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

A17-101
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding
Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

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

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

Friday - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM
A17-104
International Connections Committee Meeting
Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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

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
Friday - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
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

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

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

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

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

Friday - 12:30 PM-5:30 PM
A17-111
Tour: Museum of African American History, MLK Archive and Marsh Chapel
Friday - 12:30 PM-5:30 PM

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Friday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
A17-200
Graduate Student Committee Meeting
Bhakti Mamta, University of Florida, Presiding
Friday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Friday - 1:00 PM-4:30 PM
Friday - 1:00 PM-4:30 PM
A17-201
Brand You: Creating Your Own Brand for Academic Survival
Paula McGee, Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding
Friday - 1:00 PM-4:30 PM

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

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

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

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

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

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*

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

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
Friday - 3:30 PM-6:00 PM

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

Friday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A17-300
Department Chairs' and Program Coordinators' Reception
Friday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

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
Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelist:

Donna Roberts, PROJECT ZULA

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

A17-402
Film: *Get Out*
Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Saturday - 7:00 AM-8:00 AM
A18-1
Yoga Class
Saturday - 7:00 AM-8:00 AM

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

A18-3
Regional Officers' Breakfast
Elizabeth Hardcastle, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

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

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

A18-102
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Zhange 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

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

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

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 Taittiriya Upanishad*

Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University

*Discerning the Body: Spiritual Economy and Social Locations of Power in the Modern Conception of Race*

K. Christine Pae, Denison University

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

Responding:

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University Chicago
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 françâ§aise 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

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

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

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 Šantana’s commentary on the Durgāsaptaśatī*

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

*Politcizing 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
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

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

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

Responding:
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Business Meeting:
Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster
Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University

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 LBGTI/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:

Thelathia 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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: Oôni 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

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

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

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

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 Giselbrecht, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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


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

A18-202
Anthropology of Religion Unit and Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Anna Sun, Kenyon College, Presiding


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

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

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

Paul Katz, Academia Sinica
*Chen Hailiang’s Vision of Buddhist Family Life: A Pilot Study*

Natasha Heller, University of Virginia
*Buddhist Parenting for Modern Families: A Case Study*

Neky Tak-Ching Cheung, University of Macau
*Ritual and the Reformulation of Family Values: A Case Study of Lay Buddhist Menopausal Rituals in China*

Responding:

Robert Weller, Boston University

A18-206
Christian Systematic Theology Unit and Schleiermacher Unit
Shelli Poe, Millsaps College, Presiding
Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding


Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Calli Micale, Yale University
*A Schleiermacherian Solution: Eschatalogical 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

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

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
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Mina Cikara, Harvard University

Responding:

Claire White, Yale University

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

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*

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

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

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

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

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

Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah Biblical Seminary
Reimagining Piety, Prophetic Witness & Political Theology: An Appraisal of Bonhoeffer and Evangelicalism

Lindsey Maxwell, Florida International University

Aaron Griffith, Duke University Divinity School
“Lawlessness has become the spirit of our age”: Crime Concern and the Making of Postwar Evangelicalism

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

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

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
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
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

**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 Hawaii‘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 Possekel, Harvard University
*Exegesis and Ritual at the School of Nisibis: Thomas of Edessa on the Feast of Epiphany*

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

Marianna Klar, SOAS
*Ibn Kathīr’s (d. 774/1373) Treatment of the David and Uriah Narrative: The Issue of Isrāʿīliyyāt 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

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

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

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

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 Thät (Nakhon Si Thammarat, Thailand)*

Raphael Lorenzo Aguiling 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 Yoganī 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 Mṛtyumjaya*

Responding:

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Business Meeting:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lynn S. Neal, Wake Forest University
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

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

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 Repentence 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

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

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
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

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

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Kerry Danner, Georgetown University

Just Employment: Solidarity among Campus Workers

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 Nemec, 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

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 Giselbrecht, 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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**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

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

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

A18-313
Gay Men and Religion Unit
Marco Derks, Utrecht University, Presiding


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 Pentecostalization of Catholic Anti-Protestantism in Brazil, 1911-*
Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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

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

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, #decolonizelutheranism*

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: *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

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

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
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

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

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

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

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

Responding:

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

Business Meeting:

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School

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 Tsurtrim 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
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 Asprem, Stockholm University
Claire Fanger, Rice University

Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
Sravana Borkataky-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

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

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

A18-334
Exploratory Session
Eleanor Craig, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: Race, Coloniality, and Philosophy of Religion

Saturday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:
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 Theodicist Pathologies of Mediated Recognition

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

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

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

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

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

A18-336
Women's Caucus
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: ”Antiblackness 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: 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

Saturday - 5:00 PM-6:00 PM
A18-337
Friends of the Academy Reception
Saturday - 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

Saturday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM
A18-400
International Members’ Reception
Saturday - 6:30 PM-7:30 PM

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

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

**A18-403**
*JAAR Reception for Authors and Board Members*
Saturday - 8:00 PM-9:00 PM

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

**A18-404**
*Film: Kundun*
Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

**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

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

Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM
A18-407
LGBTIQ Scholars/Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception
Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

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

A19-2
Applied Religious Studies Breakfast
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding
Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM
A19-100
Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting
Bhakti Mamtora, University of Florida, Presiding
Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM
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

Panelists:
Evan Berry, American University
Jerome E. Copulsky, American University
Todd Green, Luther College
Elizabeth Prodromou, Tufts University
Robert Albro, American University

A19-102
Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: Women and Vulnerability in the Academy

Panelists:
Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary
Teresa Delgado, Iona College
Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco
Siobhan Kelly, Harvard University
Nikky Singh, Colby College
Jeanine Viau, University of Central Florida

A19-103
African Religions Unit
Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *Decolonizing the Study of Religion in Africa*

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**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*

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**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

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

A19-106
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
James Ponniah Kalandai 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

Gudion 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

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

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 Pasts: 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
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

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
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

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

A19-114
Contemporary Islam Unit
Yunus Dogan Telliel, 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

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

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 Nicaean 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

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 Darvēś: 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

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
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

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

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*

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

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

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

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

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, legitimation and recognition

Abbas Barzegar, Georgia State University
Nagham Elkarhili, Georgia State University
Countering Violent Extremism: Paradoxical Muslim Responses to the Question of Islam and Terrorism

A19-129
Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Jennifer Schepers 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

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

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

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

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

**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

**A19-137**  
**Publications Committee Meeting**  
Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

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

**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

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

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

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

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

Panelists:

Kecia Ali, Boston University
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University
Lorilai 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
Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa
Michele Saracino, Manhattan College
Angella Son, Drew University
Nargis Virani, Graduate Theological Union

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
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

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

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

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

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*
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM
Responding:
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia

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

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

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
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

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

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
Desiring Flesh: Incarnation as a Normative Framework for Carnal Hermeneutics

Julia Reed, Harvard University
Word as/made Flesh: Carnal Hermeneutics and an Interdisciplinary Approach to Incarnation

Responding:

Richard Kearney, Boston College

A19-210
Buddhism Unit
Eric Swanson, Harvard University, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Theme: *Clear Serenity, Quiet Insight (University of Hawai‘i Press, 2017): Reflecting on Zhiyi’s Masterwork and Paul Swanson’s English Translation*

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

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*

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

A19-212
Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM  
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 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*
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

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

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 Aloi, 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
_The Magical Theory of Politics: Meme Magic, the Cult of Kek, and How to Topple an Egregore_

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

*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*

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
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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

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 Univeristy
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?

A19-220
Japanese Religions Unit and Tantric Studies Unit
Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding


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

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

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*

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
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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
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
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Panelists:
Kate Kirkpatrick, University of Oxford
Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University
William Robert, Syracuse University

A19-227
Religion and Economy Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit
Dana Logan, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding


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

A19-228
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding

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
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

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

A19-230
Scriptural Reasoning Unit
Deborah Barer, Towson University, Presiding

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
Sunday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

*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**

*Present and Future of Biblical Studies Part II*

**Panelists:**

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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:
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
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, Steven's Point
Are Local Gods Ecological?

Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto
Walking from Whapmagoostui: Understanding the Land as a Resource for Resilience in Cree Social Movements

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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
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

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

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
A19-250
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
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
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

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
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University
Alexander Y. Hwang, Xavier University

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

A19-255
Black Theology Unit
Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

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 Prideful 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
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Black Care: An Insurgent Ecstatics of the Sacred

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

A19-257
Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Richard Nance, Indiana University, Presiding

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

A19-258
Chinese Religions Unit
Jonathan Pettit, Purdue University, Presiding
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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**

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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 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
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Theme: The Ethical Dimensions of Truth and Post-Truth

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
*Indonesian Interreligious Learning*

Adriana Tulissi, University of Calgary
Paul Verhoef, University of Calgary
Syd Erais, 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**
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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
*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’ān*

Rose Aslan, California Lutheran University
*Painting on Water: Islam, Spirituality, and Art in Contemporary Istanbul*

Responding:

Shobhana Xavier, Franklin & Marshall College
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
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
"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
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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
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 Manring, Indiana University-Bloomington, Presiding
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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
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
*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
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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

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
*The Unread Bible as Image: When Written Text Becomes Pictograph*

Emma Brodeur, Syracuse University
*Freud and the Bible: Dream Images and Jewishness*

A19-274
**Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit**
Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College, Presiding

Theme: *Reframing the Continental Philosophy of Religion?*

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM
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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  
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
Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

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*

Panelists:
Kalpesh Bhatt, University of Toronto

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*

Panelists:
Amy Defibaugh, Temple University
Susan Lawler, Harvard Divinity School
Brooke Noonan, University of Chicagi

A19-302
Program Committee
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding
Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Theme: *How to Propose a New Program Unit*

Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

**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

Panelists:

Marc DiPaolo, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

**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

Panelists:

Jasbir Puar, Rutgers University

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

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

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

Responding:

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

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
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Panelists:
Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
Edwin Ng, Independent Scholar
Rod Owens
Natalie Quli, Institute of Buddhist Studies

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

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

Panelists:
Michael Puett, Harvard University
Robert C. Neville, Boston University
Shirong Luo, Simmons College

Responding:
Philip J. Ivanhoe, Boston University

A19-310
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

**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
Ovamir 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


Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Panelists:

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University
Shannon Trosper Schorey, University of North Carolina
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 Schreiter*
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 Schreiter and the Interruption of Universalizing Tendencies*

Norbert Hintersteiner, University of Münster
*The Translational Fabric of Cultures: When Theology is Cross-Cultural Translation*

Scott Hagley, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
*Suffering Translation: Faithful Presence as the Means and Hope of Contextual Theology*

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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*

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 Māriyammaṉ: Ethical and Aesthetic Dichotomies in Colonial-era Tamil and English Depictions of a Hindu Village Goddess*

Responding:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
A19-314
Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit
Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding


Panelists:
Anoushe Seiff, Drake University
Dustin Eubanks, Drake University
Carol Spaulding-Kruse, Drake University

Responding:
Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School

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

Angela Berlis, University of Bern
*Ignaz von Döllinger (1799-1890) and Other Liberal Catholic (Church) Historians on Luther and the Reformation in the Nineteenth Century – From Polemic Apologetics to Critical Appreciation*

James Lee, Saint Louis University
*Luther Among the Neo-Lutherans*

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
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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
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
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM  
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  

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 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
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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

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

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’*
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

Experiences

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

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

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

A19-324
Ritual Studies Unit
Curtis Hutt, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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
John Thatamanil, Union Theological Seminary

Responding:
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Sigridur Gudmarsdottir, 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*
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
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
Trimśika 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 Trimśikā 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

A19-327
Exploratory Session
Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

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
Sunday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
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

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

Panelists:

Kathryn Common, Boston University
Ashley Theuring, Boston University

Responding:

Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University

Sunday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
A19-400
Sunday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM
Racial and Ethnic Minorities Reception
Sunday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

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

Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM
A19-402
Tour: Haunted Boston Ghost Walk
Sunday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM

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

Sunday - 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
A19-403
Film: *Silence*
Asuka Sango, Carleton College, Presiding
Sunday - 7:00 PM-10:00 PM
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Panelists:

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University
Chad Bauman, Butler University

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

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:

Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside
Damon Lindelof

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

Monday - 7:15 AM-8:45 AM
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A20-1
Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfasts
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding
Monday - 7:15 AM-8:45 AM

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

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:00 AM
A20-101
Publications Committee
Daniel Miller, Landmark College, Presiding

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
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

A20-103
African Religions Unit and Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Mende Cultures, Respectively”

Business Meeting:

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds
Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University

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:

David Clough, University of Chester

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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

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
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

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
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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 (arkhɩ)? Cultural Norms and the Limits of the Vinaya in Mongolia

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

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

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:
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sally Stamper, Capital University

**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*

Responding:

Natasha Heller, University of California, Los Angeles

Business Meeting:

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University

**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*
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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
Kareenna Gore, Union Theological Seminary

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**A20-111**

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**
Junius Johnson, Baylor University, Presiding

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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

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

Business Meeting:

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College

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

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: Hasan 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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Adjourned

Mahshid Zandi, Arizona St Univ
The Political Economy of State-Sponsored Pilgrimages to the Iran-Iraq Battlefields

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

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

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

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 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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

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

Deberniere 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*
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
*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

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**
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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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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 Mîr Dâmûd*

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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

The Sola behind the Solas: The Unity of the Five Solas of the Reformation and a Proposal for Their Understanding

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 Suffrage Movement

Responding:

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College

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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago
James Nieman, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

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 Ḥusayn and Karbala

Nicole Archambeau, Colorado State University
Protection Miracles in the Shifting Political Landscape of the Fourteenth-Century Western Mediterranean

Joseph Maurice Davis, Gratz College
Jewish hagiography, anti-hagiography, and extended families in 18th century Prague

Responding:

Sara Ritchey, University of Tennessee

Business Meeting:

David Freidenreich, Colby College

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”
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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

A20-132
Religion, Media, and Culture Unit and Teaching Religion Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
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

A20-133
Religion, Memory, History Unit
Roy Whitaker, San Diego State University, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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 Countermemory

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

Business Meeting:

Mona Hassan, Duke University
Tim Langille, Arizona State University

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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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

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
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
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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

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

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

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

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

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  
Eboni 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

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

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

Monday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
A20-146
Monday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
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:

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 Werse, Baylor University

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
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

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
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
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

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

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

Business Meeting:

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend
Susan Maneck, Jackson State University

A20-203
Childhood Studies and Religion Unit
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
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

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

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University

Willoughby Britton, Brown University
Jared Lindahl, Brown University
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

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

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

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

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
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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

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
“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”

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
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
Aaron Ricker, McGill University
\textit{Death, Dying and Beyond in Mike Mignola's Hellboy}

Michael Nichols, Saint Joseph's College
\textit{Dead Again: Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Mortality}

Responding:

Candi Cann, Baylor University

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\textbf{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: \textit{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
\textit{Spinning Survival with Witch Words: What Mary Daly Taught Me About Theological Language}

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California
\textit{Methodolatry: Mary Daly and Feminist Theory}

Katy Guillen, University of Houston- Downtown
\textit{The Word as Feminist Intervention}

Responding:

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University
Linda Barafuldi, Independent Scholar/Amazon

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\textbf{History of Christianity Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit}
Carolyn Twomey, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: \textit{Disciplinary Approaches to Baptism in Medieval Europe}

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Carolyn Twomey, Boston College
\textit{Baptism in the Great Rebuilding: The Origins of Medieval Fonts in England}
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
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
*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
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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

A20-214
International Development and Religion Unit
Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

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
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Business Meeting:

Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury

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*

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*

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:
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
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

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

Summar Shoaib, Emory University
Making Their Voices Heard: Minhaj ul Qur’an Women and Na’at Recitation

Isaac Foster, Emory University
The Down-Trodden: Heavy Metal in South India and Hindu Male Voices of the Voiceless

Amanullah De Sondy, University College Cork
Madam Noor Jehan: Islam, Music, Queer Identities and the Vulnerable in Pakistan

Scott A. Kugle, Emory University
Singing of Transgressive Love: Vulnerable Voices in Qawwali

Business Meeting:
Amanullah De Sondy, University College Cork
Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra

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
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Theme: Twenty-five Years of Judith Herman’s Trauma and Recovery (Basic Books, 1992)

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM

Daniel Moceri, 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

A20-219
Mormon Studies Unit
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding


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
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:30 PM
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:

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University

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**A20-221**
**North American Hinduism Unit**
Anyza 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 Brahmbhatt, University of Toronto
Andrea Jain, Indiana University School of Liberal Arts

Business Meeting:
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Michael Altman, University of Alabama
Anya Pokazanyeva Foxen, California Polytechnic State University

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

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

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 ihsân (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 Tayyib 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

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

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
**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

**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,”*
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

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
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
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 Madhyamakālaṃkāra-vṛtti*

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 Gowey, Arizona State University
The Problem of the Visayas in Southeast Asian History and Historiography

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen

Duterte Go - Nationalism and Video Gaming on the Philippines

Candida Binarao
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

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 Melanchthon

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

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

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
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

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

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
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

A20-301
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*
Monday - 4:00 PM-6:30 PM

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

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

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 Stepien, 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**
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

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 Wù in Revisionist Historiography: Non-Violent Conceptualizations of War in Pre-Qin to Medieval Rù Thought

Keith Knapp, The Citadel
Filial Murderers: The Inescapability of Violence in Medieval Chinese Tales of Sonly Revenge

Ying Zhang, Ohio State University
Confucianism and Imprisoned Officials in Ming China (1368-1644)

A20-309
Contemporary Islam Unit and North American Religions Unit
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

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
**Ecclesial Practices Unit**
Jonas Ideström, 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 Ḥāfiz 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

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

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
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:

Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa

**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

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

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 (Riḥla)

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
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

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

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

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

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 Brandleis, Leo Strauss, Isaiah Berlin and the Foundations of a Fraying Consensus

Paul Nahme, Brown University

Semitism and Secularism: Jewish Class Consciousness Between Race and Religion

Evan Goldstein, Union Theological Seminary

Heinrich Graetz and the Racialization of Judentum

Responding:

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

A20-333
Teaching Religion Unit
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

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
*Historiolas 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 Virtual 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
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

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
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

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

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

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

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

Panelists:
Regina Walton, Harvard Divinity School

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

A20-401
Film: The Bahá’ís
Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding
Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM
Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM
A20-402
Program Unit Chairs' and Steering Committee Members' Reception
Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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
*By This Time Next Year, I'll Surely Be Worshiping the White Man's God: Children, Conversion, and Resistance in Yorubaland*

Abimbola Adelakun, University of Texas
*Pentecostal Naming as Performative Utterance among the Yoruba, Nigeria*

A21-101
Afro-American Religious History Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit
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
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Responding:

James Manigault-Bryant, Williams College

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*

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:
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM
Sara Ritchey, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

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

A21-105
Qur'an Unit
Joseph Lumbard, 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 Tafsīr: The Tafsīr al-Jalālayn

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
Miqāt: The Appointed Time in the Qur’an
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

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’ān and Disability Studies: Physical Disability and Icon Polemics in Qur’ān 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

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
Tuesday - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

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 Benefactories: 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:

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

Prophet

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
Mothers for the New World Order: Postwar Refugees and Protestant Churchwomen

Responding:

Paul Bramadat, Centre For Studies in Religion and Society, University of Victoria

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
Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Natasha Mikles, University of Virginia
“The Butcher, the Baker, and the Hell-Being Maker: How the Embodied Experience of Samsara Makes Buddhist Hell”

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College
Vulnerability and Friendship at a Japanese Leprosarium: Affective Ethical Practice among Jōdo Shinshū Buddhists

A21-112
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
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
C. Stephen Evans, Baylor University
Thomas McCall, Trinity International University

Responding:
Andrew T Loke, Hong Kong University

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


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

*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:** *TheReweaving of Mantra: Esoteric Buddhism in Japan after Kūkai (774–835)*

Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Ethan Bushelle, Western Washington University  
*The Aesthetics of Mantra: A Buddhological Genealogy of Medieval Waka Poetics*

Eric Swanson, Harvard University  
*Majestic Methods to Vanquish Evil: Negotiating the Power of Subjugation in Tendai Esoteric Commentaries*

Aaron Proffitt, 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

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
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
Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University
Rebecca Bartel, University of Toronto

Responding:

Webb Keane, University of Michigan

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
Rummaging through the Bargain Bin: Agency and Resistance in the Pursuit of Personal Style

Whitney Bond, Chicago Theological Seminary
You Gone Wear That?! Fashion, Self-Expression, and Resistance for Queer Black Women and Gender Non-conforming Black Folk in the Pulpit

Responding:

Otto von Busch, New School

A21-119
Religion in South Asia Unit
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
Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

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
*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*

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
Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
The Theoretical Elimination of Resistance: Buber’s Critique of Plato and Weber

Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University
Two Approaches to Vulnerability and the Exodus Narrative: The Stranger in the Writings of Irving Greenberg and Meir Kahane

Gila Silverman, University of Arizona
“We sat shiva for three days”: Jewish mourning among liberal American Jews

A21-122
Teaching Religion Unit
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

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

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
Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

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

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*

A21-128
Religion and Politics Unit
Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

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*

A21-129
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, Presiding
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

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*

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