Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

A16-100
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College, Presiding
Friday - 8:00 AM-12:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

A16-101
Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting
Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

A16-102
Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee Meeting
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

A16-103
Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Nargis Virani, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

A16-104
International Connections Committee Meeting
Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

A16-105
Class, Labor, and Religion Workshop: Engaging Class and Labor in the Study of Religion: Intersections, Methodologies, Collaborations
Friday - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University, Rosemarie Henkel-Rieger, Southeast Center for Cooperative Development, Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University, and Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

A16-106
Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts Workshop: Media Training and Work outside the Academy
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Andrew Henry, Boston University, and Hussein Rashid, Islamicate, LLC, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Panelists:

Kelly J. Baker, Women in Higher Education
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
Andrew Aghapour, National Museum of American History

Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

A16-107
THATCamp AARSBL2108 - The Humanities and Technology Camp
Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina, Younus Mirza, Allegheny College, Constance Kassor, Lawrence University, and Adam Porter, Illinois College, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Friday - 10:00 AM-12:30 PM

A16-108
American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee Meeting
Rumee Ahmed, University of British Columbia, Presiding
Friday - 10:00 AM-12:30 PM
Friday - 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

A16-109
Religion and Media Workshop: Theorizing the Public in Public Scholarship
Friday - 11:00 AM-6:00 PM

Panelists:
Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania
Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado
Nathan Schneider, University of Colorado
Jenna Supp-Montgomerie, University of Iowa
Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University

Friday - 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

A16-110
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Emily Wu, Dominican University of California, Presiding
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: Religions, Medicines, and Healing Resources Website Workshop
Friday - 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Friday - 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

A16-111
Regional Coordinators Meeting
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX, Presiding
Friday - 12:00 PM-4:00 PM

A16-112
Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University, Presiding
Friday - 12:00 PM-4:00 PM
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**A16-200**  
Graduate Student Committee Meeting  
Rachel Toombs, Yellowstone Theological Institute, Presiding  
Friday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

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

**A16-201**  
Academic Relations Committee Meeting  
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding  
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

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**A16-202**  
Comparative Hagiology Workshop: *Issues in Theory and Method*  
Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University, Presiding  
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

- Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University
- David DiValerio, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
- Todd French, Rollins College
- Jon Keune, Michigan State University
- Sara Ritchey, University of Tennessee

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**A16-203**  
Ethnography and Theology Workshop: *Methodologies, Approaches, and Recurring Themes*  
Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding  
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

- Angela Cowser, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
- Jonas Ideström, Church of Sweden
- Mary Clark Moschella, Yale University
- Nancy J. Ramsay, Brite Divinity School
- Hendrik Pieter de Roest, Protestant Theological University
- Nicola Slee, Queen’s Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education
- Peter Ward, Durham University
- Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto
A16-204
Integrating Religious and Disability Studies Workshop: *Creating, Shaping, and Implementing Curriculum*
Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Central Florida, Presiding
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Benjamin Conner, Western Theological Seminary
Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools
Raedorah Stewart, Wesley Theological Seminary
Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University

A16-205
Ritual Studies Workshop: *Methodological Experiments with Ritual Studies*
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Lee Gilmore, San José State University
Ronald L. Grimes, Wilfrid Laurier University
Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études
Martin Pehal, Charles University
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

A16-206
Denver City Tour
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall A in the Convention Center

A16-208
Anti-Islamophobia 2018 Summer Workshop Participant Meeting
Friday - 1:30 PM-5:00 PM
Friday - 2:00 PM-3:45 PM

A16-207
Women's Caucus
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Theme: Response-Ability of Feminist Scholars of Religion in the Public Sphere

Friday - 2:00 PM-3:45 PM

Panelists:

Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary

Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

A16-209
Centers on Religion and Public Life Workshop: Best Practices and Possible Collaborations
Andrew Davies, University of Birmingham, Presiding

Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

A16-210
Public Scholars Project Workshop: Practical Skills for the Public Scholar

Mara Willard, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Friday - 2:30 PM-5:30 PM

A16-211
Religion and Ecology Workshop: New Developments in Resources and Strategies for Teaching Religion and Ecology

Friday - 2:30 PM-5:30 PM

Panelists:

Evan Berry, American University
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College
Kevin O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University
Catherine Wright, Wingate University
Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University
Forrest Clingerman, Ohio Northern University
Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University
Isabel Mukonyora, Western Kentucky University

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

**A16-300**

Buddhist Studies Workshop: *Buddhism for the Liberally Educated: Today’s Buddhist Studies Classroom*

Friday - 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Panelists:

Kristin Scheible, Reed College
Jonathan Young, California State University, Bakersfield
Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College
C. Pierce Salguero, Pennsylvania State University, Abington
Natalie Gummer, Beloit College

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

**A16-301**

Board of Directors Meeting

David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

Friday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

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

**A16-400**

Promoting Religious Literacy College-Wide Project Planning Meeting

Friday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
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A16-401
*Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR)* Editorial Board Meeting
Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding
Friday - 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

A16-500
*Film: Father’s Kingdom*
Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma, Presiding
Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
Lenny Feinberg, MAJ Productions
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University

A16-501
*Film: Ragad*
Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University, Presiding
Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Saturday - 7:00 AM-8:00 AM

A17-1
*Yoga Class*
Saturday - 7:00 AM-8:00 AM
Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall A in the Convention Center
Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

A17-3
Department Chairs' and Program Coordinators' Breakfast
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

A17-4
New Members' Breakfast and Annual Meeting Orientation
Alice Hunt, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding
Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

A17-5
Regional Officers' Breakfast
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX, Presiding
Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Saturday - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

A17-100
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Controversial Comparisons: The Promise and Peril of Foregrounding Identity Categories in Religions and Other Worldviews

Saturday - 9:00 AM-10:30 AM

Panelists:

Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A17-101
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty, Applied Religious Studies, Graduate Student, and Status of LGBTIQ Persons, Persons with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and Women in the Profession Committees**

Peter Anthony Mena, University of San Diego, and Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *#MeToo: Discrimination, Harassment, and Abuse in the Academy*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University
Valerie Bridgeman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Carolyn Davis, Public Religion Research Institute
Kelly J. Baker, Tallahassee, FL
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

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**A17-102**

**Academic Relations Committee and Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit and Promoting Religious Literacy College-Wide Seminar**

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University, Presiding


Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Michael Graziano, University of Northern Iowa
Bruce Grelle, California State University, Chico
Benjamin Marcus, Religious Freedom Center
Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Diane L. Moore, Harvard University

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**A17-103**

**Afro-American Religious History Unit**

Leslie Ribovich, Princeton University, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *The Challenge of Langston’s Salvation (NYU Press, 2017): Redirections in African American Religious History through Literature and the Arts*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Benae Beamon, Boston University
Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College
Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University
Brenton Miles Brock, Princeton Theological Seminary

Responding:

Wallace Best, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Lerone Martin, Washington University, St. Louis
LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College

**A17-104**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**

Rachel Lindsey, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: *Reflections on Arts, Literature, and Religion Pedagogy*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Brett Speakman, University of St Andrews
*The View from within: An Affective Approach to Interdisciplinary Studies*

Jennifer Awes Freeman, University of St. Thomas
*Engaging Art to Teach Theology*

Kristine Whaley, University of Glasgow
*Creating Emotional Literacy in Theological Classrooms: The Use of Story to Teach the Doctrine of Humanity*

Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Teaching Art and Literature from Diverse Religions via "Maps of Reality": A Demonstration of Concept

Amy Gray, Wesley Theological Seminary
Rethinking the Pedagogy of the Arts in Theological Education

Business Meeting:

Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University

A17-105
Bioethics and Religion Unit
Marcella Norling, Orange Coast College, Presiding

Theme: Religious Bioethics and Public Engagement

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christopher Jones, Barry University
Participatory Public Bioethics and the Problem of Wellbeing

Dallas Gingles, Southern Methodist University
Bonhoeffer, Bioethics, and Public Moral Reason

Hajung Lee, University of Puget Sound
Optimal End-Of-Life Care for Buddhist Immigrant Patients in the U.S.: Understanding Buddhist Perspectives on Brain Death and Adopting Cultural Humility in Healthcare

Wylin Dassie Wilson, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
An Integrative Approach to Bioethics, Gender, and Religion: Public Engagement and Vulnerable Populations

Business Meeting:

Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University

A17-106
Buddhism Unit
Geoffrey Barstow, Oregon State University, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *Animal Consumption in Context: Comparing Localized Constructions of a Mahāyāna Buddhist Animal Ethics*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Stuart Young, Bucknell University
*A Silkworm Theodicy: Buddhist Discourses on Sericulture, Entomic Deities, and Sentient Consumables in Medieval China*

Hyoung Seok Ham
*Bhāviveka’s Involuntary Contradiction with the Pro-Vegetarian Mahāyāna Sūtras*

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
*Partaking of Life: Eating Animals in Contemporary Japanese Buddhism*

Alan Wagner, Collège de France
*Layman Ruru on Karma, Animal Sacrifice, and the Unity of the Three Teachings*

Anna Johnson, University of Michigan
*Meat for Monks: A Tibetan Polemicist Refutes Arguments for Vegetarianism on Scriptural Grounds*

Business Meeting:

James Robson, Harvard University
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

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**A17-107**

**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**

Joy McDougall, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Spirits of Capital, Ancient and Modern*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

John E. Thiel, Fairfield University
Pui Lan Kwok, Emory University
Nichole Flores, University of Virginia
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
Responding:

Devin Singh, Dartmouth College
Kathryn Tanner, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Junius Johnson, Baylor University

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A17-108
Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and SBL Violence and Representations of Violence in Late Antiquity Unit
Jamel Velji, Claremont McKenna College, Presiding

Theme: Religious Violence, Trauma, and Humanity’s Search for Security

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Carolyn Alsen, University of Divinity
*Surveillance and Lot-Sodom: A Hermeneutic of Watching*

Chase L. Way, Claremont Graduate University
*Flooded: Deluge Mythology in Declassified American Intelligence Analyses of Iran, 1946-1953*

Siti Sarah Muwahidah, Emory University
*Conservatism, Identity Boundaries, and National (In)security*

Megan McBride, U.S. Naval War College
*Trauma, Insecurity, and the Practice of Killing*

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A17-109
Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: Remembering Jonathan Z. Smith: Shaping Our Field and Our Work in the Comparative Study of Religion

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

Comparative Theology Unit and Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit
Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter, Presiding

Theme: Eastern Orthodoxy and the Comparative Theological Enterprise

Panelists:

Kerry San Chirico, Villanova University
Rico Gabriel Monge, University of San Diego
Joel Gruber, University of San Diego
Zachary Ugolnik, Columbia University

Responding:

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University

Confucian Traditions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit
Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: Scathing Screeds: Polemics as a Means of Defining One's Religion in Imperial China

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis
Parting of the Ways: A Twelfth-Century Confucian Looks at the Taoists

David Bratt, University of California, Berkeley
That Practice of Theirs, This Way of Ours: Polemic as Self-Definition in The Scripture of Great Peace

Keith Knapp, The Citadel
Why Buddhism Stinks: Defining Confucianism through Polemical Attacks
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Thomas Jülch, Ghent University
*Comparative Perspectives on Anti-Daoist Writing in Medieval Chinese Buddhist Apologetic Literature*

Albert Welter, University of Arizona
*A Buddhist Ru at Song Emperor Taizong’s Court: Zanning’s Arguments for the Inclusion of Buddhism in Chinese Wen (Literary Culture)*

Business Meeting:
Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University

A17-112
**Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit**
Vivianne Crowley, Nottingham Trent University, Presiding

Theme: *Pagan Space, Place, and Community*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Francesca Ciancimino Howell
*Materiality, Food, and Power of Place: Animic Explorations from Italy*

Giovanna Parmigiani, Harvard University
"*Tarantarsi*" Today: Ethnographic Reflections on Pizzica as a Spiritual Practice among a Neo-Pagan Community in Contemporary Salento, Italy

Holli S. Emore, Cherry Hill Seminary
*Group or Solitary: Choices and Spiritual Care Needs in Contemporary Pagan Practice*

Kimberly Kirner, California State University, Northridge
*Is Paganism the “Church of the Back Yard”? Perceiving and Crafting Sacred Place among Contemporary Pagans*

Business Meeting:
Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA
Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University

A17-113
**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit**
Marko Geslani, Emory University, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *The Legacy of Orientalism (Pantheon, 1978)*

Panelists:

Erik Braun, University of Virginia
Juan E. Campo, University of California, Santa Barbara
Mayanthi Fernando, University of California, Santa Cruz
Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University
Jason Josephson-Storm, Williams College
Nancy Levene, Yale University
Travis Zadeh, Yale

Business Meeting:

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

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A17-114
**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit**
Tom Berendt, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Becoming and Unbecoming Energy: Agriculture, American Energy Policy, Ecosexuality, and the Church of Stop Shopping*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Kristin Ritzau, California Lutheran University
*Surviving and Reclaiming the Margins: Women Transforming Agriculture in the US*

Terra Rowe, Drew University
*Energizing Feminist Discourse in an America First Era: An Ecofeminist Analysis of Energy Policy and Practice*

Todd LeVasseur, College of Charleston
*Erotic Energy Flows of Feminist Materialist Religious Becoming*

Business Meeting:

Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**A17-115**

**Hinduism Unit**

Deepak Sarma, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Theme: *Hindu Humor: Mining the Best Bits of a Rich Religious Tradition from the Outside In and the Inside Out*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Shubha Pathak, American University

*Creating a Sectarian Satire in a Secondary Epic: Kālidāsa’s Śaiva Recastings of the Rising and Setting Solar Dynasty*

Gregory Clinès, Harvard University

*Drunk Parrots in the Pleasure Forest: Humor in the Jain Author Hastimalla’s Añjanāpavanañjaya*

Joel Bordeaux, Stony Brook University

*Gopal Save the King: Hagiographic Humor and the "Bengali Birbal"*

Charles Preston, Millsaps College

*Mockery and Modernity: Contemporary Sanskrit Satire and Questions of Orthodoxy*

Responding:

Rebecca Manring, Indiana University

Business Meeting:

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary
Shubha Pathak, American University

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**A17-116**

**Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit**

Michael Allen, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Commentaries: Transmission and Innovation*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Maria Heim, Amherst College

*An Apprenticeship in Pali Commentary*
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University
*How Commentaries Elucidate or Alter a Text’s Meaning*

Sangyop Lee, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University
*The Immanence of Enlightenment in Indian and Chinese Buddhism: The Metaphor of the Ocean and Waves Revisited*

Xiaoming Hou, École Pratique des Hautes Études
*From Meditation Teachings to Exegetical Tools: Development of the “Six Gates” Meditation Teachings in the Works of Zhiyi (538-597)*

Ronald S. Green, Coastal Carolina University
*The Relation of Early Japanese Hossō to Woncheuk and “Old Yogācāra”*

Business Meeting:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University

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### A17-117

**Islamic Mysticism Unit**

Racha el Omari, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Ways of Knowing in Islam*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Noah Gardiner, University of South Carolina
*Diagrams, Visions, and Cosmological Exegesis in Ahmad al-Bunni’s Laṭā’if al-ishārāt fī al-ḥurūf al-ʿulwīyat*

Yasir Qadhi, Rhodes College
*Ibn Taymiyya’s Supra-Rational Epistemology: The Fiṭra and Its Role in Correcting Human Intellect (ʿaql)*

Sayed Hassan Hussaini Akhlaq, Boston University
*Nasafi’s Idea of Theological, Philosophical and Mystical Schools of Islam in Examining Sharī’a, Ṭarīqa, and Ḥaqīqa*

Nora Jacobsen Ben Hammed, University of Chicago
*Knowledge and Eternal Felicity in Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī’s al-ʿaqlīya* al-ʿaqlīya

Elizabeth Sartell, University of Chicago
*Prime Matter and the Elements as Mystical Concepts in Ibn al-ʿArabi’s Cosmogony*
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A17-118
Jain Studies Unit
Hamsa Stainton, McGill University, Presiding

Theme: The Multiple Facets of Jain Stotras: Hymns at the Nexus of Devotion, Ritual, and Culture

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Ellen Gough, Emory University
The Jain Bhaktāmara Stotra and the Domestication of Tantric Mantras

Finnian Moore Gerety, Yale University
OM, Jain Stotras, and Sound as Revelation in Early South Asia

Lynna Dhanani, Yale University
Prasasti as Stotra: Examining Hemacandra’s Royal Panegyric in Light of Contemporary Hymn-Making Practices

Sarah Pierce Taylor, Oberlin College
Making a Jain by Praising a King: Encomiums from Rastrakuta king Amoghavarṣa’s Court

Responding:

John E. Cort, Denison University

Business Meeting:

Mary Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University
Steven Vose, Florida International University

A17-119
Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit
Anthony M. Bateza, St. Olaf College, Presiding

Theme: Contexts for Identity and Freedom: Challenges for Luther and Lutheranism

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Robert Overy-Brown, Claremont Graduate University
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Qualified Freedom, Qualifying Freedom: Luther’s On Christian Liberty and Questions of Political Autonomy

Mary Elise Lowe, Augsburg College
Re-Forming Freedom and Conscience: Luther, Neighbor, Embodiment, and Discourse

Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University
A Non-Universal Lutheran Theology: Contextual Theological Process in Namibia

Caryn D. Riswold, Illinois College
Already Freed, Christians Should Serve (Cake): Christian Privilege & Religious Freedom Claims

Business Meeting:

Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University
Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology

A17-120
Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit
Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: From Plotinus, Gregory of Nyssa and Dionysius to Bonaventure, and Dante

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Brendan Case, Duke University
Center and Circumference: Bonaventure’s Trinitarian Revisions of a Plotinian Trope

Nathan Tilley, Duke University
Erotic Pedagogy in Gregory of Nyssa’s First Homily on the Lord’s Prayer

Rebecca A. Coughlin, McGill University
Divine Darkness Becomes the Brilliance of Divine Love: Ficino’s Renaissance Retrieval of Dionysian Mysticism

Daniel Heide, McGill University
Divine Eros: The Providential and Perfective Ecstasy of God in Dionysius’ Divine Names IV

Rachel Teubner, University of Virginia
Eros and Community: An Alternative Genealogy of Christian Ascent in Dante’s Commedia

Daniel Tolan, Cambridge University
Ὁ Θεὸς ἔρως ἐστί: Origen and the Predication of God as ἔρως
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A17-121
Practical Theology Unit
Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *The Future of Practical Theology: Emerging Scholars and Themes*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Kyle Brooks, Columbia Theological Seminary
Sarah Dunlop, University of Cambridge
Christopher James, University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
Kirstine Helboe Johansen, Aarhus University
Sabrina Müller, University of Zurich
Patrick Reyes, Forum For Theological Education
Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary
Almeda Wright, Yale University

Responding:

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University
Heather Walton, University of Glasgow

Business Meeting:

Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary

A17-122
Qur'an Unit
Jessica Mutter, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Emotion and Affect in and around the Qur’an*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Karen A. Bauer, Institute of Ismaili Studies
*God’s Emotions and Human Emotions in the Qur’an*

Mahdi Tourage, King's University College--University of Western Ontario
*Affective Entanglements with the Sexual Imagery of Paradise in the Qur’an*
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University
*Tasting Fire: Affective Turn in Qur’anic Depictions of Divine Punishment*

Joseph Vignone, Harvard University
“To Have Knowledge is to Dread God”: Fear and Learning in Medieval Islam

Lauren Osborne, Whitman College
*Affective Reading in Sayyid Qutb’s Al-Taṣwīr al-fannī fī al-Qurʾān*

Business Meeting:

Gordon D. Newby, Emory University
Walid Saleh, University of Toronto

A17-123
**Religion and Cities Unit**
Katie Day, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Responses to Urban Contexts and Crisis*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Markha Valenta, Radboud University Nijmegen
*Architectonics of Revolutionary Devotion: Building Ambedkar in Mumbai*

Jason McKinney, Trinity College, University of Toronto
*The Spiritual Practice of Commoning: Faith Communities and the Urban Commons*

Harold Morales, Morgan State University
*Engaging Religion in the City of Baltimore with Community Partners*

Responding:

Helene Slessarev-Jamir, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Elise Edwards, Baylor University

A17-124
**Religion and Ecology Unit**
Evan Berry, American University, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Re-Wilding and Wilderness

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michael Northcott, University of Heidelberg
*Religious Influences on the Pioneers of Nature Conservation, Open Access, and Environmental Protest in Britain*

Lynn Hofstad
*Two Understandings of Wilderness: How Conceptions of Wilderness Affect the Re-Wilding Movement*

Michael Putnam, Harvard University
*The Language of the Flowers: Reading Thoreau's Scientific Archive*

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**A17-125**

Religion and Sexuality Unit and SBL LGBTI/Queer Interpretation Unit

David T. Stewart, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Theme: Sacred Texts in Sexuality Education

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

J.D. R. Mechelke
*Providing a Disorienting Dilemma: Possibilities for Genesis 34 in Church Comprehensive Sexuality Education with Youth*

Barbara Thiede, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
*Bromance in Bible: How Male-Male Friendships in Biblical Literature Can Teach Students about the Use and Misuse of Women and Women’s Bodies*

Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary
*There Aren’t Any Owls in OWL But There Aren’t Any Eunuchs Either: The Bible in Comprehensive Sexuality Education with Young Children*

Kathryn House, Boston University
*To Choose Rightly: How Sacred Texts and Faith Traditions Inform Sexual Behavior Decisions*

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**A17-126**

Religion in Southeast Asia Unit
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Ethnicity across Southeast Asia*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Niklas Foxeus, Stockholm University

*Buddhist Nationalism and Boundary-Making in Myanmar: Anti-Muslim Conspiracy Theories, a Nationalist Discipline, and Nationalist Rituals*

Oona Paredes, National University of Singapore

*An Unbroken Whole: Law as Religion among the Higa’ïnons of Mindanao (Philippines)*

Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

*The Brahmans of Nakhon Si Thammarat*

Responding:

James Hoesterey, Emory University

Business Meeting:

Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Richard Fox, Heidelberg University

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*A17-127*

**Religion in the American West Unit**

Brett Hendrickson, Lafayette College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Race, and Ethnicity in the Memorialization of the American West*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Barry Joyce, University of Delaware

*Beneath the Altar at Awatovi: The Memorialization of Sacred Space in the American Southwest*

Michele Ferris, University of Chicago

*The Bishop Hill Community: Commemorating Religious Innovation and the Banal Life on the Prairie*

Sarah Koenig, Kalamazoo College

*“The Benefactor of His Race”: Race and Religion in Pioneer History*
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Arlene Sanchez-Walsh, Azusa Pacific University
*Shoot-Out in Miracle Valley: Race, Violence, and Contesting Pentecostal Memory*

Responding:

Roberto R. Lint Sagarena, Middlebury College

Business Meeting:

John-Charles Duffy, Miami University

A17-128
**Religion, Sport, and Play Unit**

Annie Blazer, College of William and Mary, Presiding

Theme: *Embodied Performance and Performative Bodies: Sports at the Nexus of Race, Gender, and Politics*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

James Hill, Northwestern University
*Colin Kaepernick and the Resignification of the Black (Athletic) Body*

Jeremy Sabella, Kalamazoo College
*Postures of Piety and Protest: The Politics of Kneeling in NFL Stadiums*

Tracy J. Trothen, Queen's University, Kingston
*Cyborgs, Bots, and Heavenly Bodies? Sports, Spirituality and Human Enhancement*

Stanley Talbert, Union Theological Seminary
*Toward a Theoethic of Play: Eboni Marshall Turman and Serena Williams at the Net*

Janice McRandal, Charles Sturt University
*Worthless: Bodies Watching Bodies, Eschatology, and the Subversive Possibilities of Test Match Cricket*

Business Meeting:

Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
Arthur Remillard, Saint Francis University

A17-129
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Religions, Medicines and Healing; African Diaspora Religions; Indigenous Religious Traditions; Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society; Native Traditions in the Americas; and Religions in the Latina/o Americas Units
Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Decolonization as Healing Part I: Navajo, Native/Chicanx, and Afro-Caribbean Religions*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Natalie Avalos, Connecticut College
*Widening the Sacred Hoop: Decolonial Healing in a Native/Chicanx Community*

JK Melton, Fordham University
*Seeking Hózhó in the Prayerbook: Inculturation as Decolonial Healing Process among Diné Episcopalians*

Israel Dominguez, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
*Existence as Resistance: Curanderismo as a Framework for Decolonization*

Marcus Harvey, University of North Carolina, Asheville
*“It Is a Real Person Who Takes Bitter Medicine”: Charting Components of a Trans-Diasporic Restorative Theory of Knowledge*

Sonya Maria Johnson, Beloit College
*In the Spirit of Liberation: Palo Monte/Mayombe within Oriente, Cuba*

Responding:

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

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**A17-130**

**Ricoeur Unit**
Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *The Social Relevancy of Ricoeur’s Philosophy*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

David Roldan, FIET Theological Institute
*Paul Ricoeur’s Hermeneutics and Liberation Theology: A Way to Overcome the Post-Structuralist Challenge?*
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Brian A. Butcher, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto
*Freedom within Limits (?): “Uniate” Theology between Catholic West and Orthodox East*

Howard Pickett, Washington and Lee University
*Troubling Reciprocity: Asymmetries of Power and Recognition in Paul Ricoeur, Delores Williams, and Iris Marion Young*

Rose Ellen Dunn, Princeton University
*Toward Remembrance: The Forgotten Mothers and Children of Ireland*

Business Meeting:

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University

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**A17-131**

Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit
Marika Rose, University of Winchester, Presiding

Theme: *Talal Asad and Continental Philosophy: The Problem of History*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley
*Hiatus of Translation (Anthropology’s Unavowable Community)*

Rajbir Singh Judge, University of California, Davis
*The Asadian Sublime: On History and Tradition*

Selim Karlitekin, Columbia University
*The Pleasure Principle According to Talal Asad: Conscripts and Desire-Machines*

Aaron Eldridge, University of California, Berkeley
*The Vicissitudes of Liturgy: Agamben and Asad on the Spatialization of Time*

Responding:

Anthony Paul Smith, La Salle University

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**A17-132**

Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Hartford, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *The Intelligibility of Transcendence*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Andrew Stone Porter, Vanderbilt University
*Ethical Interdisciplinarity as Political Solidarity: Emmanuel Levinas and Laurel Schneider on the Intelligibility of Transcendence*

Thomas A. James
*God, Amid the Transcendence of Things*

Sara Evans, University of Otago
*Maritain and Polanyi: Indwelling the Transcendent through Aesthetic Vision*

Monica Sanford, Claremont School of Theology / Rochester Institute of Technology
*Theological Reflection without "Theo": Transcendent Connections for Buddhist Chaplains in Inter-Religious Settings*

Business Meeting:

Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Hartford
Rakesh Peter Dass, Hope College

A17-133
*Transnational Religious Expression: Between Asia and North America Seminar*

Lucas Carmichael, University of Colorado, Presiding

Theme: *Border Crossings: Mutability and Multidirectionality*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Marcus Evans, McMaster University
*The Man with the Iron Fists: Anti-Racism and Afro-Asian Solidarity in Film.*

Alexander Rocklin, Willamette University
*Hindu Cosmopolitanism of the Afro-Atlantic: Popular Healing and the Complexity of Racial Religious Identifications in Colonial Trinidad*

Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College
*Translating and Missionizing Buddhism to North American Tourists in Thailand*

Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside
**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Yogic Spiritual Tourism: A Modern Asceticism?*

Responding:

Courtney Bruntz, Doane University

Business Meeting:

Lucas Carmichael, University of Colorado
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado

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**A17-134**

*Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit*

Carol Marie Webster, Presiding

Theme: *Power, Pedagogy, and Women of Color Practices of Resistance*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Reamogetje Ngoepe, Union Theological Seminary
*Glossolalia as a Form of Black Women’s Resistance*

Patricia Haggler, Medgar Evers College, City University of New York
*The Exact Synonym for “Missionary” is Negro Teacher: Black Feminism in the Sunday School*

JungJa Joy Yu, Claremont Graduate University
*Surprising Parallels: Feminine Divine Power in Afrocentric Tradition and in Hindu Epics*

Deborah Rogers
*Thinking out Loud: Womanist Pedagogical Resources for the Classroom as a Site for Healing*

Responding:

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University

Business Meeting:

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

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**A17-135**

*World Christianity Unit*

Corey Williams, Leiden University, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *Method and Theory in World Christianity: Reassessing Our Scholarly Toolbox*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Allison Norton, Hartford Seminary
*Exploring New Horizons: Intergenerational Approaches to Studying Transnational Religion*

Gina Zurlo, Boston University
*Hashtags and Jesus: A Quantitative Content Analysis of Megachurch Social Media Use*

Douglas Jacobsen, Messiah College
*Scientific Methodologies for World Christianity: Fuzzy Sets and Multi-Scale Frames of Reference*

Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Facing Methodological Quandaries in Defining World Christianity’s Object: Resolving Essentialist/Anti-Essentialist Tension with Wittgenstein*

Responding:

Janice McLean-Farrell, City Seminary of New York

Business Meeting:

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

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**A17-136**

**Folklore and Religion Seminar**

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Debasree Palit, Ramsaday College, University of Calcutta
*Baul Song of Bengal: An Interpenetrative Relation between Islamic and Non-Islamic Cult*

Mary Beth Moser
*The Everyday Spirituality of Women in the Italian Alps: A Trentino American Woman’s Search for Spiritual Agency, Folk Wisdom, and Ancestral Values*

Ben Danner, Indiana University
*That “Tingly Feeling” Named ASMR: Internet-Stimulated Relaxation as Vernacular Ritual Practice*
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University
*The Upper Room: Domestic Space, Vernacular Religion, and the Observant Collegiate Catholic*

Responding:

Sabina Magliocco, University of British Columbia

Business Meeting:

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College

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**A17-137**

**Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Seminar**

Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding

**Theme:** *Philosophies of the Cosmos*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College
*Where, Not When, Did the Cosmos “Begin”?*

Marie-Helene Gorisse, Ghent University
*Cosmology and the Path to Liberation in Jainism*

Jeremy Hustwit, Methodist University
*Nontheistic Options in Cosmomereology*

Business Meeting:

Gereon Kopf, Luther College

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**A17-138**

**Interreligious Reflections on Immigration Seminar**

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Presiding

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Justin Ashworth, Azusa Pacific University
*Creation, Christ, Church: Three Approaches to Christian Ethics of Borders*

Colleen Cross, University of Notre Dame
*Liturgy of Contestation: The Role of Religious Ritual in Responding to the U.S. Migration Crisis*
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jason Welle, The Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies
*Theology of Migration and Holiness of Place: Reflections on Shrines in Two Traditions*

Responding:

Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University
Michael Canaris, Loyola University, Chicago
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University
Joseph Mas, Ohio Hispanic Coalition, Columbus, OH

Business Meeting:

Alexander Y. Hwang, Xavier University

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A17-139
Religion and US Empire Seminar
Tisa Wenger, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Empire of Capital, Empire of Humanity*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University
Kathryn Gin Lum, Stanford University
Lucia Hulsether, Yale University
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
Moshe Kornfeld
Daniel Vaca, Brown University
Chad Seales, University of Texas

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A17-140
Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding

Theme: *Diverse Approaches to the Study of Religion and Dress*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania
From Healthy to Holy: 19th Century American Dress Reform and New Religious Movements
Elizabeth Dolfi, Columbia University

Adorned in Grace: Gender, Consumer Humanitarianism, and Evangelical Material Culture
Marie Pagliarini, Saint Mary's College

Images in the Flesh: Religious Tattooing in Oakland, CA
Kathryn Davis, Claremont Graduate University

A Style of Their Own: Clothing as a Visual Signifier of Piety for Mormon Women in America
Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University

Ritualized Garments and Color-Vibrational Esotericism in Angel Pageantry
Business Meeting:
Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma

Nominations Committee Meeting
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Women's Caucus
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School, Presiding

Theme: Response-Ability: Rethinking Economics in the Feminist Theological Discourse
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Informationalization and the Algorithmic, Automated, Underconnected, Surveilled, Misogynistic Nature of Women's Disempowerment in the 21st Century: Cyberfeminist and Cyberwomanist Theological Responses
Elonda Clay, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

Religion’s Response to World Economic Forum’s Ability: Working Hand in Hand to End Sexual Harassment and Violence
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

Salim, Women, and Oikos: A Planetary Expansion of Family
Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University, Pennsylvania
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Responding:

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

P17-100
Karl Barth Society of North America
George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Karl Barth's The Epistle to the Romans

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Robert Nelson, University of Maryland
The Voice of History: Barth on the Religion and Faith of Abraham in Romans 4

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico
The World of Barth's Second Edition of The Epistle to the Romans

Sarah Keough, Boston University
Human Subjectivity, Karl Barth, and the Women's Mosque Movement of Egypt

Timo Helenius, Brown University
Night Creatures: Barth’s Phenomenology of Sünder Mensch

Responding:

Keith Johnson, Wheaton College

Saturday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

A17-144
Religion and the Arts Award Jury Meeting
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University, and Karen Gonzalez Rice, Connecticut College, Presiding
Saturday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM
A17-145
Plenary Panel: Religion Journalism and Religion Scholars: To 2020 and beyond
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:
Elizabeth Dias, TIME Magazine
Laurie Goodstein, New York Times
Emma Green, The Atlantic
Jerome Socolovsky, Washington, DC
Niraj Warikoo, Detroit Free Press
Jeremy Weber, Christianity Today

A17-146
Contingent Faculty Luncheon: What Should AAR’s New Executive Director Know about Working off the Tenure-Track?
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding
Theme:
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

A17-147
LGBTIQ Mentoring Lunch
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

A17-148
Women’s Caucus
Julia Berger, University of Kent, Presiding
Theme: Response-Ability to Develop and Connect Women's Caucuses across Regions
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:
Sabrina D. MisirHiralall, Montclair State University
Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary
Saturday - 12:30 PM-2:00 PM

A17-149
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Economies of Sharing: The Ethics of Appropriating Pedagogical Resources and the Motives of Distribution

Panelists:

Jon Kara Shields, University of Notre Dame

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A17-200
Applied Religious Studies Committee
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: Another Plan A: Religious Studies Education and Careers beyond the Academy

Panelists:

Stephanie Brehm, Northwestern University
David Krueger, The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program
Benjamin Marcus, Religious Freedom Center
Emily McFarland Miller, Religion News Service
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University

A17-201
Public Understanding of Religion Committee and the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting
Evan Berry, American University, Presiding

Theme: AAR Journalism Award Session: The Complexities of Religion in Journalism

Panelists:

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
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Panelists:

Jon Sawyer, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting

**A17-202**

**Anthropology of Religion Unit**

Eric Hoenes del Pinal, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

Theme: *Skin in the Game: Ethnographies of Religious Embodiment*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jennifer Ortegren, Middlebury College

*Embodying Middle Class Morality in Urban India*

Lisa Brooks, University of California, Berkeley

*Loving a Leech: Touch and Emergent Selves in Ayurvedic Leech Therapy*

Jonathan Burrow-Branine, University of Kansas

*Genres of Religious Activism: Affect and Vulnerability in LGBTQ Christian Organizing*

Michael Grigoni, Duke University

*The Gun and the Flesh of the World: Toward a Phenomenology of Christian Handgun Ownership*

Responding:

Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside

Business Meeting:

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

James Bielo, Miami University

**A17-204**

**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit**

Mark S. Brocker, St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Presiding

Theme: *Celebrating and Interrogating Bonhoeffer’s Life Together (Christian Kaiser Verlag, 1938)*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
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Derek Taylor, Hope College
*What’s This Book Actually about? Life Together and the Possibility of Theological Knowledge*

Dustin Benac, Duke University
*Life Together as Communio, Relation, and Possibility: A Bonhoefferian Via Media to the Hauerwasian and Bourdieusian Approaches to Social Analysis*

Joseph McGarry, St John's College
*Formed Together: Bonhoeffer’s Finkenwalde Experiment and Its Theological Import for the Anglican Diocese of Wellington*

Jacob Putich, University of Aberdeen
*Apocalyptic Convivence: Life Together in the Liminality of the World*

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**A17-205**
**Buddhism Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit**
Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *Book Panel on José Cabezón’s Sexuality in Classical South Asian Buddhism (Wisdom Publications, 2017)*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

C. John Powers, Deakin University
Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College

Responding:

José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**A17-206**
**Chinese Religions Unit**
Jessey J. C. Choo, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *Death, (Re-)Birth, and Time: Transformative Bodies in Chinese Religious Traditions*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jingyu Liu, Harvard University
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Physical Sublimation and Universal Salvation: Bodily Transformation in the Daoist Yellow Register Retreat (Huanglu zhai 黃籙齋)

Hsin Yi Lin, Fo Guang University

Transformed Bodies of Duḥkha: Suffering Fetuses and Mothers in Medieval Chinese Buddhist Transformation Texts and Images

Hsiao-wen Cheng, University of Pennsylvania

Meanings of Sexual Transformation and the Temporality of Norms in Early and Medieval China

Business Meeting:

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee
Anna Sun, Kenyon College

A17-207

Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Devon Abts, King's College London, Presiding

Theme: Liberating Exegesis with Visual Art: A Roundtable Discussion

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Charles Gillespie, University of Virginia
Natalie Carnes, Baylor University
Junius Johnson, Baylor University
Aaron Rosen, Rocky Mountain College

Responding:

Ben Quash, King's College London

A17-208

Class, Religion, and Theology Unit
Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, Presiding

Theme: Class, Solidarity, and Religion

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Ben DeSpain, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

The Hope of Deep Solidarity: Overcoming Despair and Presumption in Class Inequality

Michael Royster, Prairie View A&M University

The Veil That Hinders Solidarity

Scott Prather, Memphis Theological Seminary

“Deep Solidarity” and Peripheral Labor: Does the Spirit’s Work Decolonize as It Unifies?

Responding:

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University
Ken Estey, Brooklyn College

A17-209

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: Computational Modeling at the Interface of Traditional Religious Studies and Cognitive Science of Religion

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Robert N. McCauley, Emory University
Colleen Shantz, University of Toronto
F. LeRon Shults, University of Agder
Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Wensi You, Boston University

A17-210
Contemporary Islam Unit and Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Islamic Mysticism Unit and Qur’an Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: Mentoring Session for Scholars Studying Muslims/Islam

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
A17-211
Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit
Jennifer Newsome Martin, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: Maximus the Confessor: Ancient Wisdom for Contemporary Times

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Demetrios Bathrellos, Hellenic Open University, Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies
Paul M. Blowers, Milligan College
Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union
Katya Tolstaya, Vrije Universiteit

Responding:

Aristotle Papanikolaou, Fordham University

A17-212
Ecclesiological Investigations Unit
Miriam Perkins, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Ecclesial Courage in Contemporary Practice

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Travis LaCouter, University of Oxford
Bold Speech or Idle Chatter? Institutional Parrhesia and the Church’s Many Voices

Erin Michele Brigham, University of San Francisco
Expressions of Sanctuary in the San Francisco Bay Area: An Ecclesiological Analysis

Jeremy M. Bergen, Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo
The Ecumenism of Martyrdom and the Mission of the Church

Herbie Miller, University of Dayton
“There’s Room at the Table”: One Church’s Story of Welcoming Refugees

Business Meeting:

Brian Flanagan, Marymount University
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Vladimir Latinovic, University of Tübingen

A17-213
Ethics Unit and Liberal Theologies Unit and Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit
AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Theme: *Breaking White Supremacy (Yale University Press, 2018): The Black Social Gospel Revisited*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology
Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University
Adam Bond, Virginia Union University
Walter Earl Fluker, Boston University

Responding:

Gary Dorrien, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary

A17-214
Evangelical Studies Unit
Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: *Who Gets to Define Evangelicalism?*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Ronald Potter, Hinds Community College
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute
Oscar Garcia-Johnson, Fuller Theological Seminary
Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College

A17-215
Gay Men and Religion Unit
Brian Blackmore, Temple University, Westtown School, Presiding
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *Baldwin and Milk by Moonlight: Sanctification, Redemption, and Disidentification of Gay Male Characters*

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
*Same-Sex Reproductive Redemption in Moonlight and God’s Own Country*

Christopher Hunt, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary
*Holy Sex, Queer Love, and the Ecstatic Encounter with the Transcendent in James Baldwin’s Just Above My Head*

William Gilders, Emory University
*“Harvey Milk Lives!” Religious Cultural Forms and the Memorialization of a Gay Martyr*

Responding:

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University

Business Meeting:

Marco Derks, Utrecht University

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**A17-216**

**Hinduism Unit**
Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Hindu or Non-Hindu? New Archival Perspectives on the Liṅgāyat/Vīraśaiva Religion*

Eric Steinschneider, University of Arizona
*The Religion of Tomorrow: ‘Neo-Vīraśaivism’, Grace-Bodies, and the Genealogies of Modern Hinduism*

Gil Ben-Herut, University of South Florida
*Beyond Lexical Meticulousness: What Can We Learn from “Vīraśaiva” and “Liṅgāyat” as Hapax Legomena in Early Kannada Śivabhakti Literature?*

Elaine Fisher, Stanford University
*Beyond Origins: The Vīramāheśvaras of Srisailam*
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona
*Positioning Vīraśaivism: Inclusion and Exclusion and the Construction of Religious Identity in Early Modern Mysore*

Responding:

John Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University

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Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit
Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding

Theme: *Movement and Indigenous Religions*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Paul Gareau, University of Alberta
*Métis Pilgrimage Affirming Métis Peoplehood: Researching Métis Kinscapes at Lac Ste. Anne, AB*

David Walsh, Gettysburg College
*Movement and Continuity in a Northern Indigenous Community*

Sarah King, Grand Valley State University
“*Remember That a Recipe Is a Story*: (re)Mobilizing Indigenous Food

Meaghan Weatherdon, University of Toronto
*Crossing Legal Landscapes throughout the Journey of Nishiiyuu*

Bjorn Ola Tafjord, University of Tromsø
*Patas Calientes and Multiple Other Talamancan Mobilities*

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College
*The Politics and Poetics of O’odham Categories of Movement*

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado
*Animating Circuits of Indigeneity*

Graham Harvey, The Open University
*Belonging to (Not “in”) Land as Performed at Indigenous Cultural Events*

Natalie Avalos, Connecticut College
*Planting Yourself in the Land: Urban Indian Peoplehood and Reindigenizing Places*
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Business Meeting:

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College  
Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach

A17-218  
Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit  
Jennifer Veninga, St. Edward's University, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard and Cinema*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Joseph Westfall, University of Houston-Downtown  
*Film Authorship and Kierkegaardian Pseudonymity (With Continual Reference to Charlie Kaufman)*

Troy Wellington Smith, University of California, Berkeley  
*"Truth is Subjectivity" and the Theory of Relativity: The Kierkegaard and Einstein of Carl Th. Dreyer's Ordet*

Taylor Worley, Trinity International University  
*The Gift of Grief? A Kierkegaardian Inversion in the Films of Alejandro González Iñárritu*

Jeffrey Hanson, Harvard University  
*“In 2046 Nothing Ever Changes:” Kierkegaardian Repetition and Resignation in the Films of Wong Kar-Wai*

A17-219  
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit  
Lauren Frances Guerra, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Theme: *Latinx Religion and Institutional Violence*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Edward Escalon, University of Toronto  
*Left Behind: The Eschatology of Police Brutality*

Grace Vargas, Southern Methodist University  
*A Labor of Love? Cuban Views on Early 20th Century U.S. Protestant Missions to the Island*
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Marlene Ferreras, Claremont School of Theology
*From Milpa to Maquila, Mamá to Machine: Mayan Women, Theology, and Transnational Corporations*

Responding:

Néstor Medina, University of Toronto

Business Meeting:

Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University, New York

**A17-220**
*Law, Religion, and Culture Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit*
Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico, Presiding

Theme: *Schooling the Courts: Education as Site and Source for Religion and Law beyond the Courts*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania
*Inculcating Corporate Morality in Public Schools: A Comparative Look at Japan and the U.S.*

Leslie Ribovich, Princeton University
*Is Racism the Real Religion of America? Parochial School Aid and Desegregation at the 1967 New York State Constitutional Convention*

Sher Tareen, Florida State University
*Learning Islam, Learning Professionalism: Al-Fatih Academy and Muslim Piety in Reston, Virginia*

Sultan Doughan, University of California, Berkeley
*Protestant Atonement as a Practice of Citizenship: How Muslim Belonging in Germany is Dependent on the Figure of the Jew*

Responding:

Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

Business Meeting:

Richard Amesbury, Clemson University
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A17-221
New Religious Movements Unit
Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: Minority and Emerging Religious Communities

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University
“Hail to the Queens of Ethiopia”: Religion and the Shaping of Identity in the Black Coptic Church

Markus Davidsen, Leiden University
Rise of the Real Jedi: How a Religious Identity Movement Emerged from the Star Wars Fan Culture

Abel Gomez, Syracuse University
Becoming Brujas: Rise of Women and Queer of Color Witchcraft in the U.S.

Nicole Karapanagiotis, Rutgers University, Camden
Krishna West and the Reinvention of ISKCON

Responding:
Torang Asadi, Duke University

Business Meeting:
Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster

A17-222
North American Religions Unit
Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding

Theme: Producing Islam(s) in Canada: On the Politics of Knowledge Production

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Meena Sharify-Funk, Wilfrid Laurier University
Jason Sparkes, Wilfrid Laurier University
Expressions of Sufism in Canada
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sadaf Ahmed, University of Toronto
*A Case for a "Hijab-Ban" in North American Scholarship*

Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Amelie Barras, York University
*The Interview Schedule as Site of Knowledge Production and Politics on Islam(s) in Canada*

Melanie Adrian, Carleton University
*Do Scholars Sway the Public Imaginary? Radio, Slander, and a Canadian Private Islamic School*

Responding:

Aaron W. Hughes, University of Rochester
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

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A17-223
**Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit**
Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Eros and Ascent: Jewish, Islamic, and Christian*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Syed Zaidi, Emory University
*Essence and Existence in Ibn Sīnā’s Conception of Love and Ascent*

Matthew Hotham, Ball State University
*For Love of the Prophet’s Body: Embodied Ascension in Three Medieval Persian Poems*

James Bryson, Cambridge University
*Platonic Love in Henry More’s Ethics*

Sarah Pessin, University of Denver
*Tripartite Desire in Plotinus and Ibn Gabirol*

Business Meeting:

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University

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A17-224
**Quaker Studies Unit and Women and Religion Unit**
Stephen Angell, Earlham School of Religion, Presiding
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM


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Panelists:

David Harrington Watt, Haverford College  
Nikki Coffey Tousley, University of Dayton  
Carole Dale Spencer, George Fox University  
Robynne Rogers Healey, Trinity Western University

Responding:

Michele Lise Tarter, College of New Jersey  
Catie Gill, Loughborough University

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**A17-225**  
Religion and Disability Studies Unit  
Jesse Perillo, DePaul University, Presiding

Theme: *Authors and Conversation Partners: Monica A. Coleman's Bipolar Faith (Fortress Press, 2016) and Michelle M. Lelwica's Shameful Bodies (Bloomsbury, 2017)*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College  
*Crip Salvation: Theologies beyond Desirability*

Janice Thompson, King's College  
*Multivalent Narratives: Bipolar Faith, Shameful Bodies, and My Story as a Theologian, Mother, and Disabled Person*

Responding:

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology  
Michelle M. Lelwica, Concordia College, Moorhead  
Judith Plaskow, New York, NY

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**A17-226**  
Religion and Ecology Unit
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Abby Mohaupt, Drew University, Presiding


Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:
Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Richard L. Wood, University of New Mexico
Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University

Responding:
Amanda Baugh, California State University, Northridge

A17-227
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
James Thrall, Knox College, Presiding

Theme: Faking It: Guns, Apocalypse, Family Values, and the Original Fake News in the Post-Truth Era

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College
Manufacturing Belief: Doomsday Preppers and New Apocalypticism

Myev Rees, Northwestern University
Counting on the Duggars: The Innocuous Wholesome Faith and Family Facade of the IBLP’s Darker Agenda

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University
The Religious Politics of Predictive Saccades: Fan Confabulations of Heartland as “Pure Flix” Paragon

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado
When Religion Becomes “Fake News”: Atheist and Post-Evangelical Critiques of “Religion as the Original Fake News”
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Business Meeting:

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri

A17-228
Religion in South Asia Unit
Andrea Marion Pinkney, McGill University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Encounters in Early Modern South Asia*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Mark McLaughlin, College of William and Mary
*Dargâhs and Samādhis: Reflections on the Emergence of a Maharashtrian Hindu Tomb-Shrine Tradition*

Bhakti Mamtora, University of Florida
*Religious Others and Inter-faith Relations in Western India*

Rahul Parson, University of Colorado
*Encounters and Reconciliations: "Tolerance" and (Im)partiality in Two Jain Intellectual Lineages*

Julie Vig, University of British Columbia
*Expressing Vir Rasa: Religious and Literary Encounters between Khalsa Sikhs and Dadapanthi Nagas*

A17-229
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit
Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *Moral Obligations, Prophetic Actions, and Search for Solidarity from Historical, Transnational, and Global Perspectives: The Cases of South Africa, Palestine, and Israel*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Daniel Boyarin, University of California, Berkeley
Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College
Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg
Brant Rosen, Jewish Voice for Peace
A17-230
Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Thomas J. Ferraro, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: Memory, History, and Accountability: A Roundtable about Catholic Universities’ Struggle to Come to Terms with Painful Pasts

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

John Seitz, Fordham University
Terrence Johnson, Georgetown University
Tia Noelle Pratt, St. Joseph's University
Andrew Mach, University of Notre Dame

Responding:

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

A17-231
Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit
Filipe Maia, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: Un/Familiar Theology (T&T Clark, 2017), Un/Familiar Texts: A Panel Response to Susannah Cornwall

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Brandy Daniels, University of Virginia
Joseph A. Marchal, Ball State University
Cameron Partridge, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
Rhiannon Graybill, Rhodes College

Responding:

Susannah Cornwall, University of Exeter

A17-232
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Willem B. Drees, Tilburg University, Presiding


Holmes Rolston, Colorado State University
Lame Science? Blind Religion?

Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago
Reacting to Consecrating Science: What Might Amateurs Do?

Donovan Schaefer, University of Pennsylvania
Mere Science: Mapping the Land Bridge between Emotion, Politics, and Ethics

Courtney O'Dell-Chaib, Syracuse University
The Shape of this Wonder? Consecrated Science and New Cosmology Affects

Responding:

Lisa Sideris, Indiana University

Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion
Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Currents in Sociology of Religion in Africa and the African Diaspora

Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Kansas State University
African Evangelical Giving Practices as Rituals of Recognition

Amidu Elabo, Princeton Theological Seminary
Fading Boundaries: Religion, Violence, and Spatial Mapping of Nigeria’s Jos North Urban Center

Ofula Kenneth, Princeton Theological Seminary
“Politics of Canaan”: Raila Odinga and Religious Rhetoricization of Kenyan 2017 Presidential Elections
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University
The African Diaspora: Context for the Sociology of Religion

Responding:
James Spickard, University of Redlands

Business Meeting:
Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University
Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion, Newton, MA

A17-234
Wesleyan Studies Unit
Ashley Dreff, Hood Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Health and Healing in Wesleyan and Methodist Traditions

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sangwoo Kim
Chun Jin’s Charismata of the Spirit: Women Healers of the Twentieth-Century Charismatic Movement in Korea

Alex Parrish, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
“Houses of Mercy”: The Health Care Initiatives of the Woman’s Home Missionary Society in Alaska

Michael Nausner, Church of Sweden
Together Whole. A Participatory Understanding of Health from a Wesleyan Perspective

Sarah Sours, Huntingdon College
Disabling Hope: Healing Imagery in the Holiness Hymn Tradition

Responding:
Natalya Cherry, Southern Methodist University

A17-235
Western Esotericism Unit
Brigid Burke, Montclair State University, Presiding
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *Esoteric Traditions of Revelatory Dreaming*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Claire Fanger, Rice University
*The Natural Philosophy of Prophecy: Dreams, Magic, and Prayer in the Later Middle Ages*

Kelly Bulkeley, The Sleep and Dream Database
*Dangerous Dreaming: The Spanish Inquisition's Trial of a Prophetic Dreamer*

Glenn McCullough, University of Toronto
*Jacob Boehme’s Dream Psychology and the Origins of Psychodynamic Psychotherapy*

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo
*Dreams of the Womb: Kabbalistic Dream Interpretation Medieval and Modern*

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A17-236
Chinese Christianities Seminar
Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Presiding

Theme: *Crossing Ecclesial Boundaries*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Wai-Yin Christina Wong, Chinese University of Hong Kong
*A Christian Women’s Community in Canton, South China: Women’s Work in Transnational Cooperation (1872-1938)*

Jin Lu, Purdue University Northwest
*From Protestantism to Catholicism: The Spiritual Paths of Lu Zhengxiang (Lou Tseng-Tsiang) and Wu Jingxiong (John C. H. Wu) before Vatican II*

Justin Tse, Northwestern University
*Orthodoxy in Solidarity with the Umbrella Movement: The Backdrop of Chinese Politics for Evangelical and Eastern Catholic Cooperation in Vancouver*

Responding:

Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University

Business Meeting:
A17-237
Political Theology Seminar
Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: Political Theology and Justice Part I

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Ezra Tzfadya, University of Bamberg, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
Cosmological Justice and the Political Theology of the Modern State: Rav Kook and Khomeini between Sin and the Liminality of Divine Law

Julia Berger, University of Kent
Divine Polity: International Religious NGOs and the Pursuit of Global Justice

Eric Gregory, Princeton University
Who Are the Nations for Us Today? Global Justice and Political Theology

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College
Political Theology and the Earth

A17-238
Wildcard Session
Kermit Moss, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Wakanda Is the Space for Black Refuge: Black Ontological Space, Death, and Racing Religion in the Era of White Radicalization within Black Panther

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University
Travis Harris, College of William and Mary
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology
Jon Gill, California State University, Long Beach

Responding:

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Saturday - 2:15 PM-3:45 PM

A17-239
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Finding the Job You Want after Graduation: Strategic Planning and Resources for Navigating a PhD Program

Saturday - 2:15 PM-3:45 PM

Panelists:

Tyler Feezell, Arizona State University

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A17-300
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: Challenges and Strategies in Interacting with Students: A Roundtable for Contingent Faculty

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University
Gabe Veas, Ashland Theological Seminary
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa

A17-301
American Lectures in the History of Religions
Rumee Ahmed, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: Complicit Scholarship: Race, Gender, and the Politics of Religious Studies
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University
Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary
Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg
Valerie C. Cooper, Duke University
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
Ayesha S. Chaudhry, University of British Columbia

A17-302
Applied Religious Studies Committee
Jana Riess, Religion News Service, Presiding

Theme: Before You Write That Dissertation: Choosing a Marketable Topic That Will Enhance Your Career

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Melissa Borja, University of Michigan
Theo Calderara, Oxford University Press
Bridgett A. Green, Westminster John Knox Press
Elaine Maisner, University of North Carolina Press
Max Mueller, University of Nebraska

A17-303
Program Committee
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding
Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Theme: How to Propose a New Program Unit

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A17-304
African Diaspora Religions Unit and African Religions Unit and Anthropology of Religions Unit
Scott Alves Barton, New York University, Presiding
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: Charisma, Personality, and Power in African Religions

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kayla Kauffman, University of Virginia
Captivating Charisma: Power as Performance and Patronage in Togolese Charismatic Christianity

R. Daren Erisman, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA
Charisma and Martyrdom in the Church of Uganda: Learning from the Life and Death of Archbishop Emeritus Dr. Livingstone Mpalanyi Nkoyoyo.

Sara Fretheim
Seeking First the Kingdom: Kwame Nkrumah, Charisma, and the Study of Religion in Africa

Michael Amoruso, Oberlin College
Magic Words: Leonard P. Howell, Rastafari, and the Occult Art of Sedition

A17-305
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: Religion, Landscape, and Art

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Ann M. Pederson, Augustana University
Seeing Dakota: Collisions and Confluences

Timothy Parker, Norwich University
Cultural Landscapes of Religious Pluralism: Mapping the Material-Cultural Assemblages of Interreligious Encounter

Rebecca Berru Davis, Montana State University Billings
Vulnerability, Resilience and the Sacred: Probing the World of Artist/Ranchers in the Rocky Mountain West for Their Environmental Vision

A17-306
Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit
Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa, Presiding
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: Augustine on the Self

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

AnnMarie Micikas Bridges, Harvard University
*The Augustinian Self as Spectator*

Petra Turner, University of Virginia
*Purifying the Heart by Displacing the "Inner Man": An Augustinian Phenomenology of the Moral Self*

Stewart Clem, University of Notre Dame
*Questioning the Centrality of "the Self" for Augustine: The Art of Lying as Case Study*

Responding:

Willemien Otten, University of Chicago

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**A17-307**

**Buddhism in the West Unit**

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Presiding

Theme: *Transnational Ethnographies of Buddhism: Gender, Monasticism, and Inter-Religious Meditation*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Di Di, Rice University
*Navigating Gender Norms: Gender Agency in Buddhist Temples in Mainland China and the US*

Ori Mautner, University of Cambridge
*The Buddha Settles in the West Bank: Religious-Nationalist Israeli Jews Re-Enchant Vipassanā Meditation*

Ching-ning Wang, Harvard University
*Living Vinaya in United States: Emerging Female Monastic Sanghas in the West*

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**A17-308**

**Christian Spirituality Unit**

Michael O'Sullivan, Spirituality Institute for Research and Education, Presiding
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: Christian Spiritual Classics and Trauma, Evil, and Illness

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Tara Soughers, Plainville, MA
Wounded Bodies: Teresa of Avila's Spirituality of Suffering

Aline Gram Lewis, Graduate Theological Union
The Power of the Symbol in Julian of Norwich’s Parable of the Lord and the Servant

Francis X. McAloon, Fordham University
Disability Studies, Ignatian Spirituality, and Gerard Manley Hopkins: “Spiritual Affiliation” as Both Spiritual Practice and Goal for Those Living with Chronic Illness

Business Meeting:
Margaret Benefiel, Shalem Institute For Spiritual Formation
Glenn Young, Rockhurst University

A17-309
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Freedom and the Foundations of Theology

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Martin Breul, University of Cologne
Aaron Langenfeld, Universität Paderborn
Freedom as a Core Concept in Contemporary Theology

Shin Young Park, Yale University
Freedom in Beauty: Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Aesthetic Inquiry into Freedom and a Response to Karl Barth’s Theology of Freedom

Kristin Graff-Kallevåg, MF Norwegian School of Theology
The Relationship between Divine Freedom and Relationality: Robert W. Jenson on the Concept of Divine Freedom

A17-310
Cognitive Science of Religion Unit
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kelly Bulkeley, The Sleep and Dream Database, Presiding

Theme: Overview of the State of the Field of the Cognitive Science of Religion

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

John Balch, Boston University
Research Factions or Invisible Clubs? Using Bibliometrics to Understand 25 Years of CSR

John Teehan, Hofstra University
The Pragmatic Roots of CSR: Implications for the Future of the Field

Flavio Geisshuesler, University of Virginia
The 8E Model of Cognition: Towards an Integrated Approach to Religion and Contemplation

A17-311
Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Antonio Terrone, ATLA, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Violence in Tibet and the Himalayas

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Natasha Mikles, Texas State University
Sharing in King Gesar’s Battle-Cry: The Abundant Event of Religious Violence in Tibet

Teresa Yao, ManChing, National ChengChi University
Violence and Myth in Vajrakilaya Ritual: A Giradian Perspective

Christopher Bell, Stetson University
Dorje Shugden’s Holy War of Words

Nicholas Trautz, University of Virginia
Unleashing the Demonic Divine: The bka’ brgyad bde gshegs ‘dus pa in the Articulation of rnying ma Identity

Responding:

Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley

A17-312
AAR 2018 Preliminary Program Book (as of June 14)

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Daoist Studies Unit
Gil Raz, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Theme: Stones along the Path: Explorations in Daoist Epigraphy

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Beverley Zhang, Arizona State University
Beyond Death: The Daoist Epitaph of Xue Yuanqing 薛遠卿 (d. 646)

Huaiyu Chen, Arizona State University
Buddhist and Daoist Stone Lanterns in Tang China: A Comparative Perspective

Jonathan Pettit, University of Hawaii
Carving Out a Dao: Epigraphy and Temple Construction in Medieval Daoism

Jennifer Bussio, Brigham Young University
What Makes a Patriarch? An Examination of the Hagiography of the Twelfth Zhen Dadao Patriarch, Zhang Qingzhi 張清志 (d.1327/28)

Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit
Mohamed S. Hassan, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: The Material Culture of Death, Monuments, and Memory Making

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Rory Lindsay, Harvard University
Material Actors in a Sakyapa Death Ritual

Jordan Rowan Fannin, Berry College
Lawn Jockeys, Martyrs, and Confederate Generals: Flannery O'Connor and the Transformation of Monuments Unto Death

Giulia Giubergia, University of Gothenburg
Martyrs, Angels, and Corpses: Representations of Death in Graffiti in the 2011 Egyptian Uprising

Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
Vera Shevzov, Smith College, Presiding

Theme: *The Icon*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Roberto De La Noval, University of Notre Dame
*Kenotic Iconology in Theodore the Studite*

Evan Freeman, Yale University
*Incarnate Images: Rethinking Twentieth Century Theologies of the Icon*

Aaron Hollande, University of Chicago
*Visual Rhetoric and Hagiographical Resistance in Representations of St. George as a Liberator*

Elena Kravchenko, Washington University in St. Louis
*Protestants and Iconography in the United States: Of Commodities and Social Reform*

Responding:

Mariamni Plested, Marquette University

Business Meeting:

Vera Shevzov, Smith College
Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter

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A17-315
**Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit**
Mary Keller, University of Wyoming, Presiding

Theme: *Re-Thinking the Teaching of Theories and Methods: A Discussion of Cultural Approaches to the Study of Religion (Bloomsbury, 2018) and The Bloomsbury Reader for Cultural Approaches to the Study of Religion (2018)*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Richard Newton, University of Alabama
Sarah Bloesch, Elon University
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Grace Vargas, Southern Methodist University
Brendan Jamal Thornton, University of North Carolina
Jessica A. Boon, University of North Carolina

A17-316
Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit
Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College, Presiding

Theme: *Unsettling Colonialscapes, Indigenous Translations, and Migratory Religions*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Marisa Karyl Franz, University of Toronto
*Devils, Cults, and Idols: Siberian Shamanism in Translation*

Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba
*Decolonizing Representations of North American Indigeneity in Germany*

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach
*Healing Teslin Tlingit Migration and Language: Aucoin’s Residential School Film My Own Private Lower Post*

Stacie Swain, University of Victoria
*Disrupting the Colonialscape through Ceremony: Remembering a National Capital as an Indigenous Landscape*

Responding:

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University

A17-317
Japanese Religions Unit and Law, Religion and Culture Unit
Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and the Constitution in Contemporary Japan*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Mitsutoshi Horii, Shumei University
*The Allied Occupation of Japan 1945-1952 and the Constitutional Category of "Religion"*

Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Religion and the Controversial Subject of Constitutional Law

Ernils Larsson, Uppsala University
Shrine Shinto, "Religion", and the Politics Constitutional Reform

A17-318
Korean Religions Unit and Women and Religion Unit
Deberniere Torrey, University of Utah, Presiding

Theme: Hypermasculinity, Homophobia, Islamophobia, and the Protestant Right in South Korea

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Timothy S. Lee, Texas Christian University
Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology
K. Christine Pae, Denison University

Responding:

Nami Kim, Spelman College

A17-319
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit, and Religion, Sport, and Play Unit
Jean-Pierre Ruiz, St. John's University, New York, Presiding

Theme: Contested Rings, Greens, and Diamonds: Performing Resistance Latinamente

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Arlene Sanchez-Walsh, Azusa Pacific University
Taming the Savage Trade: Resistance and Religious Conversion among Latino/a Boxers

David A. Sánchez, Loyola Marymount University
Uneven Fairways II: Latinx Golf as Site of Resistance and Liberation

Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union
¡Dios Bendiga América! Béisbol, Resistance, and the Ritual Theologizing of Nation

A17-320
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Liberal Theologies Unit and Schleiermacher Unit**
Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding
Shelli Poe, Millsaps College, Presiding

Theme: *On Affect, Gut Feeling, and the Sin of Anti-Blackness*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Erin Kidd, St. John's University
*A Gut Feeling: Schleiermacher's Gefühl and White Supremacy*

Wendy Mallette, Yale University
*Schleiermacher and the Sin of Racism: Antiblackness, the Heretical, and Original Sin*

Thandeka Thandeka, Andover Newton Theological School
*Can Cognitive and Affective Neuroscientific Perspectives on Emotional Experience Help Us Update Schleiermacher’s Analysis of Affect’s Role in the Cultivation of Virtues Promoting Community?*

A17-321

**New Religious Movements Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**
Marion S. Grau, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Smiling Gods, Angels Named Erika, and Glow Clouds: Welcome to Night Vale and the Podcast as a Sacred Text*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Robert Paul Seesengood, Albright College
*The Revelation of Cecil Baldwin: Fink and Cranor’s Night Vale as Podcast Apocalypse*

Sarah "Moxy" Moczygemba, University of Florida
*Citizens and Interlopers, Secret Police and Angels: Night Vale as a Community Text*

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin
*Whispering Forests, Sacred Groves: Welcome to Night Vale’s Abominable New Animism*

Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University
*The Smiling God as Mysterium Tremendum: Monstrous Introductions to Religious Studies*

Responding:
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Charles Schmidt, Rice University

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A17-322
Nineteenth Century Theology Unit and Société Internationale d'Études sur Alfred Loisy
Emily Dumler-Winckler, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: Book Panel on Thomas Albert Howard’s The Pope and the Professor: Pius IX, Ignaz von Döllinger, and the Quandary of the Modern Age (Oxford University Press, 2017)

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University
Kenneth Parker, Duquesne University
Mark Chapman, Ripon College, Cuddesdon

Responding:

Thomas (Tal) Howard, Valparaiso University

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A17-323
Philosophy of Religion Unit
Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: Critical Responses to Noreen Khawaja's Religion of Existence: Asceticism in Philosophy from Kierkegaard to Sartre (University of Chicago Press, 2016)

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Michael Thate, École Normale Supérieure, Princeton University
Œuvres incomplètes: Pascal's Faith and the Philosophy of Religion

Jason Cabitac, Boston University
Reimagining the Secular: Religion as Praxis and Existential Engagement

Jill Hernandez, University of Texas, San Antonio
Existential Authenticity and Asceticism: 3 Challenges for Khawaja

Responding:

Noreen Khawaja, Yale University
AAR 2018 Preliminary Program Book (as of June 14)

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A17-324
Practical Theology Unit
Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, Presiding


Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

- Gregory Ellison, Emory University
- Georgette Ledgister, Emory University

A17-325
Quaker Studies Unit
Jon Kershner, University of Lancaster, Presiding

Theme: *Quaker Historical Engagements in Ethnicity, Sexuality, and Race*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

- Ann-Catherine Wilkening
  “We Shall Doe to All Men Licke as We Will Be Done Ourselves”: Francis Daniel Pastorius and the Early Quaker Anti-Slavery Discourse

- H. Kendall Rogers, Bethany Theological Seminary
  *Was the Brethren Movement Launched by a Quaker?*

- Mark Frankel, University of Birmingham
  *T. Edmund Harvey and an "Education Eirenicon": The Quaker-Led Ecumenical Initiative to Settle the Status of Religion within State Education, 1908-10*

- Brian Blackmore, Temple University, Westtown School
  *Friendly Sex Education and the Liturgical Technologies of Unprogrammed Meeting for Worship*

Business Meeting:

- Jon Kershner, University of Lancaster
- Carole Dale Spencer, George Fox University

A17-326
Qur'an Unit
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: Aspects of Qur’an Usage and Interpretation

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Syed Zaidi, Emory University
*The Use of the Qur’an in the Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’s Treatise on Love*

Tehseen Thaver, Princeton University
*Ambiguity and Metaphor as Modes of Knowledge in Qur’anic Exegesis*

James Riggan, Florida State University
*Islamic Exorcism and the Somatic Modality of the Qur’an*

Salih Sayilgan, Georgetown University
*The Qur’an in the Literature of Muslim Slaves in America*

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A17-327
Religion and Disability Studies Unit
Nicholas Junkerman, Skidmore College, Presiding

Theme: *Disabled Bodies, Hagiography, and Life-Writing: Faith and Being Black or Deaf or Different*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Gregory Carrier, University of Alberta
*Mute Conversations: Hearing Writers and Imagining Deaf Lives in Medieval Christianity*

Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University
*Hagiographic Prosthetics: Disability in Paul Ragueneau’s Vie de la Mère Catherine de Saint-Augustin*

Marlana Portolano, Towson University
*Milwaukee’s Deaf Catholic Community: A Multigenerational Story of Reconciliation*

Jonathan Langston Chism, University of Houston
Vida Robertson, University of Houston-Downtown
*Harriet Tubman’s Faith and Disability: Recovering and Theologically Reflecting on Influential Disabled Black Bodies*
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**A17-328**

**Religion and Ecology Unit**
James Miller, Queen's University, Kingston, Presiding

Theme: *Philosophical and Theological Approaches to Religion and Ecology*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Christopher Fici, Union Theological Seminary

*The Anticipatory Community: Radical, Sacred Communal Imagination for the Age of Climate Crisis*

Colin McGuigan, University of Dayton

*Wonder Opens the Heart: Pope Francis, Wonder, and Encountering the Other*

Timothy Harvie, St. Mary's University, Alberta, Canada

*A Politics of Connected Flesh: Ecology, Merleau-Ponty, and Public Theology*

Aminah Al-Attas Bradford, Duke University

*Deep Exchange: How Jesus’ Baptism Sanctifies the Cosmos to become a Priest of Humanity*

**Business Meeting:**

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego

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**A17-329**

**Religion and Economy Unit**
Rebecca Bartel, San Diego State University, Presiding

Theme: *Property, Place, and Politics of Race and Gender*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Isaac Arten, Saint Louis University

"*Sober Industry the Only Remedy*: Property, Race, and Religion in English Colonial Theological Anthropology"

Gregory Chatterley, The University of Chicago

"*White* Evangelicalism: Suburbanization and the Transformation of Religious Racial Ideology in Postwar Chicagoland"

**Responding:**
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

**A17-330**
**Religion and Politics Unit**
Elias Ortega-Aponte, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *African-American Religion, Race, and Social Justice*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Ennis B. Edmonds, Kenyon College
*It's Getting Funky in Here: Black Panther and the Afrofuturist Project*

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary
*Beyond the God That Failed: Black Religion and the Possibilities of Human Rights*

Jermaine McDonald, Emory University
*Bernie Sanders, MLK, and the Intersection of Race and Economic Policy: Missed Opportunities in the 2016 Sanders Campaign for the Democratic Presidential Nomination*

**A17-331**
**Religion and Popular Culture Unit and Religion in Southeast Asia Unit**
James Edmonds, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Pop Culture as Argument: Contesting Religion, Gender, and Romance in Contemporary Indonesia*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Andrea Decker, University of California, Riverside
*Hidden for their Protection: Gendered Power, Provocation, and Representation in Dangdut Competition Television*

Rosalia Engchuan, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
*There Is No Place for Us Here: Arguments about, against, for, and from within Queer Film in Contemporary Indonesia*

Richard Fox, Heidelberg University
*Screening Piety, Class, and Romance in Indonesia: Scenes from an Argument Already Well Underway*
A17-332
Religion and Science Fiction Unit
Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Theme: Science Fiction, Race, and Embodiment

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

David L. Simmons, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
From Revenants to Replicants: Frankenstein and the Prometheus Myth in Horror and Sci-Fi

Leah Schade, Lexington Theological Seminary
Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary
Skin Jobs and Snow Jobs: Blade Runner, Race Erasure, and the Construction of “Illegality”

Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver
White Womanhood and/as American Empire in Arrival and Annihilation

A17-333
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: Public Intellectuals in Religion, Film, and Television: 21st Century Industry Interlocutors and Creatives

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Craig Detweiler, The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology
Creative Interfaith Collaborations and Marketing

Lina Verchery, Harvard University
The Creative and Intellectual Challenges of Filmmaking

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary
Navigating Television as a Religious Scholar and Bridge Building in Hollywood

A17-334
Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Yunus Dogan Telliel, UC Berkeley, Presiding
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: Religion, Scientists, and the Public

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Simranjit Khalsa, Rice University
Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University
*Indian Scientists’ Understanding Religion and Spirituality*

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico
*Bringing Mainstream Science to Church*

Jennifer Baldwin, Grounding Flight Wellness, Marietta, GA
*Knowledge, Power, and Fear: The Role of Religion and Science in Populism and Our Shared Public Life*

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**A17-335**

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

Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion, Presiding

Theme: Reflections on Social Theory and Religion

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Marsha Hewitt, Trinity College
*The Haunted Legacy of Christian Anti-Judaism in Critical Theory's Turn to Psychoanalytic Object Relations Theory*

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College
*Deep Roots and Broken Branches: Towards a Grounded Theory and Redefinition of the Whole Black Church*

Johan Strijdom, University of South Africa (Unisa)
*Economy: Assessing a Key Category in David Chidester's Sociological Analysis of Religion*

Dustin Benac, Duke University
*Seeing the Field: The Promise of Organizational Theory for the Study of Religion and Religious Organizations*

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**A17-336**

**Space, Place, and Religion Unit**
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Theme: Buddhist Material Heritage: Unexplored Questions

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

David Geary, University of British Columbia
Romancing the Stone: Archaeological Intimacies and Mobile Mediations of India’s Buddhist Heritage in Sarnath

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College
Naresh Shakya, Lotus Academic College
Newar Buddhist Mural Paintings: Marking and the Loss of Religious Space and Identity

Edward Arnold, Columbia University
Reconfiguring Spatiotemporal Realities: Tsong Khapa’s Buddhist Vision of Tibet

A17-337
Study of Islam Unit
Travis Zadeh, Yale, Presiding

Theme: The Heart of the Matter: Centers, Peripheries, Borders, and Contestations in Islamic Studies

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College
Decentering the Center: How the Study of Gender in Islam Diversifies the Genres, Languages, and Geographies of Islamic Studies

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont
Made by Committee: How Academic Job Ads Reify and Shape Islamic Studies

Chiara Formichi, Cornell University
Is This Islamic?

A17-338
Teaching Religion Unit
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: Supporting SoTL (Scholarship on Teaching and Learning)

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union
*Pedagogical Strategies for Fostering Inclusivity and Constructive Conflict in Religious Studies Classrooms*

Joshua Patterson, University of Georgia
*Does Religious Studies Have a Core? A National Comparison Study*

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College
*The Promise and Limits of Using Case Studies to Assess Student Ability to Evaluate Moral Conduct and Make Decisions*

Christopher Richmann, Baylor University
*Developing Empathy through Study of Christian Heresies*

Drew Baker, Claremont School of Theology
Ann Hidalgo, Claremont School of Theology
*Learning to Describe the Elephant: Metadata as a Pedagogical Exercise in the Religious Studies Classroom*

A17-339
Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit
Hak Joon Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Challenging the Political through Prayer and Potential Shame

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Dallas Gingles, Southern Methodist University
*Prayer, Politics, and Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Russell Powell, Princeton Theological Seminary
*“Somehow This Madness Must Cease”: The Power and Potential of Shame in Martin Luther King, Jr.’s “A Time to Break Silence”*

Business Meeting:

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A17-340
Vatican II Studies Unit
Paul Crowley, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Theme: 1968: A Turning Point in the Reception of Vatican II?

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Dries Bosschaert, University of Leuven
Comrades in the Attainment of the Universal Common Good: The Genesis and Reception of Vatican II’s Views of Workers’ Rights in Light of the Events of 1968

Daniel Rober, Sacred Heart University
The Communio School’s Failure of Nerve and the Legacy of 1968

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College
Catholics in the Long Wake of Humanae Vitae: NFP, "Life Issues", and Polarized American Catholicism

Business Meeting:

Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University
Kristin Colberg, University of Notre Dame

A17-341
Yogācāra Studies Unit
A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo, Presiding

Theme: Exploring Yogācāra in the Laṅkāvatārasūtra

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

John Dunne, University of Wisconsin
Florin Deleanu, International College for Postgraduate Buddhist Studies, Tokyo
Paul G. Hackett, Columbia University
Ligeia Lugli, Mangalam Research Center for Buddhist Languages, Berkeley, CA
Daniel McNamara, Emory University

Business Meeting:
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University
Joy Brennan, Kenyon College

A17-342
Political Theology Seminar
Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: Political Theology and Justice Part II

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Marjorie Corbman, Fordham University
"God's Judgment on White America": Divine Anger and Justice in Political Theology

Amaryah Armstrong, Vanderbilt University
Race and the Refusal of Reproduction: Blackness, Justice, and Obligation

Robert O. Smith, Baylor University
Supersessionism, Political Theology, and Settler Coloniality

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University
Before and beyond Rights: Re-Visioning Political Order through Symbols of Justice

Business Meeting:

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

A17-343
Wildcard Session
Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University, Presiding

Theme: Teaching Local Religion with Digital Humanities: Objects, Methods, Pedagogies

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Rachel Kranson, University of Pittsburgh
The Pittsburgh Torah Scrolls Project

Jennifer S. Leath, Iliff School of Theology
Black Religious Denver

Shana Sippy, Centre College
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Michael McNally, Carleton College
Religious Diversity in Minnesota Initiative

Emily Suzanne Clark, Gonzaga University
Jesuit Missions on the Columbia Plateau

Gale Kenny, Barnard College
Religion in the Archive

Rachel Lindsey, Saint Louis University
Arch City Religion

Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University
Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University
The American Religious Sounds Project

Christopher Cantwell, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
Gathering Places: Religion and Community in Milwaukee

Cara Burnidge, University of Northern Iowa
American Religion and Refugees in the Heartland

A17-344
Women's Caucus
Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University, Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: Developing Civic Engagement and Planetary Response-Ability: A Postcolonial Ecofeminist Theological Perspective

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College
Decolonizing Reality: An East/West Perspective on the Gnostic Mother Principle

Sarah Robinson-Bertoni, Santa Clara University
Thinking like an Ecofeminist

Patricia Friel, University of Cincinnati
Domestic Violence against Women and Animals: A Ecofeminist Liberation Theological Perspective

Responding:
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School

Saturday - 4:00 PM-5:30 PM
A17-344
Student Lounge Roundtable
Theme: *Finishing the Dissertation On-Time and with Your Sanity In-Tact*

Saturday - 4:00 PM-5:30 PM
Panelists:
Gwendolyn Gillson, University of Iowa

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
A17-400
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Rachel Lindsey, Saint Louis University, Presiding
Theme: *New Chapters, Blank Spaces: Reflections on the Academy from Those Who Have Left and Those Who Remain*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Panelists:
Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa
Elizabeth Young Barstow, Wofford College
Ariel Schwartz, Northwestern University
Abigail Kluchin, Ursinus College
Kristy Slominski, University of Mississippi
Kyle Schenkewitz, Wartburg College
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University
Philip K. Goff, Indiana University/Purdue University at Indianapolis

A17-401
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

**Academic Relations Committee**
Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding

Theme: *The Current State of Religious Studies - What Are You Going to Do with That? Lessons from a New Humanities Career Program*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Sean Kelly, University of Texas, San Antonio  
Catherine Gorman, Florida SouthWestern State College  
Thomas Stefaniuk, Florida Gulf Coast University  
Ashleigh Halter, Florida Gulf Coast University

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**A17-402**  
**Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee**  
Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Knowledge Production and the New Nativism*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Kelly Brown Douglas, Episcopal Divinity School  
Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology  
Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University  
Gil Anidjar, Columbia University  
Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University

Business Meeting:

Nargis Virani, Graduate Theological Union

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**A17-403**  
**African Religions Unit**  
David Amponsah, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: *The Public Role of the Scholar of Religion in Africa*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Panelists:

Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University
Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee
Funlayo Easter Wood, Harvard University
Eric Lewis Williams, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture

A17-404
Afro-American Religious History Unit
Lerone Martin, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding
Tobin Shearer, University of Montana, Presiding

Theme: Seeing the Unseen, Unfamiliar, and Understudied in African American Religious Historiography

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Julius Bailey, University of Redlands
Rocky Mountain Female Pioneers: The Growth of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Colorado

Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University

Elena Kravchenko, Washington University in St. Louis
To be Black and Orthodox: African Saints and Reconfiguration of Religion and Race

Alexia Williams, Yale University
Autobiography, Hagiography, and the Illegible Lives of African American Catholics

A17-405
Bioethics and Religion Unit and International Development and Religion Unit
Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury, Presiding

Theme: Revolutionary Bioethics: Bioethics, Religion, and International Development

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Timothy Carey, Boston College
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Justice and Islamic Bioethics: Imām al-Shāṭibī and the Common Good

Jennifer McCurdy, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver
Reconsidering Eurochristian Bioethics through Indigenous Anti-Colonialism

Willie Young, Endicott College
The Revolutionary Principles of Partners in Health

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A17-406
Buddhism Unit
Justin R. Ritzinger, University of Miami, Presiding

Theme: Seeing through the Secular Paradigm: Buddhism and the Chinese Revolution

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Rongdao Lai, University of Southern California
A Buddhicized Revolution: The Buddhist New Youth Movement in Republican China

Nicole Willock, Old Dominion University
Translating “Religion” and the “People”: Tibetan Buddhist Scholars in 1950's China

Lei Ying, Harvard University
Reading for Enlightenment: Liang Qichao and the Buddhist Origin of the Literary Revolution

Jessica Zu, Princeton University
Aesthetic Revolution for a New Moral Ecology, 1918-1923

Responding:

Hung-yok Ip, Oregon State University

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A17-407
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Daniel Wade McClain, Loyola University, Maryland, Presiding

Theme: Freedom in the Polis

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Joseph Drexler-Dreis, Saint Mary's College of California
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

**The Ambivalences of Freedom within Racial Capitalism**

Nathaniel Wood, Fordham University
*Theosis and Freedom in Orthodox Political Theology*

Justin Hawkins, Yale University
*Religious Humility as the Grounds for Religious Liberty: Reinhold Niebuhr’s Contribution to a Theology of Democratic Religious Freedom*

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**A17-408**

**Class, Religion, and Theology Unit**

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

Theme: *Labor, Worker Cooperatives, and Religion*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Anthony Mansueto, University of the District of Columbia
*For a Return to Labor*

Nathan Schneider, University of Colorado
*Social Worship: How Catholic Social Thought Helped Build the Modern Cooperative Movement*

Zachary Settle, Vanderbilt University
*Organizing the End: An Eschatological Analysis of Worker Self-Directed Enterprises*

Christina McRorie, Creighton University
*The Quasi-Religious Cult of “FIRE”: An Analysis of One Attempt to Transcend Work and Class*

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**A17-409**

**Contemporary Islam Unit**

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College, Presiding

Theme: *Islamic Peripheries and Historical Imagination: Narrative, Genealogy, and Ritual*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Eric Schluessel, University of Montana
*Emperor of China, Son of Japheth: Expressions of Imperial Legitimacy and Historical Trauma through Genealogy in the Eastern Turkestan Stories of the Prophets*
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Tristan Brown, Stanford University
*Genealogies of Place: Islam in the Landscape of Popular Religion in the Late Imperial and Modern China*

Ashish Koul, Yale University
*Making a Muslim Caste in South Asia: Arab Genealogy and Arain Identity, 1910s-1980s*

Daniel Birchok, University of Michigan, Flint
*Tawassul as Genealogy: A Non-Authenticating Genealogical Mode in Twenty-First Century Aceh*

Responding:

Devin DeWeese, Indiana University

**A17-410**
*Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit*
SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Irfan Ahmad’s Religion as Critique: Islamic Critical Thinking from Mecca to the Marketplace (University of North Carolina Press, 2017)*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont
Peter Gottschalk, Wesleyan University
Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, University of Notre Dame
Teena Purohit, Boston University
Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago

Responding:

Irfan Ahmad, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity

Business Meeting:

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College
J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto

**A17-411**
*Daoist Studies Unit, Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit, Tantric Studies Unit, Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit, and Yogācāra Studies Unit*
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: Yoga in India and China

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Gerald J. Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara

The Unique "Dualism" of Classical Yoga Theory and Its Equally Unique Notion of the Pluralizing (or Quantizing) of Consciousness

Karen O'Brien-Kop, SOAS University of London

The "Other" Yogaśāstra: Reconfiguring the Category of Classical Yoga

Dominic Steau-Balint, University of California, Santa Barbara

Brahmano-Daoist European Yoga? Tracing the Peculiarly Global History of a Medieval Chinese Bodily Discipline

A17-412
Ecclesial Practices Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit
Darby Ray, Bates College, Presiding

Theme: The Use of Ethnography for Transformative Theological Education

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology
David Mellott, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto

A17-413
Ecclesiological Investigations Unit
Miriam Haar, Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Presiding

Theme: Ecclesial Courage in Historical Perspectives

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Nicholas Krause, Baylor University

Henri de Lubac, Ecclesial Courage, and Christian Resistance to Fascism
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Mary Kate Holman, Fordham University
“Don’t Be Afraid!”: Marie-Dominique Chenu and the Courage for an Engaged Church

Mark DeMott, Fordham University
Taking Charge of the Weight of Reality: The Thought of Ignacio Ellacuria as Impetus and Resource for a Church of the Poor

A17-414
Evangelical Studies Unit
Jason Sexton, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: Who Defined Evangelicalism?

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Christina Copland, University of Southern California
"Conservative and Thoughtful Investors"? The Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Business-Minded Fundamentalists and the Perils of Financial Failure, 1923-1929

Daniel Silliman, Valparaiso University
An Evangelical Is Someone Who Likes Billy Graham: Defining Evangelicalism with Carl Henry and Communication Networks

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College
Labor DNA in the NAE: The National Association of Evangelicals and Class

Allie Blosser, High Point University
Doing Diversity in a Conservative Christian School: Implications for the Future of Evangelicalism

A17-415
History of Christianity Unit
Horace E. Means, Presiding

Theme: Presence and Absence in Material Devotion

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Margaret Slaughter, Indiana University
Threads of Woven Presence: Late Medieval English Ecclesiastical Textiles

Ulrich Rosenhagen, University of Wisconsin
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
“Concrete Forms of the Numinous”: Rudolf Otto’s Collection of Religious Artefacts in the Context of His Writings
Lauren Horn Griffin, University of Oklahoma
Representations of Afromexican Saintly Devotion

A17-416
Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit
Hans Gustafson, University of St. Thomas, Presiding

Theme: Leaving Room for Holy Envy: Applications of Stendahl’s Rule for Interreligious Understanding

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies
Nietzsche and the Jewish Jesus: A Reflection on Holy Envy
Meena Sharify-Funk, Wilfrid Laurier University
Ibn al-‘Arabi and the Virtues of “Holy Envy” in Islam
Tracy Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University
The Ritual of Everyday Life: Hindu Women’s Rituals, Mujerista Theology, and the Catholic Theology of Gender
Kristin Johnston Largen, United Lutheran Seminary
The Nembutsu of Jōdo Shinshū
Taunalyn Rutherford, Claremont Graduate University
A Mormon Pilgrimage to Sikh Sacred Practice, Text, and Temple

A17-417
Japanese Religions Unit
Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: Gods in the Making: Divine Subjectivity in Medieval Japanese Local and Translocal Cults

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Jesse Drian, University of Southern California
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Navigating from the Human to the Divine: Deification in Itsukushima Shrine Origin Narratives
Gaetan Rappo, Nagoya University
*Ritualizing Mount Kōya: The Daijingū Honji and the Triad of Kōbō Daishi, Kōya, and Niu Myōjin*
Emily Simpson, University of California, Santa Barbara
*All in the Family: Divinity and Diversity in the Hachiman Cult*
Or Porath, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Gods amongst Us: The Development of Divine Subjectivity in the Buddhist Cult of the Mountain King*

Responding:
Bernard Faure, Columbia University

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A17-418
*Law, Religion, and Culture Unit*
Richard Amesbury, Clemson University, Presiding

Theme: *Personality, Persons, and Peoples: Legal and Religious Understandings*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Christopher Fleming, University of Southern California
*The Legal Personality of Hindu Deities: Classical Indian Jurisprudence in a Global Context*

Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan
*Legal Nearhumans: How the Dead Speak in Court*

Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
*Religious Exemptions, Gender Equality, and Inheritance: Egypt’s Coptic Community*

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A17-419
*Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit*
John Erickson, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *The Digital and Lived Lesbian Feminist: Erasure, Solidarity, and the Sacred*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Whitney Bond, Chicago Theological Seminary
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Indhira Udofia
“That’s Bae”: What Hashtags, Relationship Goals, and Social Media Means for Lesbian and Queer Women of Color

Carolyn Bratnober, Columbia University
Feminists on Facebook: An Ontology of Assemblages for Digital Platforms of Resistance

Laulie Eckeberger, University of Winchester
"Gay Bashing" in Sacred Space: Lesbian-Feminism and the Rise of Digital Violence

Karen Keen, Marquette University
Ignatian Contemplative Activism: Perspectives from a Decade of Internet Engagement on Sexuality and Christian Faith

Business Meeting:
Michelle Wolff, Duke University
Amy Milligan, Old Dominion University

A17-420
Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Moral Injury and Prophetic Activism

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, University of Pardubice
Social Ethics as Therapy: Socially Engage Repair and Moral Injury

Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University
Moral Injury, Trauma, Race, and the Body: An Unfinished Dialogue with Dale P. Andrews

Mary Nickel, Princeton University
The Confessing Prophet: Righting Wrongs and Facilitating Moral Repair in Prophetic Confession

Responding:
Joanne Braxton, Library of Congress

Business Meeting:

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry-GTU
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A17-421
Mormon Studies Unit
Brian D. Birch, Utah Valley University, Presiding

Theme: Approaching Mormon Studies: Problems and Solutions

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah
Jonathan Stapley, Bellevue, WA
Jana Riess, Religion News Service

A17-422
North American Religions Unit
Brandi Denison, University of North Florida, Presiding

Theme: Material Mediations of Religion and Empire

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Matthew Dougherty, University of Toronto, Mississauga
“Coals Scatter’d from Jewish Altars”: The Production of American Indian Religion and Comparative Imperialisms in the Early Americas

Roxanne Korpan, University of Toronto
Colonial Bibles and Indigenous Mediations of North American Christianity: The Publishing History of Ojibwe Missionary Peter Jones, 1802-1856

Brennan Keegan, Duke University
Inventing American Nationalism in the Rocky Mountain West

Responding:
Richard Callahan, University of Missouri

A17-423
Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit
Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Du Bois, Pragmatism, and the Religious Imaginary*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Logan Narikawa, University of Hawai‘i
*A Cautious Linking: Du Bois, Anti-Blackness, Settler Colonialism, and Heteropatriarchy*

Tyrone C. Ross, Temple University
*The Prophetic Imagination of W.E.B. Du Bois: An American Original*

Nicholas Andersen, Brown University
*Du Bois on the Religion of Whiteness*

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**A17-424**

**Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit**

Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *Works in Progress*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Danjuma Gibson, Calvin Theological Seminary
James I. Higginbotham, Earlham College

Business Meeting:

Kelly Bulkeley, The Sleep and Dream Database
Eileen Campbell-Reed, Central Baptist Theological Seminary

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**A17-425**

**Religion and Ecology Unit**

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Scholars, Activists, Communities*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

David Goodin, McGill University
**Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM**

*Cristology and Eco-Theology: The Centrality of Cyril of Alexandria in Safeguarding Ethiopian Tewahedo Church Forests*

Aldea Mulhern, Grand Valley State University

*Is an Indoor Islamic Environmentalism Possible? Some Notes on Racialized Women and Religion from the Central Canadian Field*

Chara Armon, Villanova University

*Recovering Consultation with Nature: Putting the New Animism into Practice through Conversations with Members of the Life Community*

Mark Clatterbuck, Montclair State University

*Catholic Sisters vs. Pipeline: Spirited Eco-Activism after Standing Rock*

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**A17-426**

**Religion and Migration Unit**

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University, Presiding

Theme: *Framing the Migrant through Visual Imagery*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Daria Pezzoli-Olgiati, University of Munich

*Vulnerability in Representing Migration. Negotiations of Values and Identities in Film*

Tobias Tan, University of Cambridge

Ulrich Schmiedel, University of Munich

*The Body Politics of Religion: Reading Embodied Religious Practices with Judith Butler*

Rachel van der Merwe, University of Colorado

*Outsiders in Italy: The Presence of the Post-Colonial Gaze in the Great Beauty*

Business Meeting:

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University

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**A17-427**

**Religion in South Asia Unit**

Julie Vig, University of British Columbia, Presiding

Theme: *Caste beyond Hinduism*
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Elsa Marty, University of Chicago
*Adiwasi Christians and Contextual Theology*

David Geary, University of British Columbia
“Awakened” Villages: *Indian Buddhism and the Metaphysics of Poverty at the Place of Enlightenment*

Mark Balmforth, Columbia University
*Nāki’s Death: Breaking Caste and Negotiating Accommodation in the American Ceylon Mission*

Responding:

Nathaniel Roberts, University of Göttingen

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**A17-428**
*Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit*
Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Presiding

Theme: *Crossing Borders: Afrofuturism, Migration to Europe, and Representations of Siberian Shamanism*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Matthew Harris, University of California, Santa Barbara
*The Last Angel of History: Afrofuturism, Diaspora, and the Force of Black Disbelief*

Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University
*Singed Landscapes: Representations of Migration in Yasmine Kassari’s Ragad and ’Endama Yabki Arrijal…*

Marisa Karyl Franz, University of Toronto
*Photographing Shamanism in Siberia*

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**A17-429**
*Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit*
Matthew Peter Casey, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Theme: *Theologies of Connection and Identity across the Latino/a/x Americas*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Joel Cruz, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
"¡Mira, pa ya en el Cielo!" Postcolonial Theology and Theological Aesthetics in Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez’s La Borinqueña

Kristian Diaz, University of Denver
On the Walls of the Cathedral: The Decline of Catholicism amongst Salvadoran Millennials

Ann Hidalgo, Claremont School of Theology
Rockin’ the Habit: Colliding Cultural Identities and a Peruvian Nuns’ Rock Band

Chris Tirres, DePaul University
"Relatedness" in the Work of Ivone Gebara

Responding:

Teresa Delgado, Iona College

A17-430
Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit
Susan Hayward, Georgetown University, United States Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., Presiding

Theme: Mapping the Religious Field of Conflict Zones: The View from below in Libya, Iraq, and South Sudan

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Palwasha Kakar, United States Institute of Peace
Libya’s Religious Sector and Peacebuilding Efforts

Alexander Thurston, Georgetown University
Ann Wainscott, Miami University
Methodologies for Mapping Religious Fields: The State of the Literature in Islamic Studies

Ann Wainscott, Miami University
Engaging the Post-ISIS Iraqi Religious Field for Peace and Reconciliation

Jacqueline Wilson, United States Institute of Peace
Analyzing the Role of Religious Actors and Institutions in Conflict and Peacebuilding in South Sudan
A17-431
Schleiermacher Unit
Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Thinking with Schleiermacher about Persons in Transition and Relation*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University
*On the “Sense and Taste for the Infinite” in Light of the Sacrament of the Stranger: A Brief Conversation with Schleiermacher in the Age of Global Migration Crisis*

Taraneeh Wilkinson, Georgetown University
*Infinitary Insights on the Question of Religious Pluralism*

Calli Micale, Yale University
*Continuous Creation and the Problem of Continuous Identity in the Thought of Friedrich Schleiermacher*

A17-432
Secularism and Secularity Unit
Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Nineteenth-Century Secular Formations: Empiricism, Naturalism, Secularism*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Eric Stephen, Harvard University
*Secularist Women, Agency, and the Fight for Gender Equality: Examining Katie Kehm Smith's Campaign for Women's Rights in the Late Nineteenth Century American Secularist Movement*

Christine Hedlin, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
*Empirical Faiths, Religious Fictions: A Study in Nineteenth-Century U.S. Secularity*

Neil George, York University
*Invented Empiricism in the Secularization of Science: Constructing an Identity for the Scientific Naturalists*

A17-433
Sikh Studies Unit
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Situating Sikhs and Sikh Tradition: Devotional, Ethnographic, and Sociological Explorations*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Puninder Singh, University of Michigan
*Bhai Nand Lal Goya and the Sikh Devotional Tradition*

Tavleen Kaur, University of California, Irvine
*“Give me your tired, your poor”: Sikh Gurdwaras as “Total Institutions”*

Randeep Hothi, University of Michigan
*Shared Questions Addressed by Sikh Studies and Sikh Communities*

Jasleen Singh, University of Michigan
*Sikh-American Queers and The Subversion of Liberal North American Queer Politics*

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**A17-434**

**Study of Islam Unit**

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

Theme: *New Graduate Research in Islamic Studies*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Rebecca Faulkner, Princeton University
*Graduate Student Research on Muhammad Iqbal*

Joshua Mugler, Georgetown University
*A Martyr with Too Many Causes: Christopher of Antioch (d. 967) and Local Collective Memory*

Reyhan Durmaz, Brown University
*Stories, Saints, and Sanctity between Christianity and Islam*

Hadi Qazwini, University of Southern California
*Accessing God’s Mind: The Islamic Debate on Fallibilism and Infallibilism*

Ali Olomi, University of California, Irvine
*Re-Imagining Muslims: Identity and History in the Perso-Islamic World*

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**A17-435**
Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Presiding

Theme: Irredeemable Positions: Political Economies of Redemption in Historical, Theoretical, and Social Justice Perspectives

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Panelists:
Karen Bray, Wesleyan College
Eleanor Craig, Harvard University
An Yountae, California State University, Northridge
Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University
Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary
Brandy Daniels, University of Virginia

Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit
AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University, Presiding

Theme: Exploring the Global Legacies of King
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Alease Brown, Stellenbosch University
MLK, South African Activism, and the Tradition of Radical Blackness: Interrogating the Claim of Divergent “Violent” and “Nonviolent” Resistance Ethics
Seth Gaiters, Ohio State University
Political Theology, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Frantz Fanon: Can the “Apostle of Nonviolence” and the “Apostle of Violence” Meet?
Tsz Him Lai, Boston University
Letter from Birmingham City Jail to the Hong Kong Umbrella Movement: the Emergence of Beloved Community to the Virtue of Hope

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit
Russell Re Manning, Bath Spa University, Presiding
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Tillich and the Arts*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Duane Olson, McKendree University
*A Theonomous Gospel: John Adams' "The Gospel According to the Other Mary"*

Clive Marsh, University of Leicester
*The "Gehalt" of Culture Re-Visited: Further Explorations in Correctives to Tillich’s Reservations about Popular Culture*

André Daughtry, Union Theological Seminary
*Tillich, Judson Church, and the Avant-Garde*

Business Meeting:

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University
Stephen G. Ray, Chicago Theological Seminary

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A17-438

**Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit**

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Polemic in Eastern Late Antiquity*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Charles Haberl, Rutgers University
James McGrath, Butler University
*The Wise and Deceitful Messiah*

Laura Locke Estes, Saint Louis University
*Babes Who Need Milk*: Portraying Muslims as "Jews" in Eastern Christian Polemic

Yoseob Song, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
*Sinai Arabic MS 151 and Its Apologetic-Polemic Characteristics*

Responding:

Tina Shepardon, University of Tennessee
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Business Meeting:
Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College

A17-439
Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion Seminar
Rachel Schneider, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: Gender and Sexuality In The Emerging Church/Millennials

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston
Emergent and Progressive: Liberating Praxis in an Experimental Christian Community

Laine Walters Young, Vanderbilt University
Gender, Religious Values, and Intimacy: Millennial Improvisational Style as a "Mixed Bag"

Xochitl Alvizo, California State University, Northridge
Polity for a Radically Inclusive (and Emerging) Church

Art Bamford, University of Colorado
LGBTQ Inclusion and Christianity in the United States

A17-440
AAR and SBL Graduate Student Happy Hour
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A17-441
Friends of the Academy Reception
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

A17-500
International Members’ Reception
Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding
Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
AAR 2018 Preliminary Program Book (as of June 14)

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

A17-501
Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Reception
Nargis Virani, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding
Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Saturday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM

A17-502
Paranormal and Historical Ghost Walk
Saturday - 7:00 PM-9:30 PM
Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall A in the Convention Center

Saturday - 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

A17-503
AAR Presidential Address: David Gushee
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College, Presiding

Theme: In the Ruins of White Evangelicalism
Saturday - 7:30 PM-8:30 PM
Panelist:
David P. Gushee, Mercer University

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

A17-505
Film: The Rape of Recy Taylor
Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University, Presiding
Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM
Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary
Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

A17-506
Film: Goldstone
Ken Derry, University of Toronto, Presiding
Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

A17-507
Film: Daughters of the Dust
Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Saturday - 9:00 PM-10:30 PM

A17-508
Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR) Reception for Authors and Board Members
Saturday - 9:00 PM-10:30 PM

Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

A17-509
LGBTIQ Scholars/Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception
Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM

Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

A18-1
AAR Annual Business Meeting
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding
Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM
Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

A18-2
Applied Religious Studies Breakfast
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding
Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM

A18-100
Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting
Rachel Toombs, Yellowstone Theological Institute, Presiding
Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A18-101
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Applied Religious Studies Committee
Lynne Gerber, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: Contingency Possibilities: Career Options within and beyond the Academy

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
Megan Goodwin, Syracuse University
Hussein Rashid, Islamicate, LLC
Matthew Bingley, Perimeter College at Georgia State University

A18-102
Public Understanding of Religion Committee and Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Eric Lewis Williams, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture, Presiding
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Policy and Poetry: The African American Religious Imagination and Social Transformation

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University
Jennifer S. Leath, Iliff School of Theology
Vincent Stringer, Morgan State University
Brad Braxton, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

A18-103
Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific College, Presiding

Theme: Risk, Rage, and Social Change

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University
Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina
Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside

A18-104
Animals and Religion Unit and SBL Animal Studies and the Bible Consultation
Arthur Walker-Jones, University of Winnipeg, Presiding

Theme: Reading Animals in Biblical and Rabbinic Literature through the Works of Aaron Gross and Donovan Schaefer

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Joshua Paul Smith, University of Denver
From the Altar to the Abattoir: The Evolving Figure of the Bovine in Jewish Text and Art

Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University
Moses and the Kid, Judah and the Calf, and the Disavowal of Compassion
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Alex Weisberg, New York University
*Rabbinic Animal Affects: Deleuzian Critiques, Disruptive Politics, and the Technology of Animals*

Responding:

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego

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**A18-105**

*Buddhism in the West Unit and Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit*

Sharon A. Suh, Seattle University, Presiding

Theme: *From Rape Texts to Bro Buddhism: Critical Canonical and Contemporary Perspectives on the Sexual Abuse Scandals in Western Buddhism*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Emily Cohen, Faith Trust Institute
*Sexual Abuse by Zen Teachers in the United States: Naming the Patterns*

R.M. Hogendoorn
*The Making of a Lama: Interrogating Sogyal Rinpoche’s Pose as a (Re)incarnate Master*

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
*From Sweeping Zen to Open Buddhism: Sex Scandals, Social Media, and Transparency in Western Buddhism*

Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College
*Pleasure is Consent: A Study of Rape Texts in the Vinaya*

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Notre Dame of Maryland University
*Teacher Misconduct in American Zen: A Cross-Cultural and Inter-Religious Analysis*

Responding:

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University

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**Business Meeting:**

David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College
Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies

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**A18-106**

*Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit*
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

James A. Benn, McMaster University, Presiding

Theme: Vision and Visualization in Art, Alchemy, and Ritual: Exploring Daoist Modes of Perception

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Mark Meulenbeld, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
The Interiority of Landscape: Images towards Transcendence in 17th Century Chinese Painting

Aaron Reich, University of Wisconsin
Summoning the Troupes of Generals: The Interwoven Worlds of Late Imperial Thunder Ritual

Noelle Giuffrida, Case Western Reserve University
Performing Zhenwu: Material and Immaterial Dimensions of Daoist Experience in an Early Ming Album

Anna Hennessey, Institute of Buddhist Studies
Alchemical Representation and the Externalization of Internal Alchemy in Song Daoism

Responding:

Natasha Heller, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:

Jessey J. C. Choo, Rutgers University
Elena Valussi, Loyola University, Chicago

A18-107
Comparative Religious Ethics Unit
Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: Political Discourse and Moral Subjectivity in Comparative Perspective

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Faraz Sheikh, College of William and Mary
Discourse as Performing Relationality: What and How We Might Learn from Accounts of Pre-Modern Subjectivity

Omer Awass, American Islamic College
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Fatwa and the Art of Ethical Embedding**

Mary Nickel, Princeton University
*The Confessing Prophet: Recuperating Jeremiadic Confession in American Political Discourse*

Devin O'Rourke, University of Chicago
*Religions in the Public Sphere: Habermas and the Transformative Power of Public Argument*

Business Meeting:

Jung Lee, Northeastern University

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**A18-108**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**
Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University, Presiding

Theme: *Hagiography and Patronage*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Scott Harrower, Ridley College
*Virtue, Power, and Divine Patronage*

R. Brian Siebeking, Gonzaga University
*The Problem of Patronage in the Islamic Tale of Jirjis: A Study in Cross-Tradition Textual Reception*

Aaron Hollander, University of Chicago
*“Even They Love Him”: Muslim Devotion to St. George in Orthodox Christian Imagination*

Gil Ben-Herut, University of South Florida
*Writing Saints’ Lives as an Act of Political Dissent in Premodern South India*

Responding:

David DiValerio, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

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**A18-109**

**Contemplative Studies Unit**
Michael Sheehy, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Critical First-Person Methodologies in Contemplative Studies*
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Niki Clements, Rice University
*Genealogically Engaging the Concepts of Critical Subjectivity*

Harold D. Roth, Brown University
*Critical First-Person Perspectives in Contemplative Studies*

Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University
*Integrating First-Person Inquiry in the Religious Studies Classroom*

Daniel Hirshberg, University of Mary Washington
*Teaching Critical Subjectivity on an Inclusive Campus*

Responding:

John Dunne, University of Wisconsin

Business Meeting:

Harold D. Roth, Brown University
Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

**A18-110**

**Ecclesial Practices Unit**
Jonas Ideström, Church of Sweden, Presiding

Theme: *Mediated Faith: Digital Media, Christian Life, and Theology*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kyle Schiefelbein, Graduate Theological Union
*Neighbor-Care in the Social Network: Rethinking Pastoral Care for the Digital Age*

Hyemin Na, Emory University
*Digital Productions of the Sacred: A Korean Megachurch and Its Racialized Visual Culture*

Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University
*The Virtual Body of Christ and Embrace of the Seriously Ill*

Christopher C. Brittain, Trinity College, Toronto
*Ready. Aim. BLOG! The Impact of Digital Media on Christian Identity in the Diocese(s) of Pittsburgh*
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Responding:

Teresa Berger, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, University of Toronto

A18-111
Ethics Unit and SBL Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Unit
Amy Merrill Willis, Lynchburg College, Presiding


Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

William P. Brown, Columbia Theological Seminary
Peter J. Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary
M. Daniel Carroll R., Wheaton College
Lisa Sowle Cahill, Boston College

Responding:

Bruce Birch, Wesley Theological Seminary
Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Graduate Theological Union, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Jacqueline E. Lapsley, Princeton Theological Seminary

A18-112
Gay Men and Religion Unit and Queer Studies in Religion Unit
Elyse Ambrose, Drew University, Presiding

Theme: *Queer/ish* (Religio-)Sexual Subjectivities

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Méadhbh McIvor, University of Groningen

"They Claim I Don’t Exist": Minority Rights and Ex-Gay Subjectivity in Contemporary England

Marco Derks, Utrecht University

*Reparative Therapy and Christian Identity Politics in the Netherlands*
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Garrett Fugate, Boston University
*Shame and Intimacy on the Lips of Queer Muslim Piety*

Nathan Kennedy, Brite Divinity School
*The Unexamined Sexuality Is Not Worth Fucking: Sexual Theo-Ethical Reflection in the Age of Homonationalism*

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**A18-113**
**History of Christianity Unit**
Andrew Cain, University of Colorado, Presiding

Theme: "*Semper Ciceronianus?*" Jerome Entangled in the Classical World

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Sarah Bühler, Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen
Silvia Georgieva, South-West University "Neofit Rilski," Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria
Christa Gray, University of Reading
Michael Graves, Wheaton College
Matthew Kraus, University of Cincinnati
Amy Oh, Skidmore College
Jessica van t Westeinde, University of Bern

Business Meeting:

Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College

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**A18-114**
**Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit**
Amy Michelle DeBaets, Oakland University, Presiding

Theme: *Dreams for the Future: Spirit Tech, Chip Implants, and Imagined Worlds*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University
Kate Stockly, Boston University
*Spirit Tech: Topics for Public Scholarship in the Age of Brain-Based Technologies for Spiritual Enhancement*
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Noreen Herzfeld, St. John's University
*Cybernetic Enhancement and the Problem of the Self*

Randy Reed, Appalachian State University
*Breaking the Dominant Paradigm: Apocalyptic A.I. and Her*

Joseph Fisher, Columbia University
*Human Nature and the Ethics of Human Enhancement*

Karen O'Donnell, Durham University
*The Theologian as Dreamer: On Theological Imagination and Human Enhancement*

Business Meeting:
Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

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A18-115

**International Development and Religion Unit**
Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and International Development: The Who, What, and Why in Local and Global Context*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Julia Berger, University of Kent
*What Is "Religious" about "Religious NGOs": Exploring Organizational Rationale in the Work of the Baha'i International Community Engagement with the United Nations*

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

Olivia Wilkinson
*Religion between Global and Local Humanitarianism: Investigating the Place of Faith in the International Humanitarian "Localization" Policy Agenda*

David Tittensor, Deakin University
Matthew Clarke, Deakin University
Tezcan Gümüş, Deakin University
*Muslim Aid: Exploring the Ethics of Giving in Islam*
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A18-116
Islam, Gender, Women Unit
Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Theme: *Islam and Gender: The State of the Field*

Payload:

Sylvia Chan-Malik, Rutgers University
*Being Muslim: A Cultural History of Women of Color in American Islam*

Zareena Grewal, Yale University, Facilitator

Kecia Ali, Boston University
*Gender, Authority, and Inclusion: Citational Politics in Islamic Studies*
Jonathan E. Brockopp, Pennsylvania State University, Facilitator

Elizabeth Bucar, Northeastern University
*Pious Fashion: How Muslim Women Dress*
Sophia Arjana, Western Kentucky University, Facilitator

Younus Mirza, Allegheny College
“The Slave Girl Gives Birth to Her Master”: *Female Slavery from the Mamluk Era to the Islamic State*
Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University, Facilitator

Responding:

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago

Business Meeting:

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

A18-117
Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit
Karen L. Carr, Lawrence University, Presiding

Theme: *Where is God? Kierkegaard and the Denigration of Public Discourse*

Payload:

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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Curtis L. Thompson, Thiel College
*Fake News, Eroded Civility, and Christ, Inc.: Why It Is "As If God Did Not Exist"

Russell Johnson, University of Chicago
*Beyond Either/Or: Cornel West’s Kierkegaardian Style

Matthew Brake, George Mason University
*Finding God in the Laughter: Søren Kierkegaard, Talal Asad, and Alfred Stepan on Humor and Difference in the Public Square

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College
*Kierkegaard, James Baldwin, and the Theater as a Forum for Public Discourse

Business Meeting:

Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University
Avron Kulak, York University

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**A18-118**

**Liberation Theologies Unit**

Nikia Robert, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Extra, Extra! The End is Here: Apocalypsis 2018*

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Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Yara González-Justiniano, Boston University
*Should It End? Hope in the Apocalypse*

Bryson White, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
*Black Steel in the Hour of Chaos: The Prison Industrial Complex as Realized White Supremacist Eschatology*

Andrew Stone Porter, Vanderbilt University
*White Colonial Neoliberalism in Crisis: Three Apocalyptic Visions*

Norah Elmagraby, Emory University
*Apocalypse and Climate Change in Islam: A Study of the Virtual Climate Change Discourse*

Filipe Maia, Pacific School of Religion
*Toward a Theology of Liberation (Again)*

Business Meeting:
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Maria T. Davila, Andover Newton Theological School
Robert Jay Rivera, St. John's University

A18-119
Middle Eastern Christianity Unit
Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Religious Conversions and Middle Eastern Christianity

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jessica Mutter, University of Chicago
By the Book: Religious Conversion in Early Islamic Syria and Iraq

Mourad Takawi, University of Notre Dame
The Specter of Conversion in Muslim and Christian Arabic Apologetic Tracts in the Early ʿAbbāsid World

Ashoor Yousif, University of Toronto

Henry Clements, Yale University
Protestant Foxes and Catholic Wolves in the Late-Ottoman Syriac Heartland

Bilal Bas
From Benjamin David to Abdulahad Davud: the Story of a Chaldean Christian’s Conversion to Islam in the Early 20th Century

Business Meeting:

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University

A18-120
North American Religions Unit
Elizabeth Dolfi, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: God’s Kingdom and American Empire: A Roundtable Discussion of Holy Humanitarians (Harvard University Press, 2018) and The Kingdom of God Has No Borders (Oxford University Press, 2018)

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

Andrew Jungclaus, Columbia University
Helen Jin Kim, Harvard University
David King, Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis
Marla Frederick, Harvard University

Responding:

Melani McAlister, George Washington University
Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University

Business Meeting:

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

A18-121
Philosophy of Religion Unit
Samantha Kang, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Postmodernism: Then and Now

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Mark C. Taylor, Columbia University
Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara
Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University
Jeffrey Kosky, Washington and Lee University
Abigail Kluchin, Ursinus College
Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College

Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

A18-122
Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Thurman Willison, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Healthy Conflict in an Era of Trump

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Rosemary Kellison, University of West Georgia
Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Ebrahim E. I. Moosa, University of Notre Dame
Joseph Winters, Duke University

Responding:

Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Joseph Winters, Duke University

A18-123
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Maria Carson, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: Popular Pedagogy: Enhancing Student Learning through Popular Culture

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Daniel Heifetz, Bucknell University
Rāma as Global Citizen: Teaching Rāmāyaṇ 3392 AD and Sita Sings the Blues

Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University
“But That’s a Biological Impossibility!”: Nuancing Women and Islam through Film

Adam D. J. Brett, Syracuse University
Reaver's Ain't Human, or They Forgot How to Be: Teaching Religion in Science Fiction

Jennifer Caplan, Towson University
Black Milk and Serials: Teaching Holocaust Graphic Novels

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

On the Road with Odin and Eliade: Teaching Myth and Ritual with Neil Gaiman’s American Gods

Steven Benko, Meredith College
Ethics without Religion: How Teaching the Good Place Taught Me What Ethics Is and Is Not

A18-124
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit and Roman Catholic Studies Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit
Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, Presiding
Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: Special Tribute Session In Honor of Dr. Mary Ellen Konieczny, 1959-2018

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Christian Smith, University of Notre Dame
Tricia Bruce, Maryville College
Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles
Megan Rogers, University of Notre Dame
Meredith Whitnah, Westmont College

Business Meeting:

Nichole Phillips, Emory University
Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

A18-125
Religion in South Asia Unit and Tantric Studies Unit
Tony Stewart, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: Bengali and Assamese Tantra in Colonial and Contemporary Contexts

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Keith Cantú, University of California, Santa Barbara
From Basu to Vasu and Back Again: Śrīśacandra Basu’s Tantric Legacy

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

The Legacy of Tantra in the Troubled Life of a National Poet

Sravana Borkataky-Varma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

Clash of Om Hari and Om Kring! Satra and Tantra Politics in Assam

Carola E. Lorea, International Institute for Asian Studies

Apasampradāẏ: The Invention of Heterodoxy and Its Repercussions among Low-Caste Religious Movements of Bengal

Responding:

Glen Hayes, Bloomfield College

Business Meeting:

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

A18-126
Religions, Medicines, and Healing; Afro-American Religious History; African Religions; Body and Religion; Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism; and World Christianity Units
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: Decolonization as Healing Part II: African, Black, and Indigenous Religions

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jakub Urbaniak, St. Augustine College of South Africa

Decolonization as Unlearning Christianity and Learning It Anew: Reclaiming the Past, Re-Imagining the Future

Judith Gruber, KU Leuven

“I pray instead to be haunted … bypassing the arrogance of the cure”: Post/colonial Trauma and the Discourse of Healing

Nathanael Homewood, Rice University

Sexual Healing: The Decolonial Possibilities of Sexual Expressivity and Creativity in Ghanaian Deliverance Ministries

Rode Molla, Denver University, Iliff School of Theology

Decolonizing White Painted, Tamed, and Traumatized Ethiopian Bodies

Nathan Wood-House, Boston College
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Re-Membering: Liberation Theology, Colonization, and the American Politics of Memory

A18-127
Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit
Jason Wyman, Manhattan College, Presiding

Theme: On Being Multidisciplinary: Histories, Stakes, and Failures of Intellectual Boundaries

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:
Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Maia Kotrosits, Denison University
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Faith Matters Network

Business Meeting:
Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin
Marion S. Grau, MF Norwegian School of Theology

A18-128
Study of Judaism Unit
Elliot Ratzman, Lawrence University, Presiding

Theme: All the Jews are White, All the Blacks are Christian: An Afro-Jewish Studies Intervention

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Walter Isaac, Marquette University
On the Understanding of Jewishness as a Sociotelic Phenomenon

Andre Key, Claflin University
Situating Afro-Jewish Narratives in African American Historiography

Remy Ilona, Florida International University
A Critical Review of Igbo Jewish Deportation Practices in Israel

Marva Shalev Marom, Stanford University
From Jewishness to Blackness: Jewish Ethiopian Girls Learning to Be Jewish in Israel
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Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
*A Destiny Spoken of In Prophecy: Harlem’s Black Jews and Competing Discourses on Ethiopian Hebrew Identities in an Anxious Era, 1929-1939*

A18-129

**Teaching Religion Unit**
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme: *A Conversation about Pedagogy: Reading Of Education, Fishbowls, and Rabbit Holes: Rethinking Teaching and Liberal Education for an Interconnected World (Stylus Publishing, 2016)*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
Richard Newton, University of Alabama

Responding:

Kathleen Fisher

Business Meeting:

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

A18-130

**Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit and SBL Digital Humanities in Biblical, Early Jewish, and Christian Studies Unit**
Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Online Resources and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Bradley C. Erickson, University of North Carolina
*Digital Clay: Making Cuneiform Tablet Collections Accessible with 3D Modeling*

James McGrath, Butler University
Charles Haberl, Rutgers University
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

The Mandaean Book of John Critical Edition and Translation as Digital Humanities Project

Jennifer Hart, Elon University
*Mandaeans Online: How an Ancient Religion Has Embraced Modern Media*

James Walters, Rochester College
*The Oxford-BYU Syriac Corpus: A New Digital Resource for the Study of Syriac Literature*

Stephen Delamarter, George Fox University
*The Digital Humanities Applied to the Study of the Ethiopic Old Testament*

A18-131
**Women and Religion Unit**
Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College, Presiding

Theme: *Global Women, Religion, and Political Engagement*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Laura McTighe, Dartmouth College
*Front Porch Strategy: Sacred Space and Demonic Grounds*

Haruka Umetsu Cho, Harvard University
*Engaging the World as “Onna” and Religious Minority: Second Wave Feminism and Christian Social Activism in Japan during the 1970s*

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross
*Feminist and Womanist Theologies in Public: Contributions to the Tainted Legacies Debates*

Susan F. Rakoczy, St Joseph's Theological Institute
*Wangari Maathai Responds to Laudato Si’: An Ecofeminist Dialogue with Pope Francis*

Sherry Jordon, University of Saint Thomas
*“Women in Solidarity with Women”: Re-Imagining and the World Council of Churches*

Business Meeting:

K. Christine Pae, Denison University
Stephanie May, First Parish, Wayland, MA

A18-132
**Navarātri Seminar**
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Jennifer Ortegren, Middlebury College, Presiding

Theme: *Ritual Construction and Contestation: Navarātri Rituals and their Critiques*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University
*Vedic Ritual Back-Formations of a Classical Goddess*

Sarah Pierce Taylor, Oberlin College
*Non-Violent Counter Programming: Guarding against Dasara in the Kannada-Speaking Jain Community*

Saran Suebsantiwongse, Cambridge University
*Reconstructing Vijayanagara’s Navarāтри through the Sāmrājyalakṣmīpīṭhikā*

Nawaraj Chaulagain, Illinois Wesleyan University
*The Royal Nepalese Navarāтри: Responses and Reactions to Animal Sacrifices*

Responding:

Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University

Business Meeting:

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona
Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University

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**A18-133**

**New Materialism, Religion, and Planetary Thinking Seminar**
Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, Presiding

Theme: *The Implications of Planetary Thinking*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
*Developing a Non-reductive Materialism for a Planetary Community*

Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
*Solidarity with Nonhumans: Being Ecological with Object-Oriented Ontology*

Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Which Materialism, Whose Planetary Thinking?
Kocku von Stuckrad, University of Groningen
*Nonhuman Agency, Human Vulnerability, and the Fragility of Scientific Knowledge*

Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University
*Interreligious Approaches to Sustainability Without a Future*

Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas
*Energy, New Materialism, and Religion*

Lisa Sideris, Indiana University
*Planetary Perspectives and the Ethics of Inevitability*

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico
*Rewilding Religion for a Primeval Future*

Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University
*Religious Naturalism's Plea for A New Materialism*

Business Meeting:

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

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**A18-135**

**Exploratory Session**

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University, Presiding

Theme: *Deities with Many Arms, Hegemonies with Many Aspects: An Exploratory Roundtable on Feminist and Critical Race Theory Approaches in Hindu Studies*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Arun Chaudhuri, York University
Shreena Gandhi, Michigan State University
Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University
Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University
Shana Sippy, Centre College

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**A18-136**

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

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University, Presiding

Theme: Sound As Religion

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Mark Porter, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Universität Erfurt
Marian Caulfield, University College Cork
Anandi Silva Knuppel, Emory University
Michel Sunhae Lee, University of Texas
Francis Stewart, University of Stirling
Timothy Gallati, Harvard University
Tyler Zoanni, New York University
Kythe Heller, Harvard University
Rosalind I. J. Hackett, University of Tennessee

A18-137
Publications Committee Meeting
Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A18-138
Women's Caucus
Kim Martinez, Northwest University, Presiding
Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding


Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michelle A. Walsh, Boston University
Violent Trauma, Culture, and Power: An Interdisciplinary Exploration in Lived Religion

Claire Bischoff, St. Catherine University
Annie Hardison-Moody, North Carolina State University
Parenting as Spiritual Practice and Source for Theology: Mothering Matters

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

*Encountering the Sacred: Feminist Reflections on Women’s Lives*

Nicola Slee, The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education

*Researching Female Faith: Qualitative Research Methods*

Paula Dail, Emerita

*We Rise to Resist: Voices from a New Era in Women’s Political Action*

Marianne Delaporte, Notre Dame de Namur University

*Sacred Inception: Reclaiming the Spirituality of Birth in the Modern World*

Sabrina D. MisirHiralall, Montclair State University

Christopher Fici, Union Theological Seminary

Gerald S. Vigna, Alvernia University

*Religious Studies Scholars as Public Intellectuals*

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Sunday - 9:30 AM-11:45 AM

A18-139

*Larimer Square Historical Walking Tour*

Sunday - 9:30 AM-11:45 AM

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

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Sunday - 9:45 AM-11:15 AM

A18-140

*Student Lounge Roundtable*

Theme: *Graduate Student Publishing: Pros, Cons, and Pressures*

Sunday - 9:45 AM-11:15 AM

Panelists:

Nicholas Werse, Baylor University
A18-141  Student Lounge Roundtable  
Theme: **Hacking Accessibility: Tools for Students with Special Learning and Mental Health Needs**

Sunday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

Panelists:

Kerri Blumenthal, University of Florida

A18-142  Plenary Address: Jim Wallis  
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding

Theme: **A Theology of Public Discipleship**

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelist:

Jim Wallis, Sojourners

A18-143  Women's Mentoring Lunch  
Nargis Virani, Graduate Theological Union, and Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University, Presiding

Theme:

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Mentors:

Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University
**A18-144**  
**Public University Department Chairs Meeting**  
Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama, Presiding  
Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

**A18-145**  
**Women's Caucus**  
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding  
Theme: *Response-Ability and Parliament of World Religion Women’s Task Force: A Brown Bag Discussion*  
Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM  
Panelists:  
Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton, WI  
Anne Hillman, Boston University  
Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

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**Sunday - 12:00 PM-5:00 PM**

**A18-146**  
**Foothills of the Rockies Tour**  
Sunday - 12:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall A in the Convention Center
Sunday - 12:00 PM-5:00 PM

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A18-200
Academic Relations Committee
Joshua Patterson, University of Georgia, Presiding


Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Robert Townsend, American Academy of Arts and Sciences
William Zumeta, University of Washington

A18-201
Applied Religious Studies Committee
Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Career Services for Non-Academic Careers*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Sarah Peterson, ImaginePhD
Emily Swafford, American Historical Association
Karen Kelsky, The Professor Is In

A18-202
Regional Coordinators
Katherine Downey, Dallas, TX, Presiding

Theme: *Regions Forum*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
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Panelists:

Brian Clearwater, Occidental College

A18-203
Religion and the Arts Award Jury
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Theme: Conversation with Ishmael Wadada Leo Smith, 2018 Religion and the Arts Award Winner

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Karen Gonzalez Rice, Connecticut College
Wadada Leo Smith, Chamber Music America

A18-204
Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee
Kathleen T. Talvacchia, Presiding

Theme: Critical Theological Reflections on Gender, Sexuality, and Lived Religious Experience

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University
Teresa Delgado, Iona College
Cameron Partridge, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
JuneHee Yoon, Drew University
Thealthia Young, Bucknell University

A18-205
Afro-American Religious History Unit and North American Religions Unit and Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Alexia Williams, Yale University, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *Thinking with Billie Holiday*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Brenna Moore, Fordham University
Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Thomas Ferraro, Duke University
Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College

Responding:

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

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A18-206
Anthropology of Religion Unit and Comparative Religious Ethics Unit
Letitia M. Campbell, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Ethical Self-Making in Social Justice and Humanitarianism: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue in the Anthropology of Ethics*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Kari Henquinet, Michigan Technological University
*Time, Ethical Self-Formation, and Making Meaning of Suffering in Early World Vision Humanitarianism*

Sarah Tobin, Christian Michelsen Institute
*Sectarianism and the Vernacular Among Syrian Refugees in Jordan*

Sara Williams, Emory University
*Moral Commodities and the Practice of Freedom: Meaning-Making and Ethical Formation on Come and See Tours to Israel and Palestine*

Rachel Schneider, Rice University
*An Ethics of Care: Faith-Based Development, Urban Engagement, and Slum Tourism in South Africa*

Responding:
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**Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

Don Seeman, Emory University

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**A18-207**

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

Amos Yong, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Asian American Theologies and Ecclesial Futures*

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Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Gabriel Catanus, Loyola University, Chicago

*Is Filipino American Theology Asian American Theology?*

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology

*Beyond Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Constructing an Asian American Theology of Reparations*

Christine Hong, Columbia Theological Seminary

*Tracing Anti-Racist Activism among Asian American Christians: A Discussion on Histories, Theological Commitments, and Visible and Hidden Forms of Solidarity*

SueJeanne Koh, Irvine, CA

*Part of Our Spiritual Heritage, Too? The Model Minority Revisited*

Daniel Lee, Fuller Theological Seminary

*Covenantal Basis of Theological Contextuality: I-Thou Dynamic for Asian American Theology and Ministry*

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**A18-208**

**Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Unit**

Stacy Davis, Saint Mary's College, Presiding

Theme: *Conversations on Scripturalization and Sacred Texts in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities*

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Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame

*Elijah Abel as "Shadow Book" – Looking "Elsewhere" for an Africana Mormon Pillar*

Mariska Lauterboom, Graduate Theological Union
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**Dialogical Imagination between the Bible and the People in Postcolonial Indonesia**

Leslie R. James, DePauw University

*Blacks in the Mormon Imagination: An Affective Analysis in the Wake of the 1978 "Declaration 2"*

Business Meeting:

Valerie Bridgeman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

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**A18-209**

**Body and Religion Unit, Ritual Studies Unit, and Teaching Religion Unit**

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Presiding

**Theme:** *Embodied Pedagogy: Teaching Tactics*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College

*Embodied Religion: Experiential Pedagogy for Teaching Religion and the Body in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Setting*

Christopher Johnson, University of Wisconsin Colleges

*Using Virtual Reality and 360-Degree Video in the Religious Studies Classroom*

Marian Broida, Gustavus Adolphus College

*Teaching Religious Practices in Religious Studies and Interfaith Engagement: Lessons and Methodologies from a Model Approach to Teaching about Judaism*

Matthew Hotham, Ball State University

*Ritual in Practice Project: Creating Epistemic Friction and Overcoming Ideological Imperviousness in an Introductory Religious Studies Class*

Rose Caraway, Iowa State University

*Mindfulness as a Pedagogical Teaching Tactic in Large Introductory Courses*

Responding:

Victoria Rue, San Jose State University

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**A18-210**

**Buddhism Unit and Religion in Southeast Asia Unit**

Erik Braun, University of Virginia, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: Theravada Buddhist Experiences of Secularism in South and Southeast Asia

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Thomas Borchert, University of Vermont
_Secularism, Legal Regimes, and the Politics of Buddhism in Thailand_

Lauren Leve, University of North Carolina
_Pure Dhamma That Is Not Buddhism: Religion, Secularism, and Truth in S.N. Goenka’s Meditation Tradition_

Erick White, University of Michigan
_Formations of Secularism in Contemporary Thai Buddhist Modernity_

Benjamin Schonthal, University of Otago
_The Great Secularization of Buddhism in Sri Lanka/Ceylon_

Responding:

Alicia Turner, York University

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A18-211
Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit and Buddhist Philosophy Unit
Jay Garfield, Smith College, Presiding

Theme: Connections between Buddhaghosa’s Visuddhimagga and Śāntideva’s Bodhicāryāvatāra

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Amber Carpenter, Yale-NUS College
_Buddhaghosa and Śāntideva on Anger_

Stephen Harris, Leiden University
_Compassion (Karunā) and Well-Being in the Path of Purification and the Introduction to the Practice of Awakening._

Emily McRae, University of New Mexico
_Envy, Resentment, and Contempt in Visuddhimagga and Bodhicrayāvatāra_

Guy M. Newland, Central Michigan University
_Making to Ourselves the Case for Caring: Parallels in Śāntideva and Buddhaghosa_
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sonam Thakchoe, University of Tasmania
Śāntideva and Buddhaghosa on the Two Truths

Maria Heim, Amherst College
Buddhaghosa on Emptiness

Business Meeting:
Richard Nance, Indiana University
Sara L. McClintock, Emory University

A18-212
Childhood Studies and Religion Unit
Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University in Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: Broadening Perspectives on Children's Religious Experience

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Eunbee Ham, Emory University
Decolonization as Healing in Christian Education with Asian American Children

Rode Molla, Denver University, Iliff School of Theology
The Affective Power of Child Baptism and Vocation: Children's Religiosity beyond Sunday School Class

Laura Rector, Fuller Theological Seminary
A Jesus-Centered Perspective of Child Participation after the Parkland Shooting

Michael Hanegan, Columbia University
The Children Are Punished for the Sins [Done to] the Parents, to the Third and Fourth Generation: A Call for a Theology of Prevention

Melva L. Sampson, Wake Forest University
The Lord Stepped in Right on Time: African Diasporan Girls Fetching Spiritual Power

Responding:
Sally Stamper, Capital University

A18-213
Comparative Theology Unit
Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *Comparative/Interreligious Liberation Theology*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University
*Confessing Tawhid and the Trinity in a Globalized World: Towards a Christian-Muslim Liberation Theology*

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University
"Looking Upon All Beings As One’s Self": *Insights from Advaita Hinduism for Racial Justice within Christian Theology and Liberative Praxis*

John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University
*Envisioning a Dharmic Society: Re-Telling a Traditional Buddhist Tale*

Responding:

Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College

Business Meeting:

Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America
Marianne Moyaert, Vrije Universiteit

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**A18-214**

**Confucian Traditions Unit**
Anna Sun, Kenyon College, Presiding

Theme: *Inspired by the Other: Rhetorical Reinventions of Tradition in Ming-Qing Religious Literature*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jennifer Eichman, SOAS University of London
*Refreshingly Experimental: Crafting Confucian Arguments with a Buddhist Lexicon*

Daniel Burton-Rose, North Carolina State University
*Polemics Explicit and Implicit: Combinatory Discourse and Ritual Praxis in Eighteenth Century Suzhou*

Katherine Alexander, University of Colorado
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Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A Confucian Great Commission: Yu Zhi’s Call to Evangelize the Chinese Masses

A18-215
Contemporary Islam Unit
Kayla Renée Wheeler, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: American Muslims between Lived Experience and Textual Authority

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Freeha Riaz, Harvard University, Rutgers University
Jummah at the Women’s Mosque of America: Righteous Discontent Takbeer! Takbeer!

Tazeen Ali, Boston University
Beyond Vulnerable Bodies: Re-Conceptualizing Sexual Violence in the American Muslim Context

Zaid Adhami, Williams College
“I can’t get rid of my experience”: Autonomy and Authority in American Muslim Doctrinal Belief

Shehnaz Haqqani, Ithaca College
Lived Experience as a Motivator of Change: Determining the Negotiables and Non-Negotiables in American Islam

Katherine Merriman, University of North Carolina
Dinner, Speeches, and Shaping Sensibilities: The Ramadan Charity Fundraiser as a Space for the Creation of Legal Norms in American Islam

Responding:

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

Business Meeting:

Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College
Noah Salomon, Carleton College

A18-216
Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit
Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA, Presiding

Theme: Problematizing Whiteness and the West in Contemporary Paganism and Witchcraft
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Dale Wallace, University of KwaZulu-Natal
_The Complexity of Context: Issues Impacting the Interactions of Pagans with Traditional African Religions in South Africa_

Russell Burk, Harvard University

Eriko Kawanishi, Kyoto University
_Western Witchcraft in Contemporary Japan_

Responding:

Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University

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**A18-217**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit**

Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

**Theme:** _Author Meets Critics: Jessica Johnson's Biblical Porn: Affect, Labor, and Pastor Mark Driscoll's Evangelical Empire (Duke University Press, 2018)_

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Shreena Gandhi, Michigan State University
John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
Donovan Schaefer, University of Pennsylvania
Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

Responding:

Jessica Johnson, University of Washington

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**A18-218**

**Men, Masculinities, and Religions Unit**

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Princeton University, Presiding

**Theme:** _Book Panel Roundtable on Sarah Imhoff's Masculinity and the Making of American Judaism (Indiana University Press: 2017)_
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
Lynne Gerber, Harvard University
Alana Vincent, University of Chester
Brendan Jamal Thornton, University of North Carolina
Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University

Business Meeting:

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

A18-219
Mysticism Unit and Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit
Thomas A. Carlson, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: Mystical Materialisms: Mysticism as Concrete & Critical Praxis

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Lucas Wright, University of California, Santa Barbara
Das Unfassbare und Symbole: On the Mutual Construction of Finitude and Infinitude in Christian Kabbalah, Franz Rosenzweig’s Der Stern der Erlösung and Contemporary Thought

W. Ezekiel Goggin, University of Chicago
Kenotic Misapprehension: Self-Emptying and Religious Imagination in Post-Hegelian Materialisms

Miriam Bilsker, University of Chicago
What Kind of Nothingness? Gershom Scholem’s Reading of Kafka as Contemporary Secular Kabbalist

Sean Hannan, MacEwan University
Social Grace: Marx, Tauler, and Catherine of Siena on the Violence of Alienated Labour

Responding:

Andrea Dara Cooper, University of North Carolina

A18-220
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

*Native Traditions in the Americas Unit and Religion in the American West Unit and Religion, Colonialism and Postcolonialism Unit*
Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding

Theme: *Authors Meet Critics: Jennifer Graber’s The Gods of Indian Country (Oxford University Press, 2018) and Pamela Klassen's The Story of Radio Mind (University of Chicago Press, 2018)*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Kathleen J. Martin, California Polytechnic State University
Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Tiffany Hale, Yale University
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Responding:

Jennifer Graber, University of Texas
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

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**A18-221**

*North American Hinduism Unit*
Arun Brahmbhatt, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Contesting Identity and Authority in Caribbean Hinduism*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Alexander Rocklin, Willamette University
_Draupadi through the Fire: The Performativity of Religion, Normative Hinduism, and the Decline of Old Style Firewalking in Colonial Trinidad_

Priyanka Ramlakhan, University of Florida
_The Woman Question: The Role of Panditas and Naaws in Contemporary Trinidad_

Pree Persaud, University of Florida
_Healing Waters: The Performance of Memory and the Creation of Sacred Space in Trinidad_

Drew Thomases, San Diego State University
James Reich, Pace University
_Out-Of-The-Box” Hinduism: Double Diaspora and the Guyanese Hindus of New York_
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Responding:

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona

Business Meeting:

Anya P. Foxen, California Polytechnic State University
Michael Altman, University of Alabama

A18-222
Open and Relational Theologies Unit
Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies, Presiding

Theme: Christ and the Cosmos (Cambridge University Press, 2015): Keith Ward's Trinity and Open-Relational Theologies

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University
Affirming and Extending Keith Ward's Trinitarian Proposal: Why God Naturally and Necessarily Relates with Creation

Paul Greene, St. Catherine University
Trinity and Unity in Threefold Love Communion and Fourfold Love

Responding:

Keith Ward, Roehampton University

Business Meeting:

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies

A18-223
Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit
Dara Delgado, University of Dayton, Presiding

Theme: Politics in Pentecostal-Charismatic Communities

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Erica Ramirez, Drew University
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Leah Payne, George Fox University
The Anointing of Donald J. Trump

Gabriel Raeburn, University of Pennsylvania
"I Urge You to Cast Your Vote for Jesus Christ!": The Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International and the Early Roots of Pentecostal Political Action

Jonathan Langston Chism, University of Houston
“[God] Wants All of Us to Be Martin Luther Kings”: The Church of God in Christ, the Community on the Move for Equality, and the Memphis Sanitation Workers Strike, 1968

Business Meeting:

Arlene Sanchez-Walsh, Azusa Pacific University
Leah Payne, George Fox University

A18-224
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit
Stephanie Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: MeToo: Sexual Trauma and Sexual Shaming in the Era of #45

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Ally Kern, Azusa Pacific University
MeToo and Sexual Trauma in Women of Color: Towards a Feminist Pastoral Theology and Praxis of Recovery for Survivors

Jaime Konerman-Sease, Saint Louis University
Rejecting Systems of Violence: A Response to Child Sexual Abuse Employing Womanist Methodology

Elizabeth Antus, Boston College
The Enduring Legacy of Sexual Racism: #MeToo’s Complicity in the Silencing of Black Women’s Sexual Traumas

Kimberly Humphrey, Boston College
Shame and Its Subjects: Sexual Violence and Christian Praxis in the #MeToo Era

A18-225
Religion and Politics Unit
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Marcia Pally, New York University, Presiding
Theme: Populism and Religion outside the US: Research and Reflections

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Torsten Meireis, Humboldt University
Neo-Nationalism and Populism in Western Europe

Luke Bretherton, Duke University
A Political Theology of Populism

Michael Minkenberg, European University, Viadrina
The Radical Right in Post-1989 Eastern Europe: Between Fascism and Religious Ultra-Nationalism, between Parties and Movements

Dion Forster, Stellenbosch University
State Theology and Political Populism? A Consideration of Religious Populism in South African Politics

A18-226
Religion in South Asia Unit
Elaine Fisher, Stanford University, Presiding
Theme: New Directions in the Study of South Asian Religions

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Nick Tackes, Columbia University
Mangalmaya's Medicine: Protap Chunder Mozoomdar as Patient-Multiple

Rodney Sebastian, University of Florida
Constructing the Manipuri Rāsaīlas: Agency, Power, and Consensus

Catherine Hartmann, Harvard University
Faith and Figuration in Tibetan Pilgrimage Guides

A18-227
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit
Daniel White Hodge, North Park University, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: Subversive Filmmaking and Race

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Ken Derry, University of Toronto
Making Jesus Fry Bread: The Subversive Apocalypses of Indigenous Films

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University
Surviving Racial and Sexual Violence: Film Form and Affective Economies in Daughters of the Dust and Moonlight

Marvin Wickware, Duke University
Black Reality as Subversive Fantasy: White Supremacy and Black Brilliance in Get Out and Black Panther

Business Meeting:

Ken Derry, University of Toronto
Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton

A18-228
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit
Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Presiding

Theme: Genocide, Memory, and Pilgrimage

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Alison Fitchett Climenhaga, University of Notre Dame
Audrey Seah, University of Notre Dame
Post-Genocide Devotion, Memory, and Reconciliation: Divine Mercy for Peacebuilding at a Rwandan Catholic Shrine

Helen Orr, University of North Carolina
War Child/War Guide: Postmemory and Commodity on a Bosnian War Tour

David Shneer, University of Colorado
Jewish Anti-Fascist Pilgrimages: Touring Sites of the Holocaust before March of the Living

Business Meeting:

Kate Temoney, Montclair State University
A18-229
Religion, Media, and Culture Unit
Art Bamford, University of Colorado, Presiding

Theme: *Brand Protestant™: Negotiating Protestant Publicity in a Globalized, Hypermediated World*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:
Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado
Katja Valaskivi, University of Tampere
Susanne Stadlbauer, University of Wyoming
Hyemin Na, Emory University

A18-230
Space, Place, and Religion Unit
Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter's University, Presiding

Theme: *Soundscapes, Place, and Religion*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Mallory Hennigar, Syracuse University
*If Buddhists Speak in India, Do They Make a Sound? Finding a Place within Local and Global Soundscapes for Ambedkarite Buddhist Youth in Nagpur, India*

Jeremy Saul, Mahidol University
*Sonically Producing Devotional Publics at the Temple of Balaji, Rajasthan*

Sara Evans, University of Otago
*Polanyian Insight into Liturgical Space and Aesthetic Experience*

Charles Gillespie, University of Virginia
*Against Sonic Neutrality: Ringing Bells, Minaret Bans, and the Religious Territorialization of Sound*

Business Meeting:
Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**A18-231**
**Tantric Studies Unit**
Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Theme: *Bodies within Bodies: Intertextuality and the Re-Inscriptive, Re-Incarnational Power of the Goddess in Her Great and Little Instantiations*

Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College
*Transforming Demons into Light: A Ravenous Goddess at the Heart of Nepalese Kingship*

Ramhari Timalsina, Tubingen University
*Evolution of the Tradition of Tripurasundarī in Nepal*

David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota
*Upaniṣadic, Early Vedāntin and Nondual Kashmiri Śaiva Themes in Bhāskararāya’s Guptavatī*

Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
*Śakti and Power: Reframing Abhinavagupta’s Philosophy of Power*

Responding:

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

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**A18-232**
**World Christianity Unit**
Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Theme: *Perspectives on World Christianity: Case Studies from across the Globe*

Eleonora Hof, Boston University
*Independent Network Christianity in the Netherlands: A Case Study of Transnational Belongings*

David Kirkpatrick, Florida State University
*Violence and New Religious Movements: Disaggregating Hemispheric Boundaries in American Fundamentalism*

David Howlett, Skidmore College
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**Why Denominations Can Climb Hills: RLDS Conversions in Highland India and Midwestern America, 1964-2010**

Su-Chi Lin, Taiwan Graduate School of Theology
*Material Devotions: Evangelical Images in Everyday Lives of Asian Christians*

Responding:

Briana Wong, Princeton Theological Seminary

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**A18-233 Exploratory Session**

Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

Theme: *Locating the Spiritual but Not Religious*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara
Jeffrey Brackett, Ball State University
Ann Duncan, Goucher College
Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside

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**A18-234 Wildcard Session**

Tyler Tully, University of Oxford, Presiding

Theme: *Incarnate Materialisms: Critically Engaging Non-Dualist Anthropologies in Theological Discourse*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Axel Takacs, Harvard University
Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University
Christopher Carter, University of San Diego
Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College
Matthew Eaton, Fordham University
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A18-237
Theological Education Committee
Scott C. Alexander, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Science in the Seminaries: Integrating Scientific Research into Graduate Theological Education*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Maria T. Davila, Andover Newton Theological School
Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah University and Biblical Seminary
Lisa Fullam, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University
Frederick Ware, Howard University

P18-200
African Association for the Study of Religions
Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University, Presiding

Theme: *Power and Subversion African Religious Spaces*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Susie Paulik-Babka, University of San Diego
“*Dying and Rising as the Moon Does*: The Keiskamma Art Project, the Persistence of the Xhosa People, and the Possibility of Impossibility

Bolaji Bateye, Obafemi Awolowo University
Funke Oyekan, Bowen University
“The Church as Family, Things Are No Longer What They Used to Be*: Individualism, Genderization, and Scripturalization of Spirituality, the Nigerian Experience

Bernard Boyo, Daystar University
Damaris S. Parsitau, Egerton University
*African Christianity and the Intersection between Faith, Traditional, and Biomedical Healing*
Sunday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

A18-235
Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Sunday - 1:15 PM-2:45 PM

A18-236
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Love Thy Neighbour and Thyself: Recognizing and Cultivating Mental and Emotional Health for Students and Self

Sunday - 1:15 PM-2:45 PM

Panelists:
Katelynn Carver, University of St Andrews

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

A18-300
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Mastering Online Education: Effective and Engaging Teaching in a Digital Classroom

Sunday - 3:00 PM-4:30 PM

Panelists:
Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A18-301
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee**
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

Theme: *Open Place to Talk*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University

**A18-302**  
Employment Workshops

Theme: *Preparing for the Non-Academic Career*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Karen Kelsky, The Professor Is In

**A18-303**  
Program Committee

Theme: *The Art of Writing Conference Proposals*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Elissa Cutter, Loyola Marymount University

**A18-304**  
Public Understanding of Religion Committee  
Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion Forum: Jacob Olupona*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
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Panelists:

Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University
John Campbell, Council on Foreign Relations

A18-305
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Mary Cheng, United Methodist Women, Presiding

Theme: Hymns

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Leyla Ozgur Alhassen, University of California, Berkeley
*The Performance of the Qur’an: Recitation and Interpretation*

Ashley Purpura, Purdue University
*Liturgical Name-Calling and the Hymnographic Construction of Orthodox Christian Identities*

Lisa M. Allen, Interdenominational Theological Center
*Side by Side: How Hymnody Grew Up in Rural American Communities*

Lisa Radakovich Holsberg, Fordham University
*Just a Closer Walk: Medieval Latin Hymns and the Contemporary Imagination*

A18-306
Black Theology Unit and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit and Women of Color, Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit
Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College, Presiding

Theme: *Delores Williams’ Sisters in the Wilderness (Orbis, 1993): Celebrating 25 Years*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kimi Bryson, Yale University
*A Womanist’s Poetic, Theo-Ethical Response to Sexual Trauma: Ethics, Theology, and Black Women’s Poetry*

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Memphis Theological Seminary
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**The One Who Sees Me: Finding Hagar through Literary Hermeneutics and Religious Interpretive Agency**

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University  
*Eboni Marshall Turman Reads Delores Williams' Sisters in the Wilderness*

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University  
*Outcast in the Deserts of Hopelessness*

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**A18-307**  
**Body and Religion Unit**  
Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College, Presiding

Theme: *Mediating Bodies in Religious Contexts*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Adam Newman, University of Virginia  
*Dismembering Demons: Spatial and Bodily Representations in the Fifteenth-Century Ekaliṅgamāhātmya*

George Pati, Valparaiso University  
*Mediating Bodies in Kṛṣṇanāṭṭam Performance of Kerala, South India*

Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University  
*Created Bodies and the Recreation of Suffering: Spectacle and Woundedness in Gregory of Nyssa’s Famine Sermons*

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**A18-308**  
**Christian Spirituality Unit**  
Beringia Zen, Avila University, Presiding

Theme: *Christian Spirituality and Suffering*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

William B. Whitney, Azusa Pacific University  
Karen Kim, Azusa Pacific University  
*Suffering and Mental Illness: The Work of the Spirit and Psychological Perspectives on Social Suffering*
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Paul Blankenship, Graduate Theological Union
Wounds of Love: Christian Spirituality, Suffering, and Homelessness

Travis Pickell, University of Virginia
Re-Thinking Agency and Identity at the End-Of-Life: Baptism, Eucharist, and the "Spirituality of Martyrdom"

A18-309
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

Theme: Liberation in Perspective

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Justin Ashworth, Azusa Pacific University
In What Sense the Liberator? The Threefold Office in Liberationist Perspective

Jacob Torbeck, Loyola University Chicago
“I Exist Because You See Me”: Attention and Liberative Theological Method

Dylan Belton, University of Notre Dame
Gratuity and Guilt: Gutiérrez and Metz on the Roots of Christian Freedom and Liberatory Praxis

A18-310
Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College, Presiding

Theme: Ethics of Comparison

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas
Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University
Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University
Mark Dennis, Texas Christian University
Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Responding:

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College
Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas

A18-311
Contemporary Islam Unit
Sarah Eltantawi, Evergreen State College, Presiding

Theme: Muslim Minorities and the Transformation of Affect and Representation

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Samah Choudhury, University of North Carolina
“It’s in the Bones”: Muslim Pathologies and the Problem of Representation in Disgraced

Kristin Peterson, University of Colorado
Creating Feelings of Resonance for #OurThreeWinners: The Circulation of Affects in the Creative Projects to Honor the Legacy of the Chapel Hill Victims

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College
“Muslimness is a Relationship of Power”: The Racialization of Islam in European Anti-Islamophobia Activism

Sajida Jalalzai, Trinity University
"Uncovering What Allah Has Concealed": Secrecy and Transparency in Muslim Spiritual Care Relationships

Responding:

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University

A18-312
Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Psychology, Culture and Religion Unit
Storm Swain, United Lutheran Seminary, Presiding
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: On Death and Dying (Routledge, 1969): The Legacy of Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, Fifty Years Later

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Lucy Bregman, Temple University
Kubler-Ross and the Re-Visioning of Death as Loss: Religious Appropriation and Responses

Michelle Marvin, University of Notre Dame
Can Hope Persist in the Face of Dementia Diagnoses? An Examination of Hope in the Work of E. Kübler-Ross and Implications for Future Study

Richard Coble, Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Coerced Acceptance: Spiritual Care Fifty Years after On Death and Dying

Aaron Klink, Duke University
Beyond the Psychiatric Paradigm: Religion, Dying, and Hospice Chaplaincy after Kubler-Ross

A18-313
Hinduism Unit and History of Christianity Unit and Hagiography Society
Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College, Presiding

Theme: Saints and Their Miracles: Comparing Miracle Stories in Christian and Hindu Hagiography

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jon Keune, Michigan State University
Grammars of Wonder: What Do Miracle Stories Do for Those Who Retell Them?

Sara Ritchey, University of Tennessee
Miracle Making and Wonder Faking: Reflections from the Life of Lutgard of Aywières

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary
The Moral Miraculous: Sacred Power, Ethics, and Religious Competition in Miracle Stories of Early Modern India

Todd French, Rollins College
Literarily Speaking: How Christian Miracles Are Affirmed through Literature and Commentary
A18-314
Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Wesleyan Studies Unit
Ted A. Campbell, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Exploring Holiness and Unity in Methodist and Lutheran Faith Traditions*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Miriam Haar, Lutheran World Federation (LWF)
*Rising Nationalist Populism: A Challenge for Lutheran and Methodist Churches in Their Pursuit of Unity and Holiness*

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University
*Do Women Have a Special Gift for Service? Conflicting Ideas of Gender and Ministry in the Methodist and Lutheran Deaconess Offices*

Whitney Cox, University of Houston
*“As We Struggle to Love”: Two Congregations Respond to AIDS*

Elsa Marty, University of Chicago
*Queer Christian Discourse in India: Starting with the T in LGBT Activism*

A18-315
Mysticism Unit
June McDaniel, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *Mystic Biographies and Autobiographies*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union
*Chögyam Trungpa and the Pussy Riots: Reinventing Crazy Wisdom in the Tibetan Diaspora and Post-Soviet Russia*

Ben Van Overmeire, St. Olaf College
*Writing the Life of No One: Two Modern Zen Autobiographies*

Jennifer Newsome Martin, University of Notre Dame
*Fable and Fiction: Writing the Self/Body in St. Teresa of Avila*
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Business Meeting:

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

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A18-316
Nineteenth Century Theology Unit
Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theme: Catholic Responses to the Rise of Historical Consciousness

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jeffrey Morrow, Seton Hall University
Contending against Rationalists: Pope Leo XIII’s Response to the Rise of Historical Consciousness in Biblical Studies

Nomi Pritz-Bennett, University of Edinburgh
"Attaining Christ": Revisiting the Blondel-Loisy Debate on the Role and Use of the Historical Critical Method

Stephen Lawson, Saint Louis University
“No Gaping Abyss”: Erik Peterson’s Attempt to Overcome Historicism from within

Responding:

Charles J. T. Talar, University of St. Thomas

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A18-317
North American Religions Unit
Peter Wright, Colorado College, Presiding

Theme: Surveillance and the Intelligence State at 100

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Sylvestre Johnson, Virginia Tech
Communist Allegations and the Militarization of the FBI’s Engagement with Martin Luther King, Jr., and the SCLC

Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University
Constructing the Nation of Islam in the Intelligence Imaginary
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Pamela Pennock, University of Michigan, Dearborn

Rosemary R. Corbett, Bard College
*Hidden Government Attempts to Monitor American Muslims*

Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University
*Military Intelligence, Ideas About Muslims, and the Creation of Counter-Insurgency Doctrine*

A18-318
Reformed Theology and History Unit
Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

Theme: *Eschatologies of Reformed Traditions*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Hans Boersma, Regent College
*Neo-Calvinism and the Beatific Vision: Eschatology in the Reformed Tradition*

Steven Edward Harris, Redeemer University College
*“We Keep Our Eyes Fixed upon Christ”: An Anti-Speculative Doctrine of Final Resurrection in Bullinger and Turretin*

Michael Baysa, Princeton University
*Calvinism Perfected: Charles Chauncy's Universalism and the Formation of an American Ethos*

A18-319
Religion and Disability Studies Unit and Teaching Religion Unit
Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Site Visits, the Theological Classroom, and Universal Design Learning Principles*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Emily Gravett, James Madison University
*Re-Visiting Site Visits through the Lens of Disability Studies*

Sarah Barton, Duke University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Rethinking the Theological Classroom: Engaging People with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities as Scholars

Alicia Brienza, Boston College

What Does Your Brain Look Like? Relational Ethics of Universal Design for Learning Principles for Catholic Educators

Business Meeting:

Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College

A18-320
Religion and Ecology Unit
Edwin Bagley, Wingate University, Presiding

Theme: Doing Religion and Ecology in the Bible Belt: How the Cross Pollination of Religion and Ecology in a Socioeconomically Disadvantaged, Rural Town in North Carolina is Bearing Much Fruit

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Catherine Wright, Wingate University
Christy Cobb, Drew University

Responding:

David Evans, Eastern Mennonite University

A18-321
Religion and Economy Unit
Elayne Oliphant, New York University, Presiding

Theme: Race, Colonialism, and Religious Consumption

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kevin Rose, University of Virginia

Fair Trade Religion: Consuming Racial Difference and Lifting the Encumbrance of Whiteness at SERRV International and Ten Thousand Villages

Timothy Rainey, Emory University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Beyond the Shadow of Destiny: Sierra Leone and the African American Economic Agenda in 19th Century West Africa

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University

Slavery, Consumption, and Resistance in North America: Free Produce to Fair Trade

Responding:

Marla Frederick, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Daniel Vaca, Brown University

A18-322
Religion and Food Unit
Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College, Presiding

Theme: Bypassing the Flesh in Approaching the Sacred

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara
Food and the Yoga Body in Early Twentieth Century America

Catherine Newell, University of Miami
Ancestral Knowledge and Culinary Roots: Finding the Sacred in Dietary Practice

Julia Reed, Harvard University
Catholic Cooking: Intersections of Theology and Nutrition in 18th Century French Dietetics

Tyson-Lord Gray, New York University
Food Justice and Faith in African American Religious Institutions

A18-323
Religion and Politics Unit
Ann Duncan, Goucher College, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Religious Freedom in the Trump Era

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
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Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University

“Honorable Religious Premises” and Other Affronts: Disputing Free Exercise in the Era of Trump

Lindsey Maxwell, Florida International University

Separation of School and State: Evangelical Politics and the Home School Legal Defense Association

Chiara Maddalena Migliori, Free University of Berlin

The Exploitation of the Concept of Religious Freedom, and Its Role in the Social Imaginary That Led to the Victory of Donald Trump

A18-324
Religion and Science Fiction Unit

Emanuelle Burton, University of Illinois at Chicago, Presiding

Theme: Mythos, Morality, and Made-Up Worlds

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Brett Esaki, Georgia State University

Ted Chiang’s Comedic, Moral Universe

Timothy Harvie, St. Mary’s University, Alberta, Canada

Critique and Creativity: Canonicity and Mythos in Science Fiction and Religion

Nathan Fredrickson, University of California, Santa Barbara

How SF Takes (Religion’s) Place: Trans-Position and Sovereignty in the Secularizing Effects of SF Worldbuilding

Business Meeting:

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University

A18-325
Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit

Brian Catlos, University of Colorado, Presiding

Theme: Jerusalem’s Sacred Sites in Medieval Jewish, Christian, and Islamic Rhetoric

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Fadi Ragheb, University of Toronto
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

The Holy Land through Medieval Muslim Eyes: Sanctification, Holy Sites, and Religious Debates in Islamic Pilgrimage Texts, Chronicles, and Travelogue Literature on Jerusalem

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College
When Did the Foundation Stone of Jerusalem Become the Navel of the Earth?

David Freidenreich, Colby College
The Dome of the Rock as the Biblical Temple in Premodern Christian Thought and Art

Responding:

Matthias Henze, Rice University

Business Meeting:

Brian Catlos, University of Colorado

A18-326
Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Luis Leon, University of Denver, Presiding

Theme: Authors Meet Readers

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Socorro Castañeda-Liles, Santa Clara University
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley

Responding:

Jessica Delgado, Princeton University
Elaine Padilla, University of La Verne

A18-327
Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit and Study of Judaism Unit
Andrea Dara Cooper, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: Interrogating Imperfection: Risky Ventures in Jewish Text, Thought, and Action

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
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Rebecca J.E. Levi, Washington University in St. Louis  
*Torah Edgeplay: Risk, Power, and Polymorphous Community*

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo  
*Forgetting God’s Body*

Joshua Schwartz, New York University  
*Anti-Perfectionism in Hasidic Theology*

Dustin Atlas, University of Dayton  
*Imperfection: An Erotics and Ethics of Modern Jewish Thought*

**A18-328**  
*Science, Technology, and Religion Unit*  
Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: *Reflections on the Work of Christopher Southgate*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Paul Allen, Concordia University  
*An Augustinian Dimension to Christopher Southgate’s Evolutionary Theodicy*

Bethany Sollereder, University of Oxford  
*From an Adventure in the Theology of Creation to Compassionate Theodicy*

Responding:

Christopher Southgate, University of Exeter

**A18-329**  
*Scriptural Reasoning Unit*  
C. Rebecca Rine, Grove City College, Presiding

Theme: *Words That Wound: Abrahamic Approaches to Scriptural Violence*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Nathan Hershberger, Duke University  
*Healing Wounds: Origen on Suffering, Violence, and the Body of Scripture*

Adam T. Strater, Emory University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Violent Biblical Motifs and Jewish Extremist Violence: The Legacy of Amalek and Esau

Syed Moulvi, University of Virginia

Do Particular Juridical Structures Encourage Violent Interpretations of the Quran: The Case of Pakistan’s Federal Shariat Court

A18-330

Sikh Studies Unit
Pashaura Singh, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: The Publics of Sikh Studies: Discussing Limits and Possibilities of Responsible Engagement in Sikh Scholarship

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Arvind Mandair, University of Michigan
Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
Jasleen Singh, University of Michigan
Harjeet Grewal, University of Calgary

A18-331

Sociology of Religion Unit
David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery, Presiding

Theme: Hello from the Other Side: Sociology of Religious Minorities in the US and England

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Loren Lybarger, Ohio University

Secular-Religious Confluences in the Formation of Palestinian Immigrant Identities in Chicago

Isaac Kim, Princeton Theological Seminary

Sociologists of Religion in Dialogue with Aristotle: Korean-American Christianity as a Test Case

Simranjit Khalsa, Rice University

Being an "Other": Experiences of Marginalization among Sikhs in the US and England

Allison Ralph, Durham, NC
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Purity and Danger: Islam, the Body Politic, and Public Policy

A18-332
Study of Islam Unit
Tehseen Thaver, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: Beyond Binaries: Law, History, and Hermeneutics

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Saadia Yacoob, Williams College
Male Desire and Female Desirability: The Male as Knowing Subject of Islamic Law

Raha Rafii, University of Pennsylvania
“Not Every Mujtahid is Correct”: Ibn Idrīs al-Ijilī and the Genre of "The Judge's Protocol"

Hunter Bandy, Duke University
Recovering the Marghūb al-qulūb of Ṣadr Jahān Ṭabāsī: Iranian Sufism, Deccan Shī‘ism, and the Destiny of a Deccan Sultanate

Responding:
Matthew Pierce, Centre College

A18-333
Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit
Adam Kotsko, North Central College, Presiding

Theme: Seek and Ye Shall Find: Crypto-Theology in Philosophy of Religion Today

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kirsten Gerdes, Claremont Graduate University
Unveiling the Crypto-Theological in Social-Scientific Approaches to Religious Studies

Sean Capener, University of Toronto
The Christian Economy: On the Genealogy of Oikonomia and the Question of a Theological Remainder

Joel Harrison, Northwestern University
“Where Myth Means a True Story”: A Brief Genealogy of the Crypto-Theological
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Timothy Snediker, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Crypto and the Undercommons: Toward a Democracy of Thought in Religious Studies

Business Meeting:

Adam Kotsko, North Central College
Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College

A18-334
Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

Theme: Secularity and Religious Reflection: A Panel on Bradley Onishi’s The Sacrality of the Secular (Columbia University Press, 2018)

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Liane Carlson, Princeton University
Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Hartford
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

Responding:

Bradley Onishi, Skidmore College

A18-335
Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College, Presiding

Theme: Mountains in Himalayan Religions

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Frances Garrett, University of Toronto
Imagining Mountains and Therapeutic Travel

Catherine Hartmann, Harvard University
How to Identify a Mountain: Uncovering the Epistemological Logics at Work in a Debate about the Authenticity of a Tibetan Mountain
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Eben Yonnetti, University of Colorado
*When the Snowy Mountains Turn Black: Climate Change, Local Deities, and Buddhism in Ladakh*

Ian MacCormack, Harvard University
*Marpori and Potala: Symbolic Knowledge of a Lhasa Mountain*

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**A18-336**

**Yogācāra Studies Unit**
Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University, Presiding


Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

David Carpenter, St Josephs University
Tadeusz Zawidzki, George Washington University
Bryce Huebner, Georgetown University
Eyal Aviv, George Washington University
Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

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**A18-337**

**Chinese Christianities Seminar**
Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Theme: *Asserting Ecclesial Boundaries*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Christie Chui-Shan Chow, City Seminary of New York
*Drawing Denominational Boundaries in China’s “Post-Denominational” Christianity: The Case of Chinese Seventh-Day Adventism*

Michel Chambon, Boston University
*Chinese Christians in Nanping City: Five Denominations, One Ecumenism*

Sheng-Ping Guo, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Chinese and Sinophone Practice in Identity Negotiating: The Case of Bread of Life Christian Church, 1942-2017

Responding:

Jonathan A. Seitz, Taiwan Theological Seminary

Sunday - 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

A18-338

RiNo Craft Brewery Tour
Sunday - 4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall A in the Convention Center

Sunday - 4:45 PM-6:15 PM

A18-339

Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Other Duties as Assigned: The Craft of Fundraising for Research and Higher Education

Sunday - 4:45 PM-6:15 PM

Panelists:

Dustin Benac, Duke University

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A18-400

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Graduate Student Committee
Gabe Veas, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Faculty and Student Debt, Structural Inequality in the Academy, Precarity, and Contingency*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside  
Whitney Cox, University of Houston  
Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary

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**A18-401**

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

Evan Berry, American University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond the Ivory Tower: Putting Religion Expertise to Work outside the Academy*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Asher Orkaby, Harvard University  
Sousan Abadian, US Department of State  
Ann Wainscott, Miami University  
Margaret/Maren Milligan, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Responding:

Randall Miller, Oaktown Consulting

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**A18-402**

*Employment Workshop*

Jessica Ehinger, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Building Your Professional Toolkit*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jessica Ehinger, Boston University

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A18-403
Publications Committee
Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding
Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, Presiding

Theme: How to Get Published

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Cynthia Eller, Claremont Graduate University
Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis
Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha
Karen Jackson-Weaver, Oxford University
Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

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A18-404
Teaching and Learning Committee
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College, Presiding

Theme: Reflective Structured Dialogue in Religious Studies Classrooms: A Conversation with 2018 Excellence in Teaching Award Winner Jill DeTemple

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University

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A18-405
African Diaspora Religions Unit
Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University, Presiding

Theme: The Encounter of Digital Media and Ritual in African Diaspora Religions

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Afe Adogame, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Doing Things with iPhone/iPod Touch/iPad: Digital Divination, New Ways of Knowing, and the Glocalization of African-Derived Spiritualities*

Funlayo Easter Wood, Harvard University
*Digital Divination, Internet Initiation: On the Limitations of Distance in Africana Religions*

Margarita Simon Guillory, University of Rochester
*The Internet, Selfie, and Ritual: The Purple People's Use of Digital Technology in Past Life Regression Rituals*

N. Fadeke Castor, Texas A&M University
*Offerings in the Digital Commons: African Diasporic Religions, Social Media, and Social Justice*

Melva L. Sampson, Wake Forest University
*Pink Robes, Libations, and Red Hot Critical Times: Ritualized Digital Space and Afrikan Interested Cyber Assemblies*

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A18-406
**Anthropology of Religion Unit and Contemporary Islam Unit and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit**
Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Henry Luce Foundation, Presiding

Theme: *Special Session in Honor of Saba Mahmood*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Noah Salomon, Carleton College
Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University
Webb Keane, University of Michigan
Hussein Agrama, University of Chicago
Michael Lambek, University of Toronto

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A18-407
**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding

Theme: *Interreligious Aesthetics: From Dialogue to the Senses*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Panelists:

Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary
Aaron Rosen, Rocky Mountain College
Scott Holland, Earlham College
Susan Katz Miller, Interfaith Families Project of Greater Washington
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

A18-408
Black Theology Unit and Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Unit
Christopher Driscoll, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: *Still Getting By: Margin and Boundary in Black Theology and Hip Hop Culture*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Brett Esaki, Georgia State University
*Flow, Marginalization, and Asian American Epistemological Exploration*

Shakira Hall Louimarre, Union Theological Seminary
*An Ecowomanist Reimagining of the Theological Themes Found in Baduizm*

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
*I Am a Sinner Who’s Probably Gonna Sin Again*: Kendrick Lamar’s Meditations on Sin, Salvation, and Moral Agency in the Post-Gangsta Era

James Hill, Northwestern University
*Michael Jackson’s Apocalypticism, Trumpian Dystopia, and the Hip-Hop Afterlives of They Don’t Care About Us*

A18-409
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit
Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Presiding

Theme: *Bonhoeffer Moment(s)*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

David Robinson, Regent College
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Public Confession for a Nation of Refugees: Recovering the Challenge of the 1939 “Bonhoeffer Moment”

Robert O. Smith, Baylor University

Bonhoeffer Moment(s)? Learning to See “From Below” in Indian Country

Jodi Belcher, Duke University

The Rejected Body: A Postcolonial Feminist Analysis of the Limits of Bonhoeffer’s Theology for America’s “Bonhoeffer Moment”

A18-410
Buddhism Unit and Contemplative Studies Unit

Jin Y Park, American University, Presiding

Theme: Buddhist Cultures of Meditation

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Tony Scott, University of Toronto

The Milinda Pañha-Atthakathā: Vipassanā Meditation, Psychic Powers, and Pali Commentary in Mid-Twentieth-Century Burma

Julia Stenzel, McGill University

The Transformation of Compassion Meditations

David DiValerio, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Yanggönpa’s Mountain Dharma: An Enchanted, Tantric, Renunciatory Technology of the Selfless Self

Erik Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University

Huayan Meditation in Early Twentieth-Century Chinese Buddhism

A18-411
Chinese Religions Unit and Study of Islam Unit

Natasha Heller, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: Hui Muslims in the Qing Dynasty: Identity, Religion, and Culture

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Shaodan Zhang, University of Illinois
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Chinese Muslims in the Qing Empire: Islamic Law, Imperial State, and Muslim Identity, 1644-1911

Cuma Ozkan, University of Iowa
Contesting Sinicization: Jin Tianzhu’s (1736-1795) Qingzhen Shiyi (Dispelling the Doubts about Islam)

Elvida Ünal, Peking University
The Sufi Orders of Naqshabandiyya in Northwestern China: Khafiiyya and Jahriyya

Responding:
Kelly Hammond, University of Arkansas

A18-412
Christian Systematic Theology Unit and Reformed Theology and History Unit
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Freedom in the Thought of Jonathan Edwards and Karl Barth

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Andrew McFarlane, University of Edinburgh
Barth and Kant on "Independence" as a Condition of Human Freedom

Phillip Hussey, Saint Louis University
An Edwardsian Proposal on the End of Creation: The Fullness of the Son Diffused

Angela Carpenter, Hope College
Jonathan Edwards and a Theocentric Liberation

A18-413
Cognitive Science of Religion Unit
Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University, Presiding

Theme: What is Innateness? Evolution and Variation in the Psychology of Religion

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Ross Moret, Florida State University
Innateness and Moral Foundations Theory
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Connor Wood, Center for Mind and Culture
*Religion, Institutions, and Counterfactuals: A Cognitive Approach to Social Construction*

Business Meeting:

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University

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A18-414
**Comparative Religious Ethics Unit and Religion and Cities Unit**

Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding

Theme: *Urban Migration and Religious Ethics*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Daria Pezzoli-Olgiati, University of Munich
*Places of Religious Diversity: Normative Challenges in Shaping Urban Space*

Kaia D. S. Rønsdal, University of Oslo
*Urban Belonging and Everyday Marginalisation*

David Kupp, University of Toronto
*Behaviours of Belonging (And Abandonment): Faith and the Urban Compromise of Place and Land*

Responding:

Katie Day, United Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia

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A18-415
**Comparative Theology Unit and Scriptural Reasoning Unit**

Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America, Presiding

Theme: *Comparative Theology and Scriptural Reasoning: Methods in Dialogue*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Gary Slater, St. Edward's University
*Peter Ochs, Robert C. Neville, and the Repair/Compare Continuum: A Link between Scriptural Reasoning and Comparative Theology*

Andrew Massena, Boston College
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Scriptural Reasoning and Christian-Jewish Comparative Theology: A Symbiotic Relationship

Responding:

Deborah Barer, Towson University
Marianne Moyaert, Vrije Universiteit

A18-416
Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit
Jamie Brummitt, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: Digital Technologies of Death, Commemoration, and Mourning

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

John Borchert, Syracuse University
A Place, An Interface: Ritualizing Techno-Eco Burial through the BiosIncube

Brooke Katheen Brassard, University of Waterloo
Living Eternally Online: Monuments and Memorials in a Digital World

Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Gaming and Grieving: Digital Games as Means of Confronting and Coping with Death

Business Meeting:

Candi Cann, Baylor University

A18-417
Ecclesiological Investigations Unit
Dennis Doyle, University of Dayton, Presiding

Theme: Gender and Ecclesiology

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Kirsten L Guidero, Marquette University
Developing a Shared Ecumenical Method: Women's Ordination in the Anglican-Orthodox Dialogue

Jakob Rinderknecht, University of the Incarnate Word
Imaging the "Voraus" of Christ: Gender, Deacons, and the Church
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Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Janna Hunter-Bowman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
*Gender as Trump: Unity at the Price of Peace*

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**A18-418**
**Evangelical Studies Unit**
Anna Robbins, Acadia Divinity College, Presiding

Theme: *Who Defines Evangelicalism?*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Gregory Chatterley, University of Chicago
*From Norway to Carol Stream: Ethnic Protestants and the Production of White Evangelicalism in the 20th Century*

William Boyce, University of Virginia
*Queering Evangelicalism, or “An Essential Departure from Christian Faithfulness”*

Kit Kirkland, University of St. Andrews
*Past Now Present: Trump’s Nativism and the Redefinition of Evangelical Faith*

Paul Louis Metzger, Multnomah Biblical Seminary
*A Nobler Evangelical Vision: Beyond Billy and Franklin Graham to John M. Perkins*

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**A18-419**
**Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit**
Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University, Presiding

Theme: *The Transformative Values of Memory: The Interface of Religion and Healing*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Felicia Lopez, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Mayahuel and Maguey: Remembering Our Mother with 400 Breasts*

Neftaley Arceo, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Reading the Codex Borgia: The Natural Fluidity of Nahua Divination*

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

**Encomium for Hermana Sarita Macias: Espiritualismo in Mexico City and Barrio Logan in San Diego, California**

Delores Mondragon, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Military Trauma and Knowing: Memory, Ceremony, and Healing*

Responding:

Robert Perez, University of California, Riverside

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**A18-420**

**Korean Religions Unit and Yogācāra Studies Unit**

Richard D. McBride, Brigham Young University, Hawaii, Presiding

**Theme: Silla Contributions to Yogācāra Studies**

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Shigeki Moro, Hanazono University
*Sthiramati, Paramārtha, and Wonhyo: On the Sources of Wonhyo’s Jungbyeon bunbyeollon*

Jiyeon Kim, Geumgang University
*Yogācāra Elements in the Shi moheyan lun 釋摩訶衍論*

Sumi Lee, Dongguk University
*On the Ālayavijñāna of the Awakening of Faith: Wŏnhyo and Fazang’s Views on Tathāgatagarbha and Ālayavijñāna of the Awakening of Faith*

Innsuk Park, Dongguk University
*The Yugaron-gi and Silla Yogācāra Buddhism*

Responding:

A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo

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**A18-421**

**Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Liberation Theologies Unit and Practical Theology Unit**

Xochitl Alvizo, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

**Theme: Community Organizing: Theologies, Practices, Liberation**

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Brandy Daniels, University of Virginia
_August 12th and Activism as Religious Praxis: On Difficulties and (of?) De-Formation_

John Senior, Wake Forest University
_Liberating Circulatory Power: Two Case Studies from Food Justice Movements_

Jennifer Owens-Jofré, Graduate Theological Union
_Faith-Rooted Community Organizing at a Latinx Catholic Parish in East Los Angeles: A Case Study_

Responding:

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

_A18-422_
**New Religious Movements Unit**
Constance A. Jones, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding

Theme: _John Gordon Melton and the Study of New Religions: Assessing a Legacy and Charting Future Directions_

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

David Gartrell, University of California, Santa Barbara
_Building on Strength: Developing the J. Gordon Melton American Religions Collection_

Holly Folk, Western Washington University
_Cult Controversies in China: A Report on Two Conferences on the Church of Almighty God_

Joshua Daniels, Western Washington University
_Counting Churches in Communities: A Report on Melton’s “Congregation Count” in Whatcom County, Washington_

Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religions
_Even Scientology Can Be Studied: Gordon Melton and the Wisdom of Diversity_

Responding:

Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College

_A18-423_
**Open and Relational Theologies Unit**
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Bethany Sollereder, University of Oxford, Presiding

Theme: *God as Poet of the World: Art, Beauty, and Creativity*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Michael Reading, Claremont School of Theology

*An African Ancestral Theopoiesis: The Concrescence of Divine Intercession*

Shawn Fawson, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver

*More Than Metaphoric: Beauty in the Interstices of God-Language*

Cody Strecker, Baylor University

*Poetic God, Poetic Theology*

Janna Gonwa, Yale University

*7.6 Billion Characters in Search of an Author: Theopoetics and the Question of Artistic Intent*

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A18-424

Qur’an Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Presiding

Theme: *Parody, Polemics, and Wordplay through Scriptural Interpretation*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Devin J. Stewart, Emory University

*Ironic Inversion and Humor in the Qur’an*

Nathan Hershberger, Duke University

*Patient Apocalypticism and the Syriac Tradition: Political Theology in Ephrem the Syrian, Mar Qardagh, and Giwargis Warda*

Shuaib Ally, University of Toronto

*Mockery in the Qurʾān: The Role of Zamakhsharī and the Later Ḥāshiya Tradition*

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A18-425

Religion and Ecology Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit

James Miller, Queen’s University, Kingston, Presiding
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Issues in Religiously-Based Eco-Activism

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Ryan Juskus, Duke University
The Visible and the Invisible in Coal Country: Subterranean Possibilities for Concerted Action across Racialized, Religious, and Regional Borders

Madeline Duntley, Bowling Green State University
Crystal Geyser, Water Activists, and Mount Shasta's Eco-Esotericism

Russell Powell, Princeton Theological Seminary
Place, Shame, and the Place of Shame: The Political, Moral, and Religious Effects of Shame in Place Studies

A18-426
Religion and Politics Unit
John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: Rethinking Religion in the Public Square

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Garrett FitzGerald, University of Notre Dame
Engagement and Encounter beyond Locativity: Reimagining Religion in Pluralistic Politics

David Decosimo, Boston University
The New Genealogy of Religious Freedom

Dimitry Okropiridze, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg
Jordan B. Peterson’s Use of Jungian Psychology as the Foundation for an Emerging Conservative Spirituality

A18-427
Religion in South Asia Unit
Supriya Gandhi, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Aesthetics in Indo-Persian Literature

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Peter Dziedzic, Harvard University
*Shamas Faqir and His Symbolic Universe(s): Sufi and Shaiva Syntheses in Kashmiri Poetry*

Shankar Nair, University of Virginia
*Muslim Dreams in Sanskrit and Greek: Encountering the Pre-Modern Other through Islamic Notions of the Imagination*

Ryan Brizendine, Yale University
*Rasa and Rapture: The Influence of Indian Literary Aesthetics on Sufi Practice in South Asia*

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**A18-428**
**Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit**
Abigail Kluchin, Ursinus College, Presiding

Theme: *Lightning Talks Session: Emotion in the Religious Studies Classroom*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Anita Houck, Saint Mary's College
*Welcoming First Responses*

Joseph Harroff, Temple University
*Qing 情 as Relational Affect in the Religious Studies Classroom*

Biko Gray, Syracuse University
*On Crying in Class: Emotion as the Catalyst for Change in the Classroom*

Tam K. Parker, University of the South
*Teaching the Anthropocene in and through Affect*

Maia Kotrosits, Denison University
*Incomplete Disavowals: A Story of Embarrassment*

Julie Miller, University of the Incarnate Word
*From Abstraction to Abjection: The Use of Disgust in the Classroom*

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Business Meeting:

Donovan Schaefer, University of Pennsylvania
M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A18-429
Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit
Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Presiding

Theme: Postcolonial Futures: Afrofuturist Utopias and the Buddhist Decolonization of the Mind

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Juli Gittinger, Georgia College and State University
Counter-Colonialism and the Afrofuturist Utopia in Black Panther

Victor Thasiah, California Lutheran University
Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh on Decolonizing Your Mind

Business Meeting:

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn

A18-430
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit
Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

Theme: Public Rhetoric and the Promotion of Healing

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Tamar Wasoian, Independent Scholar
Religious and Secular Rhetoric in Armenian Genocide Remembrance: From Justice to Healing

Wendy Wiseman, University of California, Santa Barbara
Turkish Intelligentsia and the Armenian Question: Costs of Witnessing and Truth-Telling

Hyebin Hong, Boston University
Misogyny, Femicide, and Moral Damage in Postcolonial South Korea: 2016 Gangnam Station Public Restroom Murder Case

A18-431
Religion, Memory, History Unit
Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: Memory and Social Trauma
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

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Fizza Joffrey, University of Toronto
_Lament through Time: Urdu Shiʿi Mourning Poetry and the Power of Memory_

Gregg Drinkwater, University of Colorado
_Larry Kramer’s Holocaust: AIDS, Hannah Arendt, and the Moral Imperative of Political Action_

Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego
_Memorials That Migrate: Material Religion and Trans-Situational Bonding in the Wake of Contemporary Mass Tragedies_

Responding:

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University

Business Meeting:

Mona Hassan, Duke University
Tim Langille, Arizona State University

A18-432
_Relegions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit_
Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: _Identity and Place: Three Contextual Studies of Religion, Conflict, and Peacebuilding_

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Roger Baumann, Yale University
_African American Christians and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: How Should the "Black Church" Respond to BDS?_

Luke Kreider, University of Virginia
_Arteries of the Nation: Religious Nationalism and Environmental Imaginaries in the Jordan-Yarmuk River Valley_

Andrew Marin, University of St. Andrews
_Religious Peacebuilding in Post-ISIS Iraq from the Perspective of Iraqi-Christian Internally Displaced Persons_

Responding:
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Heather DuBois, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame

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A18-433
Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit and Hagiography Society
Tyler Atkinson, Bethany College, Presiding

Theme: *The Ethics of the Saints: Re-Reading and Re-Writing Hagiographical Texts*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Min-Ah Cho, Catholic Theological Union
*Writing with the Dead: Women’s Practice of Rewriting the Stories of the Saints*

Stephanie Yep, Emory University
*Breaking the Fourth Wall: Teaching Ethico-Emotional Comportment in Qāḍī ‘Iyāḍ Ibn Mūsā’s Biography of Muhammad*

Responding:

Emily Filler, Earlham College

Business Meeting:

Emily Filler, Earlham College

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A18-434
Study of Judaism Unit
Lucas Wright, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Blood, Soil, and Supersession: Reading White Supremacy between Blackness and Jewishness*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Tapji Garba, University of Winnipeg
*The Miracle of History: Supersessionism, Temporality, and the Invention of Racial Blackness*

Amaryah Armstrong, Vanderbilt University
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Disinheriting the Flesh: Jewishness, Blackness, and Belonging

Chance McMahon, University of Wisconsin

The Crucifix Question: James Cone and Yiddish Modernists on the (Re)Enfleshment of Jesus contra Christian Supersessionism

Responding:

Alana Vincent, University of Chester

A18-435
Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit
Adam Kotsko, North Central College, Presiding

Theme: Political Theology of the Wretched

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College

In the Smoke of Burning Witches: On the Art of Immanent Attention

Marika Rose, University of Winchester
Anthony Paul Smith, La Salle University

Hexing the Discipline: Against the Reproduction of Continental Philosophy of Religion

Jay Martin, University of Notre Dame

The Uniformity of the Wretched: The Homogeneity of Bodies in the Political Thought of Giorgio Agamben

Stephen Keating, Chicago Theological Seminary

Benito Cereno: Carl Schmitt’s Apocalyptic Self-Image as a Slaver

A18-436
Theology and Religious Reflection Unit and Critical Research on Religion
David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding


Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Panelists:

Erin Runions, Pomona College
J. Kameron Carter, Duke University
Marion S. Grau, MF Norwegian School of Theology
Gil Anidjar, Columbia University

Responding:

Devin Singh, Dartmouth College

A18-437
Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit
Stephen G. Ray, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Book Panel: The Religion of White Supremacy in the United States (Rowman and Littlefield, 2017) by Eric Weed

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Jennifer Harvey, Drake University
Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology
Michele Watkins, Iliff School of Theology

Responding:

Eric Weed, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

A18-438
Western Esotericism Unit
Egil Asprem, Stockholm University, Presiding

Theme: Beyond Humanity: Esotericism, Transhumanism, and the Cultivation of Special Powers

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Learned Foote, Rice University
Between Science and Scripture: Defending Visions of Fairies in 17th Century Scotland

Vadim Putzu, Missouri State University
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Transhuman Esotericism in the Ozarks: Preliminary Notes on Thomas Moore Johnson’s “Platonism”

Benjamin Mayo, Rice University

No One Here Gets Out Alive: Intersections of Cyberpunk Occultism, Transhumanism, and Academic Philosophy in the Works of Nick Land and the Ccru

A18-439
Women and Religion Unit
Cari Jackson, Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice, Presiding

Theme: Trust Women (Beacon Press, 2018): From a Justification Paradigm to Reproductive Justice

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Karen Lebacqz, Pacific School of Religion
Teresa Delgado, Iona College
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University
Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology
Michal Raucher, University of Cincinnati
Kate Ott, Drew University

Responding:

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

A18-440
Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion Seminar
Randy Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding


Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology
Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Michael Zbaraschuk, Pacific Lutheran University

Responding:

Tripp Fuller, Claremont Graduate University

A18-441
Religion and US Empire Seminar
Tracy Leavelle, Creighton University, Presiding

Theme: Accounting for Religion in US Empire

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Carleigh Beriont, Harvard University
The “Children’s Mission Ship”: American Children and the Campaign to Fund the Nineteenth-Century American Protestant Mission to Micronesia

Michael Graziano, University of Northern Iowa
The Spiritual Financing of Empire: U.S. Military Chaplains in the Vietnam War

Julie Chamberlain, George Washington University
Desmond Tutu, South African Apartheid, and the Failure of American Democracy

Business Meeting:

Heather D. Curtis, Tufts University

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Sunday - 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

A18-500
Reading Religion Editorial Board Meeting
Lisa Haygood, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding
Sunday - 7:30 PM-8:30 PM
A18-504
Film: *Mama Kiota: The Floodgate of African Muslim Female Leadership and Authority*
Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding
Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:
Maryam Sharrieff, Harvard University

Responding:
Pearl Robinson, Tufts University

A18-505
Film: *The Willow Tree (Beed-e Majnoon)*
Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

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

Graduate Student Committee
Priyanka Ramlakhan, University of Florida, Presiding
Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Katelynn Carver, University of St Andrews
*How We Serve: Shaping Religious Studies Instruction as Intentional Public Service*
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

D. Ashley Campbell, University of Colorado
*Platforms, Publics, and Production: Rethinking Religion Public Scholarship in a New Media Age*

Nicholas Krause, Baylor University
*Can Universities Be Christian? Reflections on Baylor University’s Sanctuary Campus Campaign*

Maria Carson, Syracuse University
*The Memory of Abraham Joshua Heschel at Selma: The Whiteness and/or Non-Whiteness of Contemporary Ashkenazi Jews in America*

Responding:

Richard Newton, University of Alabama

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A19-101

**Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee**

Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding

Theme: *Whose Crisis? Opioids, Chronic Pain, and Religious Responses*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Preston Parsons, University of Cambridge
Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools
Lizette Larson-Miller, Huron University College
Brett McCarty, Duke University
Jennifer S. Leath, Iliff School of Theology
Devan Stahl, Michigan State University

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A19-102

**Animals and Religion Unit**

David Clough, University of Chester, Presiding

Theme: *Race, Gender, Animals, and Theology: Trouble at the Intersection*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham College
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School
Jeania Ree Moore, General Board of Church and Society

Responding:

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego

Business Meeting:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
David Clough, University of Chester

A19-103
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit
Melissa Borja, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: State of the Field in Asian American Religious Studies: Pasts, Presents, and Futures

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Rita Brock, Volunteers of America
Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Helen Jin Kim, Harvard University
Carolyn Chen, University of California, Berkeley

Business Meeting:

Melissa Borja, University of Michigan
Devin Singh, Dartmouth College

A19-104
Baha’i Studies Unit
Christopher Glen White, Vassar College, Presiding

Theme: Constructive Resilience as Faith-Based Nonviolent Activism in the Face of Repression

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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Susan Maneck, Jackson State University
*The Baha'i Concept of "Islah-i-Alam" or "Betterment of the World"

Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend
*Social Engagement and Constructive Resilience as a Response to Persecution of the Iranian Baha’i Community*

Loni Bramson, American Public University System
*Ethnicities and Possible Strategies of Constructive Activism in Washington County, Oregon through the Use of the Baha’i Training Institute Process*

Sohail Gupta, Ambedkar University Delhi
*Building a "Non-Violent" Violent Constructive Resilience: Notes from an Action-Research in a Gond Adivasi Village in Chhattisgarh, India*

Business Meeting:

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

A19-106
*Childhood Studies and Religion Unit*
Katarina Westerlund, Uppsala University, Presiding

Theme: *Children's Spirituality: Beyond Institutional Structures*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kristin Graff-Kallevåg, MF Norwegian School of Theology
Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology
*Bricolage and Building Blocks: Children’s Spirituality at the Intersection of Institutional Religion and the Private Sphere*

Jason King, St. Vincent College
*Mr. Rogers’ Apocalyptic Environmentalism for Children*

Valerie Michaelson, Queen's University, Kingston, ON
*Like a Bicycle Tire: Lived Experiences of the Spiritual Worlds of Canadian Adolescents*

Daniel Wade McClain, Loyola University, Maryland
*Spiritual Free-Play in the Adaptation of Parables in Harry Potter and Godly Play*
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Responding:

Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University

Business Meeting:

Sally Stamper, Capital University

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A19-107

**Chinese Religions Unit and Confucian Traditions Unit**

Michael Puett, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Marginalizing Confucius: Ritual and Religion in Early China beyond the Canon*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Tobias Zuern, Washington University, St. Louis

*The Huainanzi as a Ritualistic, Wuwei-Performing Embodiment of the Way*

Filippo Marsili, Saint Louis University

*Restraining Huangdi: Confucians, Fangshi, and Economic Metaphors*

Rebecca Robinson, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

*Rain, Ritual, and Cosmology in Early China*

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A19-108

**Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit**

Joseph McDonald, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Moral Injury and Sacred Texts: An Interdisciplinary Conversation*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College
Brad Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University
Warren Carter, Brite Divinity School
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Responding:

Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary  
Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union

Business Meeting:

Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University  
Jamel Velji, Claremont McKenna College

A19-109  
Comparative Studies in Religion Unit  
Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University, Presiding

Theme: *Holy Madness in Comparative Perspective*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christopher Johnson, University of Wisconsin Colleges  
*Fictional Folly: Foolishness-For-Christ in Eugene Vodolazkin’s Laurus*

Amy Hyne-Sutherland, University of Texas at Austin  
*Modes of Madness in Classical South Asian Asceticism: A Comparative Analysis of Jaḍabharata and Durvāsas*

Jay Michaelson, Chicago Theological Seminary  
“The More Precious the Stone, the Meaner the Rock”: Holy Madness in Jacob Frank’s Words of the Lord

Peter Doebler, The Dayton Art Institute  
*Performing for Change: Holy Madness, Art, and Kenotic Spirituality*

James R. Newell, Central Michigan University  
*God-Intoxication and the Aesthetics of Religious Symbolism*

Responding:

June McDaniel, College of Charleston

A19-110  
Comparative Theology Unit and Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit  
Nicolas Mumejian, Hartford Seminary, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Making Meaning of Mary: Christian and Muslim Perspectives on Images (Actual and Virtual) of the Mother of Jesus

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Rita George-Tvrtkovic, Benedictine University
*Early Modern Images of Mary: Our Lady of Victory, Defeat, or Mission?*

Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University
*“Above All Other Women of the Worlds”: Mary and the Construction of Feminine Moral Excellence in the Islamic Milieu*

Younus Mirza, Allegheny College
*Was Mary an Islamic Prophet?*

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University
*Maryam as Paradigmatic Saint in Sufi Thought*

Responding:

Lucinda Mosher, Hartford Seminary
Brian A. Butcher, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto

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**A19-111**

**Ethics Unit and Religion and Politics Unit**

Michael LeChevallier, University of Chicago, Presiding

**Theme:** *Roundtable Discussion on Jean Bethke Elshtain: Politics, Ethics, and Society (University of Notre Dame Press, 2018)*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University
James T. Johnson, Rutgers University
Robin W. Lovin, Southern Methodist University
Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia

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

Debra Erickson, Bloomsburg University

Business Meeting:

Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary
Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute
Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

A19-112
Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit
Georgette Ledgister, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: Womanist Theory, African Forms of Knowing, and Epistemology: A Transatlantic Conversation

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Memphis Theological Seminary
Black Modifications and Womanist Conversations: African Identity in Womanist Theological Discourse

Sheila Otieno, Boston University
(You Make Me Feel Like a) Natural Woman? Deconstructing the Feminine/Masculine Imaginary in African/a Epistemology

Venise Adjibodou, University of Pennsylvania
A Womanist Conversation on Vodun Affect: Integrating Womanist Theory and Indigenous African Forms of Knowing

Business Meeting:

Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
Teresa L. Fry Brown, Emory University

A19-113
North American Religions Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit
Courtney Bender, Columbia University, Presiding

Theme: Governing Health: Race, Religion, Secularism, and the Healing State

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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Sarah Dees, Northwestern University
*Medico-secularism: The Recognition and Reconditioning of Native American Healing Practices in the Assimilation Era*

Jamil Drake, Florida State University
*To Get Rid of “Superstitious Grannies:” The Health State and the Moral Engineering of Black Midwives*

Laura McTighe, Dartmouth College
*Moral Medicine: Treatment and Punishment in the Race to Criminalize Women*

Anthony Petro, Boston University
*Feeling “Friends”: Race, Disability, and Evangelical Affect in the Work of Joni Eareckson Tada and C. Everett Koop*

Responding:

Terence Keel, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Henry Luce Foundation
Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara

A19-114
**Philosophy of Religion Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit**
Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University, Presiding


Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Travis Ables, Regis University
Sarah Beckwith, Duke University
Robert Davis, Fordham University
Ada Jaarsma, Mount Royal University
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Michael L Morgan, Indiana University
S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Larisa Reznik, Northwestern University

Responding:

Martin Shuster, Goucher College

Business Meeting:

Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina
Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

A19-115
Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit and SBL Nag Hammadi and Gnosticism Unit
Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Eros and Ascent*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Adrian Mihai, University of Cambridge
*Erotical Ascent in Eriugena’s Periphyseon*

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*

John Turner, University of Nebraska
*Ritual and Contemplative Techniques of Ascension and Mystical Union with the Divine in Gnostic and Related Literature*

Dylan M. Burns, Free University
*Astrological Determinism, Free Will, and Eros According to Thecla in Methodius of Olympus’s Symposium*

A19-116
Queer Studies in Religion Unit
Benae Beamon, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Trans Studies in Religion*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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Jane D. Nichols, Emory University
*The Priest at the Mass, the Person of Christ, and the Transgender Body*

Heather Harris, University of Louisville
*When the Spirit Says Dance: A Queer of Color Critique of Black Justice Discourse in Anti-Transgender Policy Rhetoric*

Mariecke van den Berg, Utrecht University
*Trajectories of Transformation: Religious and Gender Transitions in Jewish Autobiography*

Kelli Potter, Utah Valley University
*Trans* *Testimonies and Epistemic Injustice in Mormonism*

Responding:

Max Strassfeld, University of Arizona
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Faith Matters Network

Business Meeting:

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University
Heather White, University of Puget Sound

A19-117
**Religion and Humanism Unit**
Slavica Jakelic, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: **Author Meets Critics: Anthony Pinn's When Colorblindness Isn’t the Answer: Humanism and the Challenge of Race (Pinchstone, 2017)**

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Valerie C. Cooper, Duke University
Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame
Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University
William David Hart, Macalester College

Responding:

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Business Meeting:

J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University

A19-118  
Religion and Migration Unit and Religion in Europe Unit  
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College, Presiding

Theme: *Migrant Integration and Religious Identity in Europe*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh  
*Muslim Migration and the Borders of (Christian) European Identity*

Robert Dowd, University of Notre Dame  
*Religion, National Identity, and the Integration of Migrants in Europe*

Susanne Stadlbauer, University of Wyoming  
*Between Secrecy and Disclosure: The Mediation of Mass Conversions to Protestantism among Refugees in Germany*

Heena Jiwani, Aga Khan Council for USA  
Ahmed Chagani, Aga Khan Council for USA  
*Exploration of the Intersectionality of Migration, Religious Identity, and Education in a Minority Muslim Community in Essen, Germany*

Business Meeting:

Elissa Cutter, Loyola Marymount University  
Markus Dressler, Leipzig University

A19-119  
Religion and Popular Culture Unit  
John Schmalzbauer, Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: *Masculinity and the Clash of Civilizations in Religion and Popular Culture*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jennifer Hancock, Dallas, TX
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jesus in War, Jesus for Peace: How Jesus in World War I Popular Culture Helped Shape Modern Progressive, Radical, and Reactionary Movements

Christopher Driscoll, Lehigh University
Secular Sahib: White Identity Formation in Himalayan Big Mountain Climbing

Marc Loustau, College of the Holy Cross
Modernizers in Knights’ Robes: The Political Theology of Hungarian Far-Right Knighthood Orders

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University
The Honey Badger’s Holy War: Steve Bannon and the Clash of Civilizations

Caroline Matas, Princeton University
Against “The Church of Feminism”: Formations of Masculinity in the Overlapping Memberships of New Atheist and Red Pill Online Communities

Meredith Ross, Florida State University
Always Bring a Religion to a Religious War: The Online Manosphere, Religion, and Classification

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A19-120
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: Community-Based Research: The Church, Environment, and Ecclesial Base Communities (EBC)

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jordan E. DeSanto, Yale University
The Wages of Sin: Counting the Spiritual, Emotional, and Sexual Cost Homophobic Theology upon Black Men Who Have Sex with Men

Laurel Marshall, Central American University
Utility of Decolonial Theory for Theological Liberation Methodology: A Case Study

Richard Pitt, Vanderbilt University
Differences between Founder-Led and Non-Founder-Led Congregations

Amanda Baugh, California State University, Northridge
Religion and Environmentalism in a Secular Age: Varieties of American Catholic Engagement
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A19-121
Religion in South Asia Unit
Marko Geslani, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: Mantras in South Asian Religions: Sound, Silence, and Script

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Finnian Moore Gerety, Yale University
Praṇava: Histories of the Sacred Syllable

Ellen Gough, Emory University
Picturing Om in Jainism

Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University
Glossolalia and the Many Voices in Buddhist Mantras

Supriya Gandhi, Yale University
Om/Allah: Mantras and Translation in Early Modern India

Responding:

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin

Business Meeting:

Andrea Marion Pinkney, McGill University

A19-122
Religious Conversions Unit
Shari Rabin, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: Converting Citizens: Religious Nationalism and Religious Globalism in Missionary Projects

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Golden Buddhas and Christian Maps: Materiality, Empire, and Conversion in Nineteenth-Century Burma

Matthew Sutton, Washington State University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

*God’s Spooks: Missionary-Spies during World War II*

Sarah Koenig, Kalamazoo College

*The Conversion of Capital: Philanthropic Missions and Racial Progress at the Turn of the Twentieth Century*

William Sherman, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

*Romance, Religion, and Race: Novel Questions for the Missionary Encounter of 19th Century Peshawar*

Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani

“Zoroaster was a Kurd!”: *Neo-Zoroastrianism in Contemporary Iraqi Kurdistan*

Responding:

Christine Heyrman, University of Delaware

Business Meeting:

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University

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**A19-123**

*Ritual Studies Unit*

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University, Presiding

Theme: *Performance and Materiality*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Isobel-Marie Johnston, Arizona State University

*Niddah and Marriage as Conscious Mind*

S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University

*Transgender Jewish Ritual Objects*

Aaron Ellis, Florida State University

*The Mysticism and Theatricality of the Total Work of the Open Program: A Liberationist Model for Transgressing Cultural, Institutional, and Epistemological Boundaries*

Responding:

Michael Houseman, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, PSL
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Business Meeting:

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

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**A19-124**

**Roman Catholic Studies Unit**
Angela Tarango, Trinity University, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Issues in the Study of Catholicism and Colonialism*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Brandon Bayne, University of North Carolina
Emily Suzanne Clark, Gonzaga University
Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
Anne M. Martínez, University of Groningen
Matthew Smith, Northwestern University
Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside

Responding:

Tisa Wenger, Yale University

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Business Meeting:

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

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**A19-125**

**Study of Islam Unit**
Zareena Grewal, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Making and Breaking Boundaries of the Muslim American Family*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Nermeen Mouftah, Butler University
*Debating Orphan Care across the Oceans: Global Muslim Contentions*
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University
*Da’wa, the Nuclear Family, and the Neighborhood: Women’s Writings in Muslim Students’ Association Publications, 1963-1980*

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina
*The Family is Political (and Religious): American Muslims on Same-Sex Marriage and Queer Love*

Nadia Khan, University of Chicago
*From Wet-Nurse to Artificial Nipple: Infant Feeding Choices and the State of the American Muslim Nursery*

Kathleen Moore, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Is Adoption an Option? Muslim Foster and Adoptive Families in Southern California*

Business Meeting:

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

A19-126

**Study of Judaism Unit and SBL Jewish Christianity/Christian Judaism Unit**
Cynthia M. Baker, Bates College, Presiding

Theme: *Review Forum on Daniel Boyarin's Judaism (Rutgers University Press, 2018)*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Adele Reinhartz, University of Ottawa
Simcha Gross, University of California, Irvine
Shaul Magid, Indiana University
Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College
Shlomo Fischer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Seth Schwartz, Columbia University

Responding:

Daniel Boyarin, University of California, Berkeley
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

**Wesleyan Studies Unit**

Simangaliso R. Kumalo, University of Kwazulu-Natal, Presiding

Theme: *Ecology and Creation in Wesleyan and Methodist Perspectives*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Greg Van Buskirk, Boston University
*Iconic Dignity and Non-Human Nature: Wesley and Aquinas in Constructive Eco-Theological Dialogue*

James Waters, Florida State University
*What Can Wesley Offer Eco-Feminism? Reconnecting Ethics and Ecology through Wesley’s Theology of Creature and Creation*

Christopher Vena, Toccoa Falls College
*Christ in You, the Sanctifier of Creation: A Wesleyan Contribution to Ecotheology*

Frederick Simmons, Center of Theological Inquiry
*What Ecology May Mean for Wesleyan Theology*

Responding:

Sharon Delgado, Earth Justice Ministries, Nevada City, CA

Business Meeting:

Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University
Ted A. Campbell, Southern Methodist University

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A19-128

**Western Esotericism Unit**

Henrik Bogdan, University of Gothenburg, Presiding

Theme: *Out of This World: Extraterrestrial Esotericisms*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania
*A Martian God: Eleanor Kirk’s Extraterrestrial Epiphany in The Christ of the Red Planet*

Erik Östling, Stockholm University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Yonah Fortner and the Historical Doctrine of Extraterrestrialism

Timothy Grieve-Carlson, Rice University
An Unknown Country: Ecology and Esotericism in the Work of Whitley Strieber

Business Meeting:

Egil Asprem, Stockholm University
Claire Fanger, Rice University

A19-129
Women and Religion Unit
Mugdha Yeolekar, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

Theme: Feminist Responses to Wellness and Critical Reflection on Religious Leadership

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michelle M. Lelwica, Concordia College, Moorhead
Ageless Goddesses, Slender Saints, and Stress-Free Souls: The Wellness Industry's Fantasy of Women's Wellbeing and of the Religious Narratives Supporting It

Michal Raucher, University of Cincinnati
Rebbetzin: Rabbi's Wife or Female Rabbi?

Kira Ganga Kieffer, Boston University
Mindfulness, Meditation, and Making Millions: Spiritual Entrepreneurship and Gendered Capitalism

Tazeen Ali, Boston University
Muslim Women’s Religious Authority and the Women’s Mosque of America: Beyond Islamic Legal Debates on Ritual Leadership

Eugene Harold Breitenberg, Randolph-Macon College
A. Maude Royden: Public Theologian

Responding:

Tamara Lewis, Southern Methodist University
Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland (UU)

A19-130
Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

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

Theme: New Directions in Yoga Studies

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Daniela Bevilacqua, SOAS University of London
The Ethnographic Side of the Hatha Yoga Project: Learning from the Practice and Knowledge of Traditional Indian Ascetic Practitioners

Anya P. Foxen, California Polytechnic State University
Whence Transnational Yoga? An Initial Exploration of Modern Yoga’s Western Roots

Seth Powell, Harvard University
A Lesser-Known Lamp on Yoga: The Nexus of Śaiva Ritual and Yoga in the Fifteenth-Century Śivayogapradīpikā

Keith Cantú, University of California, Santa Barbara
The “Vedāntic Rājayoga” of Śrī Sabhāpati Swāmī

Responding:

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University

Business Meeting:

Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis

A19-131
Economics and Capitalism in the Study of Buddhism Seminar
Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Buddhist Responses to Capitalist Situations, Wealth and Excess, and Institutional Changes

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

James Mark Shields, Bucknell University
Buddhism between Ideology and Utopia: A Preliminary Investigation

Kin Cheung, Moravian College
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

*Buddhist Institutions, Initial Public Offering Plans, and Tourism Company Listings in China’s Stock Market*

Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg, University of Copenhagen
*Connectionwork: Analyzing the Spread and Expansion of Buddhism in the Global Market Economy*

Matthew Milligan, Georgia College & State University
*Economic Prosperity as Reputation Management in Early South Asian Buddhism*

Responding:

Charles D. Orzech, Colby College

Business Meeting:

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union
Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**A19-132**

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

Rongdao Lai, University of Southern California, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Erik Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University
*Did the Recovery of Lost Scriptures Matter in 20th c. Chinese Buddhism? Huayan as Case Study*

Justin R. Ritzinger, University of Miami
*"When Drinking Water, Ponder the Source": The Life and Work of Holmes Welch*

Antonio Terrone, ATLA
*Reflections on Holmes Welch’s Contribution to Understanding Modern Buddhism in Tibet: A Case Study of the Tenth Panchen Lama Chokyi Gyeltsen*

Gilbert Chen, Washington University, St. Louis
*Leaving the Family without Severing the Bond: Family Matters in Late Imperial Chinese Buddhism*

Responding:

Wei Wu, Emory University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Business Meeting:

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Manchester

A19-133
Material Islam Seminar
Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Theme: Islam and the Human Body

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University
"Taking on Glitter": Contested Uses of False Hair and Gold Noses in Medieval Muslim Contexts

Patrick D'Silva, University of North Carolina
Bodies in Translation: Esoteric Conceptions of the Muslim Body in Early-Modern South Asia

Alan Godlas, University of Georgia
Trembling, Weeping, and Wajd (Ecstasy): Varieties of Involuntary Affective-Bodily Expressions from the Qur'an, Hadith, and Early Sufi Literature.

Manuela Ceballos, University of Tennessee
Transmission and Ritual Purity in the Early Modern Western Mediterranean

Responding:

Thomas Csordas, University of California, San Diego

A19-134
New Perspectives on Religion in the Philippines Seminar
Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding

Theme: New Perspectives on Conversion, Islam, Noninstitutional Churches, and Leadership in the Philippines

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Brady Kal Cox, University of Texas at Austin
An American Import: Noninstitutional Churches of Christ in the Philippines

David Gowey, Arizona State University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Beyond Humabon’s Moor: An Exploration of Islamic Presence in the Visayas

Aliza Racelis, University of the Philippines
Testing the Transcendental Leadership Theoretical Model: Reflecting on Religious Motives and Service Orientation among Survey Respondents

Ariel Siagan, Iglesia Evangelica Metodista En Las Islas Filipinas/National Council of Churches in the Philippines
The Murdered Victim in the Narrative of Conversion to Social Movement

Business Meeting:
Deirdre de la Cruz, University of Michigan

A19-135
Origen and the Roots of "Human Freedom" and "Human Dignity" in the West Seminar
Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University, Presiding

Theme: Origen of Alexandria’s Understanding of Human Freedom

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Karl Shuve, University of Virginia
Gendering Human Dignity in Origen and Beyond

Mark James, Hunter College
Origen, Parrhesia, and the Deification of Discourse

Katarina Pålsson, Lund University
Freedom to Rise and Fall: Jerome’s Reception of Origen’s Theology of Baptism in the Context of the Jovinianist Controversy

Daniel Tolan, Cambridge University
Between Monism and Tripartition Origen and the Theological Anthropology of Freedom

Alexander Pierce, University of Notre Dame
Configuring Origen’s Doctrine of Apokatastasis and Anti-Valentinian Polemics: A Case for Human Freedom, Equality, and Experience

Responding:

Peter Martens, Saint Louis University
Karl Shuve, University of Virginia
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A19-136
Religion and Families in North America Seminar
Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College
*Big Catholic Families: Religious Norms, Idealized Families, and the Secular in Contemporary Catholic Families*

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa
*Families, Work, and Faith in the Heartland: What Can We Learn from Today’s American Midwest?*

Seth Dowland, Pacific Lutheran University
*Feminism and Evangelical Family Men*

Business Meeting:

Samira Mehta, Albright College
Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin

A19-137
Video Gaming and Religion Seminar
John Borchert, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Video Game Development in Asia: Cultural Heritage, Religion, and National Identity*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
*Nepal: Video Game Development*

Christopher Helland, Dalhousie University
*Japan: Video Game Development*

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen
*The Philippines: Video Game Development*

Xenia Zeiler, University of Helsinki
*India: Video Game Development*
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Business Meeting:

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

A19-138
Exploratory Session
Sophia Arjana, Western Kentucky University, Presiding

Theme: *Monsters, Monster Theory, and Religion: Lords of the Underworld*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Natasha Mikles, Texas State University
*Returning Terror to Buddhist Hell: King Yama as a “Deified Monster”*

Gabriel P. McKee, New York University
*“Reality – Is it a Horror?: Richard Shaver’s Subterranean World and the Problem of Evil”*

Justin Doran, Middlebury College
*Beware the Babalorixá! Race and the Demonization of Afro-Brazilian Religion*

Joseph Laycock, Texas State University
*The Secret History of the “Earling Exorcism”*

Business Meeting:

Kelly Murphy, Central Michigan University

A19-139
Exploratory Session
Ronit Stahl, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Chaplaincy Innovation Lab: A Proposal for an Exploratory Unit*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Harvey Stark, California State University, Sacramento
*American Muslim Chaplains and New Forms of Religious Identity in America*

Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University
Shelly Rambo, Boston University
*Spiritual Care in Transition: A White Paper*
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Cyrus O'Brien, University of Michigan
*Security, Conspiracy, and Love: Spiritual Care in an Era of Mass Incarceration*

Irene Stroud, Princeton University
*Theological Education for Chaplaincy?*

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California
*RFRA, RLUIPA and Ideological Change in Courts, Correctional Institutions, and Society*

Brad Stoddard, McDaniel College
*Prison Chaplains: Regulating Participation in Faith-Based Correctional Facilities*

Michael Skaggs, Brandeis University
*Serving Seafarers at the Water's Edge: Code-Switching in the Daily Work of Port Chaplains*

James Dennis LoRusso, Princeton University
*Is it the Ministry or the Presence? A Garbage Can Model of Corporate Chaplaincy*

Responding:

Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

A19-140
*Exploratory Session*

Bernadette McNary-Zak, Rhodes College, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Studies in Asceticism*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Rachel Wheeler, University of Portland
*Ecospiritual Practices: Asceticism in Response to Social and Ecological Injustice*

Peter Anthony Mena, University of San Diego
*Constructing Ascetic Identity through Hagiography: Insights from Gloria Anzaldúa*

Laura Dunn, Graduate Theological Union
*Yoginīs in the Flesh: Power, Praxis, and the Embodied Feminine Divine*

Blossom Stefaniw, Martin Luther University Halle
*Ascetic Textualities in Fourth-Century Egypt: Grammar, Noetic Exegesis, and Curating the Ethical Patrimony*

Zachary Smith, Creighton University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Blinding Words: Legal Tests as a Potential Framework for Ascetic Scholarship

A19-141
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Meeting
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A19-142
Theological Education Committee Meeting
Scott C. Alexander, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A19-148
Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: ImaginePhD: A Career Exploration and Planning Tool for Humanities and Social Sciences

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Sarah Peterson, ImaginePhD

P19-100
African Association for the Study of Religions
Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: Empire, Religion, Health, and Human Capital in Africa

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kimberly Hill, University of Texas, Dallas
Humanizing Rituals in the American Presbyterian Congo Mission

Timothy Carey, Boston College
“What do the crowds say that I am?”: Colonialism, Traditional African Religion, and the Catholic Church in Kenya

Jesse Miller, Florida State University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Muhammad, Capitalist Ethics, and Muslim Reform in Burkina Faso

Business Meeting:
Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University
Corey Williams, Leiden University

Monday - 9:15 AM-12:00 PM
A19-143
Denver Art Museum Tour
Monday - 9:15 AM-12:00 PM
Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall A in the Convention Center

Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
A19-144
Plenary Panel: The Public Religion Scholar in a Social Media Age: Risks, Rewards, Reverberations
David P. Gushee, Mercer University, Presiding
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:
Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University
Larycia Hawkins, University of Virginia
Candida Moss, University of Birmingham
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

A19-145
Program Committee Meeting
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
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A19-146
Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee Connecting Conversations Luncheon
Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

A19-147
Women's Caucus Business Meeting
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding
Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:

Julia Berger, University of Kent
Kathryn Common, Boston University
Julia Enxing, Sankt Georgen Graduate School of Theology and Philosophy
Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Middleton, WI
Anne Hillman, Boston University
Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD
Rosemarie Daher Kowalski, Northwest University
Kim Martinez, Northwest University
Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School
Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University, Pennsylvania
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University
Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles

Monday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

A19-200
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Save $: Learn How to Edit and Proofread Your Work like a Pro

Monday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

Panelists:

Stephanie Mojica
Monday - 1:00 PM-2:30 PM

A19-201
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Academic Relations Committee
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

Theme: The Current State of Religious Studies - Department Chairs: How We Can Best Support Contingent Faculty

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Faith Matters Network
Elizabeth Hinson-Hasty, Bellarmine University
Sylvester Johnson, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Elizabeth A. Say, California State University, Northridge
Linda A. Moody, Mount St. Mary’s College

A19-202
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?

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Sylvia Chan-Malik, Rutgers University
Paul W. Harvey, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Patrick Mason, Claremont Graduate University
Nathan Schneider, University of Colorado
Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University

A19-203
African Religions Unit
Devaka Premawardhana, Colorado College, Presiding
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: Spatial, Material, and Political-Economy Approaches to African Religions

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College
*Healing the Afflicted Mind: The Material Culture of Mental Illness in Congolese Religions*

Amidu Elabo, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Take My House, Not the House of God: Broken Religious Sites and Unbroken Spatial Attachments in Jos North Urban Center, Nigeria*

Justice Anquandah Arthur, University of Bayreuth (BIGSAS)
*Religion or Mere Noise? The Contestations over Sacred Sound and Urban Space in Accra, Ghana*

Elizabeth Sperber, University of Denver
*Deus ex Machina? How Religious Actors Influence Political Economy in Zambia, and How Governments Attempt to Influence Religious Actors in Return*

Business Meeting:

David Amponsah, University of Missouri
Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

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**A19-204**

**Animals and Religion Unit**

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: Practicing Animals and Religion in Shelters, Classrooms, and around the Dinner Table

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Heather McDermott-Perez, Claremont School of Theology
*Death: It’s Killing Us*

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University
*Learning to Listen to Animals: Theological and Pedagogical Reflections*

Matthew Halteman, Calvin College
*The Vegan Imagination and Religious Ethics*

Sarra Tlili, University of Florida
*A Case for Vegetarianism in Islam?*
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Responding:

David Clough, University of Chester

A19-205
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Reconnecting with Nature: Literary Landscapes as Texts of Divine Revelation*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University
*Rousseau’s Spiritual Alpine Landscape as a New World in Which to Live*

Josh Hasler, Boston University
*Hollow Ground: Negative Landscapes in the Novels of Cormac McCarthy*

Chris DiBona, Brown University
*Religion and Reconnecting with Nature: A Deweyian Reading of Leslie Marmon Silko's Ceremony*

A19-206
Black Theology Unit and Grawemeyer Award in Religion
Tyler Mayfield, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *James Cone's The Cross and the Lynching Tree (Orbis, 2011): A Roundtable Celebrating the Grawemeyer Award in Religion*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Dianne Stewart, Emory University
Adam Clark, Xavier University
Dwight N. Hopkins, University of Chicago

Business Meeting:

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary
Adam Clark, Xavier University
A19-207
Body and Religion Unit
Sophia Park, Holy Names University, Presiding

Theme: *Judith Butler, Religion, and the Body*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University
*Bodies That Matter to God: Religious Performativity as Theoretical Bridge between Feminists and Complementarians*

Timothy Dwight Davis, Vanderbilt University
*Resisting Docility: Judith Butler and the Liturgical Construction of Bodies*

Sarah Dove, Ohio State University
*I’ll Fly Away: Interstitial Performativity in Pentecostal Worship Practice*

Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College
*Is Fetal Life Grievable?*

Business Meeting:

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University
Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville

A19-208
Buddhism Unit
Natalie Gummer, Beloit College, Presiding

Theme: *Repetition with a Difference: Arts of Citation and Textual Bodies of Buddhism*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Kevin Buckelew, Columbia University
*Exemplifying Heroism: Inspiration, Imitation, and the "Great Man" in Song-Dynasty Chan Buddhism*

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
*Dōgen’s Rhetorical and Material Citation of the Lotus Sūtra*

Rae Erin Dachille, University of Arizona- Tucson
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

The Exegetical Body: Interpretation and Agency in a Fifteenth-Century Tibetan Text

Justin Fifield, Trinity College
The Composition of the Mahāvastu: Repetition and Readership in a Vinaya Text

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

A19-209
Christian Spirituality Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit
Timothy Robinson, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: Eco-Reformation (Cascade Books, 2016): Toward the Next 500 Years

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Leah Schade, Lexington Theological Seminary
Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin
Mark S. Brocker, St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies

Responding:

Lisa E. Dahill, California Lutheran University
James Martin-Schramm, Luther College

A19-210
Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit and Religion and Economy Unit and Religion and Humanism Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Cody Musselman, Yale University, Presiding
Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: The Good Life in the Study of Religion

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Rebecca Bartel, San Diego State University
Shreena Gandhi, Michigan State University
**A19-211**

**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**
Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College, Presiding

Theme: *Miracles: Signs, Wonders, and Challenges*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Richard H. Davis, Bard College
*Fear, Loathing, and Miracles among the Cowherders: Krishna’s Childhood Prodigies*

David Fiordalis, Linfield College
*Jesus, Superman, Henry Sugar, or? An Integrative Approach to Buddhist Miracles*

Umeyye Yazicioglu, St. Joseph's College
*Quranic Miracle Stories beyond Literal vs. Metaphorical: An Islamic Perspective from Jalal al-din Rumi & Said Nursi*

Karen Zwier, Drake University
*On the Evidentiary Role of Miracles*

Responding:

David L. Weddle, Colorado College

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**A19-212**

**Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit**
Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: *High Theory*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
*(First) Contact High (Theory)*

Andrew Zimmerman, George Washington University
*Three Moments of an Explosion: Conjure, Communism, Time*
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Mayanthi Fernando, University of California, Santa Cruz
*Sensing, Secularity, and the Supernatural: Toward a Theory of SuperNatureCulture*

John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
*Notes from the Cognitive Underground*

Julie Byrne, Hofstra University
*A Communion Stand*

Hillary Kaell, Concordia University, Montreal
*Scale Making: Christian Globalism from above and within*

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**A19-213**
Hinduism Unit and North American Hinduism Unit and Religion and Migration Unit
Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Theme: *Migration and Materiality: The Stuff of the Hindu Diaspora*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago
*A Rājagopuram for the New Millennium: Channeling Divine Power at an American Hindu Goddess Temple*

Prea Persaud, University of Florida
*From the Himalayas to Blanchisseuse: The Gangadhara Festival in Trinidad*

Priyanka Ramlakhan, University of Florida
*Between Matter and Spirit: Hindu Cremation and Death Rituals in Trinidad*

Urmila Mohan, University College London
*Deity Clothing as Negotiation in ISKCON*

Responding:

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University

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**A19-214**
History of Christianity Unit
Ana Maria Bidegain, Florida International University, Presiding
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *The Medellin Conference and Latin American Christianity*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sandra Londono-Ardila, Florida International University
*The Socio-Religious Mobilization of the Latin American Laity in the Period 1960-1973 and the Theological Renewal of Medellin*

Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Austin Theological Seminary
*Medellin between Two Revolutions: The Impact of CELAM II on Cuba and Nicaragua*

Raimundo Barreto, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Medellin (1968) from a Latin American Protestant Perspective*

Ernesto Fiocchetto, Florida International University
*Catholic Tensions in the Argentinian Society Exposed by the Lives and Deaths of Three Bishops of Medellin*

**A19-215**

**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit**
Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core, Presiding

Theme: *Interreligious/Interfaith Studies: Defining a New Field (Beacon Press, 2018)*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Homayra Ziad, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies
Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School
Younus Mirza, Allegheny College
Hans Gustafson, University of St. Thomas

Responding:

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

Business Meeting:

John Sheveland, Gonzaga University
Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary
A19-216
Islamic Mysticism Unit
Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: Challenging Gendered Constructions of Authority and Piety in Sufism

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

John Zaleski, Harvard University
Muslim Women as Teachers and Practitioners of Asceticism in the Kutub al-Zuhd (Third/Ninth Century)

Sa'diyya Shaikh, University of Cape Town
Muhammad, Masculinities, and Mysticism

Rebecca Makas, Emory University
Virile Knowledge and the Impotence of Ignorance: Masculinity, Embodiment, and Authority in Ishrāqī Philosophy

Brittany Landorf, Harvard Divinity School
"Sitting between the Hands of a Shaykh": Adab al-Ziyārah and the Constitution of Pious Masculinities in Moroccan Sufism in the 19th Century

Responding:

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University

Business Meeting:

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University
Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University

A19-217
Japanese Religions Unit
Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College, Presiding

Theme: Japanese Religion and the Meiji Restoration

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Takashi Miura, University of Arizona
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

"Ee ja nai ka" and the Meiji Restoration: Re-Examining the Discourse of World Renewal in Nineteenth-Century Japan

Eiko Namiki, International Christian University

Honda Chikaatsu’s Spiritual Learning as a Means of Guiding and Bringing Blessings to the Nation

Adam Lyons, Harvard University

The Origins of Prison Religion in Meiji Japan

Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, Ohio State University

Spiritual but Not Religious: The Spirit of Rationality and Kiyozawa Manshi’s Investigation of the Soul

Responding:

James Mark Shields, Bucknell University

Business Meeting:

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University
Asuka Sango, Carleton College

A19-218

Law, Religion, and Culture Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding

Theme: American Indian Religious Freedom

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Dana Lloyd, Syracuse University
Michael McNally, Carleton College
Kristen Carpenter, University of Colorado Law School
Steven C. Moore, Native American Rights Fund
Jennifer Graber, University of Texas

A19-219

Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

Zachary Purvis, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *F. C. Baur and the Historical Turn in Nineteenth Century Theology*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

David Lincicum, University of Notre Dame
*Ferdinand Christian Baur, the Bible, and T. H. Green*

Benjamin Petroelje, University of Edinburgh
*A Return to Tradition...and History: Reading Paul’s Letter Collection in F. C. Baur’s Wake*

Johannes Zachhuber, University of Oxford
*Historicism and Speculative Thought: Schelling, Creuzer, Marheineke, Baur*

Responding:

Peter C. Hodgson, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University
Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg

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**A19-220**

**Philosophy of Religion Unit**
Zachary Braiterman, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *In the Wake of Afro-Pessimism: Black Flesh, Wake Work, the Hold, and the Question of Sexual Difference*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
*The Breath of “Impenitential Ancestors” in the Wake Work of Aspiration*

M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University
*The Sunken Place: Thinking Hold in Sharpe and Rankine and alongside Get Out (Peele, 2107)*

Wesley Barker, Mercer University
*Ethics, Politics, and Afro-Pessimism: Race, Sexual Difference, and the Promise of Non-Being*

Joseph Winters, Duke University
*The Hole/Hold between Optimism and Pessimism: Spillers, Sharpe, and the Wake of Black Flesh*
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A19-221
Reformed Theology and History Unit
William Yoo, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Reformed Responses to Racism and Colonialism*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Derek Alan Woodard-Lehman, University of Otago
*Confessing Freedom: Racism and Resistance in Reformed Political Theology*

Timothy McGee, Illinois College
*Karl Barth and the Colonial Project of Modern "Absolute Man"*

Douglas Clark, Vanderbilt University
*Reformed Theology, Revolution, and Reaction: Presbyterians, Black Power, and White Backlash in the Late 1960s*

Wietske de Jong-Kumru, University of Flensburg
*Reformed Responses to Racism: The Case of Dutch Reformed Tradition and Apartheid South Africa*

Business Meeting:

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Paul Nimmo, University of Aberdeen

A19-222
Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit
Jenny Berglund, Stockholm university, Presiding
Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Non-Religious/Secular Worldviews in Public Schools*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Peder Thalén, University of Gavle
*Teaching Secular World Views in a Post-Secular Age*

Justine Ellis, University of Oxford
*Religious Literacy and Secular Subjectivity: Re-Materializing Religion Education in Schools*
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Kate Soules, Boston College
Religion through the Eyes of a Real Person with Feelings: The Impacts of Experiential Learning in Professional Development about Religion

Responding:

Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark

Business Meeting:

Jenny Berglund, Stockholm University
Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa

A19-223
Religion and Sexuality Unit
Nina Hoel, University of Oslo, Presiding

Theme: Engaging Sexual Ethics: Muslim Feminist Blogs, Cyberlove, Feminist Revenge Fantasy, and Sex Positive Imagery

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Krista Riley, Vanier College
“God is Greater Than Our Limited Understanding”: Uncertainty and Creativity on Muslim Feminist Blogs

Kathleen Mroz, Boston College
A Just Love in Cyberspace: Rethinking Christian Sexual Ethics in the Context of Online Dating and Computer Mediated Relationships

Kelly Stewart, Vanderbilt
Volcanic Virtues and Feminist Revenge: Thelma and Louise as Ethical Resource in the Era of #MeToo

Justin Tanis, Graduate Theological Union
Seeing is Believing: Using Sacred Image and Text in Sexuality Education

Business Meeting:

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

A19-224
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Daisy Vargas, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: Indigenous Cosmologies, Past and Present

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas
Intersecting Religions: Mesoamerican Christianity in the Codex Mexicanus

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Contagion and the Sacred in Mexico: Indigenous Responses to Epidemic Cataclysm in the Sixteenth Century

Cecilia Titizano, Graduate Theological Union
Subversive Spirituality: Ancestral Cosmologies and Indigenous Feminism

Responding:

Daniel Rivers, Ohio State University

Business Meeting:

Chris Tirres, DePaul University
Jessica Delgado, Princeton University

A19-225
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
C. Pierce Salguero, Pennsylvania State University, Abington, Presiding

Theme: Healings with and within the Unexpected

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jaewoong Jung, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Baptism as a Healing Ritual in the Early Church, Focusing on Ambrose’s Catechetical Documents

Nicole Bauer, University of Innsbruck
Kabbalah Goes Therapeutic: A Case Study into the Therapeutisation of Contemporary Kabbalistic Movements

Jaakko Takkinen, University of California, Santa Barbara
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Healing as a Path to Enlightenment: Tibetan Medicine and the Yutog Nyingtig Cycle of Buddhist Practices

J. Sean Callahan, Georgia Highlands College

Hip Hop as a Healing Practice

Business Meeting:

Emily Wu, Dominican University of California
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University

A19-226
Study of Islam Unit
Matthew Kuiper, Missouri State University, Presiding

Theme: On Religion and Its Translatability

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Abiya Ahmed, Stanford University
The "Islamic" at an Islamic School: How Religion and Schooling Interact

Brannon Ingram, Northwestern University
Making Sense of Din in Early Modern Europe: Islam between "Religion" and "Law"

Amanda Propst, Florida State University
The Role of Scholarship in Religious Identity and Land Privatization in North Africa

Yunus Dogan Telliel, University of California, Berkeley
Does Islam Have a Sacred Language? Thinking about Religion, Secularism, and Untranslatability

Responding:

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston

A19-227
Study of Judaism Unit
Paul Nahme, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: Representation and Materiality

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
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Samuel Brody, University of Kansas
*Should There Be A “Return of Religion” to Economic-Materialist Accounts of Antisemitism?*

Matt Williams, Stanford University
*Sacrificed upon the Altar of Memory: An Analysis of Holocaust Survivor Poverty and Memorial Development*

Rebecca Kamholz, Yale University
"*A Phantom of No Flesh*: Virginity, Identity, and Uncertainty in the Talmud

David Gottlieb, University of Chicago
*Love Upsets the Order: The Binding of Isaac and the Devaluation of the Feminine*

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**A19-228**

**Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**
Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Mysticism and Race*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones, Boston College
Eleanor Craig, Harvard University
Ashon Crawley, University of Virginia
Andrew Prevot, Boston College
Kris Trujillo, University of California, Berkeley

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**A19-229**

**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**
Baimacuo Baimacuo, Southwest Nationalities University, Presiding

Theme: *A Woman’s Place in Buddhist Dialogues: Querying the Margins of Tibetan Literature for the In/Visibility of Nuns and Yoginīs*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jue Liang, University of Virginia
*Questioning Women: Yeshe Tsogyal and Other Female Disciples in Zhus Lan Literature*
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Alison Melnick, Bates College
*Admonitions and Advice: Mingyur Peldron's Instructions to Men and Women*

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
*Dudjom Lingpa’s Songs of Advice to Nuns and Yoginīs*

Andrew Taylor, University of Virginia
*Revaluing the Inferior Body: Subversive Complementarianism in Modern Khams*

Kati Fitzgerald, Ohio State University
*No Pure Lands: The Violences of Tibetan Buddhism as Conceived of by Lay Women in Kham*

Responding:

Jann Ronis, University of California, Berkeley

Business Meeting:

Nicole Willock, Old Dominion University
Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College

**A19-230**

*Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit*
Michael R. Fisher, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching for Inclusion and Social Justice: An Interactive Workshop*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union

Business Meeting:

Darby Ray, Bates College

**A19-231**

*Wildcard Session*
Torang Asadi, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *The Heaven’s Gate Podcast: A Conversation with the Podcasters*
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Ann Heppermann, Pineapple Street Media and Sarah Lawrence College
Sawyer Ody, Heaven’s Gate Ex-Member
Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College

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**A19-232**
**Wildcard Session**
Kermit Moss, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Religion Scholars and the Public Good: Reshaping Knowledge Paradigms through Community Engagement*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Biko Gray, Syracuse University
Jessica B. Davenport, Rice University
Secunda Joseph, projectCURATE
Brandi Holmes, projectCURATE
Rachel Schneider, Rice University
Cleve V. Tinsley, Rice University
Matthew Russell, projectCURATE

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**A19-233**
**Women's Caucus**
Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University, Presiding
Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles, Presiding

Theme: *Response-Ability and Emerging Scholars' Reflections on Keri Day's Religious Resistance to Neoliberalism: Womanist and Black Feminist Perspectives (Palgrave, 2016)*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Linda Claros, Claremont Graduate University
LaChelle Schilling, Claremont Graduate University
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University
Jonathan Jodamus, University of Western Cape

Responding:

Keri Day, Princeton Theological Seminary

Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

A19-234
Historical Houses of Worship Tour
David Bain, Samford University, and Daniel Sack, National Endowment for the Humanities, Presiding
Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
Offsite-Meet at the Registration Desk outside of Exhibit Hall A in the Convention Center

Monday - 2:45 PM-4:15 PM

A19-235
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: The Benefits of Mind-Mapping (Software) for Research, Planning, and Visually Overcoming Writer's Block: A Demonstration Using MindMaple Classic

Monday - 2:45 PM-4:15 PM

Panelists:

Madison Tarleton, University of Denver/Iliff School of Theology

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A19-300
Academic Relations Committee and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Ralph Keen, University of Illinois, Chicago, Presiding

Theme: The Current State of Religious Studies - Private Interests and Public Institutions: Notes from the Field

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Responding:

Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama

A19-301
Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Nathan Walker, 1791 Delegates LLC, Presiding


Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Jonathon Kahn, Vassar College
Steven Green, Willamette University
Mark A. Chancey, Southern Methodist University
Rhonda Hustedt Jacobsen, Messiah College

A19-302
African Religions Unit
Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds, Presiding


Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
Dianne Stewart, Emory University
Sian Hawthorne, SOAS, University of London
Jacob K. Olupona, Harvard University
Responding:

Laura Grillo, Georgetown University

A19-303
Anthropology of Religion Unit
Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Presiding

Theme: Lived Religion? Power and Presence in Community Life

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Eric Hoenes del Pinal, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Reading Laudato Si’ in the Verapaz: Q’eqchi’-Maya Catholicism and Climate Change

Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan
Moods and Modes of Saints: Slave Anastácia of Brazil

Daniel Heifetz, Bucknell University
Spirituality, Dharm, or Religion? The Case of the Gayatri Pariwar

Responding:

Sarah King, Grand Valley State University

A19-304
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Childhood Studies and Religion Unit
Sally Stamper, Capital University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Children’s Literature

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University
Dr. Seuss and Theological Poetics of Rhyme after Paul Tillich and Ferdinand de Saussure

Karin Rubenson, Uppsala University
The Meaning-Making Truths in Philip Pullman’s Books about Lyra

Kira Moolman, University of Toronto - Toronto School of Theology
The Stories We Tell Our Children: Containing Death in a Secular Age
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A19-305
Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit
Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Augustine and Augustine the Teacher*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Michael Lamb, Wake Forest University
*Pedagogies of Hope: Augustine and the Art of Rhetoric*

Erik Estrada, Wake Forest University
*From Teacher of Roman Rhetoric to Catholic Convert: Augustine’s Construction of Marius Victorinus’ Life, Conversion and Persecution as a Witness to Manicheans and Other Non-Catholics*

Robert Porwoll, University of Chicago
*Augustine in the Schools: Abelard, Hugh of Saint-Victor, and Peter Lombard Inventing Augustinian Pedagogies*

Business Meeting:

Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa

A19-306
Black Theology Unit
JoAnne Marie Terrell, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Racial Liminality and Cruciform Bodies in Cone and King*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Thurman Wilison, Union Theological Seminary
*The Personalist King: Why a Forgotten Theology Still Matters for Black Lives Movements*

Taido Chino, University of Tübingen
*A Wooden Metaphor? The Cross and the Lynching Tree from a Liminal Perspective*

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
*The Christology of the Lynching Tree: Barth’s Crimson Thread, Mamie till Bradley, and the Indictment of White Supremacy*
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A19-307
Buddhism Unit and Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Contemporary Islam Unit
Amar Nath Amarasingam, Dalhousie University, Presiding

Theme: *Investigations into Buddhist-Muslim Conflicts*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Alexander McKinley, Duke University
*Merchants, Maidens, and Muhammadans: A History of Muslim Stereotypes in Sinhala Literature of Sri Lanka*

D. Mitra Barua, Rice University
*Governance vs. Government: Comparative Analysis of the Buddhist-Muslim Violence in the Chittagong-Rakhine Region*

Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College
*Decentering Buddhist-Muslim Conflicts in Thailand: A View from the North*

Nyi Nyi Kyaw, National University of Singapore
*A Three-Wheel Theory of Buddhist Politics: The Role of the Laity in Present-Day Theravada Buddhist Republican Polities*

Michael Jerryson, Youngstown State University
*Buddhist Constructions of the Muslim “Other”*

A19-308
Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Philosophy of Religion Unit
Sara L. McClintock, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Neither One nor Many: Buddhist Philosophy of Religion at Vikramaśīla*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University
*Existence, Consciousness, and Bodies of the Buddha Jñānaśrīmitra vs. Ratnākraśānti, Round 1*

Allison Aitken, Harvard University
*No Thing Isn’t Nothing: Śrīgupta’s Neither One nor Many Argument as Metaphysical Infinitism*
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Davey Tomlinson, University of Chicago
*Ratnākaraśānti’s Metaphysics of Difference: Limiting the Scope of the Neither-One-Nor-Many Argument*

Responding:

Greg Seton, Dartmouth

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**A19-309**

**Christian Spirituality Unit**

Thomas J. McElligott, Saint Mary's College of California, Presiding

Theme: *The Spirituality of the Psalms*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Stefan Andre Waligur, Graduate Theological Union
*“How Can We Sing the Lord’s Song in a Foreign Land?”: Psalm 137 and the Recovery of Lament in the Life and Liturgy of the Christian Church*

Deanna A. Thompson, Hamline University
*Trauma, Lament, and a Spirituality of Illness in the Psalms*

Marian Maskulak, St. John's University, Queens, NY
*The Psalms: A Spirituality of Candid Encounter*

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**A19-310**

**Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Unit**

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College, Presiding

Theme: *C.R.E.A.M.: Intersectional Explorations on Class and Hip-Hop*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jennifer Buck, Azusa Pacific University
*Trap Feminist Theology and Working Class Resistance*

Verena Grüter, University of Goettingen
*Women in Hip-Hop: An Intersectional Approach to Performative Resistance*

Benjamin Taylor, Brite Divinity School
Never Had Shit? Hip Hop Communities as Sites for Class Consciousness and Critique

A19-311
Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Valentina Napolitano, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: Roundtable Discussion on Just Debt: Theology, Ethics, and Neoliberalism (Baylor University Press, 2017)

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Nimi Wariboko, Boston University
Mohammad Khalil, Michigan State University
Moses Pava, Yeshiva University

Responding:

Ilsup Ahn, North Park University

A19-312
Comparative Theology Unit
Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College, Presiding

Theme: Eschatology and the Liminal State

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Nathan O'Halloran, University of Notre Dame
Purgatory and Barzakh: A Comparative Appropriation

Yujia Zhai, Boston College
The Interreligious Eschatology of "serve him shoulder to shoulder" in Nostra Aetate: A Comparative Investigation

Jakob Wirén, Church of Sweden
Eschatological Hospitality: Comparative Insights beyond Soteriology

Responding:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America

A19-313
Daoist Studies Unit
Tobias Zuern, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding

Theme: *Excavated Manuscripts and Religious Thought in Ancient China*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Adrien Stoloff, Brown University
*The Roots of Negative Terminology in Classical Daoism: The Prioritization of Wu 無 in the Hengxian and the Guodian Laozi*

Samuel Goldstein, Brown University
*Yin Gao Zong Wen Yu San Shou: A Case Study for the Problem of Classification of Warring States Excavated Texts*

Jinhua Jia, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
*The Ultimate Source and Principle of the Cosmos in Warring-States Cosmology*

Roy Porat, Harvard University
*Traces of Darkness in the Daoist Tradition: The Case of the Guodian Laozi*

Responding:

Kuan-yun Huang, City University of Hong Kong

A19-314
Hinduism Unit
Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington, Presiding

Theme: *Sanskrit and the Bhakti Movement*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jason Schwartz, University of California, Santa Barbara
*"Bhakti Is the Very Life Breath of Śiva's Dharma": Reappraising the History of Devotion and Its Social Implications in Light of Early Śaiva Sources*

Anand Venkatkrishnan, Harvard University
*Won't You Say You Love Me Too? Śaiva Devotion for Viṣṇu in Medieval Kerala*
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Sanskrit Re-Visionings of Bhakti’s Footsteps: The Case of the Bhāgavata Māhātmya*

Hamsa Stainton, McGill University
*Stotras and "The Bhakti Movement"

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**A19-315**
**International Development and Religion Unit**
Nathan Mallonee, Living Water International, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Water Access, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) in a Changing Landscape: A Conversation with Christian WASH Practitioners*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
- Jonathan Wiles, Living Water International
- Ray Norman, World Vision International
- Kristen Check, Water Mission
- Spencer Bogle, Southern Methodist University

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**A19-316**
**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit**
Homayra Ziad, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Power and Privilege at the Interfaith Table*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Mary Jebbia, Stanford University
*Questioning Our Grand Narratives: Interfaith Dialogue as Pedagogical Praxis*

Sue Park, California Lutheran University
*Interfaith Relations: Korean American Christians Charting a New Territory*

Amy Lawton, University of Connecticut
*Religious Others in Christian Contexts: Multi-Tradition Theological Education and the Limits of "Interfaith"*

Lailatul Fitriyah, University of Notre Dame
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Two Strangers in the Eternal City: A Study on Individualized Emerging Rituals within the Context of Interreligious Dialogue

Deirdre DeBruyn Rubio, Harvard University
Beyond Visibility: Representing Islam and Muslims in Interfaith Initiatives in the Boston Area

A19-317
Liberal Theologies Unit
Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Liberalism's Islams and Islam's Liberalisms: Constructing a Contrast in a Paradigmatic Period

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Fatima Tofighi, University of Religions
The Development of Islamic Liberal Theology in Sir Muhammad Iqbal's Thought

Ulrich Schmiede, University of Munich
Supremacy Smugglers? Interrogating Ernst Troeltsch's Interpretation of Islam

Hannah Strommen, University of Chichester
Specters of Schleiermacher: Liberalism and the Study of the Bible

Thomas Lynch, University of Chichester
A Constitutive Tension of Liberalism: Hegel, Islam, and the Fear of “the Fanatic”

Business Meeting:

Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary

A19-318
Men, Masculinities and Religion Unit, Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit, and Women and Religion Unit
Amanullah De Sondy, University College, Cork, Presiding

Theme: Gender, Genocide, and Sexual Violence

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kristopher Norris, Wesley Theological Seminary
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A Manly Christ, a Fighter Christ: A Study of Masculinity in the German Christian Church

David Tombs, University of Otago

Testifying to Unspeakable Violence: Crucifixion, Rape, and Impalement in Aurora Mardiganian's "Ravished Armenia"

Nevada Drollinger-Smith, Arizona State University

Pitiful Girls, Pretty Damsels: Representations of Buddhist Women in Burmese Nationalist Discourse

Yaakov Ariel, University of North Carolina

Genocide and Sexual Violence: Secrets of the Holocaust

A19-319

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

Gabriella Lettini, Graduate Theological Union, Starr King School for the Ministry, Presiding

Theme: Moral Injury and Theological Questions

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Michael Hanegan, Columbia University

The Care of the Morally Wounded: A Trauma-Informed Theological Account of Sin and Moral Injury

Brian Powers, Georgia Gwinnett College

The Bonhoeffer Dilemma: Sanctification as the Increasing Awareness of Moral Chaos

Joshua Morris, Claremont School of Theology

Narratives of Moral Injury and Reintegration: Ideology, Interpassivity, and Irruption

Millicent Feske, Saint Joseph's University

Moral Wounding: Image, Imagining, and the Imago Dei

A19-320

Mormon Studies Unit

Sara Patterson, Hanover College, Presiding

Theme: Bodies of Evidence

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
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Sonia Hazard, Franklin and Marshall College
*America’s Cargo Cult: How Joseph Smith Discovered Printing Plates and Founded Mormonism*

Max Mueller, University of Nebraska
*Wakara’s Horse: Toward a Post-Human History of Early Mormon-Indian Relations*

Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College
*The Unisex Threat: The Convergence of Mormon Politics and Psychotherapy in the 1970s*

Business Meeting:

Spencer Fluhman, Brigham Young University
Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

A19-321
**Music and Religion Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**
Jonathan Dueck, Canadian Mennonite University, Presiding
Gerald Liu, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Musicological and Theological Approaches to Congregational Music in Conversation*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Jonathan Dueck, Canadian Mennonite University
Mark Porter, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Universität Erfurt
Zoe Sherinian, University of Oklahoma
Swee Hong Lim, University of Toronto
Conner McCain, Catholic University of America

A19-322
**Mysticism Unit, Ritual Studies Unit, and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit**
Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding

Theme: *Mysticism, Lineage, and Ritual Transmission*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Cody Bahir, Leiden University
*Telecommunicative Transmission: Remotely Resurrecting Chinese Esoteric Buddhism*
**Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg, University of Copenhagen

*Buddhist Ritual as "Spectacle": Aesthetics and Technologies of Mediating Religious Connections*

Responding:

Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

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**A19-323**

**Native Traditions in the Americas Unit**

Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Settler Insensibilities and Threats to Indigenous Sacred Lands*

**Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

Yohana Junker, Graduate Theological Union

*Decolonial Visions: Sacred Indigenous Land and the Politics of Land Art in the American Southwest*

Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Central Florida

*Canada’s Proposed Impact Assessment Act and Indigenous Religious Freedom*

Deanna Zantingh, Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre

*The Land is Our Health: Indigenous Youth, Canadian Resource Extraction, and the Pursuit of Reconciliation as Reconnection to Taashikaywin*

Responding:

Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University

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**Business Meeting:**

Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University

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**A19-324**

**Nineteenth Century Theology Unit**

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding

Theme: *New Avenues for Scholarship on Religion, Modernity, and the Secular: The Case of the Long Nineteenth Century*

**Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**
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Panelists:

Charles Lockwood, Australian Catholic University
Lorenz Trein, University of Munich
Nancy Levene, Yale University
Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College

A19-325
North American Religions Unit and Sociology of Religion Unit
Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

Theme: *Spiritual Practices/Spiritual Governance*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Heather White, University of Puget Sound
*Tri-Faith America and the Straight State: The Postwar Invention of Heteronormative Religion*

Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria
*Religion and Society in the Cascadia Bio-Region: Facts, Fictions, and Futures*

Ariel Schwartz, Northwestern University
*Implicating Islam*

Responding:

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College

A19-326
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Eileen Campbell-Reed, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *From Idea to Book: Psychology, Culture, and Religion Goes Public*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theological Seminary
Duane Bidwell, Claremont School of Theology
Gregory Ellison, Emory University
**Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

**A19-327**  
**Qur’an Unit**  
Stephanie Yep, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Women and Gender Issues in Qur’an and Qur’an Interpretation*

**Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

Halla Attallah, Georgetown University  
*Surat Yusuf and the #MeToo Movement: A Case for a Broader Methodological Approach to the Qur’an*

Soumia Bardhan, Kansas State University  
*Women in The Sublime Qur’an: Rhetorical Analysis of a “Feminist” Re-Interpretation of the Qur’an*

Hadiya Mubarak, New York University Abu Dhabi  
*A New Discourse on Polygyny: Modern Interpretations of Q. 4:3*

Shehnaz Haqqani, Ithaca College  
*“The Qur’an Clearly Forbids It!”: A Feminist Challenge to the Prohibition of Women’s Interfaith Marriage*

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**A19-328**  
**Religion and Food Unit**  
Rachel Gordan, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Materiality, Spirit, and Flesh*

**Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

Emily Holmes, Christian Brothers University  
*Power, Gender, and Sacrifice in the Ethics of Eating Animals*

Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Food of the Spirits and the Odors of Meat: The Olfactory Logic of Food in Classical Chinese Religions*

Responding:

Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Business Meeting:
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester
Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University

A19-329
Religion and Politics Unit
Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Gun Culture

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Michael F. Strmiska, Orange County Community College
American Gun Religion: A New Religious Movement?

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
“No Greater Personal Individual Freedom”: The Symbiotic Relationship between Conservative White Christianity and the National Rifle Association

Scott Culpepper, Dordt College
Victims of Tragedy or Martyrs of the Culture Wars? Christian Media and the Politicization of School Shootings

A19-330
Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit and Western Esotericism Unit
Nicole Archambeau, Colorado State University, Presiding

Theme: Prophetic and Divinatory Dreaming

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jin Han, New York Theological Seminary
Plasticity of Dreams and Plasis of Dream Interpreters in the Oneirocriticon of Daniel

Kevin Jaques, Indiana University-Bloomington
Dreams, Revelation, and Visiting Spirits: An Early Muslim Cosmology of Divine Communication

Minji Lee, Rice University
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Adam’s Revelatory Dream Not Necessarily Revealed: Sleeping as Restoration in Hildegard of Bingen’s Causae et curae

Responding:

Claire Fanger, Rice University

A19-331
Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit
Jill Petersen Adams, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: Networks, Affects, and Social Bodies

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Sharday Mosurinjohn, Queen's University
Boredom, Information, and Meaning in Networked Life

Emma Rifai, University of Iowa
Uploading the Body; Embodying the Online: Bodies, Digital Space, and the Pro-Ana Movement

Ting Guo, University of Hong Kong
The Radical and Conservative Agenda of Love in Modern China through the Lens of Political Leaders

A19-332
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit
Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: Visuality, the Gaze, and Religion: Perspectives across Cultures

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Eden Consenstein, Princeton University
"Ghosts of Empire:" Religion in Life Magazine’s Special Issues on Asia and Africa

Cyrus Zargar, Augustana College
Form, Meaning, and the Gaze in Majīd Majīdī’s The Willow Tree

Lillia McEnaney, New York University
Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Through Indigenous Eyes: A Comparison of Two Tohono O'odham Photographic Collections Documenting Pilgrimages to Magdalena

A19-333
Scriptural Reasoning Unit
Nicholas Adams, University of Birmingham, Presiding

Theme: Where Can Wisdom Be Found: Scripture and Wisdom in the Abrahamic Traditions

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Rebecca J.E. Levi, Oberlin College
Ashleigh Elser, Valparaiso University
M M Nauman Faizi, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:

Deborah Barer, Towson University
Mark James, Hunter College

A19-334
Tantric Studies Unit and Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
Ben Williams, Naropa University, Presiding

Theme: Mantra Systems and Chakra Systems

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Annette Wilke, University of Muenster
The Cakra System of the Parasuramakalpasutra

Christa Schwind, University of Denver
The Chakras: Sacred Centers of Self-Growth in the American Context

Unnata Pragya, SOAS University of London
The Role of Jaina-Conceptualizations of Power-Centres within Explanatory Frames of the Process Projection of the Soul outside the Body (Samudghāta)

Patricia Sauthoff, University of London
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Encoding the Mṛtyuñjaya Mantra: Sound, Script, and Physicality

Michael Slouber, Western Washington University
Exorcism Mantras in the Bhūta Tantras

Responding:

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

A19-335
Teaching Religion Unit
Almeda Wright, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: Self-Disclosure in the Classroom

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Julia Marie Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Barbara Thiede, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Black and Jewish, Female and Clergy: Co-Teachers Practice Self-Disclosure in Religious Studies Classroom

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College
An Ignatian Approach to Self-Disclosure in a Post-Trumpian Religious Studies Classroom

Nicole Goulet, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
It’s All in the DNA: Using Self-Disclosure to Provoke Critical Thinking

A19-336
Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Annabella Pitkin, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: 19 Ways of Looking at Milarepa

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
Andrew Quintman, Yale University
Gendun Rabzal, Indiana University
Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia
A19-337
Vatican II Studies Unit
Peter De Mey, University of Leuven, Presiding

Theme: Latin American Catholicism in the Wake of the Second Vatican Council

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Rodrigo Polanco, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
*The Formative Role of Theological Education in the Development of Medellín (1968)*

Rodrigo Coppe Caldeira, PUC Minas
*A Hermeneutics of the Receivers: The Vatican II Reception in Brazilian Theological Journals (1959-1979) and the Formation of the Conciliar Cultures*

Sandra Arenas, Pontifical Catholic University of Chile
*McGrath-Larrain’s Conciliar Agenda and the Latin American Ecclesiological Arena since the Fifties*

A19-338
Wildcard Session
Mark DeYoung, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: Sylvia Wynter and Religion

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

David Kline, Rice University
*Can the Ship Be Steered? On Sylvia Wynter, Religion, and Autopoietic Social Systems*

Justine Bakker, Rice University
*Between Genres and Countersignifications: Towards a New Humanity with Sylvia Wynter and Charles Long*

Amey Victoria Adkins-Jones, Boston College
*The Maps of Spring: Race, Westworld, and the Overrepresentation of the Imago Dei*

Responding:

An Yountae, California State University, Northridge
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A19-408
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Junius Johnson, Baylor University, Presiding

Theme: *The Poetics of Modernity: Micheal O'Siadhail’s The Five Quintets*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Micheal O'Siadhail, Union Theological Seminary
David Mahan, Yale University
Joseph Heininger, Dominican University

Monday - 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

A19-339
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: *What Do I Do Now? Job Hunting and Looking beyond the Tenure Track*

Monday - 4:30 PM-6:00 PM

Panelists:
Jessica Ehinger, Boston University

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A19-400
African Diaspora Religions Unit
Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver, Presiding

Theme: *Resistance and Recursion: Hegemonic Violence and Alternative Orientations in African Diaspora Religions*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Andrea Allen, University of Western Ontario
“The Least of These”: Religious Violence and Marginal Identities in Brazil

Meghan Beddingfield, Princeton Theological Seminary
Time Keeps on Slippin, Slippin, Slippin: How African Religions Invite Us to Reimagine the Linear Conception of Time

Devin Leatherman, Eastern Michigan University
From Old Oyo to Oyinbo: An Outsider/Insider Ethnography of Anglo-American Lukumi Priests

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University
Scraping Faith from Mama’s Porch: Nourishing Debased Flesh in the Ways of “Home”

Nathaniel S. Murrell, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Vodou and the Haitian Struggle: An African Diaspora Religion in Politics of the Oppressed

Business Meeting:

Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver

A19-401
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Lisa M. Allen, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

Theme: Architecture and the Common Good

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Joseph Lenow, Creighton University
Just Sympathy: Lars Spuybroek’s "Digital Gothic" Architecture and the Common Good

S.Kyle Johnson, Boston College
Who Our Highways Have Taught Us to Love: Religious-Aesthetic Anthropology and American Racialization

Elise Edwards, Baylor University
Some Suspicions and Suggestions: Womanist Reflections on Architecture and the Common Good

A19-402
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Min-Ah Cho, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding
Theme: *Identity, Belonging, and Power in Asian American Religions*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Logan Narikawa, University of Hawaiʻi
*An Ethics of Asian Settler Colonialism in Hawaiʻi and The Ethics of Asian Settler Colonialism on North America*
Chanhee Heo, Bethany Christian Church
*The House of Me: Displaced LGBTQ Immigrants and the Violence of Home in Alexander Chee’s Edinburgh*
Mihee Kim-Kort, Indiana University
*Modeling the Minority: Interrogating the Racialized Wedge Constructed by American Exceptionalism and American Evangelicalism*

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A19-403
*Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Unit and Mormon Studies Unit and North American Religions Unit*
Kathryn Gin Lum, Stanford University, Presiding

Theme: *Mormonism’s Racial Restrictions*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Joseph Stuart, University of Utah
*Tainted with Colored Blood: The LDS Temple Restriction and Gendered Discourses of Race*
Cristina Rosetti, University of California, Riverside
*Polluting the Priesthood: Mormon Fundamentalist Perspectives on "Official Declaration 2"*
Elisa Pulido, Brigham Young University
*Chosen, Yet Cursed: Margarito Bautista’s Indigenous Hermeneutic of Etiological Narratives about Race in the Book of Mormon*

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A19-404
*Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit*
Jennifer McBride, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Bonhoeffer and Contemporary Political Challenges

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Koert Verhagen, University of St Andrews
Christology Against Self-Negation: Bonhoeffer's Counter Logos and the Death of White Supremacy

Nik Byle, Arizona Western College
Bonhoeffer's Augenblick, Boundary Events, and the Mandates

Rakesh Peter Dass, Hope College
Bonhoeffer in India: An Embodied Theology of Public Engagement

Business Meeting:

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College
Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College

A19-405
Buddhism Unit
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Theme: Crowning the Dharmarāja: Narrative Figuration, Figurative Representation, Ritual Consecration

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

David Fiordalis, Linfield College
The Buddha as Spiritual Sovereign: Narrative Figurations of Knowledge and Power

Dessislava Vendova, Columbia University
The Pensive Prince: Revisiting the First Meditation Episode from the Life of the Buddha

Natalie Gummer, Beloit College
The King is Dead, Long Live the King: the Dharma as Sovereign Substance in Narrative Strategies of Succession

A19-406
Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit
Abraham Velez de Cea, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Problematizing Buddhist Identities

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Victor J. Forte, Albright College
Buddhist Nationalism and Marginalizing Rhetoric in a Dependentely Originated World

Christina A. Kilby, James Madison University
Global Refugee Crisis and the Gift of Fearlessness

André van der Braak, VU University, Amsterdam
Buddhist-Christian Dual Belonging: Three Approaches

Business Meeting:

Sid Brown, University of the South
Hsiaolan Hu, University of Detroit, Mercy

A19-407
Buddhist Philosophy Unit
Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: Non-Human and Post-Human Worlds and Beings in Cross-Cultural Philosophical Perspective

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University
Culture, Karma, and the Empowered Imagination: A Cross-Cultural and Interdisciplinary Perspective on the Other Worlds of Buddhism

Catherine Prueitt, Emory University
Subverting the Monological Ideal by Embracing the Nonhuman World: How Abhinavagupta’s Nondual Ontology Could Support Charles Taylor’s Dialogical Ethics

Gereon Kopf, Luther College
How to Date a Ghost: A Philosophical Analysis of Posthumous Marriages

Responding:

Leah Kalmanson, Drake University
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A19-409
Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Unit
Andre E. Johnson, University of Memphis, Presiding

Theme: When What’s Proper Ain’t Proper No Mo: Staking Claim to Religious Hip-Hop

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
"Muhammad Ali up in His Pedigree": The Racial Politics of a White, Albino Convert in Black, Muslim Hip Hop

Erika Gault, University of Arizona
To Be Black, Millennial, and Christian Online: A Digital Ethnography of The Breakfast Club

Travis Harris, College of William and Mary
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Business Meeting:

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University
Daniel White Hodge, North Park University

A19-410
Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit and Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit
Sarah Dees, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: The Indigenous and the World: Categorizing the Local in the Study of Religion

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Spencer Dew, Centenary College of Louisiana
The Rights of Indigenous People under International Law: Religious Claims to Indigeneity as Legal Arguments

Eglute Trinkauskaite, Maryland Institute College of Art
Encounters with Authenticity: Visiting the Past through Traditional Bathing

Devaka Premawardhana, Colorado College
Mobile Roots and Circular Routes: Migration and Conversion among the Makhuwa of Southeast Africa
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Responding:

Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University

A19-411
Ecclesiological Investigations Unit and African Association for the Study of Religion
Esther Acolatse, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: Ecclesial Experiences in African Contexts

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Andrew Salzmann, Benedictine College
Agency and Identity in Ethiopian Liturgical Reform

Elochukwu Eugene Uzukwu, Duquesne University
Liberation and the Slave-Template: Catholic Church, Religions and Cultures, and the Transformation of Society

Ross Kane, Virginia Theological Seminary
Enlarging the Cloud of Witnesses: Ancestors and the Church in Kwame Bediako and Jean-Marc Éla

A19-412
Ethics Unit
Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Religious Ethics, Diverse Publics, and Social Engagement

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Chelsea Carskaddon, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
A Religious Scholar in the Nonprofit World

Florian Höhne, Humboldt University
Between "Nasty Talk" and "Fake News": Public Theology and the Digital Transformation of Its Public

Stephanie Thurston, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Ethnographic Turn, Public Anthropology, and the Civic Responsibilities of Scholars

Christopher Medland, University of Edinburgh
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

"Mum called it Sin City": Faith-Rooted Organizing, Place, and the Sacred in Edinburgh

A19-413
History of Christianity Unit
Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: **Traversing Theology: Social Theory and Religious Thought in Community**

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Racha Kirakosian, Harvard University
“Just Another Crazy Nun” or **Original Mystical Theology**?

Klaus Yoder, Harvard University
*Prison Theology: Reading Boethius and Thomas More in the Age of Mass Incarceration*

G. Simon R. Watson
*Charles Darwin, Asa Gray, and Aubrey Moore: A Natural History of the Golden Rule and the Possibility of Discerning Human Purpose from an Evolving Nature*

David Kirkpatrick, Florida State University
*Crossing Boundaries: Intellectual Exchange in Latin American Social Christianities*

Responding:

Constance Furey, Indiana University

A19-414
Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Teaching Religion Unit
David B. Howell, Ferrum College, Presiding

Theme: **Teaching About Islam, Gender, and Women**

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Fatima Seedat, University of Cape Town
Sarojini Nadar, University of KwaZulu-Natal
*Between Boundaries: Holding a Space between Quran and Bible in a Feminist Classroom (Fatima Seedat and Sarojini Nadar)*

Hadia Mubarak, New York University Abu Dhabi
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Women and Gender in Islam: Challenging Preconceived Notions in the Classroom

Andrew Polk, Middle Tennessee State University
"Ain’t I an Afghan Girl": Teaching about Muslim Women in American History

Kirsten Wesselhoft, Vassar College
“Gender and Sexuality in Islamic Spaces”: Teaching Religion and Gender through Space

Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union
Lesson Plan for a Class Session on Islam, Gender, and Women

Responding:

Merin Shobhana Xavier, Ithaca College

A19-415
Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit
J. Aaron Simmons, Furman University, Presiding

Theme: Book Session: David Kangas’s Errant Affirmations (Bloomsbury, 2018)

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Affirmation, Resentment

Noreen Khawaja, Yale University
Affirmation and the Work of Death

Anthony Rudd, St. Olaf College
Learning from Lilies and Birds: Some Reflections on Kangas’s Kierkegaard

A19-416
Korean Religions Unit
Sung-Deuk Oak, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Society in Korea: Impacting Moral Formation, Government, and Public Action

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jaewoong Jung, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Gender-Separated Liturgy and Moral Formation of Women in the Early Korean Church

Yohan Yoo, Seoul National University
Minah Kim, Seoul National University


Liora Sarfati, Tel Aviv University

Channeling Grief and Dissent through Religious Rituals in the Sewŏl Protests

Responding:

Hwansoo Kim, Duke Univesity

Business Meeting:

Deberniere Torrey, University of Utah

A19-417
Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit

Amanullah De Sondy, University College, Cork, Presiding

Theme: Masculinity and Femininity in Medieval Islamic Sources

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Sara Verskin, Rhode Island College

Who Counts As ”Their Women”? Qur’an 24:31 and Medieval Islamic Debates about Interreligious Intimacy among Women

Saadia Yacoob, Williams College

Between Freedom and Enslavement: Deconstructing Normative Masculinity in Islamic Law

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra

Sufi “Soft Power”: An Alternative Model of Hegemonic Masculinity in Nasrid Granada

Responding:

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College

A19-418
Middle Eastern Christianity Unit and World Christianity Unit
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Mark Swanson, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

Theme: *Middle Eastern Christians in the 21st Century: Migration, Secularization, and the Future*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Mitri Raheb, Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture
*Palestinian Christians: A Century of Emigration, Displacement, and Diaspora*

Simon Wood, University of Nebraska
*“Making Themselves like the Franks”: Europeanization and Conversion in Modern Islam*

Elizabeth Marteijn, University of Edinburgh
*Diaspora, Blood, and Belonging: The Survival of the Popular Saint George Veneration among Palestinian Christians*

Responding:
Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University

A19-419
**Music and Religion Unit**
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Theme: *Christian Accents in American Popular Music*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Kimberley Anderson, University of St Andrews
*“To Be a Rock and Not to Roll”: Mountain Symbolism in Led Zeppelin IV and Houses of the Holy*

Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee
*Four Levels of Religious Meaning in Bob Dylan’s Music and Why It Matters to Hear Them All*

William Stell, Princeton University
*Changing God’s Tunes: A Rhetorical Analysis of Lyrics in the WOW Franchise, 1995-2018*

Drake Konow
*Dolly Parton and American Religion: Constructing, Commodifying, and Consuming a Country Icon*
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

New Religious Movements Unit
Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, Presiding

Theme: The Spirituality of Geography/The Geography of Spirituality: Placing Alternative American Religions

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Brandi Denison, University of North Florida
Boulder, CO: Spiritual Heartland of Secular, Not Religious, Identities

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston
Three Ways of Looking at Asheville, NC as Center of Alternative Spirituality

Ben Brazil, Earlham College
The Hippie Trail: Forging Spirituality on the Overland Route across Asia

Responding:

Adrian Ivakhiv, University of Vermont

A19-421
Open and Relational Theologies Unit
Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

Theme: God, Consciousness, and Panpsychism: Open and Relational Perspectives

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies
Panexperientialism and Panentheism: An Open and Relational Perspective

Joanna Leidenhag, University of Edinburgh
Theology and Panpsychism

Robert C. Neville, Boston University
God, Consciousness, and Emergence

Responding:

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology

A19-422
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit
Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills, Presiding

Theme: *Trauma, Transformation, and Peacemaking in Pentecostal-Charismatic Communities*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Daniela C. Augustine, Lee University
*Toward a Hagiography of a Living Pentecostal Community: Pneumatological Reflections on Pentecostals’ Peacebuilding in East Slavonia during the 1990s Balkan War*

Leah Sarat, Arizona State University
*The Word is Not Imprisoned: Trauma and Transformation in an Immigrant Detention Facility*

Responding:

Néstor Medina, University of Toronto

A19-423

Philosophy of Religion Unit
Oludamini Ogunnaike, College of William and Mary, Presiding

Theme: *Blackness, Critique, and Visions of Racial Justice*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Tal-Hi Bitton, George Washington University
*Blutgewalt and Its Analogical Coagulations: On the Christian Historical Preconditions of Secularism and Black Subordination*

Jonathon Kahn, Vassar College
*Pragmatism and Messianism in Ted Smith's "Weird John Brown"*

Danube Johnson, Harvard University
*Compassion's Fragility: Notes on Identity, Feeling, and a Contemporary Voyeurism*

A19-424

Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit
Joseph Winters, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Islam and Pragmatism*
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Shifa Noor, University of Virginia
_Iqbal, Peirce, and a Pragmatist Phenomenology of Love_

Mian Ahmed Shaheer Afaq, Indiana University Bloomington
_Rethinking Al-Ghazali’s Conversion: William James’ Interpretation of Islamic Mysticism Revisited_

Basit Bilal Koshul, Lahore University of Management Sciences
_Towards Reconstruction, through “Reconstructions”: John Dewey, Muhammad Iqbal, and Charles Peirce_

A19-425
Quaker Studies Unit
Carole Dale Spencer, George Fox University, Presiding

Theme: _Power Dynamics, Authority, and Leadership in Quaker Institutions, Meetings, and Churches_

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

David St John, University of Texas
_Governmentality in the Modern Exegetical Quaker Tradition: An Exploration of Authority in Text and Interpretations of Central Authority_

Penelope Cummins, University of Birmingham
_Meetings for Worship for Business at Britain Yearly Meeting in the C21st: Spirit-Led Discernment or Secularised Ceremony?_

Oscar Lugusa Malande, Friends Theological College
_The Concept of Hierarchy and Doing Ministry in the Church: Evaluating the Roles of Leaders and Use of Authority in Quakerism_

Derek Brown, Barclay College
_Quaker Pastor, Paradox, or Possibility? The Utilization of Miroslav Volf’s Ecclesiology as a Foundation for a Programmed Friends Ecclesiology and Pastoral Theology_

Responding:

Pink Dandelion, University of Birmingham
Religion and Economy Unit and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: Comparative Caregiving at Intersection of Religion and Economy

Mary Corley Dunn, Saint Louis University
Body and Soul in the Early Modern Canadian Hospital

Ahmed Ragab, Harvard University
Piety, Medicine, and Patiethood in Medieval Islam

William McGrath, Coe College
Buddhist Medicine in Tibet: Reconciling Religion and Nation at the Sakya Medical House

Emma Nolan-Thomas, University of Michigan
“Islamic Health Houses (Griya Sehat Islami)”: Prophetic Medicine, Chronic Diseases, and Semi-Formal Healthcare in Indonesia

Religion and Politics Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit
Anthony Petro, Boston University, Presiding


Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:
Wallace Best, Princeton University
Kristy Slominski, University of Mississippi
Lynne Gerber, Harvard University
Heather White, University of Puget Sound

Responding:
R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, St. Louis
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Religion and Popular Culture Unit
David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery, Presiding

Theme: Fictional Religion and Fan Fiction in Science Fiction and Fantasy

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Signe Cohen, University of Missouri
Fan Fiction, Apocrypha, and the Bakhtinian Carnivalesque

Mark DeYoung, Rice University
Butler’s Parables: Religion in/as Fiction

Joanna Caroline Toy, Ohio State University
“Faith in the Legend, Even If It’s Fiction”: Emergences of Religiosity in Doctor Who Fan Commentary

A19-429
Religion in Europe Unit and Religious Conversions Unit
Markus Dressler, Leipzig University, Presiding

Theme: Identity and Conversion in European Religions

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jason Welle, The Pontifical Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies
“He is very much ours”: Current Catalan Attempts to Claim Anselm Turmeda, or the Lack Thereof

Peter Erickson, Colorado State University
Religious Conversion on the Scaffold: A Debate in the German Enlightenment

Anna Piela, Leeds Trinity University
Katarzyna Górkas-Sosnowska, Warsaw School of Economics
Beata Abdallah-Krzepkowska, University of Silesia
Joanna Krotofil, University College London
Managing Spoiled Identity: The Case of Polish Female Converts to Islam

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A19-430
Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit and Sikh Studies Unit
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Resistance and Acculturation: Sikh and Muslim Responses to Colonialism in 20th Century Northern South Asia*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Amrit Deol, University of California, Merced
*Secular Formations in Punjab: Responses to Revolution and Post-Hindu-German Conspiracy Trial Ghadar Politics*

Fuad Naeem, Gustavus Adolphus College
*Islam for Victorians: Syed Ameer Ali, Apologetics, and the Construction of a Modern Islam*

Francesca Cassio, Hofstra University
*Audible Violence: A Postcolonial Approach to the Study of Sikh Kirtan between Nationalism, Acculturation, and Migration*

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**A19-431**

*Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit*
Kate Temoney, Montclair State University, Presiding

Theme: *Genocide in the American Context*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Kaitlyn Martin Fox, Boston University
*"We Charge Genocide": Religio-Racial Strategies at the Margins of Representability*

Tom Berendt, Temple University
*Buffalo Genocide and the Systematic Elimination of Indigenous Traditions in the United States*

K. Christine Pae, Denison University
*The Ghost of Red-Hunting: Sexualized and Racialized Genocide and Anti-Communist Christianity in the Korean War*

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**A19-432**

*Religion, Media, and Culture Unit*
Justin Henry, University of Chicago, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Translating Counterknowledge: Alternative Media, Revelation, and Technologism in Modern South Asian Religions*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Justin Henry, University of Chicago
*Lost Continents and Found Spacecraft: Reading Religious Artifacts through the Technologist Lens*

Niharika Yadav, Princeton University
*Secret Machines: Vedic Science, Ancient Aliens, and the Vaimanika Shastra*

Justin Smolin, University of Chicago
*The New World Order, the Prophet, and the One-Eyed Man: The Dajjal and Alex Jones*

Responding:

Carter Higgins, Cornell University

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A19-433

*Religion, Memory, History Unit*

Nathaniel Morehouse, John Carroll University, Presiding

Theme: *Memorialization and the Making of Religious Community*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Devin Manzullo-Thomas, Messiah College
*“Not...a Monument to Billy Graham”: Commemoration and Christian Nostalgia at the Billy Graham Library*

Jawad Qureshi, University of Chicago
*Reform, Print, and Memory: Forgetting and Remembering Najm al-Din al-Tufi (d. 1316) in 20th century Islamic Legal Reform*

Yaniv Feller, Wesleyan University
*Negotiating Jewish Memory between Synagogue and Museum*

Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine University
*Confronting the Legacy of Lynching: The National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, Alabama*
A19-434
Schleiermacher Unit
Shelli Poe, Millsaps College, Presiding

Theme: Christology, Biography, and History in Schleiermacher's Thought

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Casey Stanley, Yale University
Schleiermacher and the Displacement of the Phenomenological in the Human Constitution of the Redeemer

Marsaura Shukla, St. John's College
(En)countering the Historical Jesus: Schleiermacher among the Historians

Business Meeting:

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School
Shelli Poe, Millsaps College

A19-435
Space, Place, and Religion Unit
W. David Buschart, Denver Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Author Meets Critics: Murray A. Rae's Architecture and Theology: The Art of Place (Baylor University Press, 2017)

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Gretchen Buggeln, Valparaiso University
William R. McAlpine, Ambrose University
Mark A. Torgerson, Judson University

Responding:

Murray Rae, University of Otago

A19-436
Study of Islam Unit
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: Geographies of Piety

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Alex Matthews, University of Chicago

Paradise Is in the Sky: Astrology as Religious Practice in Rasā'il Ikhwān al-Ṣafā'

Noorzehra Zaidi, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

“Our Vanished Lady”: Memory, Ritual, and Shi’ī-Sunni Relations at Bibi Pak Daman

Ari M. Gordon, University of Pennsylvania

Place and Performance in Early Islamic Ritual and Architecture: The Qibla as Identity Marker

Responding:

Sadaf Jaffer, Princeton University

A19-437

Study of Judaism Unit

Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: Empire and Modern Judaism

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Larisa Reznik, Northwestern University

Decolonizing Scripture or Reenergizing Empire?

Shaul Magid, Indiana University

Jewish and Other Zionisms: Reflections on Ethnocentrism and Empire

Elias Sacks, University of Colorado

Imperialism, Liberalism, and Jewish Studies: Jacob Taubes and the Jewish Paul

Responding:

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College

Business Meeting:
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
Paul Nahme, Brown University

A19-438
Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: Religion as Environmentalism? Conceptual, Topological, and Phenomenological Interventions

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Frederick Simmons, Center of Theological Inquiry
Is Philosophy of Religion Relevant to Redressing Our Ecological Predicament?

Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
A Hermeneutical Phenomenology of Urban Ecology

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary
Phenomenology of Violence and Ecological Indifference to Suffering

Responding:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

A19-500
Film: The Departure
Justin Stein, University of Toronto, Presiding

Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Kanae Kawamoto, Ryukoku University
Tim Graf, Heidelberg University

A19-501
Film: Bukharan Jews: Memories of a Disappearing Past
Rahimjon Abdugafurov, Emory University, Presiding
**Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM**

Program Unit Chairs’ and Steering Committee Members’ Reception

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

**A20-100**

Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit

Eric Ziolkowski, Lafayette College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Lyric, and Poetry*

Caleb Murray, Brown University

"I, Chanter of Adamic Songs": Gender, Ecology, and the Creation of Sacred Bodies in *Leaves of Grass*

Joelle Hathaway, Duke University

*The Intersection of Poetry and Imagination in Spiritual Practice: Wendell Barry’s Sabbath Poetry*

Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

*Lyric Uprising: Religion and the Folk Songs in The Hunger Games Trilogy*

**A20-101**

Black Theology Unit

Michele Watkins, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Black Theology, American Civil Religion, and Public Theology*

Anthony J. Ross, Union Theological Seminary

*A Gift from Death: Necropolitics and Handing over in James Cameron’s A Time of Terror*

Bryson White, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Evangelist of Incarceration? Billy Graham as Symbol for the Religious Problem of Mass Incarceration

Isaac Sharp, Union Theological Seminary

Diagnosing an "Unholy Alliance": The Radical Black Evangelical Critique of White Evangelical Nationalism

Almeda Wright, Yale University

Black Theology as Public Theology: Expanding Definitions Shaped by the Public Theological Witness of Black Activists

A20-102
Body and Religion Unit
Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Presiding

Theme: Resistant Bodies, Resilient Communities

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Mie Inouye, Yale University

Spontaneity and Structure: Ritual Participation in Movement Politics

Sidra Ali, Harvard University

Democracy and Demonstrations: A Performative Theory of Dissent

Stefanie Knauss, Villanova University

BPM (Beats Per Minute): Body, Resistance, and Solidarity

A20-103
Buddhism Unit
James Robson, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: New Work in Chinese Buddhist Studies

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Max Brandstadt, University of California, Berkeley

“Seek Alms and Despise Oneself”: Tang China’s Three Levels Movement in the Context of Buddhist Austerities (Dhutas)

Daniel Tuzzo, Stanford University
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

The Cosmos in a Single Scroll: The Practice of Textual Compilation and Religious Education in Medieval China

Nan Ouyang, University of Arizona

The Cult of the Mummified Body on Mt. Jiuhua: An “Invented” Tradition in Late Imperial China

Patricia Giles, Syracuse University

Tibetan Buddhism and the Body in the Works of Zhang Huan

A20-104
Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and Western Esotericism Unit
Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: The Increasing Impact of Traditionalism

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Panelists:

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA
Egil Asprem, Stockholm University
Mark Sedgwick, University of Aarhus
Ionut Bancila, University of Erfurt
Jean-Pierre Brach, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (Sorbonne, Paris)
Ulrich van Loyen, University of Siegen

A20-105
Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit
John Nemec, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: Translating Texts, Transmitting Tradition: Continuity and Change in Hindu Traditions

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Jessica Vantine Birkenholtz, University of Illinois
Hinduizing Nepal’s Hindus: Making Modern Hinduism in Premodern Nepal

Nika Kuchuk, University of Toronto
The Limits of Text and Tradition: Theosophy, Translation, and Transnational Vedanta in the Fin-de-siècle

tamara cohen, University of Toronto
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Arjunopākhyāna: A Functional, Non-Authoritative Translation of the Bhagavadgītā

Manasicha Akepiyapornchai, Cornell University

Translation in a Multilingual Context: The Mixture of Sanskrit and Tamil Languages in Medieval South Indian Śrīvaishṇava Religious Tradition

Responding:

Christoph Emmrich, University of Toronto

A20-106

History of Christianity Unit

Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College, Presiding

Theme: Chinese and Chinese Diasporic Christianities

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Ken Morrow, University of Texas, Dallas

Navigating Religious and Ethnic Prejudice to Advance a Cause: The Muzhiming of a Late Tang Couple

Yu Fu, Zhejiang University City College

Religious Rivalry in Seventeenth Century China: A Case Study of Buddhist-Christian Confrontation

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh

British Chinese Christianity and the Post-War British Appetite

A20-107

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding

Theme: Latinx Identity, Indigeneity, and Homeland

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Jonathan Calvillo, Boston University

“Somos Indios”: Latinx Spaces of Spirituality as Conduits of Indigenous Consciousness

Lauren Frances Guerra, University of California, Los Angeles
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Reclaiming the Wisdom of the Ancestors: Decolonizing Chicanx and Latinx Spirituality

Harold Morales, Morgan State University
Latino and Muslim in America: Race, Religion, and the Possibilities of Solidarity

A20-108
Mysticism Unit and Teaching Religion Unit
Jason N. Blum, Davidson College, Presiding

Theme: Mysticism and Pedagogy

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Aaron Ghiloni, University of Queensland
Teaching Mysticism Critically and Appreciatively: Field Notes from Two Fields

Jason James Kelly, Queen's University, Kingston
Why Mystics Matter: Teaching Mysticism in the Face of an Uncertain Future

Andrew Lee, Graduate Theological Union
Can Mysticism Be Taught Online?

A20-109
North American Religions Unit
Samira Mehta, Albright College, Presiding

Theme: Marking Land and Making Nations

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Danae Jacobson, University of Notre Dame
A Catholic “West”: Religious Sisters and Colonization in North America

Andrew Hudson, University of Pennsylvania
Airplanes That Preach and Monuments That Cry out: Material Pentecostalism and the Form of American Religion

Brett Hendrickson, Lafayette College
Church and State in the Texas Revolution
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Responding:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

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A20-110
Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit
Marlon Millner, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: *A Queer Baptism of Fire: Black Lives Matter, The Spirit of Resistance, and Pentecostal-Type Clergy Solidarity during Ferguson*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Panelists:

Traci Blackmon, Christ The King UCC
Michael McBride, Live Free National
Osagyefo Sekou, Independent Scholar/Activist

Responding:

Seth Gaiters, Ohio State University

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A20-111
Religion and Disability Studies Unit
Courtney Wilder, Midland University, Presiding

Theme: *Embodied Eschatology, Axiology, Disability Justice, and Communion*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Olivia Bustion, University of Chicago
*Axiology without Ableism (Or, on Using Theology in Disability Studies)*

Michael A. Walker, Knox College, University of Toronto
*Persistent Pain and Promised Perfection: The Significance of an Embodied Eschatology of Disability*

Emily Bennett
*Dietary Restrictions and Theological Meaning in the Lord’s Supper*

Shane Clifton, Alphacrucis College
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Can Faith, Hope, and Love Be Redeemed for Disability Justice?

A20-112
Religion and Ecology Unit
Christopher Ives, Stonehill College, Presiding

Theme: Rivers and Waters

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Kristen Daley Mosier, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Sacramental Tensions in the Columbia River Watershed: Toward a Bioregional Ethic

Jay Ramesh, Columbia University
“The River that Protects the World”: Eco-religion in Early Modern Tamil Poetry from the City of Five Rivers

Nadia Marais, Stellenbosch University
Saving Water? A Theological Exploration of "Water as Gift"

A20-113
Religion and Politics Unit
Rachel Scott, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Presiding

Theme: War, Surveillance, and Empire

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Aram Sarkisian, Northwestern University
As Christ Had Judas: Federal Surveillance of Russian Orthodox Christians in Red Scare
Baltimore, 1919-1920

Nathaniel Grimes, Villanova University
Church at the Wall: A Political and Liturgical Analysis of Border Masses

Jason von Ehrenkrook, University of Massachusetts Boston
Plowshares to Swords: FDR, Scripture, and the Politics of War

Judah Isseroff, Princeton University
Jews "Unchosen": The Theological Price of Empire
A20-114
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Eden Consenstein, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: Race, Religion, and Representation in American Popular Culture

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Melanie Trexler, Roanoke College
Challenging Intra-Racism in the American Ummah: Marvel's Jersey City Muslims

William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Exorcising the N-Word

Brandon Dean, University of Iowa
How Mama Lola Got to Tori Spelling's House: A Vodou Priestess in Popular Culture

Responding:
Matthew Cressler, College of Charleston

A20-115
Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: Migration, Immigration, and Diversity in the Catholic Church

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Gary Slater, St. Edward's University
Catholic Social Teaching and Migration: Developing an Ethics of Sanctuary Cities

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Princeton University
Constructing Catholic Propriety on North 8th Street

Gabriela Perez, Harvard University
Patrick Flores: The Intersectionality of a Mexican-American Bishop within the PADRES Movement

Responding:
Brett Hoover, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles
A20-116
Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Josh Reeves, Samford University, Presiding

Theme: Religious Responses to Astrobiology

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Joanna Leidenhag, University of Edinburgh
"The Lord the Giver of Life" and Life on Other Planets

David Zvi Kalman, University of Pennsylvania
Extraterrestrial Life in Early Modern Jewish Writings

Business Meeting:

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico

A20-117
Study of Islam Unit
Jawad Qureshi, University of Chicago, Presiding

Theme: Muhammad Iqbal: Beyond Tradition and Modernity

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Francesca Chubb-Confer, University of Chicago
Remnants of Eternal Possibility: Iqbal's Persian Lyrics of the Payam-i Mashriq

M M Nauman Faizi, University of Virginia
Religion as Modernity's Other: Muhammad Iqbal's Critique of Religion after Modernity

Shifa Noor, University of Virginia
Iqbal, Arendt, and the Agency of Khudi

Responding:

Basit Bilal Koshul, Lahore University of Management Sciences

A20-118
Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
Linn Tonstad, Yale University, Presiding
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Theme: The Discipline of Academic Theology

Elissa Cutter, Loyola Marymount University
Academic Theology and the Jansenist Controversy in France: Voices of Men and Women in the History of the Discipline of Theology

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University
The Boundaries of Academic Theology

Jamie Howard, Durham University
Explorations of Hope: An Ethnographic Window into Definitions and Experiences of Hope in Indian Christian and Hindu Diaspora Populations in Chicago

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

A20-119
Chinese Religions Unit
Jean DeBernardi, University of Alberta, Presiding

Theme: What Is a Temple?

Jacob Tischer, Boston University
Assembling the Faithful: The Place of Temples in Ritual Actor-Networks

Kuei-Min Chang, University of Alberta
Property Rights and Wrongs: Regulating Temple Assets in Contemporary China and Taiwan

Daniel Murray, McGill University
Individual, Community, Territory: Changing Forms of Obligation to Territorial Temples in Urban China

Yang Shen, Boston University
Serving the Temples Afar Logistically: Cultivation Lodgers in Buddhist Residential Temples
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Responding:

Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University

A20-120
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Natalie Carnes, Baylor University, Presiding

Theme: Divine and Human Freedom

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Wyatt Harris, Emory University
The "Compatibilism" of Human Freedom and Divine Omnipotence: An Application of Katherine Sonderegger's Doctrine of God

Mark James, Hunter College
Freedom to Speak: A Patristic Theology of Parrhesia

David Horstkoetter, Marquette University
No Competition: A Trinitarian Alternative to Liberal and Post-Liberal Positions on Divine Freedom and Human Freedom

A20-121
Cognitive Science of Religion Unit
Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: Current Theories and Applications of the Cognitive Science of Religion (CSR)

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Stewart Guthrie, Fordham University

Connor Wood, Center for Mind and Culture
Norms, Ideology, and Life History: An Empirical Investigation into Religiosity and Self-Regulation

Paul Robertson, University of New Hampshire
Teaching Cognitive Approaches to Religion in a Humanities Lab: Methods, Strategies, Successes, Failures
AAR 2018 Preliminary Program Book (as of June 14)

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

A20-122  
Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit  
Julie J. Ingersoll, University of North Florida, Presiding  
Theme: From Love to Hate to Violence: How Churches Do (And Deny) Their Roles in Homophobia, White Supremacy, and Xenophobia

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Shannon Quigley, University of Haifa  
Nazified Faith: How a Deconstructed Christianity Undergirded Mass Murder  

Rebecca Barrett-Fox, Arkansas State University  
How Christian Nationalism Lays the Groundwork for White Nationalism  

Damon Berry, St. Lawrence University  
"Our Race is Our Religion": Religious Tolerance in American White Nationalism  

John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University  
There Will Be Blood: White Nationalism’s Not-So-Hidden Religious Dimensions  

Sara Kamali, University of Oxford  
For Jesus or Odin? Comparing the Influence of Christian Identity and Odinism on America’s Alt-Right Movement  

Sophie Bjork-James, Vanderbilt University  
LGBT Bias, Evangelicalism, and the Limits of Hate as an Analytic Tool

A20-123  
Comparative Studies in Religion Unit and Philosophy of Religion Unit  
Emilia Bachrach, High Point University, Presiding  
Theme: Author Meets Critics: Steven G. Smith's Scriptures and the Guidance in Language (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Panelists:  
Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University  
Robert C. Neville, Boston University  
Purushottama Bilimoria, Graduate Theological Union and University of California, Berkeley
**Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

**Responding:**

Steven G. Smith, Millsaps College

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**A20-124**  
**Contemporary Islam Unit**  
Hussein Rashid, Islamicate, LLC, Presiding

**Theme:** *Wither Islam and Popular Culture?*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

**Panelists:**

Sylvia Chan-Malik, Rutgers University  
Christiane Gruber, University of Michigan  
Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha  
Kayla Renée Wheeler, Boston University

**Responding:**

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University

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**A20-125**  
**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit**  
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University, Presiding

**Theme:** *Reimagining the Archive*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

**Panelists:**

M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University  
Ari Y. Kelman, Stanford University  
Elizabeth Pérez, University of California, Santa Barbara  
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

**Responding:**

David Harrington Watt, Haverford College
A20-126  
**Ethics Unit**  
Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

**Theme:** *Ecological Ethics within Diverse Religious Traditions*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
*Caring for Planet Earth: Ecological Education in Indonesia’s Islamic Boarding Schools*

Caleb Murray, Brown University  
*Beyond Deep Ecology: Simone Weil on Idolatry and the Theological Roots of Environmental Racism*

Elise Edwards, Baylor University  
*Three Approaches to Sustainability: An Ecowomanist Value, a Christian Norm, and a Design Principle*

Candace M. Laughinghouse, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*Ecowomanism: A Counterhistory and Solution for Addressing Our Anthropocene Era*

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A20-127  
**Japanese Religions Unit**  
Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

**Theme:** *Buddhist Social Networks in Pre-Modern Japan*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Bryan Lowe, Vanderbilt University  
*Even a Half Pint of Rice: Donation Networks of Preachers, Provincial Patrons, and the Impoverished in Ancient Japan*

Brian Ruppert, Bates College  
*Monastic Networks and the Construction of Esoteric Ritual-Texts: Ritual Assemblages in Kakuzen’s Notes, Related Works, and the Geographical Spread of Dharma Lineages in Early Medieval Japan*

Luke Thompson, Lake Forest College
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

The Emergence and Spread of One Particular Idea in a Twelfth Century Kōfukuji Network, or How Thoughts Travel from One Monk’s Head to That of Another

Anna Andreeva, University of Heidelberg
Temple Networks and the Emergence of Buddhist Knowledge on Women’s Health in Medieval Japan

Responding:

Heather Blair, Indiana University

A20-128
Music and Religion Unit
David Stowe, Michigan State University, Presiding

Theme: From Cultural Appropriation to Spiritual Incorporation: Transformative Encounters with African American Sacred Music

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Monique Ingalls, Baylor University
One in the Spirit? The British Gospel Choir as Lens for Understanding Racial Formation and Religious Imagination in the Contemporary United Kingdom

Blenda Bo kyung Im, University of Pennsylvania
“Gospel Worship”: Negotiating Evangelical Belonging and the Modern Racial Order

Marissa Moore, Yale University
Singing Black Sacred Music in San Francisco: Negotiating the Proximity of Race

Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University
“Be Grateful, We Celebrate Black History Month”: Issues in African Americans’ Practitioning Gospel Music among European Americans

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University
David Stowe, Michigan State University

A20-129
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University, Presiding
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Theme: Hooked: Contemporary Study, Treatment, and Religious Responses to Addiction

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Katie Givens Kime, Universität Bern
Entheogens: The Paradoxes and Opportunities of Pill-Triggered Mystical Experience as a Treatment Strategy for Recovery from Addiction

Joyce Ann Mercer, Yale University
This Is Your Brain on Heroin and/or Love: The Opioid Crisis and Attachment Theories of Opioid Addiction and Treatment

Isaac Horwedel, Emory University
Doing What We Hate and Hating What We Do: Addiction and Drug Use as Crises of Capitalism

A20-130
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Kristen Tobey, John Carroll University, Presiding

Theme: Women-Centered Community-Based Research: Muslim Women in Society, Mothers, and Equine Therapy for Children with Differing Abilities

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Melody Escobar, Oblate School of Theology
Closing Wounds through Open Pastures: Mothers’ “Extraordinary” Experiences in Equine Therapy

Deborah L. Wheeler, United States Naval Academy
Women Driving Change? Gender, Islam, and Public Life in Saudi Arabia

A20-131
Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Daisy Vargas, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: Colonial Hauntings and Revisions: Contemporary Ritual Practices in the Latino/a/x Americas

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
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Jalane D. Schmidt, University of Virginia
*Slavery, Trauma, and Necropolitics in Afro-Cuban Possession Trance Rituals*

Roger Green, Metropolitan State University of Denver
*The Religious Poetics of Ayahuasca, Entheogens, and Neo-Colonization of “Experience”*

Mary Diggin
*Pure Blood and Old Christians: The Retention of Penitential Traditions in New Mexico*

Eric Breault, Arizona State University
*Death as Lived Religion in Mexico*

Responding:

Jessica Delgado, Princeton University

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**A20-132**

**Study of Judaism Unit**

Paul Nahme, Brown University, Presiding

**Theme:** *Jewish Studies Gets Religion*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Shari Rabin, College of Charleston
*Beyond Chrismukkah*

Samira Mehta, Albright College
*Masculinity and the Making of American Judaism*

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
*Jews on the Frontier*

Responding:

Julie Byrne, Hofstra University

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**A20-133**

**Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit**

Richard McGregor, Vanderbilt University, Presiding
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM


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Panelists:

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston
Anna M. Gade, University of Wisconsin
A. Azfar Moin, University of Texas
SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College

Responding:

Anand Taneja, Vanderbilt University

A20-134
Women and Religion Unit
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding

Theme: An Outrage against Any Decent People: A Critical Analysis of Human Trafficking, Sex Work, and Christian Intervention

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Panelists:

Nichole Flores, University of Virginia
Letitia M. Campbell, Emory University
Yvonne Zimmerman, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Lauren McGrow, Charles Sturt University