of Energy and Korean Women's Empowerment, An Ecofeminist Talk*

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary

*Theology of Resilience Amidst Vulnerability in the Book of Ruth, an Asian Perspective*

JungJa Joy Yu, Claremont Graduate University

*The Vulnerability of Former Asian Comfort Women's Issue*

Responding:

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University

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

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**A19-232**

**Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**

Lynn Huber, Elon University, Presiding

Theme: *Present and Future of Biblical Studies Part II*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Lynne St. Clair Darden, Interdenominational Theological Center

Yii-Jan Lin, Yale University

Yvonne Sherwood, University of Kent

Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary

Jay Twomey, University of Cincinnati

Gerald West, University of KwaZulu-Natal

Responding:

J. Cheryl Exum, University of Sheffield

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**A19-233**

**Religion and Ecology Unit**

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual and Community in Religion and Ecology*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Barbara Jane Davy, University of Waterloo

Stephen Quilley, University of Waterloo

*Ritual Matters: Changing Ontologies, Values, and Ecological Conscience Formation*

Anne Read, University of Waterloo

*Land-based Judaism and Jewish youth identity formation*

Tallessyn Grenfell-Lee, Boston University School of Theology

*Food Gardens as Points of Contact for Awareness and Engagement in Intersectional Eco-justice Ministries*

Luke Whitmore, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point

*Are Local Gods Ecological?*

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

Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto

*Walking from Whapmagoostui: Understanding the Land as a Resource for Resilience in Cree Social Movements*

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**A19-234**

**Tour: Freedom Trail's Revolutionary Women Walk**

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

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

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**Sunday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM**

**A19-235**

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

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

Sunday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

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**Sunday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM**

**A19-236**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Student-Centered Learning: A Practical Guide*

Sunday - 2:30 PM-4:00 PM

Panelists:

Gwendolyn Gillson, University of Iowa

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**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

**A19-250**

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

**Applied Religious Studies Committee**

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-academic Careers: What's a Faculty Member to Do?*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Panelists:

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University  
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University  
Kathleen Moore, UC Santa Barbara

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**A19-251**

**Public Understanding of Religion Committee**

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion Forum: Winnifred Fallers Sullivan*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Panelists:

Winnifred Fallers Sullivan, Indiana University  
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

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**A19-252**

**Publications Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee**

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Interreligious Encounters (Oxford University Press, 2017)*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Panelists:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University  
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College  
Martha Reineke, University of Northern Iowa

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University

Alexander Y. Hwang, Xavier University

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**A19-253**

**Special Topics Forum**

Theme: *Using Humanities Commons to Curate Your Online Presence, Increase the Impact of Your Scholarship, and Tell the Story of Your Work*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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**A19-254**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit**

Rachel A. R. Bundang, Schools of the Sacred Heart, San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: *Asian American Secularities: Race, Religion, and the Secular in Chinese North American Communities*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Rachel Pang, Davidson College

*Gods, Ghosts, and Ancestors in Li-Young Lee's The Winged Seed*

Justin Tse, Northwestern University

*"This Is About the Property We Bought": The Secular Dimensions of Cantonese Evangelical Social Conservatism in the San Francisco Bay Area*

Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University

*Explaining Diasporic Chinese Non-Religiousness: A Liyi Theoretical Approach*

Responding:

Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University

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**A19-255**

**Black Theology Unit**

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Theme: *Afro-pessimism and Black Theology*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

calvin warren, Emory University

*Is it Righteous to Be? : Afro-pessimism, Black Theology, and the Problem of Ontology*

Marvin Wickware, Duke University

*An Inheritance of Endurance: Black Life's Resources of Melancholic Hope and Proudful Love*

Joseph Winters, Duke University

*The Ecstatic Space Between Optimism and Pessimism: Fanon, Spillers, and the Promise of Afro-Anguish*

J. Kameron Carter, Duke University

*Black Care: An Insurgent Ecstasies of the Sacred*

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**A19-256**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit**

Nik Byle, Arizona Western College, Presiding

Theme: *Responsible Action and Public Theology: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Vulnerable Other*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Ryan Tafilowski, University of Edinburgh

*Particularity in Solidarity: The Ethical Promise of the Doctrine of the Orders of Creation*

Josh de Keijzer, Luther Seminary

*Bonhoeffer's Vulnerable God: From Theologia Crucis to a Public Theology of Vulnerability*

Matthew Jones, LSTC

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Eschatological Wrestling: Epistemological Ambivalence in Fiction from Tegel Prison*

Dianne Rayson, University of Newcastle, Australia

*Earthly Christianity for the vulnerable as a potential Bonhoefferian eco-ethic*

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**A19-257**

**Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**

Richard Nance, Indiana University, Presiding



**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Theme: *Tibetan Madhyamaka*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Michael Ium, University of California: Santa Barbara  
*Fake Truths: Jetsunpa, Gorampa, and Sectarian Polemics in Tibet*

Jed Forman, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Pus and Nectar: Mixing Pramāṇa with Madhyamaka*

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**A19-258**

**Chinese Religions Unit**

Jonathan Pettit, Purdue University, Presiding

Theme: *Mapping Religion in Contemporary China*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Fenggang Yang, Purdue University  
*Mapping Religious Sites in Twentieth Century China: A Comparison of Mapping Techniques*

Joey Marshall, Purdue University  
*Mapping the Growth of Buddhism and Daoism Under Repressive Conditions in Twentieth-Century China*

Yunping Tong, Purdue University  
*Religious Geography and Son Preference: A Spatial Analysis of Religious Sites in China*

Responding:

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona

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**A19-259**

**Comparative Theology Unit and Women and Religion Unit**

TBD TBD, Presiding

Theme: *Towards Understanding Lateral Leadership: Reflections on Medieval Texts in Hinduism, Christianity and Sikhism*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Mugdha Yeolekar, Loyola Marymount University  
*Can the “vulnerable” be “powerful?”: Analyzing dynamics of power and vulnerability in a*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*sixteenth century Hindu text*

Margaret Gower, Loyola Marymount University  
*Maternal Bodies as Political Bodies in the Writings of Christine de Pizan*

Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University  
*Subversive Power and Symbolic Violence: Ego-loss as a Feminine Ethic in Sikh Devotional Scripture and Praxis*

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**A19-260**

**Ethics Unit**

Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *The Ethical Dimensions of Truth and Post-Truth*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

L. Patrick Burrows, Harvard University  
*Post-Truth, Truthiness, and the Ethics of Parrhesia*

Christina McRorie, Creighton University  
*Social Analysis in an Age of "Post-Truth" Economics: What (and How) Should Religious Ethicists Critique?*

Paul W. Gleason, University of Virginia  
*Idolatry and Prophecy in the Age of Trump*

Stewart Clem, University of Notre Dame  
*Sins of Speech in a Post-Truth Age*

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**A19-261**

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit and Religion in Southeast Asia Unit**

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School, Presiding

Theme: *The Interreligious Classroom in Indonesia, Canada, and the US*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Colleen Windham-Hughes, California Lutheran University  
*Expecting the Common Good: On the Cooperation of Persons in the Interfaith Studies Classroom*

Nicholas Adams, University of Birmingham

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*Indonesian Interreligious Learning*

Adriana Tulissi, University of Calgary

Paul Verhoef, University of Calgary

Syd Eras, University of Calgary

*Re-imagining Pedagogy in Canadian Religious Studies Departments: Connecting Theory with Practice*

Aaron Hollander, University of Chicago

*Threading a Needle to Weave a Fabric: Introducing Religion as Interreligion*

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**A19-262**

**Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit and Religion in Europe Unit**

Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Theme: *Islamophobia, the Body, and the State in Contemporary Europe*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Laurens de Rooij

*Islamophobia and Gender in Britain: Do Men and Women Respond Differently to Media Representations of Muslims?*

Elisabeth Becker, Yale University

*The Ethnographic Study of Highly Securitized Populations: Lessons from Women in European Mosques*

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College

*Of Long and Short Skirts: mixité, homosociality, and racialized gender difference in France*

Responding:

Markus Dressler, Leipzig University

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**A19-263**

**Islamic Mysticism Unit**

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: *Contemporary Expressions of Vernacular Sufism*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Talia Gangoo, University of Michigan

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*Healing the Body, Repairing the Soul: Disease and Health in Naqshbandiyya-Nazimiyya Sufi Thought and Practice*

Melinda Krokus, Marywood University

*Inspiration (wahy) at the Margins: A Vulnerable and Vernacular Sufi Hermeneutics of the Qur'an*

Rose Aslan, California Lutheran University

*Painting on Water: Islam, Spirituality, and Art in Contemporary Istanbul*

Responding:

Shobhana Xavier, Franklin & Marshall College

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**A19-264**

**Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit**

Erica Ramirez, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Subverting Power: Mission, Politics, and Place within Global Pentecostalism*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Alex Mayfield, Boston University

*“A Gloriously Free Work” : Pentecostal POWs and Spirit-empowered Resistance*

David Luckey, Southern Methodist University

*Subverting Political Fallacies: The Voice of a Latin-American Pentecostal Immigrant Community in the U.S.*

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University

*The Persistence of Mexican Borderlands Protestantism in Southern California*

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**A19-265**

**New Religious Movements Unit**

Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *Bodies and Practices in American Religious Innovations*

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Isaac May, University of Virginia

*A Toxic Red Pill: Contemporary Organized Atheism, Misogyny and the Concept of Rationality*

Clara Schoonmaker, Syracuse University

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*"No Skyclad Beyond This Point": Transforming Society through Pagan Rituals of Resistance*

Leah Payne, George Fox University

*"Bobbing the Hair" and Other "Masculinated" Sins: Women, Pentecostals, and Politics in the United States from 1890-1930.*

Responding:

Lynne Gerber, Harvard University

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**A19-266**

**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit**

James I. Higginbotham, Earlham School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Psychology, and the Most Vulnerable*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Helen Boursier, University of St. Mary

*Art as Spiritual Care from Trauma for Recovery: Judith Herman's Trauma and Recovery viewed through the Hermeneutical Lens of Art Therapy in Contextual Praxis with Immigrants Seeking Asylum*

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University

*Ambivalent identifications and the power of belonging: Mass incarceration, religious fundamentalism, and the ambiguity of "breaking free."*

Hilary Scarsella, Vanderbilt University

*A Spotlight on Religion: The role of religion in historically Boston-based movements of resistance to sexual violence.*

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**A19-267**

**Quaker Studies Unit and African Association for the Study of Religions**

Eden Grace, Friends United Meeting, Presiding

Theme: *Quakerism and Decolonization/Enculturation in Kenya and Rwanda*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Rosina Lepareyo, Samburu Friends Mission

Sammy Letoole, Samburu Friends Mission

*Quakerism and decolonization/enculturation in Samburu Female Circumcision*

Benson Ombaha, Friends Theological College and Bware Yearly Meeting

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Oscar Lugusa, Friends Theological College  
*Quakerism as a resource for social cohesion in Kenya*

Theoneste Sentabire, Earlham School of Religion  
*Quakerism as a resource in the wake of the Rwandan Genocide*

Responding:

Ann K Riggs, Howard County General Hospital

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**A19-268**

**Religion in South Asia Unit**

Rebecca Manning, Indiana University-Bloomington, Presiding

Theme: *Gendered Traditions: Intersections of Gender, Genre, and Religion in South Asian Storytelling*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Jessica Vantine Birkenholtz, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign  
*The Folk Pativrata: Narrative Discourses on Hindu Womanhood in Nepal*

Margaret Mills, Ohio State U Emerita  
*Trickster: Global Theories, Local Traditions, Gender and Genre*

Coralynn Davis, Bucknell  
*Sāmā for the Ages and Sāmā for our Times: The Past and Future of Maithil Women's Storytelling in the Shifting Terrain of Gender and Society*

Responding:

Leela Prasad, Duke University

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**A19-269**

**Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit**

Brett Potter, Queen's University, Presiding

Theme: *Dreams, Doubt, and Dread: The Spiritual in Film*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Panelists:

Joseph Kickasola, Baylor University

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Taylor Worley, Trinity International University  
Zachary Settle, Vanderbilt University  
Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University  
Crystal Downing, Messiah College  
David Dark, Belmont University

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**A19-270**

**Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit**

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Emerging Peace Practices: Water Protection, SLAM Poetry, and Memorializing State Terror*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

James Waters, Vanderbilt University

*Water and Oil: The Dakota Access Pipeline Protests and The Framing of The Sacred*

Andrea Gacs, Fuller Theological Seminary

*Performance Poetry as a Tool for Social Conflicts & Peace: How Methodologies of Vulnerability and Performance address Racial, Religious, Gender & LGBTQIA discrimination to create an inclusive community.*

Loren Lybarger, Ohio University

James Damico, Indiana University

*¡La impunidad no será eterna! Religion and the Commemoration of the Disappeared in Argentina 40 Years after the Dictatorship*

Responding:

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University

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**A19-271**

**Roman Catholic Studies Unit and Vatican II Studies Unit**

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: *Pope Francis and the “Globalization of Indifference” : Catholicism and the Most Vulnerable*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Kerry Alys Robinson, National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management

*The Creative Tension of Mercy and Reform in Francis’ Pontificate*

Mark Shriver, Save the Children

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*Pope Francis' Message of Faith, Love, Humility and Mercy: Does It Really Matter?*

Rafael Luciani, Boston College

*A structural Option for the Poor: Geopolitics, Social movements and Evangelization*

Richard Gaillardetz, Boston College

*Response to the papers of Kerry Robinson, Mark Shriver, and Rafael Luciani*

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**A19-272**

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

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

Theme: *Multiple Religious Belongings within and against Identities, Affiliations, and Conflict*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Joantine Berghuijs, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

*Drawing from many sources: conceptualizing and measuring religious flexibility*

John Hartley, Yale University

*The Field of American Evangelicalism: Struggles with Islam and the Competition for Religious Authority*

Marat Shterin, King's College, London

*Conceptualising Religion in Political Conflict: the 'Sacred' in the Russian-Ukrainian Crisis*

Roger Baumann, Yale University

*Constructing and Contesting the "Holy Land": Christian Pilgrimage as a Multifaceted Social Phenomenon*

Responding:

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery

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**A19-273**

**Study of Judaism Unit**

Jennifer Caplan, Presiding

Theme: *Holding and Beholding: Material and Visual Cultures*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Rebecca Wollenberg, University of Michigan



**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

*The Unread Bible as Image: When Written Text Becomes Pictograph*

Emma Brodeur, Syracuse University

*Freud and the Bible: Dream Images and Jewishness*

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**A19-274**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit**

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College, Presiding

Theme: *Reframing the Continental Philosophy of Religion?*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Panelists:

An Yountae, Lebanon Valley College

Amaryah Armstrong, Vanderbilt University

Marika Rose, Durham University

Lucas Wright, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:

Steven Shakespeare, Liverpool Hope University

Duane Williams, Liverpool Hope University

Business Meeting:

Adam Kotsko, Shimer College

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College

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**A19-275**

**Wesleyan Studies Unit**

Ted A. Campbell, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Wesleyan Ecclesiologies*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Panelists:

Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University

Daniel Castelo, Seattle Pacific University

**Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

Hilde Marie Movafagh, The Norwegian United Methodist Seminary, Oslo  
Kimberly Belcher, University of Notre Dame  
Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Azusa Pacific University

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**A19-276**

**Theological Education Committee Meeting**

Scott C. Alexander, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Theological Education Committee Meeting*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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

**A19-300**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Researching, Managing, and Writing with Technology: A Hands-on Exploration of Online Tools*

Sunday - 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Panelists:

Kalpesh Bhatt, University of Toronto

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

**A19-301**

**Applied Religious Studies Committee and Employment Services Advisory Committee**

Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Career Services for Non-academic Careers*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Panelists:

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University  
Susan Lawler, Harvard Divinity School  
Brooke Noonan, University of Chicago

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**A19-302**

**Program Committee**

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding  
Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *How to Propose a New Program Unit*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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**A19-303**

**Regional Coordinators**

Katherine Downey, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Studies and Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts Teaching and Scholarship in the Age of Austerity*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Panelists:

Marc DiPaolo, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

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**A19-304**

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

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Recolonizing the Academy Under a Trump Presidency*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Panelists:

Jasbir Puar, Rutgers University

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

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**A19-305**

**Afro-American Religious History Unit**

Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Black Religious Histories and Herstories of New England*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Timothy Rainey, Emory University

*I've Got A Home: Black Capital, Nationalism and the Spiritual Politics of African Recolonization in the Era of Paul Cuffe, 1808-1816*

Daniel A. Morris, Augustana College

*Walker's Appeal and the Black Just War Tradition*

Kevin Franco

*And Still We Rise: Prince Hall, Abiel Smith School, and the Battle for Education Equality in Late 18th and Early 19th Century Boston*

Fatimah Fanusie

*Boston's Temple # 11: The Early Years, 1948 - 1968*

James Hill, Northwestern University

*The Transnational Legacy of Ella Little-Collins: Race, Boston, and Decolonial Black Islamic Thought*

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**A19-306**

**Anthropology of Religion Unit**

Michal Raucher, University of Cincinnati, Presiding

Theme: *Pregnant in the Field*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Nancy Ammerman, Boston University

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University

Cara Rock-Singer, Columbia University

Emily Sigalow, Duke University

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

Responding:

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

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**A19-307**

**Buddhism in the West Unit and Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit**

Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy, Presiding

Theme: *Situating Dharma: Examining Power, Privilege, and Identity in American Buddhisms*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida

Edwin Ng, Independent Scholar

Rod Owens

Natalie Quli, Institute of Buddhist Studies

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**A19-308**

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

Natalia Marandiuc, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Presiding

Theme: *Traditions of Interpretation*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Rebekah Earnshaw, University of St. Andrews

*Creation from Nothing does not come from Nothing*

Derek Michaud, University of Maine

*Reimagining Revelation, Tradition, and the Development of Doctrine*

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**A19-309**

**Confucian Traditions Unit**

Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *Roundtable Session on Ivanhoe's Three Streams: Confucian Reflections on Learning and the Moral Heart-Mind in China, Korea, and Japan (Oxford University Press, 2016)*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Panelists:

Michael Puett, Harvard University  
Robert C. Neville, Boston University  
Shirong Luo, Simmons College

Responding:

Philip J. Ivanhoe, Boston University

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**A19-310**

**Contemporary Islam Unit**

Ermin Sinanovic, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Presiding

Theme: *Citizenship and Minorities in Contemporary Islam*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto  
Zainab Alwani, Howard University School of Divinity  
Andrew F. March, Yale University  
Basma Abdelgafar, Maqasid Institute  
Ovamar Anjum, University of Toledo

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**A19-311**

**Critical Theories and Discourses in Religion and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit and Philosophy of Religion Unit**

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: The Myth of Disenchantment: Magic, Modernity, and the Birth of the Human Sciences (University of Chicago Press, 2017)*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University  
Shannon Trosper Schorey, University of North Carolina

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

Meredith Coleman-Tobias, Emory University  
Joanna Smith, UNC Chapel Hill

Responding:

Jason Josephson-Storm, Williams College

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**A19-312**

**Ecclesiological Investigations Unit and World Christianity Unit**

Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Theology in Light of World Christianities: The Legacy of Robert Schreier and Stephen Bevans*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Henry Kuo, Graduate Theological Union

*A New Confessional Catholicity: Reformed Ecclesiology and the New Catholicity*

Jaisy Joseph, Boston College

*Re-imagining Catholicity: Robert Schreier and the Interruption of Universalizing Tendencies*

Norbert Hintersteiner, University of Münster

*The Translational Fabric of Cultures: When Theology is Cross-Cultural Translation*

Scott Hagley, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

*Suffering Translation: Faithful Presence as the Means and Hope of Contextual Theology*

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**A19-313**

**Hinduism Unit**

John Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: *The Ethics of Bhakti: Exploring Moral and Aesthetic Dimensions in the Life of Hindu Devotion*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary

*The Ethics of Early Modern Vaiṣṇavism: Humble Sufis, Arrogant Naths, and the Virtues of Love's Savor*

Gardner Harris, Bucknell University

*Disorientation and Distraction: The Ethics of Erotic Imagery in Māṇikkavācakar's Tiruvācakam*

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

Alberta Ferrario, University of Pennsylvania

*Ethics and Devotion according to Abhinavagupta: the conceptualization of bhakti in the Gītārthasaṅgraha*

Lisa Blake, McGill University

*The Two Faces of Māriyamman: Ethical and Aesthetic Dichotomies in Colonial-era Tamil and English Depictions of a Hindu Village Goddess*

Responding:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

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**A19-314**

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit**

Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding

Theme: *A Spectrum of Faith: Religions of the World in the Heartland of America* (Drake University Press, 2017)

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Anoushe Seiff, Drake University

Dustin Eubanks, Drake University

Carol Spaulding-Kruse, Drake University

Responding:

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School

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**A19-315**

**Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Nineteenth Century Theology Unit**

Matthew L. Becker, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Darrell Jodock, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding

Theme: *Luther's Nineteenth-Century Heirs and Interpreters*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Angela Berlis, University of Bern

*Ignaz von Döllinger (1799-1890) and Other Liberal Catholic (Church) Historians on Luther and*



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

*the Reformation in the Nineteenth Century – From Polemic Apologetics to Critical Appreciation*

James Lee, Saint Louis University  
*Luther Among the Neo-Lutherans*

Andrew Hamilton, Southern Methodist University  
*Freedom and Necessity United: I.A. Dorner's Utilization of Luther in His Doctrine of Religious Perfection*

Responding:

Else Marie Wiberg Pedersen, University of Aarhus

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**A19-316**

**New Religious Movements Unit and Religion in the American West Unit**

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding

Theme: *Western Utopias: Ghost Dances, Jewish Farming, and Psychedelic Mystics*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Tammy Heise, University of Wyoming  
*Women Warriors Ghost Dancing (Again) at Wounded Knee*

Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College  
*The Lure of a Land-Based Utopia: Jewish Agricultural Settlements in Nineteenth-Century North Dakota and Today*

Morgan Shipley, Michigan State University  
*"Fruits of the Religious Life": Entheogenic Spirituality, Communal Consciousness, and Compassionate Living Down on The Farm*

Responding:

Brandi Denison, University of North Florida

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**A19-317**

**Open and Relational Theologies Unit**

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Open-Relational Theologies beyond Christianity*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Matthew Ingalls, American University, Dubai

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

*Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī (d. 1210): The Ultimate Muslim Incompatibilist*

Jeffery D. Long, Elizabethtown College  
*An Open-Relational Hindu Theology*

John Becker, Claremont School of Theology  
*Relational Theology: A Buddhist Perspective*

Responding:

Jay McDaniel, Hendrix College  
Michael Lodahl, Point Loma Nazarene University

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**A19-318**

**Practical Theology Unit**

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Taking On Practical Theology: A Book Panel Based on Courtney Goto's Challenge to the Field*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Mary Elizabeth Moore, Boston University  
Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University  
Esther Acolatse, Duke University  
Mark Cartledge, Regent University

Responding:

Courtney T. Goto, Boston University

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**A19-319**

**Religion and Politics Unit and Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit**

Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Dimensions on "Global Citizenship"*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Jana Philippa Ditz, University of Hamburg  
*Testing Religion-State Relations - How the Current Rise of Nationalism in Europe Influences the*

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

*Further Development of 'Religious Education for All' in Hamburg*

Katharine Batlan, University of Texas

*World Christian Citizenship Conferences: Defining Good Global Citizens in the 1910s*

Greg Peterson, South Dakota State University

*Global Citizenship Values as a Byproduct of Democratic Virtue Education*

Erik Owens, Boston College

*Religion Education and Global Citizenship: A Match Made in Heaven?*

Business Meeting:

Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University

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**A19-320**

**Religion and Popular Culture Unit**

Jon Gill, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Theme: *The Legacy of the Summer of Love, 1967-2017*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Jeremy Guida

*The Summer of Love and the Pluralization of Popular Culture*

Andrew Smith, Tennessee Tech

*Summers of Love, Streets of Liturgy, and the Liberation of Sound: Revisiting, Reliving, and Reclaiming the Leftwing Hippy Christianity of the "Submarine Church"*

Scott Muir, Duke University

*50 Summers of Love and Counting: Music Festivals and the Institutionalization of the Psychedelic Tradition*

Responding:

David Stowe, Michigan State University

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**A19-321**

**Religion and Sexuality Unit**

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

Theme: *Queer Gathering: Engaging the Intersections between Religion, Bodies, and Sexualities*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

Kwame Edwin Otu, University of Virginia

*Ancestors, Embodiment and Sexual Desire: Wild Religion and the Body in the Story of a South African Lesbian Sangoma*

Lai-Shan Yip, Graduate Theological Union

*A Queer China in the Eyes of Matteo Ricci and its Relation to the Christian-Confucian Synthesis*

Gilbert Chen, Washington University in St. Louis

*Ordinary Monks, Nuns, and Everyday Sexuality in Early Modern China*

Stephanie Budwey

*“Nature Loves Variety, Unfortunately, Society Hates It”: German Intersex Christians’ Experiences”*

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**A19-322**

**Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit**

M. Brandon McCormack, University of Louisville, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Holocaust and Genocide in This Time: Strategies of Engagement*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Richard A. Freund, University of Hartford

*Teaching about the Holocaust through Geo-science and Archaeology*

Will Livingston, Florida State University

*Teaching Genocide in a “Post-Truth” Age: Strategies for Activism, Engagement, and Scholarship*

David Tollerton, University of Exeter

*Holocaust Education, ‘British Values’, and Religious Diversity in the United Kingdom*

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**A19-323**

**Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**

Michelle Gonzalez Maldonado, University of Miami, Presiding

Theme: *The Legacy of Virgilio Elizondo*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Panelists:

Benjamin Valentin, Yale Divinity School  
Michael E. Lee, Fordham University  
Chris Tirres, DePaul University  
John Phillip Santos, San Antonio, TX  
Timothy Matovina, University of Notre Dame  
David Carrasco, Harvard University  
Nancy A. Pineda-Madrid, Boston College - STM

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**A19-324**

**Ritual Studies Unit**

Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

Theme: *Rituals and the Subaltern*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Kolby Knight, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Ritual Surplus and Sub(Liminality) in Vaudevillian Catholicism*

Baiju Markose, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago  
*Subaltern Ritual Hermeneutics: Pottan Theyyam a Case Study*

Rose Aslan, California Lutheran University  
*To Pray or Not to Pray: The Trouble with Muslim Public Expressions of Piety in the US*

Responding:

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

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**A19-325**

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Michele Watkins, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Book Panel: Tillich and the Abyss: Foundations, Feminism, and Theology of Praxis (Palgrave, 2016) by Sigrid Gudmarsdottir*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Pui Lan Kwok, Episcopal Divinity School

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

John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Sigrídur Gudmarsdóttir, Lutheran Church of Norway/ University of Norway

Business Meeting:

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University

Stephen G. Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

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**A19-326**

**Yogācāra Studies Unit**

Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University, Presiding

Theme: *Reading Vasubandhu's Triṃśikā and its Commentaries*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

*Vasubandhu's Thirty Verses on Non-duality and Figurative Predication*

Jay Garfield, Smith College

*Triṃśika 22 and Its Commentaries and Sequelae*

Malcolm Keating, Yale-NUS College

*Kumārila Bhaṭṭa on the Metaphor of Self*

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University

*A Few Things We Can Learn about the Triṃśikā from the Chinese Sources*

Jingjing Li, McGill University

*Manifesting the Body through the Function: The Translation of Vijñāna and Vijñāpti in Chinese Yogācāra*

Business Meeting:

C. John Powers, Deakin University

Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University

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**A19-327**

**Exploratory Session**

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

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

Theme: *Arguing Boycott, Divest, and Sanction (BDS) and Religion*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Hatem Bazian, Zaytuna College  
Zareena Grewal, Yale University  
Peter Pettit, Muhlenberg College  
Brant Rosen, American Friends Service Committee  
Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University  
Stephen Zunes, University of San Francisco

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**A19-328**

**Wildcard Session**

Brian Palmer, Uppsala University, Presiding

Theme: *Sleepwalking into Extinction: Elaine Scarry's S.O.S. to Scholars of Religion*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

R. Marie Griffith, Washington University in Saint Louis  
Jean Halley, University of New York  
Kate Holbrook, LDS Church History Department, Salt Lake City, UT  
Jana Mariella Jakob, Uppsala university  
Yana Stainova, Dartmouth College

Responding:

Elaine Scarry, Harvard University

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**A19-329**

**Women's Caucus**

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Theme: *FORGiNG VOICE – Filmmaking as Scholarship: Film Premier and Panel Discussion*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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Panelists:

Kathryn Common, Boston University  
Ashley Theuring, Boston University

Responding:

Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University

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

**A19-400**

**Racial and Ethnic Minorities Reception**

Sunday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

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

**A19-401**

**Arts Series: *Harry Potter and the Sacred Text***

Emily Filler, Earlham College, Presiding

Sunday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Panelists:

Vanessa Zoltan, Harvard University  
Casper ter Kuile, Harvard University  
Ariana Nedelman, Harvard University  
Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University

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**Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM**

**A19-402**

**Tour: Haunted Boston Ghost Walk**

Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM



**Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM**

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

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**Sunday - 7:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**A19-403**

**Film: *Silence***

Asuka Sango, Carleton College, Presiding

Sunday - 7:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

Chad Bauman, Butler University

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**Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**A19-404**

**Arts Series: *Ravishing Far/Near: Sheila Gallagher's Art and the Mute Magic of Things***

Daniel Bradley, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

John Panteleimon Manoussakis, College of the Holy Cross

Sheila Gallagher, Boston College

Richard Kearney, Boston College

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**A19-405**

**Let The Mystery Be: Screening of the Finale of the HBO TV Show *The Leftovers* and Discussion with Religious Scholar Consultant and Producer of the Show, Reza Aslan**

Manuel Lopez, New College of Florida, Presiding

Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

**Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside  
Damon Lindelof

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**A19-406**

**Film: *Son of Man: a South African Jesus Film***

Sarojini Nadar, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Presiding  
Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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**Monday - 7:15 AM-8:45 AM**

**A20-1**

**Program Unit Chairs' Breakfasts**

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding  
Monday - 7:15 AM-8:45 AM

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

**A20-100**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Priyanka Ramlakhan, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *The Potential Value of Genre-based Pedagogy in Religious Studies*

Monday - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Panelists:

Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

**A20-101**

**Publications Committee**

Daniel Miller, Landmark College, Presiding

**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

Theme: *How to Publish When I Am in a Teaching-Intensive and/or Contingent Faculty Position*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Panelists:

Christy Cobb, Drew University  
Corinne Dempsey, Nazareth College  
Karmen MacKendrick, Le Moyne College  
Jordan Miller, Stonehill College

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

**A20-102**

**Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee and Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee**

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Toilet Justice: Peeing and the Politics of Marginalized Bodies*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton  
Leo Guardado, University of Notre Dame  
Preston Parsons, University of Cambridge  
Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College  
Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University  
Max Strassfeld, University of Arizona  
Max Thornton, Drew University  
Shani Tzoref, University of Potsdam

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**A20-103**

**African Religions Unit and Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

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

Theme: *Religious Representation and Imagination in Contemporary African Arts and Literature*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College

*Situating Resistance: The Muslim Body in the Films of Ousmane Sembene*

Marthinus Johannes Havenga, Stellenbosch University

*'Woza Albert!' – A Theological Engagement with a South African Anti-Apartheid Protest Play*

Sara Fretheim, Akrofi-Christaller Institute

*"O my absurd ancestry, down from what tree?" Jesus, Sassabonsam, and Testimonies of Exile: Exploring themes of African religion(s) and culture in the poetry of Tchicaya U Tam'si, Afua Kuma, and Abena Busia*

Kara Ellis Skora, College of Wooster

*"Homegoing and The Radiance of Tomorrow: How Recent African Literature Enhances Our Understanding of Historical, Diasporan, and Contemporary Religious Experience in Asante and Mende Cultures, Respectively"*

Business Meeting:

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University

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**A20-104**

**Animals and Religion Unit**

Matthew Eaton, St. John's University, Presiding

Theme: *Animal Expression, Theological Thought: How Animal Encounters Ground Theological Construction*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Trevor Bechtel, Conrad Grebel College

Kimberly Carfore, California Institute of Integral Studies

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology

Timothy Harvie, St. Mary's University, Alberta, Canada

Business Meeting:

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

David Clough, University of Chester

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**A20-105**

**Bioethics and Religion Unit**

George D. Randels, University of the Pacific, Presiding

Theme: *Vulnerability in the Manipulation of Life and Death*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Ashley Moyse, Regent College

*Hugging death, Anticipating Suicide: Vulnerability of Despair and the Marcelian Response to Medical Assistance in Dying*

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego

*Crushed Between Walls: Buddhist Perspectives on Neonatal Ethics*

Nikki Bailey, University of Virginia

*A Discussion of Human Genetic Modification as Treatment and/or Prevention within the Theological Framework of Karl Barth*

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

*May We Make the World? : The Ethics and Theologies of Gene Drives*

Business Meeting:

Marcella Norling, Orange Coast College

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**A20-106**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit**

Jennifer McBride, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Political Theology, Social Justice, and Privilege: Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the (Evangelical) Age of Trump*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah Biblical Seminary

*Endangered Bonhoeffer, Endangered People Groups, and the Evangelical Theo-Political Imagination*

Chris Dodson, University of Aberdeen

*The Reign of Justice or the Rain of Fire: Hearing the Call of Christ from Below*

Ross Halbach, University of Aberdeen

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

*Jesus' White Bonhoeffer: Insights for Addressing Race From the Side of Privilege*

Myles Werntz, Hardin-Simmons University

*Fugitive Theology: The Confessing Church, Illegality, and Our Immigration Question*

Business Meeting:

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College

Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College

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**A20-107**

**Buddhism Unit**

Mark L. Blum, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *Crime and Punishment: Legal Dialogues between Buddhism and Local Society in East and Central Asia*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Charles Manson, EPHE Paris

*Conundrums in Tibetan Medieval Crime and Punishment*

Cuilan Liu, Emmanuel College of Victoria University in the University of Toronto

*Alcohol, Women, and Animal Slaughtering: The Death of Two Buddhist Monks in Tang China*

Asuka Sango, Carleton College

*Sōshō's (1202–1278) Vows to Refrain from Evils and Practice Good: A Minority Report of the Precept Revival Movement in Medieval Japan*

Vesna Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara

*Why Fermented Mare' Milk (airag) and not Vodka (arkhi)? Cultural Norms and the Limits of the Vinaya in Mongolia*

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

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**A20-108**

**Childhood Studies and Religion Unit**

Katarina Westerlund, Uppsala University, Presiding

Theme: *Innovative Methodologies in Childhood Studies and Religion*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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Natalie Carnes, Baylor University

*Human Desire and Original Sin: Moving Beyond Augustine's Greedy Infant*

Brett Speakman, University of St Andrews

*The Theatrical Encore of Infancy: Transcendence and the Perceptive Vision of Childhood*

Karen-Marie Yust, Union Presbyterian Seminary

*Spiritual vulnerability on the digital playground: relational aggression, cyberbullying and adolescent 'drama'*

Rachael Shillitoe, Worcester University

*Sacred Soundscapes: Children's agency and voice in collective worship*

Responding:

Sally Stamper, Capital University

Business Meeting:

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sally Stamper, Capital University

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**A20-109**

**Chinese Religions Unit and Confucian Traditions Unit**

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Legacies of the Taiping War, 1850-1900*

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

Joshua A. Sooter, NYU

*Translating Religion: Qing Officials, Local Religious Sects, and the Problem of Orthodoxy in Post-Taiping China*

George Kam Wah Mak

*An Assessment of the Taiping Legacy on the Protestant Bible Work in Late Qing China*

Hsueh-Yi Lin, University of Wisconsin

*Breaking the Symbiosis: The Destruction of Shrines of Worthies and the Decline of Confucianism*

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Manchester

*Local Gazetteer Data on the Post-Taiping Reconstruction of Religious Institutions*

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

Responding:

Natasha Heller, University of California, Los Angeles

Business Meeting:

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University  
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University

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**A20-110**

**Christian Spirituality Unit and SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Unit**

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College, Presiding

Theme: *Planetary Solidarity: Global Women's Voices on Christian Doctrine and Climate Justice*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University  
*Imagining an Earth Centric Theological Framing for Planetary Solidarity*

Wanda Deifelt, Luther College  
*And G\*D saw that it was good—\_Imago Dei\_ and its Challenge to Climate Justice*

Hilda Koster, Concordia College, Moorhead  
*Trafficked Lands: Sex Trafficking, Oil, and Ecological Evil in the Dakotas*

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University of Pennsylvania  
*Seeds, Cross, and a Paradox of Life from Death: A Postcolonial Eco-Theology*

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University  
*Eco-Womanist Wisdom: Encountering Earth and the Spirit*

Barbara Rossing, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago  
*Reimagining Eschatology towards Healing and Hope, for a World at the Eschatos*

Responding:

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University  
Karenn Gore, Union Theological Seminary

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**A20-111**

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

Junius Johnson, Baylor University, Presiding



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

Theme: *On the Nature of Tradition*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michelle Sanchez, Harvard Divinity School

*Reading Tradition as Pedagogy: The Case of Calvin's Election*

Brandon Morgan, Baylor University

*Wanting to Go On: Desire and Tradition in the Scenes of Instruction of Robert Jenson and Stanley Cavell*

Jonathan Ciraulo, University of Notre Dame

*The Eucharistic Reception of Tradition in Blondel and Balthasar*

Business Meeting:

Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College

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**A20-112**

**Class, Religion, and Theology Unit**

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College, Presiding

Theme: *Class and Religion in the USA: American Dream? American Nightmare?*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jung Mo Sung, Methodist University of São Paulo

*Neoliberalism's denial of human rights, idolatry and classes struggle.*

Lisa Gasson-Gardner, Drew University

*When Ethnicity Elides Whiteness: The Eschatological Arc of Recent White Class Narratives and a Queer Alternative*

Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani

*"Peons, Proles, and Fat Cats": Class and the Study of Contemporary Islam*

Responding:

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College

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

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**A20-113**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**

Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College, Presiding

Theme: *The “Unsayable” in Tibetan Religious Literature*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College

*What is Not Told about What was Once Invisible?: Performative Lacunae in the Folklore of Tibetans of Geza.*

Dominique Townsend, Rubin Museum of Art

*Unsayably Clear, Empty and Divine: Cultivating an awareness of life and death as illusory through a Tibetan practice of lucid dreaming*

Annabella Pitkin, Lehigh University

*What Cannot be Said Must be Remembered: Unsayability and Tibetan Buddhist Aporias of Absence, Loss, Longing and Realization*

Business Meeting:

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College

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**A20-114**

**Contemplative Studies Unit**

Daniel A. Madigan, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Sharing the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Across Religious Traditions*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Roger Haight, Union Theological Seminary

Ruben L. F. Habito, Southern Methodist University

Erin Cline, Georgetown University

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Harold D. Roth, Brown University

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

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

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**A20-115**

**Contemporary Islam Unit**

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

Theme: *Crossing Borders, Transcending Boundaries: The Shifting Contexts of Muslim Politics*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Sam Houston, Florida State University

*Educating Resistance: Ḥasan al-Bannā', Tarbiya, and Embodied Ethics*

Samuel Kigar, Duke University

*The Walled Muslim State: Morocco's Anti-Saharawi Berm, Muslim State Sovereignty, and the Waning of Westphalia*

Justin Jones, University of Oxford

*Informal law as 'shari'a governance': Islamic courts within India's Muslim minority*

Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University

*(Re)Orienting Vulnerability: Using Visual Images to Parse Morocco's Dominant and Quotidian Islams*

Mahshid Zandi, Arizona St Univ

*The Political Economy of State-Sponsored Pilgrimages to the Iran-Iraq Battlefields*

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**A20-116**

**Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit**

Amy Hale, Helix Education, Presiding

Theme: *Pagan Intersections with Social and Cultural Systems*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kimberly Kirner, California State University, Northridge

Garrett Sadler

*Seeking Healing and Support: Mental and Physical Health Challenges in Pagan Communities*

Jeffrey Albaugh, Independent Scholar

*A Phenomenological Exploration of Theophany and Metanoia in Contemporary Paganisms*

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

*Presence and Absence at the Steilneset Witchcraft Memorial*

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

Jeffrey Keefer, New York University

*Beyond Sustainability and Environmental Awareness: What Does Pagan Leadership Mean in an Era of Climate Change?*

Business Meeting:

Amy Hale, Helix Education

Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University

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**A20-117**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit**

Sonia Hazard, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

Theme: *Do I Love My Subjects? A Roundtable about Pleasure, Paranoia, and Care in American Religious Studies*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Princeton University

*Care to Listen? Reparative Readings in American Religious Studies*

Dana Logan, Washington University, Saint Louis

*It's a Thin Line*

Richard Callahan, University of Missouri

*Redeeming the History of the Oppressed, the Losers, the Marginalized, the Peripheral, the Erased*

Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, University of Iowa

*Infrastructures of Feeling*

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**A20-118**

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit**

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Death at the Margins*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Rex Barnes, Columbia University

*"I Got 99 Lives but a Glitch Ate One": A Walkthrough of Perilous and Peril-less Gaming*

Jordan Rowan Fannin, Baylor University

*The Anonymity of Death at the Margins: Remembrance and Resolution in the South Texas Dying*

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

*Fields*

Joshua Schnell, Brown University

*Dead Bodies for the Living: The Politics of Ancient Maya Mortuary Practices*

Eliezer Sariel, Shaanan College, Ohalo College

*Moving Behind the Wall: The Attitude of Modern Jewish Law Towards Death as Reflected in the Struggle Over the Laws of Mourning a Suicide.*

Michael F. Strmiska, SUNY-Orange

*The Ambiguity of Ancestors: Questions of Inclusion, Exclusion and Ethnicity in Modern Pagan Conceptions of the Afterlife*

Business Meeting:

Mohamed S. Hassan, Temple University

Jamie Brummitt, Duke University

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**A20-119**

**Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit**

Shubha Pathak, American University, Presiding

Theme: *Modernizing the Language of the Gods: Religious Identity, Instruction, and Innovation in Contemporary Sanskrit*

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

Borayin Larios, Heidelberg University

*'Proud to be Brahmin': Identity Construction and Self-Representation on Facebook*

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

*Sanskrit as Personality Development: The Twentieth-century Epics of Kshama Rao*

Charles Preston, Northwestern University

*Worshipping the Nation, Teaching the World: Imagining Audiences and Identities in Modern Sanskrit Poetry*

Finnian Moore Gerety, Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University

*Amateur Hour: Innovation, Instruction, and Identity in Sanskrit Dramas of Kerala*

Responding:

Anne Monius, Harvard University

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**A20-120**

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

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit and Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit**

Kate Temoney, Montclair State University, Presiding

Theme: *Interreligious Solidarity and Collaboration*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Tazeen Ali, Boston University

*Islamophobia & Anti-Semitism in America: Comparing Intersectional & Single-Issue Models of Interfaith Alliances*

Jennifer Hancock

*Faith Forward: 'Enlightened' Interfaith Solidarities in Contest with White Nationalist 'Deceptions' in Dallas*

Larycia Hawkins, University of Virginia

*Embodied Solidarity in Theopolitical Space: Interreligious Solidarity from Below*

Kristi Del Vecchio, Catholic Theological Union

*Interreligious Environmentalism: Pragmatic Projects and Moral Competencies that Address Climate Change*

James W. Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary

*Interreligious Collaboration in the Struggle to Protect Water at the Strait: Indigenous Spirits Schooling Christian Texts in an Age of Climate Apocalypse*

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School

Homayra Ziad, Institute for Islamic, Christian and Jewish Studies

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**A20-121**

**Korean Religions Unit**

Sujung Kim, DePauw University, Presiding

Theme: *Medicine, Pluralism, and Nation: The Challenges and Opportunities for Religion in Modernity*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Shin Kwon Kim, University of Oxford

*A Religious Pathology or A Pathological Religion in Korea*

John D. Dadosky, University of Toronto

Jaechan Park, University of Toronto

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

*In Merton's Footsteps: Report and Reflection upon an Experiential Interreligious Encounter in South Korea*

Ray Kim, Georgetown University  
*Islam in Korea: Past, Present, and Future*

Hyun Hui Kim, DREW UNIVERSITY  
*Re-membering the Body of a South Korean Female Sex Worker: Imperialism, Nationalism, and doing Feminist Theology from within*

Responding:

Timothy S. Lee, Texas Christian University

Business Meeting:

Debernere Torrey, University of Utah

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**A20-122**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Richard Amesbury, University of Zurich, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Tisa Wenger, Religious Freedom: The Contested History of an American Ideal (University of North Carolina Press, 2017)*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Anna Su, University of Toronto  
Robert A. Yelle, Ludwig-Maximilian-University of Munich  
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Responding:

Tisa Wenger, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Richard Amesbury, University of Zurich

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**A20-123**

**Liberal Theologies Unit**

Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

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

Theme: *Liberal Theologies and Post-Truth Politics*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

David Bruner, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Eberhard Jüngel, Metaphor, and the Post-Truth Moment*

David Galston, Westar Institute  
*Is It Useless to Revolt? Raising Foucault's Question in Theology*

Wouter Slob, University of Groningen  
*Post-Truth and Normativity*

Joel Harrison, Northwestern University  
*Matters of Concern and Ultimate Concern: Negotiating Facts with Values in the Post-Truth Era*

Business Meeting:

Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary

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**A20-124**

**Mysticism Unit and Women and Religion Unit**

Andrea Dara Cooper, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: *Mysticism and the Feminine*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Minji Lee, Rice University  
*Vulnerable Womb Crossing Boundaries: Hildegard of Bingen's Mystical Representation of the Female Reproductive Body*

Christine Libby, Indiana University  
*The Heart of the Matter: Rethinking Affective Mysticism*

Zannah Breunig, UNC Charlotte  
*Penetrating the Seventh Palace: Reading the Sexual Dimensions of The Hebrew Apocalypse of Enoch*

Mary Louise Stone, Independent Scholar  
*Andean Pachamama and Women: Though Vulnerable, Widespread and Ancestral Cultures Engage Modernity*

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

**A20-125**

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit**

John Kenney, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

Theme: *Eros and Ascent in the Ancient and Medieval World, Session II*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University

*Plato's Tragicomic Ascent of the Soul*

Syed Zaidi, Emory University

*Eternity, Time, and Space in the Cosmologies of Plotinus and Mīr Dāmād*

Alexander J.B. Hampton, Arizona State University

*Romanticisation, Eros and Ascent: Plotinian Influences on Novalis*

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**A20-126**

**Quaker Studies Unit**

Jane Calvert, University of Kentucky, Presiding

Theme: *Race, Gender, Class: Quakers in the Public Sphere*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Maria Power, University of Liverpool

*A Theology with Profound Political Possibilities: Quaker contributions to British Christian Socialism and its debates around pacifism*

Guy Aiken, University of Virginia

*"Some of these days I'm going to turn into a radical": The Early AFSC, Class, and Economic Justice*

Nicholas Burton, Northumbria University

Donncha Kavanagh, University College, Dublin

Martin Brigham, Lancaster University

*The decline of the Quakers in the world of business: the role of corporate ethics and the law*

David St John, University of Texas:Austin

*Non-ownership Principles as Understood by Lay Practitioners of Jainism and Quakerism*

Responding:

Sa'ed Atshan, Swarthmore College

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

Business Meeting:

Jon Kershner, University of Lancaster

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**A20-127**

**Reformed Theology and History Unit**

Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

Theme: *The "Solas" in Reformed Traditions*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Bruce Pass, University of Edinburgh

*Upholding sola scriptura today: some unturned stones in Herman Bavinck's doctrine of inspiration*

Timothy Baylor, University of St. Andrews

*Reforming the Glory of God: Solus Christus and the Necessity of the Cross*

Kimlyn Bender, Truett Seminary, Baylor University

*The Sola behind the Solas: The Unity of the Five Solas of the Reformation and a Proposal for Their Understanding*

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**A20-128**

**Religion and Popular Culture Unit**

Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: *The Present State of Nostalgia: Religious Longings for the American Past*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Samantha Kang, Santa Barbara, CA

*Good, Harmless Fun?: A Critique of 'Consumed Nostalgia'*

Signe Cohen, University of Missouri

*Fantastic Beasts and the Dangers of American Nostalgia*

Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, Iliff/University of Denver

*Timeless Questions, Timely Answers: Time Travel as Ethical Response to the White Construction of American History*

Jordan Conley, Boston University

*Voting, Votive, Devotion: 'I Voted' Stickers and the Ritual Reverberations of the Women's*

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

*Suffrage Movement*

Responding:

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College

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**A20-129**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Unit**

Emily Sigalow, Duke University, Presiding

Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Theme: *Special Session Honoring the Scholarship of Nancy Ammerman*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Lydia Bean, Senior Consultant, PICO National Network

Jaime Clark-Soles, Perkins School of Theology-Southern Methodist University

Arthur Farnsley, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis - IUPUI

Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago

James Nieman, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

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**A20-130**

**Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit**

Alan Verskin, University of Rhode Island, Presiding

Theme: *The Social Positioning of Holy Figures*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Nathaniel Morehouse, John Carroll University

*Equal to the Emperor: Constantine's Burial and the Elevation of the Apostles*

Hadi Qazwini, University of Southern California

*The Heir of the Biblical Prophets: Shi'ite Devotion to Imam Husayn and Karbala*

Nicole Archambeau, Colorado State University

*Protection Miracles in the Shifting Political Landscape of the Fourteenth-Century Western Mediterranean*

Joseph Maurice Davis, Gratz College

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

*Jewish hagiography, anti-hagiography, and extended families in 18th century Prague*

Responding:

Sara Ritchey, University of Tennessee

Business Meeting:

David Freidenreich, Colby College

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**A20-131**

**Religion in the American West Unit**

Fay Botham, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Presiding

Theme: *The Religious Varieties of Westward Expansion*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Megan Leverage, Florida State University

*“The Engineering of Souls’: The Silicon Valley and the Exclusion of Women and People of Color”*

James Dupey, Arizona State University

*The Business of Building a Church: The Importance of Economic Advantage for Denomination Building in the Trans-Appalachian West, James Dupey, Arizona State University*

Danae Jacobson, University of Notre Dame

*Imbricated Landscapes: North American Religious Sisters’ Spiritual and Material Perceptions of the Land*

Jeffrey Mahas, Joseph Smith Papers

*“The Lamanites will be our Friends”’: Mormon Eschatology and the Perception of American Indians in the Council of Fifty*

Responding:

Katherine Moran, Saint Louis University

Business Meeting:

John-Charles Duffy, Miami University

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**A20-132**

**Religion, Media, and Culture Unit and Teaching Religion Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**

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

Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University, Presiding  
Stephanie Frank, Columbia College Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching and Scholarship as Resistance in the Post-Truth Era*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia  
Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University  
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University  
Annika Thiem, Villanova University  
Janine Giordano Drake, University of Great Falls  
Melissa Borja, City University of New York  
Sarah Eltantawi, Evergreen State College  
Todd Green, Luther College

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**A20-133**

**Religion, Memory, History Unit**

Roy Whitaker, San Diego State University, Presiding

Theme: *Making White Nostalgia "Great" Again: The Politics of Religion and Memory in the United States*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Natalie Avalos, Connecticut College  
*"We're Not all Immigrants:" The White Liberal Nostalgia of Immigrant Life*

Michael Graziano, University of Northern Iowa  
*White Nostalgia, Religion, and U.S. National Security*

Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University  
*Misremembrance of Muslims Past: #MAGA and White Conservative Counter-memory*

Chase L. Way, Claremont Graduate University  
*Paleo-Confederate Theology: White Nostalgia, Religion, and Douglas Wilson's Revision of the Southern Intellectual Tradition*

Responding:

Mathias Gardell, Uppsala University

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

Business Meeting:

Mona Hassan, Duke University  
Tim Langille, Arizona State University

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**A20-134**

**Religion, Sport, and Play Unit**

James Dennis LoRusso, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Players, Politics, and Piety: Religion, Sports, and the State in Twentieth-Century America*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christa Schwind, University of Denver  
*Renegotiating American Yoga: A Narrative of Lifestyle Fitness*

Adam Park, Florida State University  
*"Soldier Sport": WWI and the YMCA's Allied Boxing Program*

M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University  
*I Am America: Muhammad Ali's Conversion to the State*

Brad Stoddard, McDaniel College  
*"Behind the Walls": Sports-Based Prison Ministries and the Carceral State*

Responding:

Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary

Business Meeting:

Arthur Remillard, Saint Francis University  
Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union

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**A20-135**

**Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit**

Daisy Vargas, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Grassroots Religion: Ethnography, Resistance, and Sacred Presence*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Petra Kuivala, University of Helsinki

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

*Hidden Histories – The Catholic Experience in Cuban Revolutionary Reality*

Harold Morales, Morgan State University

*El Cristo Guatemalteco de Baltimore: Theorizing 'Presence' in Transnational Ways of Being-in-the-World*

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara

*The Virgin of Guadalupe as Science Fiction*

Laurel Marshall, Universidad Centroamericana "Jose Simeon Cañas"

*Actions Speak Louder Than Words: Christian Base Communities in the construction of new Sacramental Theology*

Matthew Casey, University of California, Davis

*Andean Pastoral: An Indigenous Catholic Third Way in 1970s Peru*

Responding:

Jessica Delgado, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Chris Tirres, DePaul University

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**A20-136**

**Science, Technology, and Religion Unit**

Jennifer Baldwin, Grounding Flight Wellness, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Science as Political Theology: Doing Interdisciplinary Scholarship in a "Post-Truth" Society*

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

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University

*Modern Political Lying: Science and Religion as a Critical Discourse in a Post-Truth World*

Paul Allen, Concordia University

*The Golden Mean in a Political Theology of Science and Religion*

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology

*Confessions of a Recovering Objectivist: Religion/Science as Engaged Theology and Environmental Strategy*

Ted Peters, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

*Truth in Science, Faith, and Public Theology*

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

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

*Religion and Science as Critical Discourse: Postmodern does not mean Post-truth*

Craig A. Boyd, St. Louis University

*Making America Humble Again: Humility and Magnanimity as Greatness in a Post-veridical World*

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**A20-137**

**Study of Islam Unit**

Frederick Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding

Theme: *New Graduate Research in Islamic Studies*

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

John Zaleski, Harvard University

*The Transformation of Late Antique Ascetic Culture: Reimagining Fasting and Celibacy in Early Muslim Ascetic Literature*

Ari M. Gordon, University of Pennsylvania

*Sacred Orientation: The Qibla as Ritual, Metaphor and Identity Marker in Early Islam*

Rebecca Makas, Emory University

*In Spite of Their Thoughts Their Words Require Interpretation: Silence and Ineffability in Medieval Islamic Mysticism*

Michael Rapoport, Yale University

*Natural or Supernatural Wonders? Avicenna (Ibn Sīnā) and His Commentators on Miracles*

Nicholas Boylston, Georgetown University

*The Kaleidoscope of Reality: Rediscovering the Significance of Diversity in 12th Century Persian Philosophical Literature*

Patrick D'Silva, University of North Carolina

*The Power of the Breath in Persianate India*

Josef Linnhoff, University of Edinburgh

*What Does It Mean to "Associate" with God?: Muslim Interpretations of Shirk*

Ken Chitwood, University of Florida

*Fluid Dynamics, Puerto Rican Muslims, and Global Islam*

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**A20-138**

**Study of Judaism Unit**



Dustin Atlas, Al Quds Bard College for Arts and Sciences, Presiding

Theme: *Book Panel: Robert Erlewine's Judaism and the West (Indiana University Press, 2016)*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Martin Kavka, Florida State University

*After Jewish Philosophy as a Normative Science*

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago

*Master's Tools, Master's Houses, Mastery: Thinking with Judaism and the West about "Religion"*

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College

*The Prophetic Problem: Robert Erlewine's Analysis of Abraham Heschel's Critique of Biblical Scholarship*

Responding:

Robert Erlewine, Illinois Wesleyan University

Business Meeting:

Paul Nahme, Brown University

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

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## **A20-152**

**Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit, SBL Pseudepigrapha Unit, and SBL Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Unit**

James McGrath, Butler University, Presiding

Theme: *Multi-spectral Imaging and the Recovery of "Lost" Texts from Palimpsests*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michael Phelps, Early Manuscripts Electronic Library

*The Sinai Palimpsests Project: The Recovery of Erased Texts in the World's Oldest Library*

Keith Knox, Rochester Institute of Technology

*Scholars and Scientists Working Together to Recover Erased Text*

Todd R. Hanneken, Saint Mary's University, San Antonio

*The Jubilees Palimpsest Project*

Ted Erho, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

*Ethiopic Palimpsests and the Curious Case of Petermann II Nachtr. 24*

Loren T. Stuckenbruck, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München  
*The Recoverable Text to 1 Enoch in Petermann II Nachtrag 24*

Roger L. Easton, Rochester Institute of Technology  
*Spectral Image Processing Methods for Recovering Damaged Text*

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**A20-139**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit**

Elizabeth R. Alexandrin, University of Manitoba, Presiding

Theme: *Islamic Futures in Dialogue with Continental Thought*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Basit Iqbal  
*Islam, Psychoanalysis, toward an Analytics of Trial*

Mehnaz Afridi, Manhattan College  
*Mourning, Melancholia and Nostalgia within Islamic Literature*

Micah Hughes, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill  
*The Bergsonian Mysticism of an Anatolian Socialist: Nurettin Topçu (1909-1975)*

Nader El-Bizri, American University of Beirut  
*Heidegger and Falsafa: Critical Methodologies in Investigating Being and Space*

Responding:

Richard McGregor, Vanderbilt University

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**A20-140**

**Vatican II Studies Unit**

Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *The Contributions of John O'Malley, SJ, to the Critical Study of Vatican II*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University  
*Style is Substance: John. W. O'Malley's Contribution to the Study and Interpretation of Vatican II*

David A. Stosur, Cardinal Stritch University  
*A Tale of Two Translations: Rhetorical Style and the Post-Conciliar English Translations of the Mass*

Brenna Moore, Fordham University  
*What Happens When We See Them Through the Lens of the Council? John W. O'Malley, "Parishization," and "Vatican II"*

Ormond Rush, Australian Catholic University  
*Pope Francis as an Interpreter of Vatican II: On Implementing the Council's Style and Substance*

Responding:

John O'Malley, Georgetown University

Business Meeting:

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University

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#### **A20-141**

#### **Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit**

Michele Watkins, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Womanist Ways of Advocacy: Public Policy and Re-envisioning the Black Social Gospel*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Carla Jean-McNeil Jackson, North Chesterfield, VA  
*Rhythm, Rhyme, and Representation: The Role of Black Women Artists in Political Resistance*

Marcia Riggs, Columbia Theological Seminary  
*Envisioning and Practicing Beloved Community in the 21st Century*

Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*Bodies on the Line: Should Black Women Reclaim the Legacy of Warrior Women of Dahomey?*

Responding:

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University  
Ebony Marshall Turman, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Teresa L. Fry Brown, Emory University  
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University

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#### **A20-142**

#### **Exploratory Session**

Torang Asadi, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Diaspora, Homeland: Theorizing the Religious in Diaspora and the Diasporic in Religion*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Cristina Rocha, Western Sydney University  
Elena Kravchenko, University of Texas  
Katherine Merriman, University of North Carolina  
Hunter Bandy, Duke University

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**A20-143**

**Exploratory Session**

Joshua Jeffery, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and War*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Matthew Kosuta, Mahidol University  
*The War to End All Wars and Modern Religious Militarism*

John Chappo, Pennsylvania College of Technology  
*"From The Shade of the Trees to 'No Man's Land': Alfred Joyce Kilmer as Poet, Lecturer, and Soldier"*

John Laaman, Auburn University  
*All That Is Unfit to Print: Churches of Christ Editors in the Great War*

Carlos Lopes, Instituto de História Contemporânea  
*The Internal Front - "Religious War"*

Responding:

William E. Kooi, Oklahoma Christian University

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**A20-144**

**Exploratory Session**

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding  
R. Marie Griffith, Washington University in Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: *The Path Ahead for Academic Centers on Religion and Public Life*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University  
Michael Kessler, Georgetown University  
Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds  
Josef Sorett, Columbia University

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**A20-145**

**Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Meeting**

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

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

**A20-146**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Writing Successful Grant Applications: Dos and Don'ts*

Monday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Panelists:

Peter Althouse, Southeastern University

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

**A20-147**

**Plenary Address: Linda Sarsour**

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University, Presiding

Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelist:

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

Linda Sarsour, MPower Change

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**A20-148**

**Program Committee Meeting**

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

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**A20-149**

**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

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**A20-150**

**Women's Caucus Business Meeting**

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

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

**A20-151**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Balancing Graduate School with Other Dimensions of Life and Identity*

Monday - 12:00 PM-1:30 PM

Panelists:

Nicholas Warse, Baylor University

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

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**A20-200**

**Program Committee and Public Understanding of Religion Committee**

Shreena Gandhi, Michigan State University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion on Television: Production, Positives and Perils/Pitfalls*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

Candida Moss, University of Notre Dame

Vanessa Ochs, University of Virginia

Stephen Prothero, Boston University

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**A20-201**

**Theological Education Committee, Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit, Islam, Gender, Women Unit, Law, Religion, and Culture Unit, and Religion and Politics Unit**

Julie J. Ingersoll, University of North Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Conflict under the Trump Administration*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California, Santa Barbara

Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

David Carrasco, Harvard University

Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University

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

Anver Emon, University of Toronto

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**A20-202**

**Baha'i Studies Unit**

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Public Discourse in an Age of Transition*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

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Benjamin Schewel, University of Virginia  
*Religion in an Age of Transition*

Julia Berger, University of Kent  
*Towards a New Discourse on Gender Equality: A Study of the Bahá'í Community's Engagement with the United Nations*

Michael Karlberg, Western Washington University  
*Beyond Non-Violent Opposition: The Bahá'í Experience of Constructive Resilience*

Geoffrey Cameron, University of Toronto  
*The Baha'i Community and Public Policy: The Baha'i Refugee Resettlement Program (1981-1989)*

Business Meeting:

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend  
Susan Maneck, Jackson State University

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**A20-203**

**Childhood Studies and Religion Unit**

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University, Presiding

Theme: *Representations of Religious Children in Literature*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Meredith Ross, Florida State University  
*Cassie or Rachel?: Shifting Representations of Teen Faith at Columbine*

Jesse Zink, University of Cambridge  
*The Literature of the Lost Boys of Sudan: Depiction of African Childhood and Religion in American Christianity*

Samira Mehta, Albright College  
*Picture Books and the Raising of Children in Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families*

Russell Dalton, Brite Divinity School  
*"The Children of the Bible as Taught to American Children"*

Responding:

Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University, Saint Louis

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

**A20-205**

**Cognitive Science of Religion Unit**

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Cognitive Historiography of Religion: What Is It? What's the Point? And How Do You Do It?*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Luther H. Martin, University of Vermont

*Cognitive Historiography (of Religions)*

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia

*Cognitive Historiography Meets Big Data: A Large-Scale Textual Analysis Approach to Mind-Body Dualism in Early China.*

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University

*Modulating Desires Through Devotion: Cognitive Historiography, Hindu Devotionalism, and the Science of Managing Desire*

Willoughby Britton, Brown University

Jared Lindahl, Brown University

*Buddhist Meditation and Fear: A Cognitive Model of Arousal and Hypersensitivity*

Responding:

Daniel L. Smail, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University

Claire White, California State University, Northridge

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**A20-206**

**Comparative Religious Ethics Unit**

Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding

Theme: *Solidarity, Resistance, and Freedom in Comparative Perspective*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

David Decosimo, Boston University

*In Defense of Big Comparison: Why the Arguments against Comparing Entire Religious Traditions Don't Succeed*

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

Laura Alexander, University of Virginia

*(The Image of) God in All of Us: Putting Sikh and Christian Humanitarian Responses to the Refugee Crisis in Conversation*

Won Chul Shin, Emory University

*Must Resist Totalitarian Sickness: Women's Moral Protest under the Totalitarian Regime in South Korea, 1970-1979*

Faraz Sheikh, College of William & Mary

*Conceptualizing Freedom of Religion in Early Islamic Thought: Al-Muhasibi's "Mind Your Own Subjectivity" Approach To Others*

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**A20-207**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Contemporary Perspectives on a "Perennial" Figure: The Intellectual Legacy of the Late Huston Smith (1919-2016)*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Dana Waide Sawyer, Maine College of Art

Steven Katz, Boston University

Kimberley Patton, Harvard University

Jonathan Herman, Georgia State University

James S. Cutsinger, University of South Carolina

Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama

Arvind Sharma, McGill University

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**A20-208**

**Daoist Studies Unit and Ritual Studies Unit**

David Mozina, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *"From Another World": A Conversation between Daoism and Ritual Theory*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Tobias Zuern, Washington University in St. Louis

*"Ritual Embodiment of the Way and Resonating Correspondences in the Huainanzi"*

Joshua Capitanio, Stanford University

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

*“Sincerity and the Subjunctive in a Daoist Ritual Manual”*

Michael Naparstek, University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Consummate Bodies: A Prolegomenon to a Daoist Ritual Theory of the Senses*

Mark Meulenbeld, University of Wisconsin

*“Categories of Culture: Daoist Ritual and Modernity in Villages of Central Hunan”*

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**A20-209**

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit**

A. David Lewis, MCPHS University, Presiding

Theme: *Superheroes, Where Is Thy Sting?*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Ken Derry, University of Toronto

*Its Rider's Name was Death: Superman's Apocalyptic Colonialism*

Adam D. J. Brett, Syracuse University

*The Monstrosity of Messianism in Zack Snyder's Man of Steel and Batman vs Superman*

Aaron Ricker, McGill University

*Death, Dying and Beyond in Mike Mignola's Hellboy*

Michael Nichols, Saint Joseph's College

*Dead Again: Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Mortality*

Responding:

Candi Cann, Baylor University

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**A20-210**

**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit and Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit  
and Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit**

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Theme: *Spinning Survival with the Word and Methodolatry: Reflections and Critiques on the Legacy of Mary Daly*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Zachary Settle, Vanderbilt

*Spinning Survival with Witch Words: What Mary Daly Taught Me About Theological Language*

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

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California  
*Methodolatry: Mary Daly and Feminist Theory*

Katy Guillen, University of Houston- Downtown  
*The Word as Feminist Intervention*

Responding:

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University  
Linda Barafuldi, Independent Scholar/Amazon

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**A20-211**

**History of Christianity Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit**

Carolyn Twomey, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Disciplinary Approaches to Baptism in Medieval Europe*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Carolyn Twomey, Boston College  
*Baptism in the Great Rebuilding: The Origins of Medieval Fonts in England*

Julia Perratore, Fordham University  
*Medieval Baptism and Community in Romanesque Iberia*

Nicole Reibe, Boston College  
*Baptizing Solomon: Liturgical Uses of King Solomon in the Twelfth-Century*

Fran Altvater, University of Hartford  
*The Not-So-Far North: Scandinavian Baptismal Fonts in Context*

Responding:

Marcia Colish, Yale University

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**A20-212**

**Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit and Religion and Science Fiction Unit**

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

Theme: *Religion, Science Fiction and Transhumanism*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Juli Gittinger, Georgia College

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

*Personhood in the HBO series Westworld*

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College

*Anchoring the Future: Transhumanism in Indian Science Fiction*

Victoria Lorrimar, University of Oxford

*Science Fiction, Theology and Human Technological Enhancement*

Jeff Appel, University of Denver

Benjamin Peters, The University of Denver

*Smearing the Boundary: A Materiality of Soul in Kim Stanley Robinson's Aurora*

Responding:

Sean O'Callaghan, Salve Regina University

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**A20-213**

**Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit**

Siv Ellen Kraft, Arctic University of Norway, Presiding

Theme: *Indigenous Methodologies: Translating Words, Inhabiting Worlds*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Arkotong Longkumer, University of Edinburgh

Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College

Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary

Natalie Avalos, Connecticut College

Liudmila Nikinorova, Arctic University of Tromsø, Norway

Bjørn Ola Tafjord, Arctic University of Tromsø, Norway

Business Meeting:

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College

Gabriel Estrada, California State University

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**A20-214**

**International Development and Religion Unit**

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

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

Theme: *Risk, Religion, and Vulnerability in the Context of International Economic Development*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Alison Lutz, Vanderbilt University

*Whose Imagination, Whose Failure?: The Agency of the Dispossessed and Global Health Equity*

Willem Fourie, University of Pretoria

*Protecting the Poor or Propping up the Powerful? On Religion and Official Development Assistance*

Olivia Wilkinson, Trinity College Dublin

*Religion, Risk, and Vulnerability following Disaster: The Case of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines*

David Kupp, Wycliffe College

*Seeking the Good City: Urban Fragmentation's Challenge to Development and Religion*

Responding:

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University

Business Meeting:

Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury

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**A20-215**

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit**

Paul Knitter, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Perry Schmidt-Leukel's Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School

*Interreligious Studies and a Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity*

John Makransky, Boston College

*A Buddhist Fractal Approach to Interreligious Theology*

Kenneth T. Rose, Christopher Newport University

*Perry Schmidt-Leukel's Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity: Moving Beyond Stalemates in the Theology of Religions and Comparative Theology*

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

Perry Schmidt-Leukel, University of Muenster  
*A Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity*

Jerusha Lamptey, Union Theological Seminary  
*Feminist Fractals?: Perry Schmidt-Leukel's Fractal Interpretation of Religious Diversity and Comparative Feminist Theology*

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University  
*Perry Schmidt-Leukel's Religious Pluralism and Interreligious Theology*

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**A20-216**

**Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit**

Lauren Frances Guerra, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Protest and Accommodation: Latinx Responses to the Protestant Reformations*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary  
Matilde Moros, Virginia Commonwealth University

Responding:

Néstor Medina, Emmanuel College

Business Meeting:

Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University, New York  
Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary

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**A20-217**

**Men, Masculinities, and Religions Unit**

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

Theme: *Voice of the Voiceless: Music, Gender and Power in the Middle East and South Asia*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Hamilton Cook, Emory University  
*Have No Fear—All is One!: Turkish Metal Band Songs as Spiritual Weapons of the Weak*

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

Summar Shoaib, Emory University

*Making Their Voices Heard: Minhaj ul Qur'an Women and Na'at Recitation*

Isaac Foster, Emory University

*The Down-Trodden: Heavy Metal in South India and Hindu Male Voices of the Voiceless*

Amanullah De Sonny, University College Cork

*Madam Noor Jehan: Islam, Music, Queer Identities and the Vulnerable in Pakistan*

Scott A. Kugle, Emory University

*Singing of Transgressive Love: Vulnerable Voices in Qawwali*

Business Meeting:

Amanullah De Sonny, University College Cork

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra

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**A20-218**

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

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry, Presiding

Theme: *Twenty-five Years of Judith Herman's Trauma and Recovery (Basic Books, 1992)*

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

Daniel Mocerri, Graduate Theological Union

*A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats: Judith Herman, Complex Trauma, and a Legacy of Healing*

Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University

*Opening the Cross-Cultural Door: Interdisciplinary Implications of Herman's Work for Lived Religion Studies*

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University

*Tracking the Undertow Only So Far? Witnessing (and) mourning in theological engagements with, and beyond, trauma*

Jennifer Baldwin, Grounding Flight Wellness

*Resiliency of Mind, Body, and Spirit: Tracing the Wisdoms of Judith Herman, Bessel van der Kolk, and Embodied Spiritual Practices for Constructing Trauma Sensitive Theology and Praxis*

Responding:

Judith Herman, Harvard University

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

**A20-219**

**Mormon Studies Unit**

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, A House Full of Females: Plural Marriage and Women's Rights in Early Mormonism, 1835-1870* (Knopf, 2017)

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Sarah Barringer Gordon, University of Pennsylvania  
*Church, Law and Plural Marriage*

Debra Majeed, Beloit College  
*Polygyny in the World of African American Muslims*

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Plural Marriage and the Study of Religion*

Business Meeting:

Spencer Fluhman, Brigham Young University  
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

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**A20-220**

**Nineteenth Century Theology Unit**

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Ted Vial's Modern Religion, Modern Race* (Oxford University Press, 2016)

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

J. Kameron Carter, Duke University  
Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College  
Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University  
Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College

Responding:

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology

Business Meeting:

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

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University

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**A20-221**

**North American Hinduism Unit**

Anya Pokazanyeva Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, Presiding

Theme: *Hinduism and Transnational Religions: Theories and Methods*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Jennifer B. Saunders, Fairfield University  
Claire Robison, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Arun Brahmabhatt, University of Toronto  
Andrea Jain, Indiana University School of Liberal Arts

Business Meeting:

Michael Altman, University of Alabama  
Anya Pokazanyeva Foxen, California Polytechnic State University

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**A20-222**

**North American Religions Unit**

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Making Difference: Religion and Disability in the United States*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University  
*Disability Studies Needs Religion: Lessons from a Queer Crippled Jew*

Darla Schumm, Hollins University  
*Misfitting as a Practice of Justice: Religion, Disability, and Community in the U.S.*

Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Princeton University  
*Aware of Angels: Reflections on Studying Religion and Disability*

Anthony Petro, Boston University  
*Bob Flanagan's Crip Catholicism*

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**A20-223**

## **Philosophy of Religion Unit**

Nicholas Friesner, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: *Ecology in Philosophy of Religion*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Liane Carlson, Princeton University

*"Whoever has no religion should not be called an atheist or unbeliever, but negligent": Michel Serres and Theological Ecology*

Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco

*A Place for Ecological Democracy in Whitehead's Philosophy of Religion and Ecology*

Jacob Sherman, University of Cambridge

*Nature after Nature: Ecology, Religion, and the Anthropocene*

Joanna Leidenhag, University of Edinburgh

Mikael Leidenhag, University of Edinburgh

*Panpsychism, Ecology and Religion: Is Panpsychism an Ecological Philosophy of Religion?*

Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

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## **A20-224**

### **Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit and SBL Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Unit**

John Turner, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Presiding

Theme: *Eros and Ascent in the Ancient and Early Medieval World*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Ilaria L. E. Ramelli, Catholic University, Milan, Angelicum, Princeton University

*Eros and Ascent in Ps. Dionysius: Metaphysical Framework and Roots*

Christopher Denny, St. John's University

*"A Self Shaped by Sacrifices: Augustine's Unique Mystical-Ecclesial Balance"*

Volker Drecoll, Tübingen University

*Progress and Failure: Ascent in Augustine*

Zachary Ugolnik, Columbia University

*"Tesseracts," Spheres, and Divine Vision in the Enneads*

Business Meeting:

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University

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**A20-225**

**Qur'an Unit and Study of Islam Unit**

Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College, Presiding

Theme: *Interpreting Divine Language*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Mairaj Syed, University of California, Davis

*The Constraint and Contingency Model of Tradition-Based Rationality*

Sarah Eltantawi, Evergreen State College

*Medieval Medicine in a Twenty-First Century Courtroom in Nigeria: Reinventing the State of ihsān (marriage)*

Omar Farahat, Yale Law School

*Social Construction in Islamic Legal Theory: The Case of the Imperative Form*

Nuri Friedlander, Harvard University

*From Purity to Animal Rights: Transforming Ṭayyib into a Qur'anic Ethic to Confront Contemporary Questions of Farming and Food*

Dominic Longo, University of St. Thomas

*Spiritual Grammar, Divine Language: Qushayrī's Naḥw al-qulūb*

Business Meeting:

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University

Walid Saleh, University of Toronto

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**A20-226**

**Religion and Migration Unit**

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding

Theme: *Loss, Gain, and Innovation: Alternative Narratives in Migrant Worlds*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Nanette Spina, University of Georgia

*Across Boundaries and Borders: Women's Leadership and Diasporic Innovations in a Hindu Goddess Tradition*

Marie-Therese Mäder, University of Zurich

*The Communication of Religious Identities through Documentaries: Migration Narratives in "Iraqi Odyssey" (Samir, 2015)*

Travis Travis, Temple University

*Mapping the Maritime Silk Road: Migration and the Spread of Buddhism*

Alistair Hunter, University of Edinburgh

*Choosing between "Good Death" and "Good Grief": The Question of Female Participation at Muslim Funerals in Britain and France*

Business Meeting:

Alison Marshall, Brandon University

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**A20-227**

**Religion in South Asia Unit**

Steven Vose, Florida International University, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in the Study of South Asian Religions*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Lynna Dhanani, Yale University

*Hemacandra's "Hymn to the Dispassionate One": An Inter-textual Definition of Jain Devotion*

Naseem Surhio, Harvard University

*Mystical Exotericism: Situating the Call to Hadith by Muhammad Mu'in al-Sindhi, a Sufi Scholar of the 18th Century*

Julie Hanlon, University of Chicago

*From hill-top ascetics to courtly advisers: the development of Jain monastic communities and literary production in ancient Tamil Nadu, South India*

Yael Lazar, Duke University

*Shree Siddhivinayak Dot Com: Hindu Temples' Adoption of Digital Media*

Responding:

Anne Monius, Harvard University

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**A20-228**

**Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit**

Jill Petersen Adams, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *The Felt Life of Vulnerability*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Kate LeFranc, Graduate Theological Union

*The Feeling of Whiteness: Privilege and the Illusion of Invulnerability*

Jonathan Burrow-Branine, University of Kansas

*Affect and Vulnerability in LGBT Social Justice Work in Evangelicalism*

M. Brandon McCormack, Vanderbilt University

*Black Joy: Reflections on Affective Praxes of Resistance, Resilience, and Religion*

Joshua Schwartz, New York University

*Feeling Is Hard: A Corrective to Mystical Bliss*

Business Meeting:

Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford

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**A20-229**

**Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit**

Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Baltimore, MD, Presiding

Theme: *Vulnerable Populations and the Connections between Truth and Action*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University

*Godwin's Law and Jones's Corollary: The Problem of Using Extremes to Make Predictions*

Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia

*Historical Comparison, Vulnerability, and the Trustworthy Witness: Hannah Arendt's "Lying in Politics"*

Russell Johnson, University of Chicago

*Un-American Activities: McCarthyism, Nazism, and Islamophobia*

Responding:

Kate Temoney, Montclair State University

Business Meeting:

Alana Vincent, University of Chester

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**A20-230**

**Religion, Media, and Culture Unit**

Kayla Renée Wheeler, University of Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Entrepreneurs of Alternative Media*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Jeremy Guida

*Charisma, Ego-Trips and Alternative News: Timothy Leary and the Underground Press*

Justin Henry, University of Chicago

*Alternative Media Coast to Coast: Conspiracy, Christian Eschatology and Moral Urgency in Maverick AM Radio Broadcasting*

D. Ashley Campbell, University of Colorado-Boulder

*"Taking Back the Narrative" of American Identity: Millennial Muslims as Media Entrepreneurs*

Angela Rudert, Ithaca College

*New Media, Same Old Magic: "This is the siddhi,"*

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**A20-231**

**Religious Conversions Unit**

Chad Bauman, Butler University, Presiding

Theme: *Diverse Sites of Conversion and De-Conversion*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Vanessa Rau, University of Cambridge

*Migration or Conversion?: Expressions of Being and Longing in Jewish Spaces in Berlin*

Blatei Nongbri, John Roberts Theological Seminary

*Revisiting the Religious Conversion among the Khasis of North East India: A Historical Reflection*

Philip Francis, Manhattan College

*Sex, Art and Embodiment in Evangelical De-conversion*

Veronique Lecaros, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

*Conversion to Pentecostalism as a safe alternative out of delinquent gangs in Peruvian jails*

Business Meeting:

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University

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**A20-232**

**Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**  
Marion S. Grau, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Why "Constructive" Theology: Discerning Contemporary and Emerging Themes in Constructive Theology*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Jason Wyman, Union Theological Seminary  
Holly Hillgardner, Bethany College  
Steed Davidson, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary  
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College Dublin  
Marion S. Grau, MF Norwegian School of Theology

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**A20-233**

**Sociology of Religion Unit and *Critical Research on Religion***  
Katja Rakow, Utrecht University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Rationality, and Rational Choice*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Mitsutoshi Horii, Shumei University  
*Historicizing the Category of 'Religion' in Sociological Theories: Max Weber and Emile Durkheim*

Jon R. Stone, California State University, Long Beach  
*Prophetic Authority in New Religious Movements: Beyond Festinger, Beyond Weber*

Andrew Lynn, University of Virginia  
Isabella Hall, University of Virginia  
*Making Your Work Matter to God: The Cultural Production of New Spirits of Capitalism in 20th Century American Evangelicalism*

Torkel Brekke, University of Oslo  
*Applying market theory of religion outside the modern West*



Responding:

Adam Seligman, Boston University

Business Meeting:

Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion  
Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University

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**A20-234**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**

Sarah Farmer, Yale Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Theologies of Flourishing and the Most Vulnerable*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Keri Day, Brite Divinity School  
Graham Ward, Oxford University  
Miroslav Volf, Yale University  
Fernando F. Segovia, Vanderbilt University

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**A20-235**

**Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit**

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

Theme: *Exploring Kingian Ethics and the Most Vulnerable in the Trump Era*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross  
*Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Theological Ethics of the Most Vulnerable: An Intra-Social Gospel Comparison*

Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University  
*Personhood, Conscience, and the Law: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Theological Ethic of Resistance in the age of "45"*

Jeremy Sorgen, Pacific School of Religion  
*Kingian Nonviolence and the Face of the Other*

Business Meeting:

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University

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**A20-236**

**Wesleyan Studies Unit**

Theodore Walker, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Methodism and Nationalism*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Ryan Nicholas Danker, Wesley Theological Seminary

*Monarchists in an Age of Competing Authorities: John and Charles Wesley, Methodism and the Ancien Régime*

Cindy K. Wesley, University of Northern Colorado

*Divided Loyalties: The Methodist Episcopal Church, Nationalist Propaganda, and the German Methodist Conferences*

Dion Forster, Stellenbosch University

*A State Church? A Consideration of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa in the Light of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's "Theological Position Paper on State and Church"*

Mark Gorman, Centre United Methodist Church, Forest Hill, MD

*Discipleship and Antinationalism in Stanley Hauerwas and John Wesley*

Business Meeting:

Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University

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**A20-237**

**Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit**

William S. Waldron, Middlebury College, Presiding

Theme: *Yogācāra and Meditation: An Inquiry Into the Practical Dimensions of Yogācāra Doctrine*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Yao-ming Tsai, National Taiwan University

*Meditative Practices as Determinative Factors in Constructing and Understanding the Spatial World*

Bruce C. Williams, University of California, Berkeley

*A Paradigm of Yogācāra Meditative Practice in 6-7th Century Northeastern China*

Daniel McNamara, Emory University

*Yogācāra as theory and practice in Ratnākaraśānti's Madhyamakālaṃkāravṛtti*

Yaroslav Komarovski, University of Nebraska

*Why pointing at the moon in the first place? How positive articulations of reality affect its non-conceptual realization*

Responding:

Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University

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**A20-238**

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

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding

Theme: *New Perspectives on Power, Politics, and Religion in the Contemporary Philippines*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

David Govey, Arizona State University

*The Problem of the Visayas in Southeast Asian History and Historiography*

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen

*Duterte Go - Nationalism and Video Gaming on the Philippines*

Candida Binarao

Esmeralda Sanchez, independent

*CBCP's Shift of Religious Discourse on RH Bill and Death Penalty and Its Futile Effect to Filipino Public Opinion and Lawmakers' Stand*

Giovanni Maltese, University of Heidelberg

*Pentecostalism, Hegemony and Reproductive Health in the Philippines*

Responding:

Klaus Koschorke, University Munich LMU

Business Meeting:

Deirdre de la Cruz, University of Michigan

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**A20-239**

**Origen and the Roots of "Human Freedom" and "Human Dignity" in the West Seminar**

Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University, Presiding

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

William Boyce, University of Virginia

*“Origen I Have Already Banned”*: Luther and the Paradox of Eccentric Freedom as Dangerous Embodiment

Kristian Bunkenborg, Martin Luther University  
*Castration and Democratic Rights: Origen in Post-Apartheid South Africa*

Giovanni Tortoriello, Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg  
*A "River of Gold" or a "Perverter of the Doctrine of Justification"? The Reception of Origen in Erasmus and Melancthon*

Karen Felter, University of Muenster  
*“The Middle Way of Truth”*: The Role of Christ in Anne Conway’s Trinitarianism

Elisa Zocchi, WWU Münster  
*“It Is Precisely the World That Counts”*: From Origen to Balthasar, Bodiliness and Freedom as Reflection of Divine Mystery

Peter Anthony Mena, Phillips Theological Seminary  
*Mattering Bodies: Beauty, Animacy, and Visibility in Origen’s On First Principles*

Responding:

Peter Martens, Saint Louis University  
Michael Raubach  
Ellen Muehlberger, University of Michigan  
Elena Rapetti

Business Meeting:

Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University

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**A20-240**

**Exploratory Session**

Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Theme: *Sound As Religion*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Panelists:

Peter McKay, Harvard University  
Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University  
Vicki Brennan, University of Vermont  
Finnian Moore Gerety, Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University  
Annette Wilke, University of Muenster

Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University  
Andrew Mall, Northeastern University  
Mariam Goshadze, Harvard University  
James Webb, Independent artist

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**A20-241**

**Exploratory Session**

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Theme: *Monsters, Monster Theory, and Religion*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Esther Hamori, Union Theological Seminary  
*The Biblical God and His Company of Monsters*

Rhiannon Graybill, Rhodes College  
*A Child is Being Eaten: Maternal Cannibalism in the Hebrew Bible*

Linda Ceriello, Rice University  
*The Big Bad and the Big AHA: Metamodern Monsters as Transformational Figures of Instability*

Justin Mullis, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
*Fighting the War on Christmas with Krampus*

Responding:

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University

Business Meeting:

Steve A. Wiggins, Independent scholar  
Kelly Murphy, Central Michigan University

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**A20-242**

**Academic Relations Committee Meeting**

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding

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**A20-243**

**Professional Conduct Task Force Meeting**

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

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**P20-201a**

**African Association for the Study of Religions**

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *Texts in Context: Molding the Maasai and Prosperity Gospel in South Africa*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Knut Holter, VID Specialized University

*Moulding the Maasai in the Form of the Ancient Israelites: Moritz Merker's Early Twentieth Century Ethnographic Study of the Maasai*

Kevin G. Smith, South African Theological Seminary

Genis Pieterse, South African Theological Seminary

*The Appeal of the Word of Faith Movement*

Business Meeting:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

Corey Williams, Leiden University

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**Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**A20-244**

**Tour: Historical Houses of Worship in Boston's Back Bay**

Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

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

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

**A20-245**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Publish or Perish for Graduate Students*

Monday - 1:30 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

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**Monday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM**

**A20-246**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Tips for Integrating Guest Faith Practitioners in the Classroom*

Monday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Panelists:

Joshua Patterson, University of Georgia

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

**A20-300**

**African Diaspora Religions Unit and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit**

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

Emily Wu, Dominican University of California, Presiding

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University School of Medicine, Presiding

Theme: *Medicine and Mothering in African Diaspora Religions*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Yanique Hume, University of the West Indies Cave Hill Campus

*Performing the Divine Feminine: The Embodied Praxis of Madre Nkisis (Mothers of the Medicines) in Palo Monte*

Jazmin Graves, University of Chicago

*Dancing Under the Veil: Mediating the African Ancestor-Saint Mai Mishra in Western India*

Emily Crews, University of Chicago

*"Miracles of Motherhood from the Margins: Religious Ritual among Female Nigerian Immigrants"*

Kyrah Malika Daniels, Harvard University

*"My Children Come in Many Colors": Whiteness, Motherhood & Mental Health in Haitian Vodou Initiation*

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**A20-301**

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

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

Anthony Dupont, University Leuven, Presiding

Theme: *Interpreting, Decoding, and Transforming Visual Religious Representations*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Yohana Junker, Graduate Theological Union

*Post-commodity: Decolonizing Contemporary Native American Visualities*

Joelle Hathaway, Duke University

*Missional Museums: Medieval Cathedrals, Tourism, and Contemporary Art Exhibitions*

Anthony Dupont, University Leuven

*Artistic Perspectives on the Conversion of Augustine of Hippo*

Elena Vishnevskaya, Central College

*Contemplating Sacred Images: A Synergy between the Cataphatic and Apophatic Prayers*

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**A20-302**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Women and Religion Unit**

Su Yon Pak, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Leading Wisdom: Asian and Asian North American Women Leaders*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Panelists:

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University

Haruko Ward, Columbia Theological Seminary

Laura Cheifetz, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation

Mai-Anh L. Tran, Eden Theological Seminary

Responding:

Russell Jeung, San Francisco State University

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University

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**A20-303**

**Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit and SBL History and Literature of Rabbinic Judaism**

Jonathan Klawans, Boston University, Presiding



Theme: *Self-Control in Augustine and Rabbinic Literature*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Liza Anderson, Episcopal Divinity School  
*The Im(permeable) Self in Augustine and Other Ancient Writers*

Jonathan Schofer, University of Texas at Austin  
*Self-Control, Foucault's Ethics, and Deuteronomy Rabbah 8:4*

Orit Malka, Tel Aviv University  
*Incompetent Witnesses and Self-Control in Tannaitic Literature*

Matthew Goldstone, New York University  
*Humility and the Self: Parallel (Yet Competing) Orientations in the Work of Augustine and the Rabbis of Late Antiquity*

Responding:

Virginia Burrus, Syracuse University

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#### **A20-304**

#### **Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Unit**

Valerie Bridgeman, St. Mary's College, Presiding

Theme: *The Bible and Folklore—Global Perspectives*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College  
*The Bible in Folklore Worldwide—Prefatory Remarks and Overview*

Kerry Hull, Brigham Young University  
*Incorporation of Biblical Narratives in Mesoamerican Oral Traditions*

John Lai, Chinese University of Hong Kong  
*The Bible in Chinese Folkloric Traditions during the 19th and 20th Centuries*

Jerusha Neal, Davuilevu Theological College  
*Biblical Reception in Fijian Verbal Folklore*

Herman Tull, Lafayette College  
*The Missionary Position in South Asian Folklore*

Bishop Makobe, University of Venda

*Reception of the Bible in Southern African Folklore*

Responding:

Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Valerie Bridgeman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio  
Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame

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**A20-305**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit and Ricoeur Unit**

Kenneth A. Reynhout, Bethel University, St. Paul, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Vulnerability, and Violence: Ricoeur and Bonhoeffer in Dialogue*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Gabriel Morgan, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia  
*Religionless Christianity and the Narrative Figuration of Temporality*

Brian Gregor, California State University - Dominguez Hills  
*Religion, Vulnerability, and l'homme capable: Bonhoeffer and Ricoeur in Dialogue*

Howard Pickett, Washington and Lee University  
*The Prison Gives Rise to Thought: Bonhoeffer and Ricoeur on Incarnation and Incarceration*

Patrick Dunn, Stellenbosch University  
*Revolutionary Language Redux: Ricoeur, Bonhoeffer, and the Insufficiency of Meaning in Political Violence*

Business Meeting:

Kenneth A. Reynhout, Bethel University, St. Paul

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**A20-306**

**Buddhist Philosophy Unit**

Alan D. Fox, University of Delaware, Presiding

Theme: *Literary Forms of Argument in Chinese Buddhist Philosophy*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Alan Wagner, Collège de France

*Philosophical Narrative in the Sūtra on Sundarī 須陀利經*

Rafal Stepień, University of Oxford

*Enlightening Literature: A Chinese Buddhist Approach to Emptiness of Word and Mind*

Ben Van Overmeire, St. Olaf College

*Zen Encounter Dialogues as Utopian Narrative: The Ideal World of the Song Dynasty Record of Linji*

Steven Heine, Florida International University

*Arguments For and Against Chan Buddhist Literature as Philosophy*

Business Meeting:

Richard Nance, Indiana University

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University

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**A20-307**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**

Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding

Theme: *Ineffability: An Exercise in Comparative Philosophy of Religion*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Panelists:

Purushottama Bilimoria, Graduate Theological Union; University of California, Berkeley

Jin Y Park, American University

Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose

Bin You, Minzu University of China

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**A20-308**

**Confucian Traditions Unit and Religions, Social Conflict and Peace Unit**

Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Theme: *A Gentleman Does Not Enter the Kitchen, but ... : Confucian Attitudes towards Violence*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Don Wyatt, Middlebury College

*Confucianism and the Militaristic Three of the Six Arts*

Romain Graziani, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon

*Confucius bellicosus?*

Uffe Bergeton, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
*King Wǔ in Revisionist Historiography: Non-Violent Conceptualizations of War in Pre-Qín to Medieval Rú Thought*

Keith Knapp, The Citadel  
*Filial Murderers: The Inescapability of Violence in Medieval Chinese Tales of Sonly Revenge*

Ying Zhang, Ohio State University  
*Confucianism and Imprisoned Officials in Ming China (1368-1644)*

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**A20-309**

**Contemporary Islam Unit and North American Religions Unit**

Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University, Presiding

Theme: *Muslims and Contemporary American Politics*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College  
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina  
Sylvia Chan-Malik, Rutgers University-New Brunswick  
Rudolph Ware, University of Michigan  
Alisa Perkins, Western Michigan University

Business Meeting:

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto  
Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University

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**A20-310**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit**

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Critique and Religious Studies: Assessing the Import of the Dialectic of Enlightenment after 70 Years*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Agata Bielik-Robson, University of Nottingham  
*'Judaism Undercover?' Jewish Cryptotheology in the Dialectic of Enlightenment*

Ian Bacher, University of Nottingham

*Impotence and the Question of Knowledge*

Lucas Wright, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Criticism and the Identification of Power, and Knowledge in the Study of Religion: On Whether the Dialectic of Enlightenment is Possible Today*

Benjamin Fong, Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State  
*Halbbildung: Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer's Theory of "Religion"*

Responding:

Martin Shuster, Goucher College

Business Meeting:

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

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**A20-311**

**Ecclesial Practices Unit**

Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden Research Unit, Uppsala, Sweden, Presiding

Theme: *Transcending the Human: Theological Ethnography and Materiality*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Michael Grigoni, Duke  
*Guns, Affect, and the Actant God: New Materialism and the Ethnographic Turn in Ecclesiology*

Linn Sæbø Rystad, MF Norwegian School of Theology  
*Materiality's role in children's meaning-making from preaching – a Norwegian case study*

Andrew Rogers, University of Roehampton, London, UK  
*Ordinary theologies of place: a case study of new black majority churches in London (UK)*

Laura Lysen, Baylor University  
*Net/work In Memory of Freddie Gray: Lethal Objects, Theological Materiality, and the Church*

Business Meeting:

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto

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**A20-312**

**Ethics Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit**

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding  
Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *American Political Economy and the Politics of Producing Vulnerable Populations*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Zine Magubane, Boston College  
Devin Singh, Dartmouth College  
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology  
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College

Responding:

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University

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**A20-313**

**History of Christianity Unit**

Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College, Presiding

Theme: *Mystical Topographies in Late Medieval Christianity (Thinking with Certeau)*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Charlotte Radler, Loyola Marymount University  
*On the Road to Nowhere: Meister Eckhart's and Michel de Certeau's Topographical Metaphors*

David Albertson, University of Southern California  
*Mystical and Geometrical Space in Nicholas of Cusa: Measure as Negation*

Min-Ah Cho, Catholic Theological Union  
*"Neither Path Nor Way": Hadewijch on Wandering and Exile in Search of Love.*

Leah Buturain Schneider, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*Drawing the Curtain to the Virgin's Cell: Guarding Solitude for Beholding*

Douglas Christie, Loyola Marymount University  
*Elsewhere: Ruusbroec's Itinerary into Darkness*

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**A20-314**

**Islamic Mysticism Unit**

Tehseen Thaver, Bard College, Presiding

Theme: *Commentarial Complexities and Exegetical Explorations in the Sufi Textual Tradition*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Ahmad (Masoud) Ariankhoo, Harvard University

*Imitation and Verification: 'Ayn al-Qudat on Knowledge and Religious Prejudice*

Faris Casewit, Harvard University

*Idolatrous Muslims: The Transposition of the Qur'anic Religious Other in Abū al-Ḥasan al-Ḥarrālī's (d. 1241) Kitāb al-Tawfiyah*

Axel Takacs, Harvard University

*Abū al-Ḥasan Khatamī Lāhūrī's Commentary on the Love Lyrics of Ḥāfiẓ Shīrāzī: The Mystico-Poetics Between the Seen and Unseen*

Hamilton Cook, Emory University

*The Perfect Human as the Most Vulnerable of Creation: Ismail Hakki Bursevi and the Multiple Meanings of Kamāl in Sufi Theology*

Mariam Sheibani, The University of Chicago

*The Grammar of the Heart: The Construction of Sufi Legitimacy in Commentaries on Arabic Grammar*

Responding:

Kristin Sands, Sarah Lawrence College

Business Meeting:

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University

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**A20-315**

**Japanese Religions Unit**

Ryuichi Abe, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Narratives as Strategies: Narrative in Premodern Japanese Religions*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Mikael Bauer, McGill University

*Picking up the sovereign's sandals: Fujiwara no Nakamaro and the creation of Fujiwara Authority*

Bryan Lowe, Vanderbilt University

*Localizing the Universal: Narrative and Performative Strategies in Ninth-Century Japanese*

*Homilies*

Su Jung Kim, DePauw University

*Feeling Story: Religious Emotion in Myōe's Kegon engi emaki*

Jesse Drian, University of Southern California

*The Networking of Origins: Strategies for Moving Beyond the Singular in Temple and Shrine Origin Narratives*

Responding:

Chris Callahan, University of Illinois

Business Meeting:

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University

Asuka Sango, Carleton College

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**A20-316**

**Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Reformed Theology and History Unit**

Kirsi Stjerna, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Reformation and Reformations*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Amy Plantinga Pauw, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology

cornelis van der Kooi, Vrije Universiteit

Evangeline Anderson Rajkumar, Lenoir-Rhyne University

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**A20-317**

**Middle Eastern Christianity Unit**

Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Middle Eastern Christians and Empire*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Joshua Mugler, Georgetown University

*City of God, City of Empire: Antioch in the Byzantine Resurgence*

Jessica Ehinger, Boston University



*Obedience as an Umayyad Milieu: Melkite Identity in the early Islamic Empire*

Deanna Womack, Emory University  
*Syrian Christians: From Imperial Subjects to American Immigrants*

Responding:

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University

Business Meeting:

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University

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**A20-318**

**Music and Religion Unit and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Unit**

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Theme: *Voices of Protest: Race, Religion, and Music*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University  
*Suffering and Translation: Christology and the Spirituals of Roland Hayes*

Octavio Carrasco, Union Theological Seminary  
*Singing Songs for Survival: Freedom Songs in the Civil Rights Movement*

Leonard Lowe, University of North Carolina  
*"After God is Music": Combative Music as a Response to Vulnerability Among Independent Pentecostals in Haiti*

Marilyn Batchelor, Claremont Graduate University  
*The Social Consciousness of Music During The Civil Rights Movement*

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**A20-319**

**Native Traditions in the Americas Unit**

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College, Presiding

Theme: *Native American Rhetoric: Sacred Language, Transformation, Placidity and Nature*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Philip P. Arnold, Syracuse University  
*"And Now Our Minds Are One": The Thanksgiving Address and Attaining Consensus Among the Haudenosaunee*

Felicia Lopez, UCSB, Department of Religious Studies, American Indian and Indigenous Studies  
*Nahua Rhetorical Speech in the Glyphic and Alphabetic Codices of Precontact and Colonial Central Mexico*

Delores Mondragon, UC Santa Barbara  
*Chican@ Rhetoric: Relevance and Survival through Naming, Space, and Inclusion*

Alesha Claveria, University of California-Santa Barbara  
*Rhetoric and Reality: Survivance, Activism, and Sacrality in Native North American Theater*

Lawrence W. Gross, University of Redlands  
*The Use of Digressions in Anishinaabe Rhetoric as a Moral Act: Connecting Speech to the Religious Idea that All Things Are Related*

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Agency of the Ancestors: Is There Such a Thing as Apache Rhetoric?*

Responding:

Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis

Business Meeting:

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa

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## **A20-320**

### **Nineteenth Century Theology Unit**

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding

Theme: *American Transcendentalism as Theological Resource for the Anthropocene*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Emily Dumler-Winckler, University of Notre Dame  
*Emersonian Virtues of the Anthropocene*

Nicholas Friesner, Brown University  
*A Transcendental Intimacy*

Kristen Drahos, University of Notre Dame  
*Nailed to the World: Annie Dillard's Cruciform Transcendentalism*

Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Princeton University  
*The Emersonian Roots of Thoreau's Political Asceticism*

Responding:

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University

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**A20-321**

**Open and Relational Theologies Unit**

Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College, Presiding

Theme: *Open Theology, Open Borders?: Religion and the Most Vulnerable*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas

*Love Trumps Hate: Images of God's Love from Pussyhat Makers*

Timothy Murphy, Claremont School of Theology

*We All Need Somebody to Lean On: Mutual Interest and the Preferential Option*

Deena Lin, Claremont Graduate University

*Embracing Syrian Life: An Intellectual and Political Call to Action*

Robert Overy-Brown, Claremont Graduate University

*Towards a Transgressive Political Theology: Open Theology as Imperative to Open Borders*

Responding:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies

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**A20-322**

**Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit**

Arlene Sanchez-Walsh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Gender, Prosperity and Migrations: New Trends in Pentecostal-Charismatic Scholarship*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Leah Payne, George Fox University

Phillip Luke Sinitiere, Sam Houston State University

Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University

Responding:

Kate Bowler, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Arlene Sanchez-Walsh, Azusa Pacific University

Leah Payne, George Fox University

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**A20-323**

**Queer Studies in Religion Unit**

Jared Vazquez, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *New Research in Queer Religious Studies*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Andrea Allen, Western University, Canada

*"A House of Prayer for All People": LGBT Evangelicals in Brazil*

Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University

*Sacred Dissent: For Queers' Sake and On Queer Stakes In Black Religious Studies*

Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University

*Bad and Boujee —Towards a trap feminist theology*

Joshua Warfield, Graduate Theological Union

*Resistance and the Freedom to Live Authentically: Queering Martin Luther's View of Vocation*

Michelle Mueller, Santa Clara University

*Sisterhood, Patriarchy, and "Bromance": Gender Norms in Reality TV Polygamy/Polyamory*

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**A20-324**

**Religion and Ecology Unit**

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Constructive Approaches to Religion and Ecology*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Matthew Eaton, St. John's University

*Of Religious Ecologies and their "Queer Little Gods": On the Way to an Animist Trinitarianism*

Andrew Thompson, University of the South

*Vulnerability, Resilience, and Agency: Climate Vulnerability as Hybrid Concept and as Tactic*

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College Dublin

*Promiscuous Vines: On the Queer Emergence of a Theological Botany*

Dorothy Dean, Vanderbilt University

*Ethics Beyond Exceptionalism?*

Business Meeting:

James Miller, Queen's University, Kingston

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### **A20-325**

#### **Religion and Migration Unit and Religion, Memory, History Unit**

Mona Hassan, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Lost Lands and Lives: Religious Memories of Movement, Migrations, and Landscapes*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Michael Amoruso, University of Texas at Austin

*"Because This is Where the Slaves Were Hanged": Haunting and Devotion in Sao Paulo*

Elina Vuola, University of Helsinki

*The Pilgrimage of St Tryphon of Pechenga as an Expression of Loss and Memory for the Skolt Sami Indigenous People*

Hyunwoo Koo, Harvard University

*Migrating Ritual: A Theological Ethnography on Chudo yebea (ancestral grieving rite for Korean Christians) in America*

Sabahat Adil, University of Colorado Boulder

*The Memory of al-Andalus in al-Ghassānī's (d. 1707) Travelogue (Rihla)*

Anja Pogacnik, University of Edinburgh

*Loss, Gain, and Innovation: How Young Leicester Jains Conceptualise Socio-Geographical and Inter-Generational Religious Change*

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### **A20-326**

#### **Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit**

Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Nationalism and Religion Education in Public Schools*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Norman Richardson, Stranmillis University College, Belfast  
*Religion, Schooling and Conflicting Nationalisms: Educational Perspectives from Northern Ireland*

Erica Larson, Boston University  
*Building Pious Citizens for a Plural Society: Religious and Civic Education in Indonesia*

Kate Soules, Boston College  
*When Religion Isn't a Part of Culture: Reviewing the Relationship between Religion and Multicultural Education*

Responding:

Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University

Business Meeting:

Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University  
Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa

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**A20-327**

**Religion and Sexuality Unit and Study of Islam Unit**

Fatima Seedat, University of Cape Town, Presiding

Theme: *Sexual Ethics in Medieval Islamic Thought*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Sara Omar, American University  
*Shifting Orthodoxies: Representations of the Zaynab bint Jahsh Affair*

Arafat Razzaque, Harvard University  
*Curtain Ethics: Sex, Privacy and the Idea of Concealing Sins in Medieval Islam*

Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University  
*"This Is Not in the Book of God!"—Or Is It?: A Queer Medieval Textual Moment and the Gendering of Textual Authority*

Saadia Yacoob, Williams College  
*Gendering Sexual Desire: Tamkīn and Female Sexual Agency*

Responding:

Kecia Ali, Boston University

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**A20-328**

**Religion in South Asia Unit**

Tulasi Srinivas, Emerson College, Presiding

Theme: *The Other Religious Politics: Making Religion in the Service of Secularity*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Ananya Dasgupta, Case Western Reserve University

*Secular Imaginations of a Muslim Homeland: Bengali Muslim Cultural Activists of the 1940s and Their Antecedents*

Dean Accardi, Connecticut College

*Kashmiriyat, Hindutva, and Secularist Visions of Religion in Kashmir*

Philip Friedrich, University of Pennsylvania

*Vicissitudes of the Sāsana: Linking and Delinking Religion and Politics in Sri Lanka*

Jaclyn Michael, James Madison University

*Visions of Religious Belonging and Secular India in Premchand's Karbala*

Responding:

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University

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**A20-329**

**Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit**

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: *Watching Stranger Things Religiously: Fierce Community, Binge-watching, and the Shifting Landscape of TV Consumption*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Katelynn Carver, University of St Andrews

*Coffee and Contemplation: 'Friends Don't Lie' and Other 'Stranger' Commandments of a Spirituality of Human Relationality*

John Lyden, Grand View University

*Streaming the Upside Down: Stranger Things on Netflix than are Dreamt of in Broadcast Television*

Responding:

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton  
Ken Derry, University of Toronto

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**A20-330**

**Roman Catholic Studies Unit**

Julia Enxing, St Georgen Graduate School of Theology and Philosophy, Presiding

Theme: *Sinfulness and Satisfaction: Exploring the Limits of Forgiveness and Reconciliation in a Global Context*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Ulrike Link-Wieczorek, University of Oldenburg

*Reconciliation by symbolic compensation (Wiedergutmachung). A Re-interpretation of the satisfaction-theory of Anselm of Canterbury*

Katharina Peetz, Saarland University

*Repairing the Irreparable? Practices of Symbolic Reparations in Post-Genocide Rwanda*

Jutta Koslowski, University of Münster

*The Development of Ecclesial Rituals of Repentance. A Critical Analysis of the International Projects »Path of Reconciliation« and »March of Life«*

Dominik Gautier, Carl von Ossietzky Universität Oldenburg

*The Challenge of Epistemic Violence. A Postcolonial Reflection on the Doctrine of Reconciliation*

Responding:

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College

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**A20-331**

**Science, Technology, and Religion Unit**

Christopher Southgate, University of Exeter, Presiding

Theme: *On the Future of Science, Technology, and Religion*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College

*On the Importance of Being Local: Anthropology in the Study of Religion, Science and Technology*

Curtis Baxter, American Association for the Advancement of Science



*Science and the Next Generation of Religious Leaders: The AAAS Science for Seminaries Project*

Adam Pryor, Bethany College

*Religion in Dialogue with Cross-Disciplinary Scientific Inquiry*

Ahmed Ragab, Harvard Divinity School- Harvard University

*"A Beau Ideal for whosoever hopes for God": piety, medicine and prophetics in the medieval and contemporary Middle East.*

Business Meeting:

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico

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**A20-332**

**Study of Judaism Unit**

Shari Rabin, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Jews and Racialization*

Monday - 4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Nicholas Andersen, Brown University

*The Hook in Leviathan's Mouth: Jewish Difference in Carl Schmitt's Der Leviathan*

Daniel May, Princeton University

*Liberal Zionism and its Discontents: Louis Brandeis, Leo Strauss, Isaiah Berlin and the Foundations of a Fraying Consensus*

Paul Nahme, Brown University

*Semitism and Secularism: Jewish Class Consciousness Between Race and Religion*

Evan Goldstein, Union Theological Seminary

*Heinrich Graetz and the Racialization of Judentum*

Responding:

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

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**A20-333**

**Teaching Religion Unit**

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching the Introductory Course*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

William Robert, Syracuse University

*Ways and Means (or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Introduction to the Study of Religion)*

Andrew McKee, Florida State University

*The Use and Misuse of Cults and New Religious Movements in an Introduction to World Religions Classroom*

Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

*The Impact of Experiential Learning in an Introduction to Asian Religions Course*

Gregory Robbins, University of Denver

Andrea Stanton, University of Denver

*Teaching Common Figures in the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Scriptures*

Esther Boyd, Interfaith Youth Core

*Emerging Frontiers for Interreligious and Interfaith Studies: Interreligious Pedagogy for Pre-Professional Education*

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#### **A20-334**

#### **Western Esotericism Unit and SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Unit**

Claire Fanger, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual Creativity: Old and New, Inside and Out*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward's University

*Historiolae and Pseudepigraphy: An Assessment with an Eye toward Ritual and Ascent*

Cynthia Dawson, Rice University

*Hiding Sophia: Preservation of the Female Body's Value in Gnostic Mythology*

Matthew Dillon, Rice University

*(Re-)Inventing the Bridal Chamber: Sacrament, Psychic Androgenization, and Sacred Sex*

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo

*Mystical Embryologies: Knowledge, Practice, and Devotion*

Paul Pasquesi, Marquette University

*"Having Started With the Spirit Are You Now Ending With the Flesh?": Circumcision, Vision, and Initiation in Galatians*

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#### **A20-335**

#### **Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit**

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College, Presiding

Theme: *This is MY Body: Women of Color Preaching Activisms, Reproductive Justice, and Virtu[e]al Theologies*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Gina Jungyeon Bae, University of Toronto, Emmanuel College  
*Imaging God as a North American Korean Feminist*

Cona Marshall, Michigan State University  
*"Who Made These Rules?": Black Women Rapping and Preaching Activism and Liberation*

Ashlyn Strozier, Claremont Graduate University  
*"What You Preaching' We Ain't Liv'in,": Faith Traditions and Communities Impact on Black Women's Reproductive Decisions*

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University  
*All Babies Matter: Analyzing Debates of Reproductive Justice and Religious Media*

Responding:

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University  
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College

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## **A20-336**

### **World Christianity Unit**

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Identities in Crisis: Cases of Christianities across Asia*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Chandra Mallampalli, Westmont College  
*Dalit Christian Reservations: A Live Debate with Colonial Moorings*

Herman Teule, University Louvain  
*Middle Eastern Christian Identity - Ethnic Instead of Ecclesiastical: A Shift in Perspective*

Albertus Bagus Laksana, Sanata Dharma University, Indonesia  
*Hybrid Identity in Peril: Christian Community and Political Islam in Indonesia*

Sebastien Peyrouse, George Washington University

*Christianity and Ethnicity in Soviet and Post-Soviet Central Asia: Mutual Intrusions and Instrumentalisations*

Po Ho Huang, Chang Jung Christian University

*Christian Bewilderment of Identity Struggling in East Asia – A Taiwanese Perspective*

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**A20-337**

**Folklore and Religion Seminar**

Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University, Presiding

Theme: *Material Culture and Vernacular Religion*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Amy Milligan, Old Dominion University

*Creating a Sanctuary of the Home: Material Culture and the Jewish Sabbath in the Interwar Years*

Jonathan D. Brumberg-Kraus, Wheaton College

*Gastronomic Judaism as Vernacular Religion*

Aled Thomas, The Open University

*The Material Culture of Scientology: The Evolution of Hubbard's Auditing 'Tech' and E-Meters.*

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University

*Pixelating Holiness: Digital Orthodoxy in Appalachia*

Marion Bowman, Open University, Milton Keynes

*Ambiguity, Power and Creativity: Materiality, relationality and vernacular legitimacy in the cult of Gauchito Gil*

Responding:

Donald J. Cosentino, University of California, Los Angeles

Business Meeting:

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College

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**A20-338**

**Interreligious Reflections on Immigration Seminar**

Joseph Mas, Ohio Hispanic Coalition, Presiding

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Waleed El-Ansary, Xavier University

*Al-Azhar University on the Responsibilities of Minority Muslims Living in Non-Islamic Societies*

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University  
*On Being a Muslim in a Non-Islamic Society: Seeing Islam in the "Other"*

Zahra Jamal, Rice University  
*"Becoming American": Loving One's Refugee-Migrant Neighbors*

James McBride, New York University  
*From the American Protective Association to Trump's America First: American Xenophobia in Historical Perspective*

Ron Choong, Center for Interdisciplinary Research  
*Reflections on Faith, Religion, and Geography: Christianity on the Silk Road*

Alexander Y. Hwang, Xavier University  
*Comparative Reflections on the Meanings of My Neighbor's Faith: Toward a Christian Theology of Immigration*

Helen Boursier, University of St. Mary; College of St. Scholastica  
*The Great Exchange: An Interfaith Theology of Absolute Hospitality for Immigrants Seeking Asylum*

Responding:

Laura Alexander, University of Virginia  
Allen G. Jorgenson, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary  
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego  
Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University  
Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College  
Hee-Kyu Heidi Park, Xavier University  
Marcus Mescher, Boston College  
Silas Allard, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Alexander Y. Hwang, Xavier University

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**A20-339**

**Religion and Families in North America Seminar**

Samira Mehta, Albright College, Presiding  
Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Irene Stroud, Princeton University  
*"Fewer and Better Babies": Eugenics and the Middle-Class Protestant Marriage*

Brooke Katheen Brassard, University of Waterloo  
*Domestic and Sacred: Mormon Rituals of Healing, Prophecy, and Family in Canadian Settlements*

Francesco Morriello, Harvard University  
*Catholic Missionaries and Rituals of Marriage and Family Reproduction in the French Caribbean, c. 1756 – 1802*

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
*The Religious Agenda Behind the Mommy wars*

Business Meeting:

Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Samira Mehta, Albright College

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**A20-341**

**Theological Education Committee**

Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Faith and Resistance in an Age of Trump*

Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University  
Miguel Diaz, Barry University  
David P. Gushee, Mercer University  
Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School  
Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University

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

**A20-340**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Dissertation + Baby: How to Do Two of the Hardest Things You've Ever Done in Your Life Simultaneously, with Little Money or Sleep*

Monday - 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

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Panelists:

Regina Walton, Harvard Divinity School

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**Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

**A20-400**

**Film: *Last of the Polish Jews***

April Makgoeng, University of Southern California, Presiding

Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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**A20-401**

**Film: *The Bahá'ís***

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding

Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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**A20-402**

**Program Unit Chairs' and Steering Committee Members' Reception**

Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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

**A21-100**

**African Religions Unit and Childhood Studies and Religion Unit**

Sally Stamper, Capital University, Presiding

Theme: *Rites of Passage, Rites of Return: Performative Markers of Childhood, Youth and Religious Change in Africa*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Devaka Premawardhana, Colorado College

*A Rite of Return: Boys and Mothers in an African Initiation Ceremony*

Funlayo Easter Wood, Harvard University

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

*By This Time Next Year, I'll Surely Be Worshiping the White Man's God: Children, Conversion, and Resistance in Yorubaland*

Abimbola Adelokun, University of Texas

*Pentecostal Naming as Performative Utterance among the Yoruba, Nigeria*

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**A21-101**

**Afro-American Religious History Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit**

Zaid Adhami, Williams College, Presiding

Theme: *Africa on Abernathy*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Panelists:

Meredith Coleman-Tobias, Emory University

Diana Burnett, University of Pennsylvania

Amey Victoria Adkins, Duke University

Ashley Coleman, Emory University

Responding:

James Manigault-Bryant, Williams College

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**A21-102**

**Christian Spirituality Unit**

Douglas Hardy, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Embodiment and the Study of Spirituality*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Laura Anellia Soureli, University of Cambridge

*Embodied Dimensions of the Contemplative Practices in Hesychasm (Eastern Orthodox Asceticism): A New Perspective*

Marie Pagliarini, Saint Mary's College

*"Sacramentalizing the Body": Christian Tattooing in the San Francisco Bay Area*

Lexi Eikelboom, John Wesley Honors College, Indiana Wesleyan University

*Using Rhythm to Move Beyond Text in the Study of Christian Spirituality*



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

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**A21-103**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**

Jon Keune, Michigan State University, Presiding

Theme: *Recentering Sacred Biography: Hagiography as a Category of Analysis for Comparative Sanctities*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University

*An Example of Tibetan Namtar: Lojong Master Tokmé Zangpo's Life*

Todd French, Rollins College

*Texts of Lives and Lives of Texts: A reconsideration of the hagiographical compilations of John of Ephesus and Cyril of Scythopolis*

Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University

*A case for hagiography: on academic awareness and saintly lives as historiographic practices*

Business Meeting:

Sara Ritchey, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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**A21-104**

**History of Christianity Unit**

David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Complicating Luther and the Reform: A Quincentenary Retrospective*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Matthew Rosebrock, Concordia University St. Paul

*Icons of Theology: Lucas Cranach's Law and Gospel Paintings and Martin Luther*

Andrew Martin, Vanderbilt University

*Jesus or Moses? Thomas Hobbes's Eschatological Change of Heart and the Diversity of Reformed Two Kingdoms Theology*

Laura Jurgens, University of Calgary

*Let Them Bear Children to Death: A Discourse on Martin Luther, Women, and Misogyny*

Ross Kane, University of Virginia

*Sola Scriptura or the White Man's Book? Negotiating Reformation Legacies in the Global South*

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

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**A21-105**

**Qur'an Unit**

Joseph Lombard, American University of Sharjah, Presiding

Theme: *Qur'an Commentary and Practice*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

James Riggan, Florida State University

*Touched by the Book: the Relationship between the Qur'an and the Body in Moroccan Exorcism Practices*

Stephen Burge, Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, UK

*'Summary Exegeses' as a Distinct Genre of Tafsir: The Tafsir al-Jalalayn*

Samuel Ross, Yale University

*What Were the Most Popular Qur'an Commentaries in Islamic History? An Assessment of the Manuscript Record and the State of Western Tafsir Studies*

Abdulla Galadari, Masdar Institute / Al-Maktoum College

*Miqat: The Appointed Time in the Qur'an*

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**A21-106**

**Religion and Disability Studies Unit**

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College, Presiding

Theme: *Disability Across Traditions: Islam, Mormonism, and Pentecostalism*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Halla Attallah, Georgetown University

*The Qur'an and Disability Studies: Physical Disability and Icon Polemics in Qur'an 21:51-70*

Blair Hodges, Brigham Young University

*Mingling the Moral and Medical in 19th-century Mormonism*

Matthew Brake

*Amos Yong, Feminist Disability, and Overcoming the Ideology of Cure in Pentecostal Theology*

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**A21-107**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**

Rakesh Peter Dass, Hope College, Presiding

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

Theme: *Sacred Time in Judaism and Seventh-Day Adventism*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Lynn Kaye, The Ohio State University  
*Does Classical Rabbinic Judaism Have Sacred Time?*

Alon Goshen-Gottstein, The Elijah Interfaith Institute  
*Constructing Sacred Time in Judaism - Memory, Eschatology, Temple and Presence*

Michel Lee, The University of Texas at Austin  
*The Unity of Cyclical and Linear Time: Sabbath, Eschatology, and Pain in 19th-century Seventh-day Adventist Thought*

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

**A21-108**

**Animals and Religion Unit**

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: *Encountering God in the Farmyard: Religion in Animal Spaces*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Seth Perry, Princeton University  
*The Cow Saw Jesus, Too: Domestic Animals as Rhetorical Religious Actors in Early America*

Tom Berendt, Temple University  
*Bovine Benefactors: An Examination of the Role of Religion in Cow Sanctuaries across the United States*

Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College  
*Humans and the Humble Bees: Bee-Human Relations, Rituals, and Sacred Spaces at Shoresh Jewish Environmental Programs*

Melody Escobar, Oblate School of Theology  
*Wisdom's Hooves: Becoming and Belonging in the Arena of Christ; A New Path to Exploring the Motherhood Motif of Julian of Norwich*

Responding:

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

David Clough, University of Chester

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**A21-109**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

Isa Babur, Sakarya University, Presiding

Theme: *Islamic History, Art, and Memory*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University

Jesse Miller, Florida State University

*Qur'anic Inscriptions as Signposts of Power*

Jamila Davey, University of Texas at Austin

*Ethical Dimensions of Literary Interpretation: Assia Djebar's novel approach to the Islamic Past*

Mona Hassan, Duke University

*Poetic Memories of the Prophetic Household at the Helm of Islamic Governance*

Isa Babur, Sakarya University

*(An)iconism in Turkish Islam: A Literary Genre and the Calligraphic Form of Depiction of the Prophet*

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**A21-110**

**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and North American Religions Unit**

Arissa Oh, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Welcoming the Stranger: Ethics of Care and Religious Refugee Resettlement Work in the United States from WWII to the Present*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Janet Bauer, Trinity College

*The Role of Faith-Based and Faith-Related Voluntary Organizations in Facilitating Pathways to Refugee Social Inclusion*

Melissa Borja, City University of New York

*"I'm Going to Be Your Big Sister, Big Brother": Notions of Gender and Family in Faith-Based Refugee Care*

Gale Kenny, Barnard College

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

*Mothers for the New World Order: Postwar Refugees and Protestant Churchwomen*

Responding:

Paul Bramadat, Centre For Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria

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**A21-111**

**Buddhism Unit**

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Theme: *New Work in Buddhist Studies*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

*Oral Theory and Protestant Assumptions in the Study of Early Buddhist Sutras*

Blayne Harcey

*The Search for Buddhist Origins and the Construction of Lineage at Lumbini Nepal*

Ian MacCormack, Harvard University

*Circling the Square: Rethinking the Lhasa Maṇḍala*

Natasha Mikles, University of Virginia

*“The Butcher, the Baker, and the Hell-Being Maker: How the Embodied Experience of Samsara Makes Buddhist Hell”*

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College

*Vulnerability and Friendship at a Japanese Leprosarium: Affective Ethical Practice among Jōdo Shinshū Buddhists*

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**A21-112**

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

James Arcadi, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Panel Discussion on A Kryptic Model of the Incarnation (Routledge, 2014)*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Richard Cross, University of Notre Dame

Joshua Farris, Houston Baptist University

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

C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University  
Thomas McCall, Trinity International University

Responding:

Andrew T Loke, Hong Kong University

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**A21-113**

**Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit**

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding

Theme: *Standing Rock and Beyond: Lakota Knowledge, Global Indigenous Sovereignty and Religious Freedom.*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Stephanie Yuhas, Naropa University  
*Standing for Sovereignty at Standing Rock*

Siv Ellen Kraft, UiT. The Arctic University of Norway  
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado  
*Injury, Action, and Protection: Comparing Discourses of Religion, Law, and the Environment at Standing Rock (North Dakota), Alta (Sápmi), and Mauna Kea (Hawai`i)*

Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Central Florida  
*Incommensurability and the Challenge for Indigenous Religious Freedom Claims*

Kenneth Richards, University of North Carolina  
*Savage Ecologies: Religious Freedom, Traditional Indigenous Knowledge, and U.S. Environmental Policy*

Responding:

Kathleen J. Martin, California Polytechnic State University

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**A21-114**

**Japanese Religions Unit and Tantric Studies Unit**

Ryuichi Abe, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *The Reweaving of Mantra: Esoteric Buddhism in Japan after Kūkai (774–835)*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Ethan Bushelle, Western Washington University

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

*The Aesthetics of Mantra: A Buddhological Genealogy of Medieval Waka Poetics*

Eric Swanson, Harvard University

*Majestic Methods to Vanquish Evil: Negotiating the Power of Subjugation in Tendai Esoteric Commentaries*

Aaron Proffitt, University at Albany, SUNY

*Exo-Esoteric Pure Land Buddhism in Early-Medieval Japan*

Anna Andreeva, University of Heidelberg

*Enlightenment for the “Country Bumpkins”?: Esoteric Buddhism, Kami Cults, and Non-elite Practitioners in Medieval Japan*

Responding:

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**A21-115**

**Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit**

Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University, New York, Presiding

Theme: *Sanctuary Spaces and Liturgical Practices: Safety and Resilience in Latinx Communities*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Leo Guardado, University of Notre Dame

*Sanctuary Churches: Resisting State Violence*

Jennifer Owens, Graduate Theological Union

*Las Caminatas por la Paz as Epistemological Practice: How Popular Catholicism Makes Meaning of Suffering and Practices Healing*

Responding:

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton

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**A21-116**

**Philosophy of Religion Unit**

Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions for Analytic Philosophy of Religion?*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michelle Panchuk, Murray State University

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

*Distorting Concepts, Obscured Experiences: On the Role of Hermeneutical Injustice in Religious Trauma and Spiritual Violence*

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary

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**A21-117**

**Religion and Economy Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit**

Justin Stein, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Capital and the Secular: New Critiques and New Horizons*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Elayne Oliphant, New York University

Rosemary R. Corbett, Bard College

Josef Sorett, Columbia University

Matthew King, University of California, Riverside

Lucia Hulsether, Yale University

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Rebecca Bartel, University of Toronto

Responding:

Webb Keane, University of Michigan

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**A21-118**

**Religion and Popular Culture Unit**

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding

Theme: *Sartorial Transgressions: Reflections on Fashion, Religion, and Resistance*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Benae Beamon, Boston University

*Fashioning the Subject: Black Queerness, Identity, and an Ethic of Honor*

Jeanine Viau, University of Central Florida

*In and out of One Another's Closets: Notes on Form, Fashion, and Freedom in the Classroom*

Jared Vazquez, Iliff School of Theology



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

*Rummaging through the Bargain Bin: Agency and Resistance in the Pursuit of Personal Style*

Whitney Bond, Chicago Theological Seminary

*You Gone Wear That?! Fashion, Self-Expression, and Resistance for Queer Black Women and Gender Non-conforming Black Folk in the Pulpit*

Responding:

Otto von Busch, New School

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**A21-119**

**Religion in South Asia Unit**

Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College, Presiding

Theme: *Constructing Powerful Selves: Autobiography in South Asia*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Chloe Martinez, Claremont McKenna College

*"An eminent Mohammedan moulvie": Autobiography and Conversion in Colonial Punjab*

Alyson Prude, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

*Authority and Vulnerability: Tibetan Buddhist Women's Oral Life Narratives*

Ben Williams, Harvard University

*Abhinavagupta as a Cosmopolitan Siddha: Religious Sources for Writing the Self in Medieval Kashmir*

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto

*A Bourgeois Ethic for Hindu Bombay: Victorian Self-Help and the Gujarati Travelogue*

Responding:

Janet Gyatso, Harvard University

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**A21-120**

**Science, Technology, and Religion Unit**

Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Vulnerable Populations, Science, Technology, and Religion*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michelle Wolff, Duke University

Kara Slade, Duke University

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

*Sex Robots: Outsourcing Care Labor to Technology*

Stina Busman Jost, Bethel University

Andrea Hollingsworth, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

*Inherited Vulnerabilities: Epigenetics and Religious Ethics*

Jordan Brady Loewen, Syracuse University

*"Hacking Perception": Techno-Entheogens, VR, and the Vulnerability of Subjectivity*

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**A21-121**

**Study of Judaism Unit**

Yonatan Brafman, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Presiding

Theme: *Vulnerability, Resistance, and Mourning*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Sam Shonkoff, University of Chicago Divinity School

*"Corporeality, not Spirituality": Martin Buber's Resistance at Eranos in 1934*

William Plevan

*The Theoretical Elimination of Resistance: Buber's Critique of Plato and Weber*

Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University

*Two Approaches to Vulnerability and the Exodus Narrative: The Stranger in the Writings of Irving Greenberg and Meir Kahane*

Gila Silverman, University of Arizona

*"We sat shiva for three days": Jewish mourning among liberal American Jews*

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**A21-122**

**Teaching Religion Unit**

David B. Howell, Ferrum College, Presiding

Theme: *Evidence Based Teaching in Religion*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego

*Engaging Contentious Issues Using Team-Based Learning Strategies*

John Lyden, Grand View University

*Teaching Islam and Current Events through Experiential Learning*

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

Nathaniel Samuel, St. Thomas University

*Teaching Introduction to Religious Studies through a Partial Community Engagement Model.*

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University

*“History Repeats: The Critical Theorist’s/Theologian’s Study of Religious History in Real Time”*

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University

*Somatic Learning: An Exercise in “Reading” Religious Texts*

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**A21-123**

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit**

Stephen G. Ray, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Politics, Power, and the Rise of Fascism*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Caleb Hendrickson, University of Virginia

*The Demonic Arts & The Politics of Resistance: Discerning the Spirits of Visual Culture with Paul Tillich*

Ho Siu Pun, Chinese University of Hong Kong

*Power as Basic Element for Analyzing and Responding to Fascism--- A Study of Paul Tillich’s Theology of Power*

Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University

*Bonhoeffer and Tillich: Brothers in Arms*

Jari Ristiniemi, University of Gävle

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*State Philosophy, Micro-Fascism, and the New Materiality; Tillich's Contribution for Recent Political Philosophy*

Business Meeting:

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University

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**A21-124**

**Women and Religion Unit**

Nami Kim, Spelman College, Presiding

Theme: *Roundtable on Critical Theology against U.S. Militarism in Asia: Decolonization and Deimperialization*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

Panelists:

Michael Sepidoza Campos, Emerging Queer Asian Religion Scholars  
K. Christine Pae, Denison University  
Benjamin Lew, University of Michigan  
Amy R Barbour

Responding:

Rita Brock, Brite Divinity School

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

**A21-125**

**Cognitive Science of Religion Unit**

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University, Presiding

Theme: *Current Theories and Applications of the Cognitive Science of Religion*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University  
Jeffrey Schloss, Westmont College  
*Ecstatic religious experiences promote cooperation*

Adam Baimel, University of British Columbia  
Rita McNamara, Victoria University of Wellington  
Benjamin Purzycki  
Ara Norenzayan, University of British Columbia  
*An Anthropomorphized God is a Believable God*

Kathryn Johnson, Arizona State University  
Adam Cohen, Arizona State University  
*Evolved, Fundamental, Social Motives and the Varieties of God Representations*

Aiyana Willard, University of Texas  
*Understanding the Mind of God: The role of anthropomorphism as motivated cognition in explaining supernatural belief*

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**A21-126**

**Daoist Studies Unit**

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

Willis Munroe, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *Where Sources Merge and Streams Depart: Ge Hong and the Navigation of Religious Identity*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Matthew Wells, University of Kentucky

*The Earth Immortal: The Political and Social Context of Ge Hong's Religious Writing*

Clayton Ashton, University of British Columbia

*The limits of propriety: ritual practice in the Baopuzi*

Wayne Kreger

*The Great Beginning with Myriad Completions – Ge Hong's Thought in Cultural Context*

Responding:

Robert Campany, Vanderbilt University

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**A21-127**

**Ethics Unit**

Frederick Simmons, Center of Theological Inquiry, Presiding

Theme: *Legacies of Revolution in Light of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Jonathan Sauder, Brite Divinity School

*The Malleable Mennonite Conscience: From Persecuted Prophets to Privileged Pacifists*

Brian Lee, Princeton University

*Is Harper's Ferry an American Mount Moriah? Ethics at the Limits of Law and Order*

Marlon Millner, Northwestern University

*The Light in Darkness – Evening Light Saints, Pentecostal Fugitivity, and Faith Alone*

R. Ward Holder, Saint Anselm College

*The Reformation as Revolution? Questioning the Revolutionary Character of the Church, Then and Now*

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**A21-128**

**Religion and Politics Unit**

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

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

Theme: *The U.S Supreme Court and the Evolution of Religious Liberty*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Katrina Myers, Boston University

*Little Sister's Sorrow: Religion and Reproductive Justice in the Era of Obamacare*

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California

*The Fourth Disestablishment: Legitimacy and Religious Minorities*

Eric Stephen, Harvard University

*Unpacking the Theological Underpinnings of Hobby Lobby: An Intellectual History of the Idea of 'Complicity' in American Religion and Law*

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**A21-129**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Unit**

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Social Activism in a Trump Era*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas

*Religious Convictions Among Pussyhat Makers*

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery

Kimberly P. Brackett, Auburn University at Montgomery

*The Threats to Families Today: Pastoral Rhetoric and the Changing Religio-Political Landscape in the United States*

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**A21-130**

**Study of Islam Unit**

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: *Exploring the Islamic and the Secular*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Anna Piela, Leeds Trinity University

*Identity and experiences of women who choose to wear the niqab (the Islamic face veil) in the UK*

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

Shatha Almutawa, Willamette University

*Playing with Gender and Modernity: Tango in Secular Muslim Contexts*

David Decosimo, Boston University

*What Is an Islamic Value? Are There Any?*

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**A21-131**

**Western Esotericism Unit**

Cathy N. Gutierrez, Presiding

Theme: *Differently Gendered Esotericisms: Modern Esoteric Negotiations of Gender Polarity*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Erin Prophet, Rice University

*Syncretism in the Gendered and Nongendered Reproduction of Blavatsky's Root Races—From Hermaphrodites to Hairy Red Giants*

Georgia van Raalte, University of Kent

*Pomegranates and Crescent Honey-Cakes: Divine Femininity and Everyday Womanhood in the Work of Dion Fortune*

Manon Hedenborg White

*Queering the Cup? The Negotiation of Gender Polarity in Contemporary Thelema*

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