Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

A22-100
Public Understanding of Religion Committee Meeting
Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

A22-101
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

A22-102
Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

A22-103
Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

A22-104
Status of Women in the Profession Committee Meeting
Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

A22-105
Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

Panelists:

May May Latt, American Theological Library Association (ATLA)
Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD
Deborah Fulthorp, SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary
Mary Hamlen, Harvard Law School
Friday - 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
Mary Ellen Chown, Retired Catholic Educator
Alicia Panganiban, Northwestern Medicine
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College
Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University

Friday - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

A22-106
International Connections Committee Meeting
Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

A22-107
Regional Coordinators Meeting
Katherine Downey, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

A22-108
Academic Relations Committee Meeting
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

A22-109
Public Scholarship and Practical Impacts Workshop: Media Training and Work Outside the Academy
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Kelly J. Baker, Women in Higher Education
Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside
Andrew Henry, Boston University

A22-110
THATCamp - The Humanities and Technology Camp AARSBL2019
Constance Kassor, Lawrence University, Candace Mixon, Macalester College, Adam Porter,
Illinois College, and Younus Mirza, Shenandoah University, Presiding
Friday - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

Friday - 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
A22-111
Sound and Religion Workshop
Friday - 9:00 AM-6:00 PM
Panelists:
Amy Cimini, University of California, San Diego
Anandi Knuppel, Emory University
Francis Stewart, Bishop Grosseteste University
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
Finnian Moore Gerety, Brown University

Friday - 11:00 AM-6:00 PM
A22-112
Religion and Media Workshop: Techno-Utopias
Beth Singler, University of Cambridge, Presiding
Friday - 11:00 AM-6:00 PM
Panelists:
Juli Gittinger, Georgia College and State University
Friday - 12:00 PM-3:00 PM
A22-113
Chicano Park Tour
Friday - 12:00 PM-3:00 PM

Friday - 12:30 PM-5:30 PM
A22-114
Theological Education Workshop - Science and Religion: A Pedagogical Workshop at Scripps Oceanographic Institute
Friday - 12:30 PM-5:30 PM

Friday - 12:30 PM-6:00 PM
A22-115
Teaching against Islamophobia Workshop (By Invitation Only)
Todd Green, Luther College, Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, and Aysha Hidayatullah, University of San Francisco, Presiding
Friday - 12:30 PM-6:00 PM

Friday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
A22-200
American Lectures in the History of Religions Committee Meeting
DUniversity of North Carolina
an Williams, University of Southern California, Presiding
Friday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

A22-201
Graduate Student Committee Meeting
Rachel Toombs, Presiding
Friday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

A22-202
Becoming a Public Scholar Workshop
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

A22-203
Comparative Hagiology Workshop: Prospects for Future Research
Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University, Presiding
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

A22-204
Ethnography and Theology Workshop: Representation and Normativity: Crises and Possibilities
Theodore Hickman-Maynard, Boston University School of Theology, and Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College, Presiding
Friday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Sabrina Müller, University of Zurich
Clare Watkins, University of Roehampton
Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame
Derrick Lemons, University of Georgia
Kristina Helgesson Kjellin, Church of Sweden and Uppsala University
James Bielo, Miami University
Angela Cowser, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Irma Fast Dueck, Canadian Mennonite University
Katharine Lassiter

Friday - 2:00 PM-3:45 PM

A22-205
Women's Caucus
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Theme: Weaving Public Spaces: Extending Scholarship on Gender and Religion

Friday - 2:00 PM-3:45 PM

Panelists:
Friday - 2:00 PM-3:45 PM
Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary

Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM
A22-206
Centers on Religion and Public Life Workshop: Sharing Insights and Practice
Friday - 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

Friday - 2:00 PM-5:30 PM
A22-207
Buddhist Contemplation Workshop: Teaching Buddhist Contemplation in Higher Education
Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University, Presiding
Friday - 2:00 PM-5:30 PM

Panelists:
Namdrol Miranda Adams, Maitripa College
Amelia Hall, Naropa University
Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
Jane Compson, University of Washington Tacoma

Friday - 2:30 PM-5:30 PM
A22-208
Religion and Ecology Workshop: Cosmology and Ecology
Friday - 2:30 PM-5:30 PM

Panelists:
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University
John A. Grim, Yale University
Nancy Maryboy, Indigenous Education Institute
Carl Anthony, Breakthrough Communities
Brian Swimme, California Institute of Integral Studies
Friday - 2:30 PM-5:30 PM

Responding:

Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University

Friday - 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

A22-300
Public-Facing Scholarship in Religions, Medicines, and Healing Workshop
Emily Wu, Dominican University of California, Presiding
Friday - 3:00 PM-5:00 PM

Friday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

A22-301
Board of Directors Meeting
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College, Presiding
Friday - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM

Friday - 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

A22-400
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 - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

A22-401
Film: Tel Aviv on Fire: Peacebuilding, Religion and Film
Jolyon Mitchell, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Friday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
Friday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Panelists:

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame
Jolyon Mitchell, University of Edinburgh

A22-402
Mindfulness Workshop for Educators
Friday - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Friday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

A22-403
Teaching against Islamophobia Reception (By Invitation Only)
Friday - 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Friday - 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

P22-500
12 Step Recovery Support Meeting
Friday - 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

A22-500
Film: Loyalty
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding
Friday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University
Shareda Hosein, Association of Muslim Chaplains
Saturday - 7:00 AM-8:00 AM
A23-1
Yoga Class
Saturday - 7:00 AM-8:00 AM

Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM
A23-2
Department Chairs and Program Coordinators' Breakfast
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding
Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

A23-3
New Members' Breakfast and Annual Meeting Orientation
Alice Hunt, American Academy of Religion, and Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College, Presiding
Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Panelists:
Matt Vieson, American Academy of Religion
Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion

A23-4
Regional Officers’ Breakfast
Katherine Downey, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Saturday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
A23-100
Applied Religious Studies Committee
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: Another Plan A: Religious Studies Education and Careers beyond the Academy
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

John Erickson, Claremont Graduate University
Kali Handelman, Center for Religion and Media at New York University
G W Kimura, Alaska Humanities Forum
Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University
Varun Soni, University of Southern California

A23-101
Graduate Student Committee
Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University, and Meghan Johnston Aelabouni, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver, Presiding

Theme: Critical Conversations: Religion and Polarized Publics

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
Omid Safi, Duke University
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University
Elizabeth Palmer, University of Chicago
Isaac Barnes May, University of Virginia
Rahuldeep Singh Gill, California Lutheran University

A23-102
Special Topics Forum
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University, Presiding

Theme: Pitching to the Media

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:
Diane Winston, University of Southern California
Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania
Bob Smietana, Religion News Service
Kalpana Jain, The Conversation
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A23-103
Animals and Religion Unit and Confucian Traditions Unit
Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Animals, Real and Imagined, in Chinese Religions: In the Late Antique and Medieval Periods*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Xurong Kong, Kean University
*Macaque: Your God, My Pet*

Keith Knapp, The Citadel
*People Are Special, Animals Are Not: An Early Medieval Confucian’s Views on the Difference between Humans and Beasts*

Huaiyu Chen, Arizona State University
*Daoist Engagement with Tigers in Medieval China*

Robert Campany, Vanderbilt University
*Animal Tales as Ecologies of Selves and of Human-Animal Relationships*

Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia
*A Little Bird Told Me: The Magical Birds of the Pure Land*

Yukinobu Abe, Chuo University
*Animal Symbols on the Knob of Seals during the Han Dynasty: Tiger, Turtle, Camel and Snake*

A23-104
Bioethics and Religion Unit
Terri Laws, University of Michigan, Dearborn, Presiding

Theme: *Contextualizing and Theologizing Bioethics in Public Discourse and Private Spaces*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Joseph Fisher, Columbia University
*Theologizing Public Bioethics: Human Enhancement under the President’s Council*

Jaime Wright, Santa Clara University
*The Role of Perception and Self-Understanding in the Construction of Moral Arguments at the Intersection of Medicine and Religion in Medical Emergencies*
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Hajung Lee, University of Puget Sound
The Meaning of a Good Death and Preferences on End-Of-Life Care among Korean Immigrants

Anjeanette Allen, Chicago Theological Seminary
Do Not Pass Me by: A Womanist Reprise and Response to Healthcare’s Cultural Dismissal and Erasure of Black Women’s Pain

David Craig, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis
A New HIP Public? Urban Congregations and the Healthy Indiana Plan

Business Meeting:
Marcella Norling, Orange Coast College

A23-105
Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit
Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Bonhoeffer, Public Discourse, and Resistance Ethics: Lessons from Bonhoeffer on the Climate Crisis, Planetary Care, and the Confederate Monument Debate

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Ulrik Nissen, Aarhus University
Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Polyphony of Life as a Contribution to Public Discourse

Karen V. Guth, College of the Holy Cross
"Heritage Not Hate" or "Heritage and Decay"? Lessons for White Christians from Dietrich Bonhoeffer on the Confederate Monument Debate

Adam Vander Tuig, Union Theological Seminary
Are We Still of Any Use? Bonhoeffer, Resistance, and Planetary Palliative Care

Business Meeting:
Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg University
Stephen R. Haynes, Rhodes College

A23-106
Buddhism Unit and Religion and Disability Studies Unit
Carol S. Anderson, Kalamazoo College, Presiding
**Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**Theme: Buddhism and Disability Studies: Critical Analysis and Constructive Thought on Disability and the Disabled Body in Buddhist Traditions**

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Stuart Chandler, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
*Armless Dharma Joy: An Analysis of the Memoirs of Ōishi Junkyō*

Alexander Hsu, University of Notre Dame  
*Why Panthaka Can’t Read: Learning Disability and Liberation in A Grove of Pearls*

Charles B. Jones, Catholic University of America  
*No Braille Signage in Sukhāvatī? Pure Land Buddhist Teachings about Sensory Impairments*

Bee Scherer, Canterbury Christ Church University  
"Ugly, Unsightly, Deformed...": Scriptural Ableism, Physiomoral Discourses and Hermeneutical Strategies for Buddhist Dis/ability Advocacy

Justin Fifield, Trinity College  
*An Ethics of Care? Disability Discourses in South Asian Buddhist Monasticism*

Responding:

Darla Schumm, Hollins University

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**A23-107**  
**Comparative Theology Unit and Karl Barth Society of North America**  
Martha L. Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary, and Christian T. Collins Winn, Presiding

**Theme: Karl Barth and Comparative Theology: An Unexpected Dialogue**

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Peng Yin, Harvard University  
*Karl Barth and Thomas Aquinas on "True Religion"

John Sampson, University of Toronto  
*Persons on the Way: Karl Barth and Comparative Theology in Dialogue with Classical Confucianism*

Randi Rashkover, George Mason University
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Comparative Theology, Comparative Wisdom and Covenantal Logic

Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh
*Analogies across Faiths: Barth and Ghazali on Speaking after Revelation*

Victor Ezigbo, Bethel University
*Speaking about the Unspeakable: Conversing with Barth and Ejizu on Mediated Divine Action*

Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America
*Shifting Concepts of "Religion" in Barth and the Qur'an*

Responding:

Paul Dafydd Jones, University of Virginia

A23-108
Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit
Mohamed S. Hassan, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Death and Domesticity: Dying, Death, and Corpses in the Home*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Kira Moolman, University of Toronto
*Dying Bodies: Bringing Mortality Home after the Reformation and the Great Transition*

Julia Reed, Harvard University
*Statehood and Sainthood: The Postmortem Apostolic Journey of Francis Xavier*

Jamie Brummitt, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
*“A Sacred Relic Kept”: Protestant Relics and the “Good Death” Experience in Nineteenth-Century America*

Business Meeting:

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University
Candi K. Cann, Baylor University

A23-109
Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit
Amanda Nichols, University of Florida, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *Killing the Joy of Reproductive Time*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
*Un(der)paid Labor in the Production of Theological Subjects*

Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University
*Fuck the Survivor: Refusing the Future Promised by the Sanctified Cancer Patient*

Wendy Mallette, Yale University
*Disciplinary Temporalities, Temporal Drag, and the Lesbian Feminist Killjoy*

Valeria Vergani, University of Toronto
*Temporal Removal, Spiritual Transcendence: Constructing Indigenous Temporalities at the 2018 Parliament of the World’s Religions*

Responding:

Kathryn Moles, Santa Clara University

Business Meeting:

Tom Berendt, Temple University

A23-110
**Hinduism Unit and Religion and Economy Unit**
Deonnie Moodie, University of Oklahoma, Presiding

Theme: *Economies of Modern Hinduism: Markets of Discipline and Critique*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco
*Hinduism and Climate: Economies of Energy, Equity, and Ethics*

Cassie Adcock, Washington University, St. Louis
*The Sacred Cow of British India: Free Trade and the Politics of Cow Protection*

Carter Higgins, Cornell University
*Saintly Investments: Seva and the Development of Pilgrimage Routes in Contemporary Rajasthan*
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Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Drew Thomases, San Diego State University
The Price Tag of Enlightenment: Murtis as Spiritual Investments on the Margins of Hindu and Hippie

Responding:

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University

A23-111
History of Christianity Unit
Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College, Presiding

Theme: Political Uses of the Past

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Allison Murray, Emmanuel College, University of Toronto
Contested Christian Heroines and Heritage: Competing Appeals to the Past in Twentieth-Century Evangelical Gender Debates

Zachary Smith, Creighton University
Self-Violence and Othering Violence: The Legacies of Christian Holiness

Michael Baysa, Princeton University
Continuity and Rupture in the Great Awakening Revivals: Religious History as Political Commentary

R. Ward Holder, Saint Anselm College
The Political Use of Memory: Calvin, Niebuhr, and Contemporary Evangelicalism

Business Meeting:

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College
Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College

A23-112
Islam, Gender, Women Unit and Study of Islam Unit
Saadia Yacoob, Williams College, Presiding

Theme: New Horizons in Islamic Studies: Advanced Graduate Work Showcase

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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Emma Thompson, Princeton University
*Teleologies of Becoming: Muhammad Iqbal’s Taqdir (Destiny) as a Model for Rethinking Trans Temporalities*

Ryan Brizendine, Yale University
*Ibn ʿArabī and Qūnawī between Nazar and Kashf: a Conjoint Critique of Rational Inquiry and Defense of Inspired Knowledge*

Sana Patel, University of Ottawa
*Understanding Muslim Millennials in the Social Media Age*

Sawyer French, University of Chicago
*The Rise of Gender Studies in Indonesian Islamic Universities: Indigenous and Imperial Genealogies*

Abiya Ahmed, Stanford University
*Prejudice, Progressivism, and Power: Politics in the Making of “Islamic” and American Muslims on Campus*

Rahim Samnani, McMaster University
*Rethinking the Historical Muhammad: A New Quest*

Muhammad Khan, University of Cambridge
*Sociality and the Mystical Theology of ʿAbd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī (1641-1731AD)*

Responding:

Kristian Petersen, Old Dominion University

Business Meeting:

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont
Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College

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A23-113
*Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and North American Religions Unit and Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit*
Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Remembering and Moving with the Work of Luís D. León: A Commemorative Conversation*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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Daisy Vargas, University of California, Riverside
La Llorona’s Children at the US-Mexico Border: Luis D. Leon’s Decolonial Scholarship in Confronting State Violence

Roger Green, Metropolitan State University of Denver
Employing Luis León’s Religious Poetics in the Ayahuasca Diaspora

Adriana Nieto, Metropolitan State University of Denver
A Post-Humous Thank You Letter to Luis Leon

Harold Morales, Morgan State University
La Llorona’s Beloved Children: An Engagement with the Specters of Luis León, Toni Morrison, and Jacques Derrida

Responding:

Miguel De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology
Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley
David Carrasco, Harvard University

A23-114
Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit
Sarah Bloesch, Elon University, Presiding

Theme: Audre Lorde: Lesbian-Feminist, Theo-Poetics

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Rachel A. Heath, Vanderbilt University
Audre Lorde: The Place of Difference in the Poetics of a Life

Oluwatomisin Oredein, Brite Divinity School
God-Talk and Lorde-Speak: Audre Lorde and Inappropriate Theopoetics

Courtney Rabada, Northwestern University
The Transformation of Religious Studies through the Confounded Identities of Audre Lorde

Timothy Dwight Davis, Vanderbilt University
Warrior Poetry and Wicked Words: Audre Lorde as a Foundation for Feminist Theopoetics

Business Meeting:
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michelle Wolff, Augustana College

A23-115
Liberation Theologies Unit
Maria T. Davila, Presiding

Theme: Landscapes of Liberation: Building New Horizons of Bodies, Borders, and Belonging

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Nick Shabalom, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Vodou, an Inclusive Epistemology: Toward A Queer Eco-Theology of Liberation

Rebecca David-Hensley, Iliff School of Theology/Denver University
Gendering Immigration: A Liberative Feminist Hermeneutic for Crossing the US/Mexico Border

Daniel Hauge, Boston University School of Theology
The Comforts of “Home”: White Comfort as Boundary Marker

Sunder John Boopalan, First Baptist Church, Newton Centre
Borders, Bodies, Power, and Affect

Sylvia Marcos, National Autonomous University of Mexico
Crossing Borders: Between Theologies and Feminisms in the Contemporary Mexican Political Context

Business Meeting:

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University

A23-116
Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit
Zachary Moon, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Moral Injury and Military Chaplaincy

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

George Schmidt, United States Navy
Penelope and Telemachus at Arlington National Cemetery

Johann Choi, United States Air Force Chaplain Corps
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Re-Thinking/Embodying Pastoral Care for Moral Injury

Mark Lee, United States Army
*Moral Injury, PTSD, and Growth after Trauma: A Theological Reflection for Military Chaplains*

Responding:

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School

Business Meeting:

Gabriella Lettini, Starr King School for the Ministry

A23-117
**Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit and Quaker Studies Unit**
Jon Kershner, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Quakers and Pentecostals in a Colonized World*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills
*Gender in the Montgomery Story*

Kimberly Alexander, Regent University
"*Friend of the Land*: Margaret Gaines' Establishment of a Palestinian Pentecostal Elementary School"

Cherice Bock, The Oregon Extension
*Friends and Watershed Discipleship: Reconciling with People and the Land in Light of the Doctrine of Discovery*

Responding:

Ekaputra Tupamahu, Vanderbuilt University

Business Meeting:

Jon Kershner, Pacific Lutheran University

A23-118
**Religion and Humanism Unit**
Slavica Jakelic, Valparaiso University, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *The Ethics in the Anthropocene*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Maria Antonaccio, Bucknell University
*Posthumanism and the Disabling of Human Moral Agency in the Anthropocene*

Khurram Hussain, Lehigh University
*A Space for Freedom’s Appearance: The Critical Humanisms of Sayyid Ahmad Khan and Hannah Arendt*

Business Meeting:

Slavica Jakelic, Valparaiso University
J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University

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**A23-119**

*Religion and Popular Culture Unit and SBL Bible and Popular Culture Unit*

Elizabeth Coody, Morningside College, Presiding

Theme: *Comic-Con at the Intersection of Religion, Bible, and Popular Culture*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Katelynn Carver, University of St Andrews
*The Book of Fan: Interrogating the Deeper Expressions of Fandom as Religion*

America Wolff, University of Missouri
*University of North Carolinaconventional Religion- Cosplay and Embodiment at San Diego Comic-Con*

Kori Pacyniak, University of California, Riverside
*From Deadpool Jesus to Disneybounding: Cosplay, Religion, and the Subversion of Gender Norms*

Joanna Caroline Toy, Ohio State University
*Inventive Religious Communities: Religiosity and Fictionality in Fan Pilgrimage*

Patrick McCauley, Chestnut Hill
*Comic Con, Harry Potter and Pilgrimage Community*
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A23-120
Religion in Southeast Asia Unit
Bahar Davary, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: Challenging Religious Establishments: Scandal, Transgression, and Sousveillance in Contemporary Southeast Asia

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College
Everyday Scandals: Regulating the Buddhist Monastic Body in Thai Media

June McDaniel, College of Charleston
Authority and Performance in Bali: Pedandas vs the New Age

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Debating Equalities: Islamic and Feminist Contestations in Indonesia

Responding:

Thomas Patton, City University of Hong Kong

Business Meeting:

Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

A23-121
Religion, Sport, and Play Unit
Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Testing the Limits: Sports, Play, and Border Spaces

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University, and Gabriel Levy, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
God, Data, and Michael Jordan: On the Border between Sport and Play

Zachary Smith, University of Tennessee
Wrestling with Repugnance: The Competing Subjectivities of a Fighting Scholar

Kristin Graff-Kallevåg, MF Norwegian School of Theology, and Sturla Stålsett, MF Norwegian School of Theology
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM


William Whitmore, University of Gloucestershire/Mercersburg Academy

*Between Borders: The Liminality of the Sports Chaplain in Elite Sports Settings*

Christopher Hrynkow, St. Thomas More College

*The Surfing Madonna of Encinitas: Southern Californian Surf Spirituality, Saving the Ocean, Catholicism, and Intersections with Integral Ecology in North San Diego County*

Business Meeting:

Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union

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**A23-122**

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

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, University of Pardubice, Presiding

Theme: *Maternal Activism in Contexts of Violence*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Wonchul Shin, Emory University

*Salimi in Action: South Korean Mothers’ Transformative Protest Against Political and Cultural Violence, 1970-1986*

Cara Curtis, Emory University

*Caring as Counter-Logic: Everyday, Implicit Practices of Maternal Non-Violence among Incarcerated Theological Students in a U.S. Women’s Prison*

Nichole Phillips, Emory University

*Mourning and Black Motherhood: How Tears Birth Social Movements*

Ellen Ott Marshall, Emory University

*Maternal Thinking and Gun Reform in the Contemporary U.S.*

Responding:

Annie Hardison-Moody, North Carolina State University

Business Meeting:

Atalia Omer, University of Notre Dame
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A23-123
Secularism and Secularity Unit
Robert Lee, Florida State University, Presiding

Theme: *Debunked: Fakes and Their Investigators*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Sonia Hazard, Florida State University
*Getting Real, Nineteenth-Century Style: The Case of Joseph Smith’s Golden Plates*

Charles McCrary, Washington University in St. Louis
*Knaves and Fools in Melville’s The Confidence-Man: “He Ponders the Mystery of Human Subjectivity in General”*

Jolyon Thomas, University of Pennsylvania
*Debunking as Pedagogy: Reforming Religion in Post-Defeat Japan*

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
*On Cooling the Mark: What Con Men and the Study of Religion Share*

Ana Vinea, University of Michigan
*Mediatized Debunking: Spirits and Skeptics in Egypt*

Emily Ogden, University of Virginia
*Are Debunkers Spoilsports?*

Business Meeting:

Joseph Blankholm, University of California, Santa Barbara

A23-124
Teaching Religion Unit
David B. Howell, Ferrum College, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Religion and James Lang’s Book Small Teaching: A Conversation*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Laura Taylor, College of St. Benedict/St. John's University
*Small Teaching: Structured Reading Groups*

Natalie Williams
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Using Small Teaching Tactics in High School Ethics Courses

Kate DeConinck, University of San Diego
“Small Teaching” with First-Year Undergraduate Students

Business Meeting:

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

A23-125
Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
Brandy Daniels, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: Grave Attending: A Political Theology for the Unredeemed

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University
Maia Kotrosits, Denison University
J. Kameron Carter, Indiana University
Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Responding:

Karen Bray, Wesleyan College

Business Meeting:

Rakesh Peter-Dass, Hope College
Linn Tonstad, Yale University

A23-126
Theology of Martin Luther King Jr. Unit
Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: Remaining Awake: Martin Luther King, Jr. as a Public Intellectual in the 21st Century

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Elyse Ambrose, Drew University
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

King and the Paradigm of Black Political Partisan Disentanglement

David Justice, Saint Louis University
Remaining Angry: The Intimate Connection between Anger and Love in King’s Social Theology

Diana Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary
Martin Luther King, Jr. as a Public Theologian: King’s Approach to the Ecological Crisis

Responding:

Andre E. Johnson, University of Memphis

Business Meeting:

AnneMarie Mingo, Pennsylvania State University

A23-127
Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Seminar
Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University, Presiding


Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Gereon Kopf, Luther College
Practices, Transformation, and Language Games: Religion without an Essence

Jin Y Park, American University
Derrida, Zen Buddhism, and the Act of Religion

Oludamini Ogunnaike, College of William and Mary
Knots in the Real: An Akbari "Philosophy of Religion"

Leah Kalmanson, Drake University
Philosophizing "Religion" though Qi-Cosmology

Marie-Helene Gorisse, Ghent University
Proper Acts, Knowledge and Categories in Jainism: Reshaping Traditional Distinctions

Fritz Detwiler, Adrian College
Relationalism (Lakota)

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego
Religion beyond Reason: Daoist and Comparative Reflections on Consciousness
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Nathan R. B. Loewen, University of Alabama
*Rethinking Conventional Approaches in Philosophy of Religion: Classification, Comparison, Appropriation*

Nikky Singh, Colby College
*Sikh Scripture and Sacred Synesthesia*

Nathan Eric Dickman, Young Harris College
*Symbolic Language (Tillichian Approach)*

Peter Nekola, Luther College
"Religions," "Philosophies," and the Problem of Mapping

Business Meeting:

Gereon Kopf, Luther College
Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University

**A23-128**
*Religion, Attire, and Adornment in North America Seminar*
Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Dress: Presentation, Display, and Spectacle*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Adrienne Ambrose, University of the Incarnate Word
*Sartorial Spectacle and the Representation of Catholicism in America*

Kayla Renée Wheeler, Grand Valley State University
“Clothes of Righteousness”: The MGT Uniform as a Tool of Nation Building

Melisa Ortiz Berry, Azusa Pacific University
*Subversive Evangelism: The Textile Theology of Henrietta Mears*

Alexander Rocklin, College of Idaho
*The Queer Hat of King Solomon: Religion and the Role of Headgear in Racial Passing*

Elaina Smith
*Dressed for Glory: African-American Protestant Church Women, White Uniforms, and Visual Political Theology*

Business Meeting:

Martha L Finch, Missouri State University
A23-129
**Transnational Religious Expression: Between Asia and North America Seminar**
Merin Shobhana Xavier, Queen's University, Presiding

**Theme:** *Authenticity and Appropriation: Transnational Religion amid Competing Forces of Identity and Authority*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies
*Mid-Century Modern: Transnational Japanese-American Buddhism*

Jeyoul Choi, University of Florida
*Transnationalism and First Generation Korean-American Evangelical Protestantism: A Case Study*

Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, SLO
*Rhizomes and Inosculations: Untangling Modern Postural Yoga*

Troy Mikanovich, Claremont Graduate University
*Leveraging Authenticity at the 2018 Parliament of the World's Religions*

Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg, University of Copenhagen
*The “Messiness” of Religious Belonging at Transnational Tibetan Buddhist Lineage Anniversaries in Ladakh, India*

Responding:
Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

Business Meeting:
Lucas Carmichael, University of Colorado

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A23-130
**Video Gaming and Religion Seminar**
Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

**Theme:** *Video Games, Religion, and the Making of Meaning*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Sharday Mosurinjohn, Queen's University
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

The Potential of Misrepresentation in Digital Game Design: Affect, Agency, and Meaning-Making
Jordan Brady Loewen, Syracuse University

The Religious Experience of Mizuguchi’s Tetris Effect
Lisa Kienzl, University of Bremen

Religion, Value Systems and eSports? Thoughts on Analytical Approaches towards Communication and Negotiation of Values, Norms and Meaning Making Processes within European eSports Communities
Tim Hutchings, University of Nottingham

“The Light of a Thousand Stories”: Christian Videogames and Religious Education

Business Meeting:
Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen

A23-131 Exploratory Sessions
Andrew Quintman, Wesleyan University, and Kurtis Schaeffer, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: Translating Tibetan Buddhism

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:
Holly Gayley, University of Colorado
Amelia Hall, Naropa University
Sarah Harding, Naropa University
Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University
Anne C. Klein, Rice University
Nikko Odiseos, Shambhala Publications
Marcus Perman, Tsadra Foundation
Dominique Townsend, Bard College
Sangseraima Ujeed, University of Oxford
Nicole Willock, Old Dominion University
Tom Yarnall, Columbia University

A23-132 Exploratory Sessions
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Seminary of the Southwest, Presiding
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *The Future of Anglican Studies*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Joy McDougall, Emory University
Lizette Larson-Miller, Huron University College
Sheryl A. Kujawa-Holbrook, Claremont School of Theology, Claremont Graduate University
Martyn W. Percy, University of Oxford
Pui Lan Kwok, Emory University
Stephen E. Fowl, Loyola College
Scott MacDougall, Church Divinity School of the Pacific

Responding:

Mark Chapman, Ripon College, Cuddesdon

Business Meeting:

Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Seminary of the Southwest

A23-133

**Wildcard Session**

Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Defining Digital Theology*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Stephen Garner, University of Auckland
Jonas Kurlberg, Durham University
Katherine Schmidt, Molloy College
Peter Phillips, Durham University

Responding:

Heidi Ann Campbell, Texas A&M University
Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A23-134
Women's Caucus
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Theme: *Creating and Expanding Public Spheres and Climate Change*

Saturday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Rosalind F. Hinton, Tulane University
*The Women of Cancer Alley, at the Center of the Public Sphere*

Kim Martinez, Northwest University
*Human Flourishing in the Fourth Industrial Revolution*

Julia Enxing, University of Dresden
*Ecological Literacy Should Be the Foundation for Religious Education: Re-Visioning Teaching Systematic Theology*

Jennifer Owens-Jofré, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and Abby Mohaupt, Drew University
*Theological Education in the Mobile Classroom: Working toward Justice for Migrants and Climate Justice along the Border*

Responding:

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

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Saturday - 11:30 AM-1:00 PM

A23-135
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

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Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

A23-136
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Luncheon
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, and Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

A23-137
Applied Religious Studies Committee Meeting
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

A23-138
LGBTIQ Creating Connections Lunch
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University, Presiding
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:

Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Amanullah Sondy, Ithaca College
Roger A. Sneed, Furman University
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Activist Theology Project
S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University

A23-139
Women's Caucus
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Theme: Presenting at the AAR/SBL Annual Conference Made Easy
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:

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

A23-140
Plenary Panel: Redefining the Public Sphere: The Case of Twenty-First Century Islam
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College, Presiding
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:

Linda Komaroff, Los Angeles County Museum of Art
Saturday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core
Kameelah Rashad, Muslim Wellness Foundation

Saturday - 12:00 PM-1:00 PM
P23-200
12 Step Recovery Support Meeting
Saturday - 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
A23-200
American Lectures in the History of Religions
DUniversity of North Carolinaan Williams, University of Southern California, Presiding

Theme: The Cinematic Sacred: A Neglected Genre and Its Depictions of Suffering

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Panelists:
Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University
Responding:
Molly Farneth, Haverford College
David Morgan, Duke University

A23-201
Applied Religious Studies Committee
J. Shawn Landres, University of California, Los Angeles, and Sara Kamali, University of Oxford, Presiding

Theme: Housing, Health, and Equity: Government as a Site for Intersectional Justice

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Panelists:
Lois Capps, U.S. Congress (retired)
Sadaf Jaffer, Princeton University

A23-202
Employment Workshop: Skills for the Non-Faculty Job Search
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelist:
Maren Wood, Beyond the Professoriate

A23-203
Public Understanding of Religion Committee and the Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting
Evan Berry, American University, Presiding

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Responding:
Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University

A23-204
Publications Committee
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, and S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding

Theme: How to Get Published in Religious Studies Journals
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:
Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College
Johan Strijdom, University of South Africa
Jimmy Yu, Florida State University

A23-205
Regions Forum
Katherine Downey, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Theme: The AAR 365

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:
Matthew Vaughan, Columbia University
Mari Kim, Everett Community College
Cynthia Hogan
Brian Clearwater, Occidental College
Tiffany Puett, Institute for Diversity and Civic Life, Austin, TX

A23-206
Status of LGBTIQ Persons, Persons with Disabilities, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and Women in the Profession Committees
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

Theme: Weaponization of the Mexico/USA Border

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College
Amrah Salomon, University of California, San Diego
Ricardo Gallego, San Diego LGBTQ Community Center
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Activist Theology Project
Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton
Robert Chao Romero, Matthew 25 Movement

A23-207
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Love Thy Neighbour and Thyself: Recognising and Cultivating Mental and Emotional Health for Students and Self

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
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Panelist:

Katelynn Carver, University of St Andrews

A23-208
Teaching and Learning Committee
Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College, Presiding

Theme: *Death to the Term Paper! Building Better Assignments and Assessments*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelist:

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA

A23-209
Theological Education Committee
Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *Is Theological Education Entering a Post-Christian Future?*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary
Nevin Reda, University of Toronto
Daijaku Judith Kinst, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Graduate Theological Union
Viraj Patel, University of Chicago
Roger Green, Metropolitan State University of Denver

Responding:

Ramon Luzarraga, Benedictine University Mesa

A23-210
African Religions Unit
David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *Religious Politics, Governance, and Citizenship in Africa*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Ayodeji Ogunnaike, Harvard University
*Separation of Tradition and State: Yoruba Sacred Kings, Governance, and Religion*

Dorcas Dennis, Florida International University
"You Can Be a Citizen of Mars": "Token of Passport" Rituals, International Migrations, and Ghana’s Neo-Prophetics

Jakub Urbaniak, St. Augustine College of South Africa, and Tshinyalani Khorommbi, St Augustine College of South Africa
*Religion, Political Leadership and Governance: Christianity’s Role in the Rise and Fall of Jacob Zuma*

Lee Scharnick-Udemans, University of the Western Cape
*The State of Religion in South Africa: Negotiating Diversity and Deviance*

Business Meeting:

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds
David Amponsah, University of Pennsylvania

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**A23-211**

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

Matthew Cressler, College of Charleston, and Ambre Dromgoole, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: * Africana Religious Studies: Fifty Years since the Black Revolution on Campus*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College
Ras Michael Brown, Southern Illinois University
Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University
LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College
Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
Alexia Williams, Yale University
**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

**Business Meeting:**

Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University  
Lerone Martin, Washington University, St. Louis

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**A23-212**  
**Anthropology of Religion Unit**  
Aftab Jassal, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Spirits: New Discussions on Human-Spirit Interactions*

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

**Panelists:**

Taciana Pontes, University of California, San Diego  
Babak Rahimi, University of San Diego  
Jon Bialecki, University of California, San Diego

**Business Meeting:**

James Bielo, Miami University  
Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland

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**A23-213**  
**Body and Religion Unit and Religion and Food Unit**  
Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Food, and Bodily Practices*

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

Joseph Vignone, Harvard University  
"Plain Nonsense!" Diet, Medicine and Scholarly Memory

E. Sundari Johansen Hurwitt, California Institute of Integral Studies  
*Voracious Virgin, Desirous Devi: Feeding the Kumārī as an Inversion of the Kaula Sex Ritual*

Gwendolyn Gillson, Oberlin College  
*Consuming Buddhism: Women and Transnational Buddhist (Dis)Connections through Food and Body*
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania
*Divine Digestion: The Oneida Community’s Theology of Eating*

Responding:

Elizabeth Pérez, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University
Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville

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**A23-214**

**Buddhism Unit and Chinese Religions Unit**

Anna Sun, Kenyon College, Presiding

Theme: *Salvific Beasts: Buddhist Discourses on Liberating Animals in Medieval China*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Kelsey Seymour

*Feathered and Fluent: The Liberation of Parrots through Human Speech in Medieval Chinese Buddhism*

Alan Wagner, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Collège de France

*Dumb Animals? Comparing Chan and Tiantai Views of Animals' Abilities in Two Song Liturgies for Releasing Living Creatures*

Christopher Jensen, McMaster University

*Moral Exemplars and Miraculous Responses: Rhetorics of Animal/Human Interaction in the Biographies of Eminent Monks Literature*

Stuart Young, Bucknell University

*A Silkworm Cosmology: The Ethics, Economics, and Samsaric Scope of Sericulture in Medieval Chinese Buddhism*

Responding:

Huaiyu Chen, Arizona State University

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**A23-215**

**Christian Spirituality Unit**

Lisa E. Dahill, California Lutheran University, Presiding
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *Water, Christian Spirituality, and Indigenous Spirituality*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Amy Echeverria, Oblate School of Theology
*A Christian Spirituality of the Oceans: The Common Good and Our Common Seas*

Colleen Carpenter, St. Catherine University
*Mni Wiconi/Water is Life: Native American and Christian Spiritualities at Standing Rock*

Rachel Wheeler, University of Portland
*The Revelatory Tide: Desert Spirituality and Contemporary Water Crises*

Kiara Jorgenson, St. Olaf College
*I Speak for the Water: Ojibwe Nibi Grandmothers and Watershed Discipleship in Midwestern Protestant Communities*

Business Meeting:

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

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**A23-216**

*Cognitive Science of Religion and Comparative Studies of Religion and International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion*

Claire Kravette, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Theme: *Comparing Non-Ordinary Experiences across Cultures: Methodological Innovations and Findings from the US and India*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Development and Design of the Inventory of Nonordinary Experiences (INOE)*

Melissa Gordon Wolf, University of California, Santa Barbara, and Elliott Ihm, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Validation Methods and Results of the Inventory of Nonordinary Experiences (INOE) in the US and India*

Michael Barlev, Arizona State University
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Implementation and Preliminary Findings of the Inventory of Nonordinary Experiences (INOE) in the US and India

Maharshi Vyas, University of California, Santa Barbara

What Were People Thinking? Implications of Testing the Inventory of Nonordinary Experiences (INOE) for Cross-Cultural Research

A23-217
Contemporary Islam Unit, and Islam, Gender, Women Unit, and Islamic Mysticism Unit, and Qur'an Unit, and Study of Islam Unit
Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont, and Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College

Presiding

Theme: Mentoring and Networking Session

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A23-218
Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit
Ashley Purpura, Purdue University, Presiding


Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Tia Kolbaba, Rutgers University
Derek Krueger, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Leonora Neville, University of Wisconsin
Grant Schrama, Queen's University

Responding:

George Demacopoulos, Fordham University

A23-219
Ecclesiological Investigations Unit
Miriam Perkins, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Presiding
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: Doing Public Theology: Theologians and Theological Academic Institutions in Public Spaces

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Stephen Okey, Saint Leo University
*Public Theology Goes Digital: Diffuse, Discarnate, Distracted, but Desirable*

Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College
*Rival Powers: Toward a Catholic Eco-Public Theology*

Andrew Suderman, Eastern Mennonite University
*Which Space Counts as “Public”? South African Public Theology and Black (or Prophetic) Theology’s Response*

Deepan Rajaratnam, Saint Louis University
*The Spirit Has Called Me, The Church Should Install Me: The Theologian as an Ecclesially Respositioned Public Intellectual*

Business Meeting:

Brian Flanagan, Marymount University
Vladimir Latinovic, University of Tübingen

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**A23-220**

Ethics Unit and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Liberation Theologies Unit and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit

Jennifer Owens-Jofré, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Teaching in Times of Crisis: Practices and Promises of Liberative Pedagogies

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Kyle Brooks, Vanderbilt University
Kyle Lambelet, Emory University
Jennifer Quigley, Harvard University
Michael A. Walker, North Park Theological Seminary
Salih Sayilgan, Wesley Theological Seminary
Mary Emily Duba, University of Chicago
Jaisy Joseph, Seattle University
A23-221
Gay Men and Religion Unit
Michael Pettinger, NYU, Presiding

Theme: Who Do You Say I Am? Religious Constructions of Gay Male Identity

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

William Stell, Princeton University
Explaining Away the Good Gay: Christianity Today and Homonormativity before the Christian Right

David Brakke, Ohio State University
Male Homoeroticism, Priestly Identity, and Visionary Judgment in the Gospel of Judas

Samuel Ernest, Yale University
Entering Sodom

William Summay, Asbury Theological Seminary
The Ecclesial Homosexual: The Liberation of Gay-Christian Subjectivity in the Works of John Zizioulas and Didier Eribon

Business Meeting:

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University

A23-222
Hinduism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit and Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
John Nemec, University of Virginia, Presiding


Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Barbara A. Holdrege, University of California, Santa Barbara
Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago
Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen
Lloyd W. Pflueger, Truman State University
Paul E. Muller-Ortega, Blue Throat Yoga
P. Pratap Kumar, University of Kwazulu Natal
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Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

David Haberman, Indiana University
Joseph Prabhu, California State University, Los Angeles
Pravrajika Vrajaprana, Vedanta Society of Southern California

A23-223
Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit
Natalia Marandiuc, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Kierkegaard on Alterity: Fear, Difference, and Our Shared Humanity, Part I*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Aaron Goldman, Harvard University
"*Your Wife Must First and Foremost Be to You the Neighbor*": Preferences, Otherness, and the Problem of Special Relationships in Kierkegaard’s Works of Love

Tomer Raudanski, Humboldt University
Two Meanings of Nihilism in Kierkegaard’s Aporia of Inoperative Death

Michael Oliver, University of Oxford
The Deconstructive Supplement of Kierkegaard’s Erotic Love as Political Resource

Michael Durant, Boston College
*Kierkegaard, Kenotic Love, and Preservation of Self and Other*

A23-224
Law, Religion, and Culture Unit
Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, Law, USA: Key Terms in the Study of Law, Religion, and Culture*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Shari Rabin, College of Charleston
Time

Zareena Grewal, Yale University
Scripture

Benjamin Schonthal, University of Otago
Law
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Anna Bialek, Washington University, St. Louis
*Justice*

Responding:

Joshua Dubler, University of Rochester

Business Meeting:

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University
Richard Amesbury, Clemson University

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**A23-225**

*Philosophy of Religion Unit and Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit*

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Bataille, Blackness, and the Tumultuous Sacred*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
*The Obscenity of Recognition: Bataille among the Afropessimists*

J. Kameron Carter, Indiana University
*Bataille in Black Feminism’s Wake (Towards a Poetics of the Sacred)*

Danube Johnson, Harvard University
*Bataille and Fanon in Hobbes’ Colonial Sovereignty*

Joseph Winters, Duke University
*Between Ecstasy and Anguish: Black Studies and the Excessive Sacred*

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**A23-226**

*Reformed Theology and History Unit*

Paul Nimmo, University of Aberdeen, Presiding

Theme: *Book Panel Session: The Providence of God: A Polyphonic Approach by David Fergusson*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

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

Matthew Levering, University of St. Mary of the Lake
Judith Wolfe, University of St Andrews
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University
Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary

Responding:

David Fergusson, University of Edinburgh

Business Meeting:

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Paul Nimmo, University of Aberdeen

A23-227  
Ritual Studies Unit
Martin Pehal, Charles University, Presiding

Theme: *Ritualized Demonstrations of Feeling and Intention in the Contemporary West: Tell and Show*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Caroline Kory, Brown University
*Improv Comedy: Can Ritualized Humor Encourage Social Change?*

Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études
*“Let the Spontaneous Hugging Begin!” Pointedly Meaningful Hugging as a Ritual Act*

Leigh Ann Hildebrand, Graduate Theological Union
*“Tip Your Bootblack!” – Remuneration, Ritual, and Community Reception*

Business Meeting:

Michael Houseman, École Pratique des Hautes Études
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

A23-228  
Roman Catholic Studies Unit
B. Kevin Brown, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Theme: *Catholicism, Clericalism, and Sexual Abuse*
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Mary Kate Holman, Fordham University
*Clerics Without Clericalism? Catholic Structural Reform in Light of the Sexual Abuse Crisis and the French Worker-Priest Movement (1943-1954)*

Daniel Cosacchi, Fairfield University
*Is Forgiveness Possible?: Clerical Sex Abuse and a New Creation*

Annie Selak, Boston College
*The Wounded Church: An Ecclesiological Analysis of the Sex Abuse Crisis in the Catholic Church Through the Lens of Trauma Theory*

Responding:
Megan McCabe, Gonzaga University

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**A23-229**

Sociology of Religion Unit and Critical Research on Religion

Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: Du Bois, the Color Line, and the Sociology of Religion

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Leah Lomotey-Nakon, Vanderbilt University
*Du Bois and Public Pedagogy*

Mark S. Cladis, Brown University
*Du Bois: The Poet-Sociologist*

Hannah Garvey, Indiana University
*The Form of the Color Line: Du Boisian Charts, Antiabsorption, and the "Strange Meaning of Being Black"*

Amanda Ryan, University of Nebraska, Omaha
*Latino/a Jewish Identity Formation and Limitations*

Responding:
Edward Blum, San Diego State University
**Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

**Business Meeting:**

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University  
Warren S. Goldstein, Center for Critical Research on Religion

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**A23-230**

**Space, Place, and Religion Unit and Women and Religion Unit**

Courtney Bruntz, Doane University, Presiding

Theme: *Power, Gender, Place*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College  
*Cultivation through Collaboration and Conservation: Gender and Power in Jewish Community Farming Spaces*

Hillary Langberg, Huston-Tillotson University  
*Enter the Goddess: The Transference of Ritual Power in the Mahāyāna-related Sculpture of an Indian Buddhist Cave Site (ca. Sixth Century CE)*

Matthew Mitchell, Allegheny College  
*Mutually Empowering: Displaying the Kami and Buddhas in the Women’s Quarters of the Shogun’s Castle in Early Modern Japan*

Krista Riley, Vanier College  
*Documenting, Changing, and Reimagining Women’s Mosque Spaces Online*

Responding:

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University

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**A23-231**

**Tantric Studies Unit**

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

Theme: *Digital Tantra*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Dheepa Sundaram, University of Denver
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

*YouTube Yogis, Neo-Tantric Healing Practices, and a Twofold Sanitization of Yoga*

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University  
*Dark Webs: Tantra and Black Magic in Cyberspace*

Sravana Borkataky-Varma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington  
*WhatsApp Bagalā!!*

Seth Ligo, Duke University  
*Mapping Mandalas: Tantric Constructs in a Puranic City*

Renee Ford, Rice University  
*Scandals Heard Around the World: How the Internet Changes Vajrayana Buddhism*

Finnian Moore Gerety, Brown University  
*Warning: Ancient Tantric Frequencies*: Videos of Tantric Mantras and Seed Syllables on *YouTube*

Responding:

Xenia Zeiler, University of Helsinki

Business Meeting:

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin  
Glen Hayes, Bloomfield College

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**A23-232**  
Theology and Religious Reflection Unit  
Linn Tonstad, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *Anger: Leashed and Unleashed*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University  
Dana Lloyd, Washington University, St. Louis  
Elizabeth Antus, Boston College  
Andrew Prevot, Boston College
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Responding:

Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

A23-233
Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Benjamin Bogin, Skidmore College, Presiding

Theme: \textit{New Research in Tibetan and Himalayan Religions}

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Yi Ding, Stanford University
\textit{Visualizing the Feast and the Feast for Visualization: The \textit{Gaṇacakra} as a Communal Liturgy in Early Tibetan Buddhism}

James Gentry, University of Virginia
\textit{The Indian “Five Protections” in Tibet: Influences of a Pragmatic Ritual Collection in Tibetan Treasure Traditions}

Eric Haynie, University of Michigan
\textit{Should You Stay or Should You Go: Place, Pilgrimage, and the Past-Future of Buddhist Tradition in Seventeenth Century Tibet}

Christopher Hiebert, University of Virginia
\textit{“Naturally Complete?”: Shenpen Tayé (1800–1855) and the Place of the Great Perfection in the Rise of Modern Nyingma Monastic Education.}

Business Meeting:

Nicole Willock, Old Dominion University

A23-234
World Christianity Unit
Carlos Cardoza-Orlandi, Baylor University, Presiding

Theme: \textit{New Developments in World Christianity: A Transnational and Multi-Disciplinary Conversation}

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Deanna Womack, Emory University
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Protestants, Gender and the Arab Renaissance in Late Ottoman Syria

Christie Chui-Shan Chow, City Seminary of New York

Vision and Division: Seventh-Day Adventists and Denominational Schisms in Contemporary China

Raimundo Barreto, Princeton Theological Seminary

Decolonizing Ecumenism: Latin America and the Ecumenical Movement

Allison Norton, Hartford Seminary

Migrant God, Migrant Faith

Business Meeting:

Corey Williams, Leiden University
Briana Wong, Princeton Theological Seminary

A23-235
Navarātri Seminar
Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Theme: Transnational Navarātri

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Anne Mocko, Concordia College
Nepali Navarātri in North Dakota

Jodi Shaw, University of Florida
The Quiet Transformative Quality of Home, Hearth, and Friends: Embodiment of Tradition in Domestic Observances of Navarātri in North Central Florida

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona
Remembering the Goddess in the Desert: Diaspora Navarātri in Arizona

Business Meeting:

Caleb Simmons, University of Arizona
Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University

A23-236
New Directions in the Study of Religion, Monsters, and the Monstrous Seminar
Natasha Mikles, Texas State University, Presiding
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

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Steven Engler, Mount Royal University
*The Semantics of Monsters*

Gerardo Rodriguez, St. Norbert College
*Monsters and Racism: Dynamics of Marginalization and Desecration*

Stephanie Budwey, Vanderbilt University
"I Am a Monster": *Intersex and Society’s Creation of Monsters*

Melissa Conroy, Muskingum University
*Ingenious Monsters: The Trials of Antide Collas and M.C.*

Business Meeting:

Kelly Murphy, Central Michigan University
Joseph Laycock, Texas State University

A23-237

**New Materialism, Religion, and Planetary Thinking Seminar**
Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, Presiding

Theme: *Publications Meeting*

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

John A. Grim, Yale University
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Karen Bray, Wesleyan College
Joerg Rieger, Vanderbilt University
Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

A23-238

**Women’s Caucus**
Alicia Panganiban, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding
Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles, Presiding
Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: Saturday Emerging Scholars: Redefining Fields: Considering New Resources

Saturday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Alejandro Escalante, University of North Carolina
Deborah Fulthrop, SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary
Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union
Geoff Seymour, University of Ottawa

Responding:

Sarah Bloesch, Elon University
Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Earlham School of Religion
Meredith Minister, Shenandoah University
Susan Shaw, Oregon State University

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A23-300
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Academic Relations Committee and Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee
Elizabeth Lemons, Tufts University, Presiding

Theme: Student Evaluations: What They’re Good For, How They’re Biased, and Ways to Use Them to Your Advantage

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Charisse Baron, Brown University
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa
Jonathan H. X. Lee, San Francisco State University
Jessica Tinklenberg, Claremont University Consortium
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A23-301
Applied Religious Studies Committee
Annette Stott, University of Denver, Presiding

Theme: Preparing Scholars of Religion for Non-Academic Careers: What’s a Faculty Member to Do?

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Sylvia Chan-Malik, Rutgers University
Caroline T. Schroeder, University of the Pacific
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

A23-302
Employment Workshop: Who Am I? Disclosing Your Identity in the Academic Job Search
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelist:

Karen Kelsky, The Professor Is In

A23-303
Program Committee
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, and Robert N. Puckett, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Theme: How to Propose a New Program Unit

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A23-304
Public Understanding of Religion Committee
Mara Willard, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: Book Panel: Who Owns Religion? Scholars and Their Publics in the Late Twentieth Century by Laurie L. Patton

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

Leela Prasad, Duke University
Erik Owens, Boston College

Responding:

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

A23-305
Publications Committee and Status of Women in the Profession Committee
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

Theme: Women and Publishing

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College
Elaine Maisner, University of North Carolina Press
Lisa Sideris, Indiana University
Catherine Wessinger, Loyola University, New Orleans

A23-306
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Mastering Online Education: Effective and Engaging Teaching in a Digital Classroom

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelist:

Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University

A23-307
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Ricoeur Unit
Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University, Presiding

Theme: Literature of Virtues
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Nathaniel Samuel, St. Thomas University
*Teaching for Civic Agency in a Polarized Society: Insights from Ricoeur’s Narrative Hermeneutic*

Craig A. Boyd, St. Louis University
*Was Tolkien a Moral Theologian? Exploring the Virtues in Middle-Earth*

Travis Pickell, University of Virginia
*Feet of Clay: Frederick Buechner on Virtue, Saintliness, and Narrative*

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**A23-308**
*Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Buddhism in the West Unit and Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit*

Joseph Cheah, University of Saint Joseph, Presiding

**Theme:** *Buddhism and American Belonging Roundtable*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Panelists:**

Mark Unno, University of Oregon
Sharon A. Suh, Seattle University
Jan Willis, Wesleyan University
Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy
Tammy Ho, Univ. of California Riverside
Mushim Ikeda, East Bay Meditation Center

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**A23-309**
*Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit*

Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University, Presiding

**Theme:** *Augustine on Prayer*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Alex Fogleman, Baylor University
*The Form of Desire: Augustine on the Lord’s Prayer in the Traditio Orationis*

Zachary Settle, Vanderbilt University
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Praying While We Work: On Augustine’s Re-Thinking of Labor in Liturgical Terms

Charles Kim, Saint Louis University
*Rusticus in agro: Prayer and the Preacher’s Work in s. 152*

Responding:

Jonathan Teubner, Australian Catholic University

Business Meeting:

Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa

**A23-310**
Black Theology Unit

Ben Sanders, Eden Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *James Cone and the Black Radical Tradition: Black Theology, Solidarity, and Violence*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Alease Brown, Stellenbosch University
*Christian Theology and the Problematic Concept of “Non-Violent” Protest from the Perspective of Blackness*

Aaron Shepherd, University of Massachusetts, Lowell
*Revolution, Violence, and Reconciliation: Reflections on Black Insurrectionist Theology*

Matthew Vega, University of Chicago
*The Internationalist Vision of Black Theology and Black Power: Toward a Theology of Solidarity between Black Americans and Palestinians*

Taurean Webb, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
*Fake Alters and False Idols: The Possibilities and Limitations of Black–Palestine Solidarity in Contemporary US Afro-Christian Theologies and Spaces*

**A23-311**
Body and Religion Unit

George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *Gestures of Protest, Resistance, and Critique*
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Sarah Dove, Ohio State University
*To Take a Stand: Body, Gesture and Protest in the Divided United Methodist Church*

Courtney Bryant, Manhattan
*Erotic Care of the Soul*

Eric Hoenes del Pinal, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
*Religious Movement and Its Critics: Gesture and Religious Conflict in Highland Guatemala*

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**A23-312**  
**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**  
Daniel Wade McClain, College of William and Mary, Presiding

Theme: *Poetic Favor: Reflections on Grace and the Arts*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Andrew Shamel, University of Oxford
*The Gift of Creation: Grace and Participation in a Christian Theology of Creativity and Making*

Rachel Toombs, Yellowstone Theological Institute
*"Almost Imperceptible Intrusions of Grace": Flannery O’Connor’s Spare Stories and Her Readers*

Stephen Wright, Nazarene Theological College
*Seeing Again: Grace in Photography*

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**A23-313**  
**Comparative Studies in Religion Unit**  
Brenna Moore, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Reductionism: Applying and Adjusting Robert Orsi’s Metric of Presence across Religions*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Nancy M. Martin, Chapman University
*Encountering Presence in Twentieth-Century India: Indira Devi Meets Mirabai*

Corinne Dempsey, Nazareth College
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Making Presence Palatable: Sacred Encounters among the Elderly across Cultures

Easten Law, Georgetown University
Mapping Everyday Interreligious Encounters among Chinese Christians in Shanghai

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
Orsi’s History and Presence in Light of Rāmānuja’s Understanding of Real Presence

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
The Extraordinary Presence of the Ordinary

Responding:

Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University

A23-314
Contemporary Islam Unit
Candace Mixon, Macalester College, Presiding

Theme: Humanism, Humanity, and the Environment in Islamic Ethics

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Norah Elmagraby, Emory University
"Is the Deen Green?: The Environment in the Authoritative Islamic Discourse in Saudi Arabia"

Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley
An Islamic Dramaturgy of Despair in the Wake of the Syrian War

Abdul Rahman Mustafa, University of Edinburgh
Gratitude, Gift and Sovereignty: Political Theology and Environmental Ethics in Radical Islamic Thought

Taraneh Wilkinson
Dynamical Conscience and Religious Humanism in Turkish Islam

Responding:

Sarra Tlili, University of Florida

A23-315
Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit
Mona Oraby, Amherst College, Presiding
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: *Modernity's Resonances*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
Caleb Smith, Yale University
Donovan Schaefer, University of Pennsylvania
Emily Ogden, University of Virginia

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**A23-316**

**Daoist Studies Unit**

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *The "Dao" in the World: How Daoism Became Daoism in the Age of Globalization*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Marc Lebranchu, École Pratique des Hautes Études

*Globalization of Taoism: The Case of Europe*

Fenggang Yang, Purdue University

*Sinicization of Taoism? No Kidding!*

Nikolas Broy, Leipzig University

*Spiritual Poaching or Authentic Dao? Daoist-Oriented Teachings in the Global Spread of Yiguandao*

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**A23-317**

**Death, Dying, and Beyond Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit**

Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: *Death, Dying, and Climate Change*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Susannah Crockford, Ghent University

*Mourning the End of the World: Climate Change, Ecological Grief, and Living beyond Hope*
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Sarah Stewart-Kroeker, University of Geneva
*Sacrifice in the Face of Climate Devastation*

Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary
*From Alarm to Autopsy: Climate Change and the Role of Death in Contemporary Christian Hope*

__A23-318__
**Ecclesial Practices Unit and Practical Theology Unit**
Michael Grigoni, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Christian Theology and Ethnography in Intersection: Engaging Todd Whitmore’s Imitating Christ in Magwi: An Anthropological Theology* (Bloomsbury, 2019)

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University
Ted A. Smith, Emory University
Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College
Mary Clark Moschella, Yale University

Responding:

Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

__A23-319__
**Gay Men and Religion Unit and Religion and Sexuality Unit and African Association for the Study of Religions**
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Presiding

Theme: *Kenyan, Christian, Queer: Religion, LGBT Activism, and Arts of Resistance in Africa* by Adriaan van Klinken

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University
Sarojini Nadar, University of the Western Cape
Nathanael Homewood, Rice University
Nina Hoel, University of Oslo
Responding:

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

**A23-320**

**Hinduism Unit and Indian and Chinese Religions Compared and Yogācāra Studies Unit**

Eyal Aviv, George Washington University, Presiding

Theme: *Yogācāra and Vedānta in Modern Chinese and Indian Thought*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jessica Zu, Princeton University

*The Global Flow of Darwinism and A New Yogācāra in Modern China*

Daniel Raveh, Tel Aviv University

*Sri Aurobindo and Neo-Vedānta*

Nalini Bhushan, Smith College

*Modern Philosophy of Science from a Vedanta Perspective: A Case Study*

Jingjing Li, McGill University

*From the Yogācāra Concept of Consciousness to the Modern Confucian Doctrine of Volition*

**A23-321**

**Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit and Lesbian-Feminisms and Religion Unit**

Amy Michelle DeBaets, Oakland University, Presiding

Theme: *Imagining New Worlds: Intersectional Visions for the Future of Religion and Technology*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University

*The “Prosthetic Erratic” as a Symbol for Disability Eschatology*

Myrna Sheldon, Ohio University

*Justice and Life in Reproductive Enhancements*

Responding:

J. Jeanine Thweatt, Flagler College
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A23-322
International Development and Religion Unit
John Rees, University of Notre Dame, Australia, Presiding

Theme: Religion, Development, and Humanitarian Aid - Part I

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Leonie Geiger, University of Bonn
"Saving Women by Empowering Them": Constructions of Gender and Religion in German Christian Development Agencies

Marie Stettler Kleine, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Proselytizing Problem-Solving: Religion and the Training of “Engineers-for-Good”

John Blevins, Emory University
Consequences Intended and Unintended: Re-Thinking the Effects of the Newfound Appreciation of Religion in the Field of International Development

Business Meeting:

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds
Christopher Duncanson-Hales, University of Sudbury

A23-323
Islamic Mysticism Unit and Religion in South Asia Unit
Sarah Pierce Taylor, Concordia University, Presiding

Theme: Cultivating Devotion to the Prophet in Pre-Modern South Asia

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Usman Hamid, University of Toronto
Enshrining Devotion to the Prophet in Mughal India

Ayesha Irani, University of Massachusetts, Boston
Translation as Devotion, Translation as Mission: Representations of the Prophet Muhammad in the Making of Bengali Islam

Fatima Quraishi, University of California, Riverside
Prophetic Images: Religious Devotion in Nineteenth-Century Kashmir
**Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

Simon Leese, SOAS, University of London  
*Sensory Pilgrimages and Encounters with the Prophet: Performing the Hajj through Arabic and Urdu Poetry in the 18th and 19th Centuries*

Responding:

Karen Ruffle, University of Toronto

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**A23-324**  
**Japanese Religions Unit**  
Tim Graf, Nanzan University, Presiding  

Theme: *Living Right: “Life” (Inochi) in Millennial Japan*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College  
Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, Ohio State University  
Heather Blair, Indiana University

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**A23-325**  
**Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit**  
Kristen E. Kvam, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding  

Theme: *The Annotated and Global Luther: Producing and Using the Volumes (in Classroom and Beyond)*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Wanda Deifelt, Luther College  
Derek Nelson, Wabash College  
Jayakiran Sebastian, United Lutheran Seminary  
Kirsi Stjerna, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**A23-326**  
**Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit and ARC: Arts | Religion | Culture**  
Callid Keefe-Perry, ARC: Arts | Religion | Culture, Presiding

**Theme:** *Creative Practice, Community Healing, and Trauma’s Wake: Theopoetics in Conversation with Moral Injury*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Ashley Theuring, Xavier University

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**A23-327**  
**Philosophy of Religion Unit**  
Kevin Schilbrack, Appalachian State University, Presiding

**Theme:** *4E Cognition and Philosophy of Religion*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Joel Krueger, University of Exeter

*Religious Cognition and the Extended Mind*

Jonathan Russell, Claremont Graduate University

*Feminist Philosophy of Religion, Ritual Theory, and 4E Cognition*

Teed Rockwell, Sonoma State University

*Extended Mind and Theological Dualism*

Erin Kidd, St. John's University

*Embodied Cognition, Whiteness, and the Racial Imagination*

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**A23-328**  
**Political Theology Unit**  
Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

**Theme:** *Political Theology and Decolonialism*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
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Rafael Vizcaino, Rutgers University
Decolonizing the Postsecular

Aseel Najib, Columbia University
The Sunni Imamate: Politics, Religion, or Neither?

Joi Orr, Emory University
The Peculiarity of Black Sovereign Citizens: Martyrs, Saints, and the Brazenly Criminal

J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto
Policing “Secular Heresy”: Religion and the Law of Sedition in Colonial India

Business Meeting:

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

A23-329
Qur’an Unit
Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University, Presiding

Theme: Sound, Orality, and the Qur’an

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Lien Fina, Sunan Kalijaga State Islamic University
Speaking Politics through the Qur’an: Oral Interpretation of the Qur’an in Contemporary Sufi Gatherings in Indonesia

Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University
When Sound Becomes Noise: The Production of Pious Soundscapes in the Qur’an, Sunnah, and Early Islamic Medical Ethics

Tim Orr, Indiana University Purdue University, Columbus
The Qur’an’s Composition: Assessing Andrew Bannister’s Oral Formulaic Study of the Quran

Responding:

Lauren Osborne, Whitman College

A23-330
Religion and Cities Unit
Elise Edwards, Baylor University, Presiding
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: *Making and Breaking Urban Space: Religious Engagement with Visual Culture*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
*Modern Exodus: The Black Religious Space of New Deal Public Art*

Edward Dunar, Fordham University
*Murals beneath the Expressway: Dangerous Memory in Chicano Park*

Kevin Hargaden, Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice
*(Irish) Neoliberalism’s Ruins: Ghost and Vacant Properties as Sign-Posts of Idolatry*

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A23-331
**Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit**

Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Author-Meets-Critics Panel on the Third Disestablishment: Church, State, and American Culture, 1940-1975*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Mark A. Chancey, Southern Methodist University
Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
Nathan Walker, 1791 Delegates LLC

Responding:

Steven Green, Willamette University

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A23-332
**Religion and the Social Sciences Unit**

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Immigration, Transnationalism, and the Construction of Difference*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Robert Heimburger, Fundación Universitaria Seminario Bíblico de Colombia
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Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Does Colombia Need Forgiveness to Achieve Peace? Colombian Conflict Survivors and Internally Displaced Persons’ Christian Vision of Forgiveness in Dialogue with Martha Nussbaum’s Philosophy of Forgiveness**

Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University, Denise Daniels, Seattle Pacific University, and Deidra Carroll Coleman, Rice University

*Religious Discrimination in the Workplace: The Role of Religious Tradition*

**Business Meeting:**

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa
Nichole Phillips, Emory University

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**A23-333**

**Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit**

Jill Petersen Adams, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Pedagogy and Affective Knowledge*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Ada Jaarsma, Mount Royal University

*The Affective Life of Pedagogy*

S. Kyle Johnson, Boston College

*Affect, Mysticism, and Orthopathy: An Interdisciplinary Reading of Julian of Norwich*

Justine Ellis, University of Oxford

*“The Integrity of the Teacher”: Challenges for Non-Dualist Pedagogy in Religious Literacy*

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**A23-334**

**Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit**

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding

Theme: *Authors-Meets-Critics: Monica Miller and Chris Driscoll’s Method As Identity: Manufacturing Distance in the Academic Study of Religion (Rowman 2018)*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Panelists:**

Martin Kavka, Florida State University
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Stacey Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University
Yasmina Burezah, University of Bonn
Moritz Klenk, University of Berne

Responding:

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University
Christopher Driscoll, Lehigh University

A23-335
Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Brendan Jamal Thornton, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: Black Evangelical Studies: Reframing the Evangelical Movement in Latin America and the United States

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Rachel Cantave, Swarthmore College
Law is a Battlefield: Hate Speech and Spiritual Warfare in the Brazilian UCKG

Christina Davidson, Harvard University
Born Again Black: Racial Formation Among Dominicans and Brazilians in the African Methodist Episcopal Church

Todne Thomas, Harvard University
Black Evangelicalism and Racialized Skepticism

Responding:

Jualynne E. Dodson, Michigan State University

A23-336
Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Theme: What is Nature? Toward a Science-Engaged Theology of Nature

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Fiona Ellis, University of Roehampton
Helen De Cruz, VU Amsterdam
Celia Deane-Drummond, University of Notre Dame
Christopher Southgate, University of Exeter
Sarah Lane Ritchie, University of Edinburgh

Responding:

Tom McLeish, University of York

A23-337
Sikh Studies Unit
Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Theme: The Function and (Re)Framing of Sikh Literature

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Harjeet Grewal, University of Calgary
Sabd and Sakhi Literature: Guru Gobind Singh at the Banks of the Ganges

Sukhdeep Sembi, University of British Columbia
Headless Heroics: Examining the Kharag Singh Story within the Dasam Granth

Amrit Deol, University of California, Merced

Tejpaul Bainiwal, University of California, Riverside
Reception of Sikh Literature Among Early Sikh American Immigrants

A23-338
Sociology of Religion Unit
Paul Bramadat, University of Victoria, Presiding

Theme: Religion, Spirituality, and Secularity in Cascadia: Fresh Reflections from the Field

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

James K Wellman, University of Washington
**A23-339**

**Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit**

**Theme:** *Tillich and Other Religions*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

*Elliot Ratzman, Lawrence University*

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*Tillich Before After Auschwitz: Jews and Ultimate Concern*

*Kirk MacGregor, McPherson College*

*The New Being in Pure Land Buddhism*

*Bin Song, Washington College*

*The Utopian Seed of Modern Chinese Politics in Ruism (Confucianism) and its Paul Tillich Remed*

Responding:

*Robison B. James, University of Richmond*

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**A23-340**

**Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Unit**

**Theme:** *Transgressing Borders: Immigration and Transformative Pedagogy in Religious Studies Classrooms*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

*Sara Williams, Emory University, and Suzanne Klatt, Miami University*

*On the Borders: A Multiaxial Approach to Transformative Pedagogy on Immigration*

*Kelly Figueroa-Ray, St. Olaf College*

*Even the Cartel Members Pray: Studying Immigration Through the Lens of Lived Theology*

*Cassie Trentaz, Warner Pacific College*
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Crossing Borders and Raising the Stakes: Bridging Higher Education and Community Organizing to Get Real Shit Done in Real Time, a Model

Business Meeting:

Laura Stivers, Dominican University of California

A23-341

Vatican II Studies Unit

Richard Gaillardetz, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: Reconsidering Vatican I: Challenges and Opportunities after 150 Years

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

John Slattery, American Association for the Advancement of Science

Before Gaudium et Spes, Fides et Ratio, or Laudato Si: The Importance of Vatican I’s Dei Filius in Contemporary Conversations of Theology and Science

Peter De Mey, University of Leuven

The Difficult Search for an Adequate Biblical Basis of Episcopal Collegiality at Vatican II: The Clash between Astute Defenders of Vatican I and Advocates for a Better Balance between Pope and Bishops

Dung Trang, Villanova University

Primacy and Synodality: From Vatican II to Pope Francis' Vision of Ecclesial Renewal in "Evangelii Gaudium"

Responding:

Kristin Colberg, St. John's University/College of St. Benedict

Business Meeting:

Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University

A23-342

Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit

Priscilla Pope-Levison, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: Wesleyans and Methodists and the Variety of Late-Twentieth-Century Theological Methodologies
Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kenneth J. Collins, Asbury Theological Seminary
*Paleo-Orthodoxy and the Diminishment of Theological Method: A Critical Examination of the Theological Agenda of Thomas C. Oden*

Ryan R. Gladwin, Palm Beach Atlantic University
*Faith Seeking Efficacy: José Míguez Bonino as a Wesleyan Theologian*

Brent Peterson, Northwest Nazarene University, and Steven T. Hoskins, Trevecca Nazarene University
*A Theologian of Love: An Assessment of Mildred Bangs Wynkoop’s Impact on the Wesleyan/Holiness Movement and the Church of the Nazarene*

A23-343
*Western Esotericism Unit*
Brigid Burke, Montclair State University, Presiding

*Theme: Authority and Feminine Leadership in Esoteric Groups*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Georgia van Raalte, University of Surrey
*The Authority of Dion Fortune: Performance, Polarity and Mediumship*

Elizabeth Lowry, Arizona State University
*Mina “Margery” Crandon: Gynecology and (Im)purity in the Jazz Age Séance*

Manon Hedenborg White, Södertörn University
*Leah Hirsig, Scarlet Woman: Proximal Authority and Gender in Aleister Crowley’s Thelema*

Business Meeting:

Egil Asprem, Stockholm University

A23-344
*Women and Religion Unit*
Mugdha Yeolekar, California State University, Fullerton, Presiding

*Theme: Alternative Production of Knowledge and Embodied Knowledge*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
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Ailie Posillico, Harvard University
*Words on Fire: Gemma Galgani and the Power of Authorial Voice*

Nicholas Andersen, Brown University
*Facing West with Margaret Fuller: Summer on the Lakes and the Naturalization of US Settler Colonialism*

Haruka Umetsu Cho, Harvard University
*Erotic Desires and Acts as a Woman’s Way of Knowing the Divinity: Reading Arishima Taeko, A Certain Woman*

Responding:

Tamara Lewis, Southern Methodist University

**A23-345**
**World Christianity Unit**
Briana Wong, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Conceptualizing Language within World Christianity*

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary
*World Christianity, Translatability, and the Philosophy of Language*

Rakesh Peter Dass, Hope College
*Tactical Hindi: Christian Politics of Language*

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh
*If I Speak in Human Tongues and Theologies, and Have Not Love: Language and Theology in African and Chinese Christianity*

**A23-346**
**New Directions in the Study of Religion, Monsters, and the Monstrous Seminar**
Michael Heyes, Lycoming College, Presiding

Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kathleen M. Self, St. Lawrence University
*Loki’s Monstrous Brood*
**Saturday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

Esther Hamori, Union Theological Seminary  
*Monster “Family Resemblance” and Identification of the Biblical God’s Entourage of Monsters*

Madadh Richey, University of Chicago  
*Interrogating the Monster/Demon Divide in Biblical Studies: Qeṭev and Dever as Omens of Gory Disorder in Deuteronomy 32, Hosea 13–14, and Habakkuk 3*

Justin Mullis, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
*Dragons of the Prime: Interrogating Monster Taxonomy via the Conflation of Dinosaurs and Dragons*

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

A23-400  
**Friends of the Academy Reception**  
Saturday - 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

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

A23-401  
**Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Teaching and Learning Committee**  
Matthew Bingley, Georgia State University, Presiding  

Theme: *Content Creation and Intellectual Property Panel*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM  

Panelists:  

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA  
Mary E. Hess, Luther Seminary

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A23-402  
**Applied Religious Studies Committee**  
Shreena Gandhi, Michigan State University, Presiding
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Considering Careers and Success outside of Academy: A Book Discussion with Kelly J. Baker*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Kelly J. Baker, Women in Higher Education
Heidi Ippolito, University of Denver / Iliff School of Theology
Sarah "Moxy" Moczygemba, University of Florida
Hussein Rashid, Islamicate, LLC

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**A23-403**

**AAR/SBL Graduate Student Happy Hour**

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

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**A23-404**

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

Munir Jiwa, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Islamophobia: White Supremacy, Ethno-Nationalism, and the Academy*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University
Hatem Bazian, Zaytuna College and University of California, Berkeley
Amir Hussain, Loyola Marymount University

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**A23-405**

**African Religions Unit**

Devaka Premawardhana, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: *Studying Religion with Achille Mbembe*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Emmanuel Buteau, Haitian Institute of Atlanta

*Black Reason within the Bounds of Religion: Achille Mbembe and Haitian Religion*
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

David Ngong, Stillman College
*Honor and Bondage in African Politics: Rethinking Contemporary African Political Theology*

Laura Grillo, Georgetown University
*Mbembe’s Matrix and the Matri-archive: The “Little Secret” to Conjuring away the Postcolonial Spell*

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**A23-406**

**Afro-American Religious History Unit and Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit**

Marlon Millner, Northwestern University, Presiding


Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

N. Fadeke Castor  
Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University  
Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University  
Eziaku Nwokocha, University of Pennsylvania  
Ashon Crawley, University of Virginia

Responding:

Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College

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**A23-407**

**Animals and Religion Unit and Buddhism Unit**

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: *At the Intersection of Buddhist and Animal Studies: Reiko Ohnuma’s Unfortunate Destiny: Animals in the Indian Buddhist Imagination*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Geoffrey Barstow, Oregon State University  
Eric Meyer, Carroll College  
Janet Gyatso, Harvard University
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Aaron Gross, University of San Diego

Responding:

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

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A23-408
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Gloria Maité Hernández, West Chester University, Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: Ritualistic/Artistic Destruction in the Asia-Pacific

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Amy Binning, McGill University

*Burning Buddha: The Unmaking of Tibetan Buddhist Art and Text*

Patricia Giles, Syracuse University

*Encountering the Collapse of Zhang Huan’s Sydney Buddha*

Lisa Beyeler

*“Going Through the Shadow into Light”: Butoh as the Embodiment of Cultural Unraveling*

Business Meeting:

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

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A23-409
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Law, Religion, and Culture Unit
SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, Presiding

Theme: Race, Law, and Asian American Religions

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Khyati Joshi, Fairleigh Dickinson University

*Asian American Religions: A Window on Christian Privilege in America*

Melissa Borja, University of Michigan

*The Sudden Unexplained Nocturnal Death Syndrome (SUNDS) Crisis and the Creation of a Hmong American Religion*
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Justin Stein, Bukkyo University
*Negotiating the Legal Status of Reiki and Other Spiritual Therapies in the United States*

Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Orientalism, Brainwashing, and the Unification Church*

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**A23-410**  
**Chinese Religions Unit**  
Jessey Choo, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: *Disaster and Calamity in Chinese Religions from the Medieval to the Modern Era*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

April Hughes, Boston University  
*Disaster and Calamity in Medieval China*

Katherine Alexander, University of Colorado  
*Disaster and Calamity in Early Modern China*

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Manchester  
*Disaster and Calamity in Modern China*

Responding:

James A. Benn, McMaster University

Business Meeting:

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee  
Anna Sun, Kenyon College

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**A23-411**  
**Christian Systematic Theology Unit**  
Natalie Carnes, Baylor University, Presiding

Theme: *Becoming Creatures and Becoming Gods: Creatureliness and Theosis*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Thomas Breedlove, Baylor University
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

The Grace of Becoming Creature: The “Thorny Flesh” of Gregory of Nyssa

Olli-Pekka Vainio, University of Helsinki
*Deification as a Philosophical Problem*

Elliot Rice, Laidlaw College
*The Cruciform Doctrine of Theosis in Hans Urs von Balthasar’s Theo-Drama*

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**A23-412**  
Class, Religion, and Theology Unit  
Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College, Presiding

Theme: *Labor of Race, Labor of Life*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Laura Lysen, Baylor University  
*To Starve or to Devour? A Theological Reckoning with Contemporary Food Labor*

Gabriel Raeburn, University of Pennsylvania  
*“The Color Line Was Washed Away in the Blood”: The Pentecostal Healing Revivals and the Barriers to Interracial Working-Class Solidarity, 1940s-1960s*

Benjamin Robinson, Southern Methodist University  
*White Dis-Possession: Making Estranged Subjects*

Business Meeting:

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College  
Ken Estey, Brooklyn College

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**A23-413**  
Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit  
Katya Tolstaya, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, Presiding

Theme: *Violence and Eastern Orthodox Christianity*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Philip Dorroll, Wofford College  
*From Srebrenica to ISIS: Comparing Theological Responses to Atrocity*
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Pieter G. R. De Villiers, University of the Free State
An Early Eastern Orthodox Rejection of Violence: The Case of Oecumenius from Isauria

Paul Ladouceur, University of Toronto
Orthodoxy and the Religious and Ethnic Other in Romania

Responding:

Fadi Nasr, Orthodox Youth Movement

Business Meeting:

Brandon Gallaher, University of Exeter

A23-414
Comparative Religious Ethics Unit
Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Theme: Migration Ethics in Comparative Perspective

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Silas Allard, Emory University
Beyond Borders: The Case for Cross-Disciplinary Engagement on Migration

William A. Barbieri, Catholic University of America
Mobilizing Dignity: Migration Ethics, Human Dignity, and Comparative Religious Ethics

A23-415
Contemplative Studies Unit
Niki Clements, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: Varieties of Contemplative Experiences: Mountains, Music, and Memoirs

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Linda Ceriello, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Descent from the Peak: Mystical Navigations of Paradox and Trauma on the Down-Climb

Maria Guarino
Musical Metanoia: Jazz Improvisation as Contemplative Practice
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Stephen Dawson, University of Lynchburg
*Flipped Memoir: Reading and Writing Memoir as Contemplative Practices*

Business Meeting:

Harold D. Roth, Brown University
Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University

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**A23-416**  
**Ecclesiological Investigations Unit**  
Miriam Haar, Lutheran World Federation, Presiding

Theme: *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification: Impact and Reception*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jakob Rinderknecht, University of the Incarnate Word
*Receiving the Joint Declaration: A Test-Case in Bilateral and Multilateral Engagement*

Peter Folan, Boston College
*Getting on the Same Page: The Biblical Hermeneutic Operative in the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*

Veli-Matti Karkkainen, Fuller Theological Seminary
*The Contribution to JDDJ of the New Interpretation of Luther's Theology and Its Potential for an Ecumenical Advancement*

Responding:

William G. Rusch

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**A23-417**  
**Evangelical Studies Unit**  
Vincent Bacote, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: *New Varieties of Evangelicalism*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Douglas Bafford, Brandeis University
*Evangelical Christianity and the Formation of a Multiracial South Africa*

Clifton Clarke, Fuller Theological Seminary
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Black Evangelicals and the MAGA Movement

David Kirkpatrick, James Madison University
Beneath the United States: Global Crime, Decolonization, and the Latin American Evangelical Left

Ronald Potter, Hinds Community College
John M. Perkins and the Possibility of an Evangelical Political Theology Today

Thomas Seat, Princeton Theological Seminary
Religion and Politics in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Assessing Connections between U.S. Evangelicals and Nigerian Pentecostals

A23-418
Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit
Trace Haythorn, ACPE, Inc., Presiding

Theme: Formation and Training in Contemporary Spiritual Care

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:
Margaret Lowe, Bridgewater State University
Daniel Nuzum, ACPE (Ireland) Ltd
Anja Visser, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Robin Pater, University of Groningen
Katherine Rand, Claremont School of Theology
Monica Sanford, Rochester Institute of Technology
Wim Smeets, Radboud University Nijmegen Medical Centre

Responding:
Duane Bidwell, Claremont School of Theology

Business Meeting:

Michael Skaggs, Brandeis University

A23-419
International Development and Religion Unit
John Rees, University of Notre Dame, Australia, Presiding
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Religion, Development, and Humanitarian Aid - Part II*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Olivia Wilkinson, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, and Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds
*Between Local Faith Actors and International Secular Actors for Humanitarian Response in South Sudan*

David King, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis
*Reshaping the Debates of Religion and International Development: American Evangelicals and Global Population Control*

Mike Clark, Global Aid Pro
*Achieving Aid Effectiveness through Localized Humanitarian Diplomacy: Cultural and Normative Perspectives for Faith-Based Organizations*

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**A23-420**

*Liberal Theologies and Open and Relational Theologies Unit and Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr. Unit*

Larry Perry, National Museum of African American History and Culture in conjunction with Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *Non-Violent Theology: Power, Persuasion, and Peace*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Justin Heinzekehr, Goshen College
*The Convergence of Process and Peace Church Theologies through Personalism*

Daniel Ott, Monmouth College
*Naturalistic God Metaphors, Nonviolence, and Violence*

Natalya Cherry, Brite Divinity School
*The Influence of Personalism on Harkness and King, Their Pacifism, and Their Persistence*

Responding:

Lawson James

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**A23-421**
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Native Traditions in the Americas Unit
Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: Author Meets Critics: Cucha Risling Baldy’s We Are Dancing for You: Native Feminisms and the Revitalization of Women’s Coming-of-Age Ceremonies (2018)

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Dana Lloyd, Washington University, St. Louis
Abel Gomez, Syracuse University
Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado, Boulder
Cuauhtémoc Peranda, University of California, Riverside

Responding:

Cutcha Risling Baldy, Humboldt State University

North American Hinduism Unit
Bhakti Mamtora, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: Hindu Formations: Local Epistemologies and Diasporic Articulations

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Arun Chaudhuri, York University
The Multiplicity of Mozumdar’s Cosmic Rays

Varun Khanna, University of Pennsylvania
"Delighting in Pure Knowledge": Swami Chinmayananda and the Making of Modern Diaspora Hinduism

Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University
The Purna Vidya Curriculum for Children: Structuring Hindu Religious Education in the Diaspora

Prea Persaud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Jahaji Bhai: The Denial of a Shared “Brotherhood” among Indo- and Afro-Caribbeans in the Study of Hinduism and Caribbean Religions

Business Meeting:
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Shana Sippy, Centre College/Carleton College
Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University

A23-423
North American Religions Unit
Brandi Denison, University of North Florida, Presiding

Theme: Mountains, Whales, Oil, and Plastics: Religion and Matter in the Anthropocene

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Richard Callahan, Gonzaga University
Rethinking Religious History in the Anthropocene by Way of the 19th Century American Whaling Industry’s Oceanic Labors

Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto
Narratives of Extraction: Empire, Land Use, and the Public Good in the Imperial Oil Archives

Matthew Smith, Northwestern University
Eco-Religious Entanglements in the Age of Plastic(s): Probing the Christian Coloniality of the Anthropocene

Brennan Keegan, Randolph College
Contested Sacredness: The Struggle for Bears Ears

Responding:

Darren Dochuk, Washington University St. Louis

A23-424
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Kirsten Sonkyo Oh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: Psychology, Culture and Religion Works-in-Progress

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

James I. Higginbotham, Earlham College

Business Meeting:
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University

A23-425
**Queer Studies in Religion Unit**
Kelly Stewart, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: *Queer Lands and Stories*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Andrea Allen, University of Western Ontario
*Call Them Ishmael: The Queering of Brazilian Evangelicalism by Black LGBT Evangelicals*

Rita Rodriguez, University of Chicago
*Anzaldúa y Foucault: Analytics, Genealogy, and Deconstruction of Borderlands*

Responding:

Teresa Delgado, Iona College

**Business Meeting:**

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University
Heather White, University of Puget Sound

A23-426
**Reformed Theology and History Unit**
Joshua Ralston, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Theme: *Women and Women's Voices in the Reformed Tradition*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Amanda MacInnis-Hackney
"The Word of God is Constantly before My Eyes": *The Primacy and Unity of Scripture in the Writings of Early Protestant Women*

Nathan Shannon, Torch Trinity Graduate University
*Margaret Baxter’s Theology of Evil and Suffering*

Monica Schaap Pierce, Fordham University
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Taught "without the Illusions of Men": Marie Dentière on Christ and Embodiment

A23-427
**Religion and Disability Studies Unit**
Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Candidates with Disability for Ritual Leadership, Shared Space and Liberation, Shame and Relationality, Mental Illness and Sanctity*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Rebecca Spurrier, Columbia Theological Seminary
*Fit Bodies, Abled Minds, and Inaccessible Routes to Religious Leadership*

Lily Kim, McMaster University
*Disablism and Shared Space*

Jessica Coblentz, Saint Mary's College of California
*Sanctity, Sanity, and the Christian Life*

Alison Downie, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
*The Shame that Binds: Theology and Mental Illness*

A23-428
**Religion and Economy Unit**
George Gonzalez, Baruch College (CUNY), Presiding

Theme: *Religious Affects of Capital*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Isaac Arten, Saint Louis University
*“A Matter of Profit and Loss Belonging to Another World”: Reality as Marketplace in Nineteenth-Century British Protestant Theological Anthropology*

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University
*Angel Economies: Neoliberal Religion and the User-Generated Ordinary*

Rebecca Faulkner, Princeton University
*Economic Thought of Muhammad Iqbal*
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Esra Tunc, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Translation of Giving into Islamic Entrepreneurship in Corporate America*

Matthew King, University of California, Riverside
*Śrī Śrī Homo Economicus: Claiming Desire in the Tantric Frontiers of Capital*

Business Meeting:

Daniel Vaca, Brown University
Daromir Rudnyckyj, University of Victoria

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A23-429
Religion and Migration Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit
Mona Oraby, Amherst College, Presiding

Theme: *Surveilling Muslims: Religion, Secularism, and Migration*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland
*Secular Masculinities and Migratory Marital “Love Fraud” in Contemporary France*

Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba
*Emerging Ex-Muslim Identities in the Snares of the Intellectual Dark Web*

M. Bilal Nasir, Northwestern University
*FBI Surveillance, Suspicion, and Islamic Skepticism in Muslim America*

Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University
*True Conversion: The Politics of Religious Asylum*

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A23-430
Religion and Politics Unit
John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *Religious Freedom and the U.S. Constitution*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Katharine Batlan, University of Alberta, Augustana
*Uneasy Allies: Christian Amendment Attempts, Vietnam, Schools, and Race in the 1960s*
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Eric Stephen, Harvard University
*The Neoliberal Turn in American Religious Liberty Jurisprudence: Intellectual Foundations and their Social, Political, and Legal Implications, 1990-Present*

Kira Ganga Kieffer, Boston University
*On Measles, Mumps, and Not Being a Sheep: The Anti-Vaxxer Coalition of Believers*

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**A23-431**

**Religion and Science Fiction Unit**
Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Theme: *Languages of the Night: Ursula K. Le Guin as World (Un)Builder and (Anti)Religious Thinker*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo
*“Fantasy Is True, of Course”: Thinking through the Fantastic with Ursula K. Le Guin*

Michael Ostling, Arizona State University
*Words of Unbinding: Ursula K. Le Guin Tears Down the Wall of Language*

Sarah King, Grand Valley State University
*Would I Walk Away from This Utopia?: Engaging Le Guin’s “The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas”*

David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University
*Revealing Animal Presences: Animals and Religion in the Storytelling of Ursula K. Le Guin*

Responding:

Shelley Streeby, University of California, San Diego

Business Meeting:

Laura Ammon, Appalachian State University
Emanuelle Burton, University of Illinois, Chicago

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**A23-432**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Unit**
Sara Williams, Emory University, Presiding
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Teaching, Public Engagement, and Social Scientific Research

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Krista Riley, Vanier College, and Leila Bdeir, Vanier College
Teaching and Learning through Participatory Action Research: A Case Study of Muslim College Students in Quebec

Rebecca Catto, Kent State University, Fern Elsdon-Baker, University of Birmingham, Stephen Jones, University of Birmingham, and Carola Leicht, University of Kent
Sociology of Religion, Public Understanding of Science: Mutual Learning for Refined Framing and Measurement

Valentina Cantori, University of Southern California
Mapping Sacred Others: American Muslims’ Cultures of Bridging in American Civic Life

A23-433
Religion in Europe Unit
Jonathan Teubner, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and the Construction of European Identities

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Karin Neutel, University of Oslo
The Myth of a Christian Europe: The Bible as a Tool for European Identity Construction in Recent Migration Debates

Richard Amesbury, Clemson University
Constructing "Religion," Performing "the People": Sovereignty and Populism in Germany and the United States

Matthew Hotham, Ball State University
Bloody Beasts: Halal Butchering, Eid Sacrifice, and the Making of Muslim Monsters

Peter O'Brien, Trinity University, and Arrianna Siddique, Trinity University
Islamophobia and Europhobia in Europe

Business Meeting:

Elissa Cutter, Loyola Marymount University
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

**A23-434**  
Religion in South Asia Unit  
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Translating Traditions: Discursive Practices in Text and Performance*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville  
*The Performance Script as Translation Process: Preparing to Dance Kalidasa’s Ritusamhara/Garland of Seasons*

Jesse Pruitt  
*Translating a God for the Nation: Etymology, Equivalence, and Tamil Prose in Tiru. Vi. Ka.’s Murugan, or Beauty*

Sucharita Adluri, Cleveland State University  
*Translating Devotion: The Manipravāla Commentaries on the Tiruvāymoḻi*

Responding:  
Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

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**A23-435**  
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit  
Rebecca Moody, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *From Death to Eschatological Hope: Thematic, Stylistic, and Sonic Analyses of Mexican Auteurs Alejandro G. Inarritu and Alfonso Cuaron*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Stephanie Addenbrooke Bean, Yale University  
*Toward Tomorrow: Migration, Borders and Eschatological Hope in Alfonso Cuarón’s Children of Men*

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton  
*Life and Death Are Biutiful: Alejandro G. Iñárritu as Auteur*

Joseph Kickasola, Baylor University
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Sonic, Simulative, Sacred: Multisensory Aural Experience in the Films of Alejandro González Iñárritu

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A23-436
Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit and Women and Religion Unit
Chris Tirres, DePaul University, Presiding

Theme: Women and Religio-Political Activism in the Latina/o Americas

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Ernesto Fiocchetto, Florida International University
The Beginning of Madres de Plaza de Mayo in Mendoza Argentina: The Complex Roles of Catholicism and Women

Susana L. Gallardo, San Jose State Univ
‘I Never Left the Church:’ Belonging and Resistance in Mexican American Catholicism

Betsy Konefal, College of William and Mary
Marjorie Melville

Responding:

Cecilia Titizano, Graduate Theological Union

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A23-437
Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico, Presiding

Theme: Is There a Future for Methodology in Science and Religion?

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Victoria Lorrimar, University of Oxford
Science and Religion: Moving Beyond the Credibility Strategy

Jaime Wright, University of Edinburgh
Making Space for the Methodological Mosaic: The Future of the Field of Science and Religion

James Stump, BioLogos
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

*Common Nouns without Essences: Reeves and the Language of Science and Religion*

Paul Allen, Corpus Christi College
*The Third Way: Against Essentialism and Anti-Essentialism in Science and Religion*

Responding:

Josh Reeves, Samford University

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**A23-438**  
**Sikh Studies Unit**  
Pashaura Singh, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Theme: *Authenticity and Plurality in Sikh Literature*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Nikky Singh, Colby College
*Guru Nanak: The Songster Poet*

Gurbeer Singh, University of California, Riverside
*The Claim for Authenticity in the Sikh Tradition: The Appropriation of Puratan*

Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
*Approaching The Puratan Janamsakhi*

Business Meeting:

Michael Hawley, Mount Royal University  
Pashaura Singh, University of California, Riverside

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**A23-439**  
**Space, Place, and Religion Unit**  
David Simonowitz, Pepperdine University, Presiding

Theme: *The Undoing of Place: Spatialization of the Aftermath*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota
*Church Ruin Photography: Interpreting the Meaning of Decay*

Andrew Klumpp, Southern Methodist University
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

The Burning of Holland: Faith, Fire, and International Efforts to Rebuild a Religious Community

Daniel Sack

Saving Sacred Space in the Face of Economic Disaster

Mary Emily Duba, University of Chicago

Lived Noplace: Dangers and Possibilities for Theology and Religious Studies

A23-440

Study of Islam Unit

Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

Theme: Reconsidering Sufi and Shi’i Histories: Text, Space, and Embodiment

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Andrew McLaren, Columbia University

Authorship, Belief, Identity: Was Ibn A’tham al-Kufi’s Kitab al-Futuh a Shi’i History?

Ilona Gerbakher, Columbia University

“The Saint in Baghdad is like the Saint on a Toilet:” Finding Sufism in the ‘Abbasid City, 950-1150 A.D.

Fizza Joffrey, University of Toronto

Probing the Other ‘Other’: A Critical Survey of Shi’i Self-Flagellation Ritual Studies

Responding:

Rose Aslan, California Lutheran University

A23-441

Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

Stephen Keating, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: The Devil and the Demons: Neoliberal Theology in the Work of Adam Kotsko

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Devin Singh, California State University, Northridge
Jared Rodriguez, Northwestern University
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University
Maxwell Kennel, McMaster University

Responding:

Adam Kotsko, North Central College

Business Meeting:

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College
Adam Kotsko, North Central College

A23-442
Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
Eleanor Craig, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: Pasts and Futures in the Present

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Heather Major, University of Glasgow
“It’s Aye Been” – A Sojourner’s Perspective on the Relationship Between Past, Present and Future in Scottish Churches

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, Fordham University
Ghosts of our Past Informing our Present

Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco
Politics for the Anthropocene: From Anthropocentric to Anthropocosmic

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, University of Pardubice
An image for the Anthropocene

A23-443
Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Unit
Jawananza Eric Clark, Manhattan College, Presiding

Theme: Black Theology and Paul Tillich

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

S. Kyle Johnson, Boston College
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

The Demonic in Paul Tillich and Black Theology

Paul Dafydd Jones, University of Virginia
*The impatience of the Risen Christ: On Paul Tillich’s The Socialist Decision and James Cone’s Black Theology and Black Power*

Michele Watkins, University of San Diego
*The Gifts and Curses of 20th Century Theology: Paul Tillich as an Unfit Conversation Partner in Black Existentialist Theology*

Business Meeting:

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University

A23-444

Western Esotericism Unit
Egil Asprem, Stockholm University, Presiding

Theme: *Esoteric Exchanges: Indigenous and Latin Cultures in the Americas*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Rudy V. Busto, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Mexico’s Esoteric Virgin: Miguel Sánchez’s Imagen de la Virgen María, Madre de Dios de Guadalupe*

Lisa Poirier, DePaul University
*Secrecy, Identity, and the Ghost Dance of 1890*

Stefan Sanchez, Rice University
*Losing the Soul: Gloria Anzaldúa’s Susto and her Metaphysics of Pain*

A23-445

Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
Seth Powell, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Consumption for Transcendence: Foodways, Diet, and Drugs in Yoga Practice*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Nirinjan Khalsa, Loyola Marymount University
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Creating Healthy Happy Holy Yogis through Vegetarianism, Ayurveda and Kundalini Yoga

Christa Kuberry, Yoga Alliance
American Yoga and the Substance of Substances

Chris Miller, Loyola Marymount University
Yogic Foodways at Kaivalyadham: Achieving Liberation through Bio-Moral Consumption

Patricia Sauthoff, University of Alberta
Water As Elixir of Longevity: A Rasāyana Practice from the Ānandakanda

Jonathan Dickstein, University of California, Santa Barbara
Before They Were Food: Wasting and Weaponizing Animals in Yoga Gastropolitics

Responding:

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University

Business Meeting:

Sravana Borkataky-Varma, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

A23-446
Yogācāra Studies Unit
C. John Powers, Deakin University, Presiding

Theme: Text Discussion Panel: The Mahāyānasūtraṃkāra

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Constance Kassor, Lawrence University
Jay Garfield, Smith College
Sonam Thakchoe, University of Tasmania
Dan Arnold, University of Chicago
Eyal Aviv, George Washington University
Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Joy Brennan, Kenyon College
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University

**A23-447**
Chinese Christianities Seminar
Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Theme: *Beyond Chinese Christianities*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Erica Siu Mui Lee, Regis College, Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto
*Jingjiao Inscription of “Three-One Wondrous Being/Body” on the Xian Stele: Theological Implications and Ecumenical Significance*

Yucheng Bai, Duke University
*In Search of Sublimity: Wu Yaozong’s Overseas Religious Education and His Collaboration with Communism*

Melissa Inouye, University of Auckland
*In the World, But of China? In China, But of the World? Charismatic Universalism in True Jesus Church Communities*

Responding:

Francis Ching-Wah Yip, Chinese University of Hong Kong

**A23-448**
Contextualizing the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis Seminar
Brian Clites, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Theme: *Setting the Agenda: Contextualizing Clergy Sexual Abuse*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Heidi Ann Campbell, Texas A&M University, and Emily Pfender, Villanova University
*Studying the Victim Narratives of the Catholic Abuse Scandal through Internet Memes*

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University
*The Catholic Sex Abuse Crisis and the Relations between Church and State*

Amy Carr, Western Illinois University
*Sacramental Desecration: The Spiritual Heart of the Matter*
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Susan Reynolds, Emory University
*A Lay Spring? Examining Anti-Clericalist Practices at the Grassroots*

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**A23-449**

**Origen and Origen Reception Seminar**
Ellen Muehlberger, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: *Origen's Biblical Exegesis*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University
*Philosophical Exegesis as a Way of Life in Early Christianity*

Sara Contini, University of Bristol
*A "worthy" understanding of God: Origen's Against Celsus and the Homilies on Psalms*

Grant Gasse, University of Notre Dame
*Origen and Myth: The Development of an Unbiblical Category*

Business Meeting:

Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University
Peter Martens, Saint Louis University

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**P23-400**

**Karl Barth Society of North America**
Keith Johnson, Wheaton College, Presiding

Theme: *Karl Barth's Epistle to the Romans*

Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Mitchell Mallary, University of St Andrews
*An Apocalyptic Paul within Judaism: Bridging the Gap between Karl Barth and the Guild of Second Temple Jewish Studies*

Sarah Stewart-Kroeker, University of Geneva
*An Eco-Theological Reading of Karl Barth on Romans 8:19-23*

Andrew Peterson, Princeton Theological Seminary
Saturday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Sanctification and Moral Extrinsicism in Barth's Romans Commentary

Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

A23-500
International Members Reception
Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University, Presiding
Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

A23-501
Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Reception
Saturday - 7:00 PM-8:30 PM

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A23-502
Presidential Address – Laurie L. Patton
José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Saturday - 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

Panelist:
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College

Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

A23-503
Film: [the listening heart]
Michele Stanback, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding
Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

A23-504
Film: Muslimah's Guide to Marriage
Kristian Petersen, Old Dominion University, Presiding
Saturday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Sylvia Chan-Malik, Rutgers University
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina
Roshan Iqbal, Agnes Scott College
Kristian Petersen, Old Dominion University

Saturday - 9:00 PM-10:30 PM

A23-505
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

A23-506
LGBTIQ Scholars/Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception
Saturday - 9:00 PM-11:00 PM
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Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

A24-1
Applied Religious Studies Breakfast
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding
Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

A24-2
AAR Annual Business Meeting
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College, Presiding
Sunday - 7:30 AM-8:45 AM

Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM

A24-100
Graduate Student Committee Business Meeting
Rachel Toombs, Presiding
Sunday - 9:00 AM-9:30 AM

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A24-101
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Applied Religious Studies Committee
Rachel Lindsey, Saint Louis University, and Emily Mace, Presiding

Theme: Working in Religious Studies: A Discussion on the State of the Field

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Benae Beamon, Boston University
Carolyn Roncolato, Interfaith Youth Core

A24-102
Special Topics Forum
Caleb Elfenbein, Grinnell College, Presiding
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *Teaching against Islamophobia: Lessons and Questions*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Todd Green, Luther College
Alice Hunt, American Academy of Religion
Sajida Jalalzai, Trinity University
Oluwatomisin Oredein, Brite Divinity School
Heather White, University of Puget Sound

A24-103
**Status of Women in the Profession Committee**
Nami Kim, Spelman College, Presiding

Theme: *Care as a Form of Resistance*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

*Aftercare*

C. Vanessa White, Catholic Theological Union

*Long-Term Career Care*

Joanne Rodríguez, Hispanic Theological Initiative, Princeton, NJ

*Collective Care*

Kelly J. Baker, Women in Higher Education

*Informed and Planned Risks*

A24-104
**Teaching and Learning Committee and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit**
Anthony Petro, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: *Theory and Method 2.0: Reimagining the Canon*

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

Eden Consenstein, Princeton University
Amanda Lucia, University of California, Riverside
Elizabeth Pérez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Lucia Hulsether, Yale University
Marko Geslani, University of South Carolina
Constance Furey, Indiana University
Erin Runions, Pomona College

Business Meeting:

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College
J. Barton Scott, University of Toronto
David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

A24-105
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit
Noelle Giuffrida, The University of Kansas, Presiding

Theme: Performing Images: Ritual, Art, and Agency in Chinese Religions

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michael Naparstek, University of Wisconsin
From This Becomes Real: Emergence of the True Form in Daoist Ritual and Image

Jingyu Liu, Harvard University
Manifesting Gods: Textual Images and Performing Pantheons in the Buddhist Water-Land Dharma Assembly

Aaron Reich, Saint Joseph's University
From Carved Statues to Living Images: Rites of Consecration in Contemporary Taiwan

Yilin Liu, Grand Valley State University
Visualizing the Emperor's Dream: Zhong Kui’s Divinity and Efficacy in Ming and Qing Theatre

Responding:

Shih-shan Huang, Rice University
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Business Meeting:

Jessey Choo, Rutgers University
Elena Valussi, Loyola University, Chicago

A24-106
Baha’i Studies Unit
Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding

Theme: *Poets and Clerics, Prophets and Gurus: Responses to the Emergence of the Babi and Baha’i Religions*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Stephen Lambden, University of California, Merced
*Some Intertextual and Theological Observations on the Background to the Elevated Claims of Sayyid ‘Ali Muhammad Shirazi, “the Bab” (1819-1850)*

Roland Faber, Claremont School of Theology
*Baha’u’llah and the Gurus: Globalization of the Avataric Principle and the Unity of Religions at the Turn of the 20th Century*

Alyssa Gabbay, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
*Poetry as Divine Portent: Classical Persian Verses and Legitimation in the Early Babi and Baha’i Communities*

Sholeh Quinn, University of California, Merced
*Polemic and Dialogue: Karim Khan Kirmani on the Kitab-i Iqan of Baha’u’llah*

Business Meeting:

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

A24-107
Buddhism in the West Unit
Kim Lam, Deakin University, Presiding

Theme: *Recovering Pasts, Imagining Futures: A Roundtable Conversation about New Books on Buddhism in the West*

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

Duncan Williams, University of Southern California
Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Notre Dame of Maryland University

Responding:

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West
Erik Braun, University of Virginia

Business Meeting:

Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Notre Dame of Maryland University
Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies

A24-108
Cognitive Science and Religion Unit and Mysticism Unit
Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University, Presiding

Theme: Cognitive Science of Mysticism

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Abdulla Galadari, Khalifa University of Science and Technology
*Mysticism and Low Latent Inhibition: A Neuropsychological Approach to Mystics’ Fascination in Esoteric Knowledge*

Jed Forman, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Out of Sight: Yogic Perception and Extramission*

Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
*Mystics and the Mind: The Cognitive Science behind Psychosis, Psychedelics, and Traditional Mystical Experiences*

A24-109
Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College, Presiding

Theme: Teaching Comparison
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara
Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas
Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University
Nikolas Hoel, Northeastern Illinois University
Grant Potts, Austin Community College

Business Meeting:

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College
Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas

A24-110
Hinduism Unit
George Pati, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: Making Home, Marking Space: Negotiating Local, Global, and Spatial Identities in Contemporary Diaspora Hinduisms

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Diana Dimitrova, University of Montreal
Bridging Continents: Radhasoami Centers in North America

Jeremy Saul, College of Religious Studies, Mahidol University
Hindu Devotion in Contemporary Thai Practice: The Indian Mystique

Saran Suebsantiwongse, Cambridge University
The Rise of Hindu Spiritual Tourism in Central Javanese Villages

Knut Axel Jacobsen, University of Bergen
Sacralisation of Space and Hindu Pilgrimage Sites in Europe

Responding:

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago

Business Meeting:

Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary
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**Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

Shubha Pathak, American University

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**A24-111**

*Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit*

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach, Presiding

Theme: *Author Meets Critics: Walking to Magdalena: Personhood and Place in Tohono O'odham Songs, Sticks, and Stories*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College

Responding:

Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University
Michael McNally, Carleton College
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado

Business Meeting:

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

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**A24-112**

*Islam, Gender, Women Unit*

Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University, Presiding

Theme: *New Directions in the Field of Islam and Gender*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College

*Prolegomenon to Feminist Philosophy of Islam*

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Facilitating

Kayla Renée Wheeler, Grand Valley State University

*Murder, Honor, and Culture: Mediatized Debates on Muslims and Domestic Violence*
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Facilitating

Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University
*Genres of Desire: The Erotic in Deobandi Islam*

Ali Altaf Mian, Seattle University, Facilitating

Ula Taylor, University of California, Berkeley
*Wrapping Authority: Women Leaders in a Sufi Movement in Dakar, Senegal*

Joseph Hill, University of Alberta, Facilitating

Responding:

Kathryn M. Kueny, Fordham University

Business Meeting:

Justine Howe, Case Western Reserve University
Saadia Yacoob, Williams College

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**A24-113**

*Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Unit*

Charles K. Bellinger, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

**Theme:** *Kierkegaard on Alterity: Fear, Difference, and Our Shared Humanity, Part II*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Myka H. Lahaie, Durham University
*The Role of Creation Ex Nihilo in Kierkegaard’s Approach to Love, Otherness, and Difference*

David Dunning, Dublin City University
*Alterity, the Middle Term, and the Self: Working out Love in Søren Kierkegaard with the Help of Jean-Luc Marion*

Knut Alfsvåg, VID Specialized University
*Kierkegaard on Indiscriminate Love*

Bryan Ellrod, Emory University
The Self as Other: Anti-Climacus's Insight for the American Immigration Crisis

Business Meeting:

Marcia C. Robinson, Syracuse University
Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary

A24-114
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion
Loida I. Martell, Lexington Theological Seminary, and Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University, New York, Presiding

Theme: Climate, Justice, and the Displaced: The Land and Legal Violence

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Matthew Elia, Duke University
From Mestizaje to Cimarronaje: Afro-Latinx Ecologies and the Ethics of Climate Migration

Theresa A. Yugar, California State University, Los Angeles
U.S. Latinx Environmental Grassroots Movements

Yohana Junker, Graduate Theological Union
Interweaving: Environmental Change and the Poetics of Eco-Art

Business Meeting:

Loida I. Martell, Lexington Theological Seminary
Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary
Jeremy V. Cruz, St. John's University, New York
Lauren Frances Guerra, Loyola Marymount University

A24-115
Middle Eastern Christianity Unit and SBL Biblical Exegesis From Eastern Orthodox Perspectives Unit
Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University, Presiding

Theme: Biblical Interpretation and Middle Eastern Christianity

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Stephen J. Davis, Yale University
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christian Arabic Biblical Commentaries in the Manuscript Library at the Monastery of the Syrians (Wādī al-Naṭrūn, Egypt)

Elie Dannaoui, University of Balamand
The Arabic Text of the L2211 Greek-Arabic Lectionary: Textual and Liturgical Value

Janet A. Timbie, Catholic University of America
Scriptural Exegesis in Coptic: Text-Based Homilies for Different Audiences

Anna Williams, Saint Louis University
A Secret and Spoken Sign: The Divine Remza in the Homilies of Narsai

Elizabeth Marteijn, University of Edinburgh
The Politics of Interpretation: Reading the Bible in the Palestinian Countryside

A24-116
North American Religions Unit
Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding

Theme: Race, Gender, and Religion in Muslim America: A Conversation with Four Authors

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Su'ad Abdul Khabeer, University of Michigan
Sylvia Chan-Malik, Rutgers University
Harold Morales, Morgan State University
Edward E. Curtis, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis

Business Meeting:

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

A24-117
Philosophy of Religion Unit
Danube Johnson, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: Sylvia Wynter and Philosophy of Religion

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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Michael Jimenez, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*Wynter and the Latinx Decolonial Project*

Jared Rodriguez, Northwestern University  
*The Quantum of Wynter’s Religion: From Exegetics to Decoherence in the Philosophy of Religion*

David Kline, University of Tennessee  
*Autopoiesis and Auto-Religion: Sylvia Wynter's Philosophy of Religion*

Marika Rose, University of Winchester  
*Black Magic: Wynter, Modernity, and Disenchantment*

Anthony Paul Smith, La Salle University  
*Genres of Theodicy after God and Man*

Responding:

Amaryah Armstrong, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University  
Jonathon Kahn, Vassar College

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A24-118  
**Political Theology Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**  
Inese Radzins, Pacific School of Religion, Presiding

Theme: *Catherine Keller's Political Theology of the Earth*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary  
Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas  
Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University  
Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University  
Filipe Maia, Pacific School of Religion
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Responding:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

A24-119
Practical Theology Unit
Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: Critically Engaging Bonnie Miller McLemore, ed. The Wiley-Blackwell Reader in Practical Theology

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Shantelle Weber, University of Stellenbosch
Allan Deck, Loyola Marymount University
Clare Watkins, University of Roehampton
Hendrik Pieter de Roest, Protestant Theological University

Responding:

Bonnie Miller-McLemore, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary

A24-120
Religion and Politics Unit
John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: Veterans, War, and Militarization

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Thomas Suitt, Boston University
Religious Identity, Moral Injury, and Post-9/11 Veterans in the US Armed Forces

Rosemary Kellison, University of West Georgia
“Spiritual Fitness” and Individual Responsibility in the Contemporary U.S. Military
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Sara Jaye Hart, Humboldt State University
*Semper Fidelis: The Popular Arts of the Challenge Coin, USMC Attire, and Combat Memoir*

Timothy Burnside, Florida State University
*“Soldiers of the Soil”: The Ecology of Total War in Rural Amish Country*

Business Meeting:

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University
Rachel Scott, Virginia Tech

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**A24-121**

*Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit*

Jenny Berglund, Stockholm University, Presiding

Theme: *Re-Examining the Outcomes of Religious Education*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Alexander Hendra Dwi Asmara, Fordham University
*“From Faceless to Face-to-Face Relation”: Live-in as A Model of Interreligious Education*

Kate Soules, Boston College
*A Change in Perspective: Turning from the Failures of Education about Religion in the United States to an Exploration of the Successes*

Arto Kallioniemi, University of Helsinki
*Developing Religious Education in a Globalizing World: Societal Perspectives*

Responding:
Marie von der Lippe, University of Bergen

Business Meeting:

Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa

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**A24-122**

*Ricoeur Unit*

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: *The Just University: Paul Ricoeur and the Hope of Higher Education*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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Howard Pickett, Washington and Lee University
Doing Time and Narrative: Teaching in (and Out of) Prisons with Paul Ricoeur’s Philosophy of Education

Daniel Boscaljon, University of Iowa
Fallible Man and Just Pedagogy: Instruction, Evaluation, and Development

Laura Schmidt Roberts, Fresno Pacific University
Practical Formation: Teaching Critical Thinking via Ricoeur’s Hermeneutical Model

Michael LeChevallier, University of Chicago
Teaching and Learning in Just Institutions: a Ricoeurean Analysis

Robert Vosloo, Stellenbosch University
Wounded Memory and a Pedagogy of Hope: Engaging Ricoeur within the Context of Contested and Conflicting Pasts

Business Meeting:

Glenn Whitehouse, Florida Gulf Coast University
W. David Hall, Centre College

A24-123
Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit and SBL Contextual Biblical Studies Unit and SBL Ideological Criticism Unit
James Grimshaw, Carroll University, Presiding

Theme: Unexamined Contexts and Public Entanglements

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Collin Cornell, University of the South
Brevard Childs, Whiteness, and the Name of God

Amanda DiMiele, Yale University
Contextualizing White Womanhood: Rethinking Method in Feminist Theology and Ethics

Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
Speciesism as a Hidden Context for Biblical Interpretation

Karen Williams, Toronto School of Theology
Vulnerability Be Damned: Compulsory Able-Bodiedness in Pauline Scholarship
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Emily Askew, Lexington Theological Seminary
*Affirming Madness as an Unexpected Context in Mark 5:1-20: Reflections on Jesus, the Academy and the Structural Sin of “Sanism”*

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**A24-124**

**Schleiermacher Unit**

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *What’s Next in Eco-Theologies? Christian Traditions Working toward Sustainable Living: A Roundtable Discussion*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

James Brandt, Saint Paul School of Theology
Melanie L. Harris, University of Denver
Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Graduate Theological Union, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
Christiana Zenner, Fordham University

Business Meeting:

Shelli Poe, Millsaps College

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**A24-125**

**Scriptural Reasoning Unit**

Ashleigh Elser, Valparaiso University, Presiding

Theme: *Vox Adam, Vox Dei: An Abrahamic Dialogue*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Mark James, Hunter College
*Names, Reason, and Power: Genesis 2:19-23 in Patristic Exegesis*

Arielle Korman, Columbia University
*Nefesh Chaya/Chava: Naming and Dominion in Jewish Responses to Genesis 2:18-20*

Abdul Latif, Columbia University
*Teaching the Names: Primordial Appellation and its Ramifications in Qur’an 2:31*
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Business Meeting:

Mark James, Hunter College
Deborah Barer, Towson University

A24-126
Teaching Religion Unit
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: *Workshop on Effective Grading*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

T.L. Brink, Crafton Hills College
*Multiple Options Grading*

Jane Webster, Barton College
*Peer Grading of Participation*

Kiara Jorgenson, St. Olaf College
*Humanizing Grading: Deepening Critical Written Reflection through Ongoing Peer-Review in First-Year Undergraduate Religion Courses*

Jessica Tinklenberg, Claremont University Consortium
*Co-Designed Rubrics for Transparency, Student Buy-In, and More Efficient Grading*

A24-127
Western Esotericism Unit and SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Unit
Grant Adamson, University of Arizona, Presiding

Theme: *Modern Use of Ancient Texts and Artifacts*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

April D. DeConick, Rice University
*Artifact Migration and the Transfer of Ancient Knowledge into Modernity*

Anne Kreps, University of Oregon
*The Adaptation of 1 Enoch in the American Religious Imagination*

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Medical Embryologies Reborn: Mystical Narratives of Childbirth in Kabbalah, Jewish Prayer, and Contemporary Pregnancy Manuals

Stanislav Panin, Rice University
Transmission of Gnostic Ideas in Twentieth Century Russian Esotericism

Shannon Grimes, Meredith College
Zosimos and Theosebia: An Erotics of Alchemical Pedagogy

A24-128
Women and Religion Unit
Georgette Ledgister, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: Solidarity and Defiant Spirituality

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:
Thelathia Young, Bucknell University
Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary
Sarojini Nadar, University of the Western Cape
Pui Lan Kwok, Emory University
Tracey Hucks, Colgate University

Responding:
Traci C. West, Drew University

Business Meeting:
K. Christine Pae, Denison University
Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland

A24-129
Economics and Capitalism in the Study of Buddhism Seminar
Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Authenticity and Merit: Institutions and Economic Actors

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
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Brenton Sullivan, Colgate University
*Buddhist Bureaucrats and the Making of a Buddhist Empire*

Matthew Milligan, Georgia College and State University
“Monastic Landlordism” as Institutionalization in Early Buddhism: Evidence from Sri Lanka, c. 200 BCE to 200 CE

Kendall Marchman, University of Georgia
*Perceiving Authenticity: Online Travel Reviews of Buddhist Tourist Sites in China*

Responding:

Kin Cheung, Moravian College

Business Meeting:

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara

A24-130
*Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar*
Kristine Suna-Koro, Xavier University, Presiding

Theme: *Religions, Borders, and Immigration Seminar*

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Katherine Kunz, University of Basel
*Integration, and “being with” refugees - A Case Study of Offene Kirche Elisabethen, Basel, Switzerland*

Victor Carmona, University of San Diego, and Robert Heimburger, FUSBC; Oxford Pastorate; IFES
*The Border, Brexit, and the Church: A Comparative Theological-Ethical Analysis of U.S. Roman Catholic and Church of England Statements on Migration Today*

Molly Greening, Loyola University Chicago
*Border Walls and Islamic Borderlands: Transgressing the Shared Ethos of Religious Boundary Making and Geopolitical Border Policing*

Kaia D. S. Rønsdal, University of Oslo
*Fluid Hospitality in Borderlands*

James McBride, New York University
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

The Wall, Semantic Desubstantiation, and Authoritarian Discourse: Why Trumpism Confounds Its Critics

Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani
Voluntourism in Iraq: Saving Refugees during Vacation

Responding:
Anne Blankenship, North Dakota State University
Helen Boursier, College of St. Scholastica
Kirsteen Kim, Fuller Theological Seminary
Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College
Mary Beth Yount, Neumann University

Business Meeting:
Alexander Y. Hwang, Saint Leo University

A24-131
Exploratory Session
Alison Melnick, Bates College, Presiding

Theme: New Approaches in Asceticism

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Laura Dunn, Graduate Theological Union
Reenchanting the Body: Modern-Day Asceticism of Ashtanga Yoga

Rachel Wheeler, University of Portland
Reading Luce Irigaray for an Elaboration of the Shared as Ascetic Practice

Sam Houston, Stetson University
“Monks by Night and Knights by Day”: Asceticism as Precondition for Socio-Political Critique in Modern Islamic Activism

Nourah Alhasawi, Princess Nourah Bint Abdulrahman University
Sufis and Early Asceticism in Islam

Jimmy Yu, Florida State University
The Aesthetics of Asceticism: Chinese Blood Writings as Objects of Connoisseurship
Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Responding:

Zachary Smith, Creighton University

A24-132
Exploratory Session
Sara Frykenberg, Mount Saint Mary’s University, Los Angeles, Presiding

Theme: Mary Daly: Contributions and Controversies

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Rachel A. Heath, Vanderbilt University
Kelly Stewart, Vanderbilt University
Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge
Dirk von der Horst, Mount St. Mary’s University, Los Angeles
Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University
Mary E. Hunt, Women’s Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual

Business Meeting:

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge

A24-133
Exploratory Session
Michael Allen, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: Hindu Philosophy

Sunday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College
Watching the Moon Move: What The Imagists Might Ask of the Vedic Poets

Catherine Prueitt, George Mason University
Abhinavagupta on the Transformation of Pain

Chakravarthi Ram-Prasad, Lancaster University
Hearing, Thinking, Contemplation: Revisiting the Advaitic Model of the Accomplishment of Cognition
Sunday - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Nalini Bhushan, Smith College
*Gandhi’s Incipient Cosmopolitanism: Glimpses of Enlightenment Aspirations in Gandhi’s Antimodernist Nationalism*

Responding:

Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University

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**A24-134**

**Women's Caucus**

Janice Poss, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Women’s Religious Biographies: Growing the Space for Women on Public Platforms like Wikipedia*

Sunday - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Melisa Ortiz Berry, Azusa Pacific University
*Eclipsed by the Shadow of Her Husband: Hymnist and Evangelist Bertha Mae Lillenas*

Mary Hamlen, Harvard Law School
*Being Bold and Speaking Clearly: The Pioneering Ministry of Rev. Dr. Yvonne V. Delk*

May May Latt, American Theological Library Association (ATLA)
*The Mother with Faith: Dr. Anna May Say Pa*

Rosalind F. Hinton, Tulane University
*New Orleans’ Jewish Legacies: Ida Weis Friend (1868-1963)*

Deborah Fulthorp, SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary
*Mae Eleanor Frey: Early 20th-Century Pentecostal Matriarch*

Responding:

Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery

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**A24-135**

**Publications Committee Meeting**

Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Sunday - 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
**A24-136**

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Promises and Procrastination: How to Find Balance When Everyone and Everything Need You Now!*

Sunday - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Elizabeth Guthrie, University of Waterloo

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**A24-137**

**Public University Department Chairs Meeting**

Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama, Presiding

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

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**A24-138**

**Women’s Mentoring LUniversity of North Carolinah**

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University, Presiding

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:

Emily Wu, Dominican University of California

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**A24-139**

**Women's Caucus**

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, Presiding

Theme: *The AAR/SBL Women’s Caucus International Network*

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:

Julia Enxing, University of Dresden

May May Latt, American Theological Library Association (ATLA)
AAR 2019 Preliminary Annual Meeting Program Book (as of June 5)

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
Kathleen McPhillips, University of Newcastle
Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University of Pennsylvania
Alicia Panganiban, Northwestern Medicine
Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Methodist Theological School in Ohio

A24-140
Plenary Address
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College, Presiding

Theme: *Expanding the Public Sphere: Conversation with Kate Bowler and AAR President Laurie Patton on Becoming a Public Intellectual*

Sunday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
Panelists:
Kate Bowler, Duke University

A24-141
Chinese Historical Museum and Garden Walking Tour
Sunday - 12:30 PM-1:45 PM

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
A24-200
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Applied Religious Studies Committee
Sara Kamali, University of Oxford, Presiding

Theme: *Contingency Possibilities: Career Options within and beyond the Academy*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Panelists:
Saba Soomekh, University of California, Los Angeles
Sara Moslener, Central Michigan University
**A24-201**

*Writing on Religion for the General Reader: A Roundtable with Grantees in the NEH’s Public Scholar Program*

Daniel Sack, National Endowment for the Humanities, Presiding

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

Panelists:

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University  
Darren Dochuk, Washington University in St. Louis  
Julie Byrne, Hofstra University

**A24-202**

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

S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University, Presiding

Theme: *Precarity and Non-normativity*

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

Panelists:

Kerry Danner, Georgetown University  
Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Activist Theology Project  
Amanullah Sondy, Ithaca College  
Darla Schumm, Hollins University  
Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Central Florida

**A24-203**

*Student Lounge Roundtable*

Theme: *Surviving and Even Enjoying Comprehensive Exams*

**Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM**

Panelists:

Gwendolyn Gillson, Oberlin College
A24-204
Teaching and Learning Committee and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit
Tracey Hucks, Colgate University, Presiding

Theme: Theory and Method 2.0: Decolonizing the Field

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:
Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University
Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado Boulder
Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University
Laura McTighe, Dartmouth College

A24-205
African Diaspora Religions Unit
Scott Alves Barton, New York University, Presiding

Theme: The Encounter of Digital Media and Ritual in African Diaspora Religions: The Redux

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Khytite Brown, Harvard University
Social Networking Is Spiritual Networking: Jamaican Revival Zion Religion in Digital Space
Megan Selander, University of Texas
Searching in Sacred Subreddits: The Usage of Reddit in African Diasporic Newcomers’ Spiritual Journeys

Business Meeting:
Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver

A24-206
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Contemplative Studies Unit
Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *Locating Contemplation beyond Traditions: Engagements with Art and Literature*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Douglas Christie, Loyola Marymount University  
*Helplessness, or the Holiday State of Mind: Agnes Martin’s Contemplative Vision*

Tracy Tiemeier, Loyola Marymount University  
*Contemplation and the Post-God Spirituality of Marc Vinciguerra’s The Religion of Atheism*

Jared Lindahl, Brown University  
*The Contemplative Mood of Nan Shepherd’s The Living Mountain: Towards an Embodied Ecocentric Epistemology*

Stephen Bush, Brown University  
*Contemplation, Art, and the Racial Gaze*

Responding:

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University

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**A24-207**  
**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit**  
Melissa Borja, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: *Imperialism, Militarism, and the Religious Lives of Asian/Pacific Islander Americans*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Carleigh Beriont, Harvard University  
*“Children of Israel”: Marhsallese and American Theologies of Nuclear Testing, 1946-1958*

Jesse Lee, Florida State University  
*Recognizably Religious: On the Buddhist Churches of America, Citizenship, and Religious Translation*

Sung Uk Lim, Yonsei University  
*Memories of Suffering in Asia for Asian American Contexts: In Search of a New Model to Remember Comfort Women in the Future*

B. Yuki Schwartz, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary  
*Messianic Shame in the Novels of Ruth Ozeki*
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Business Meeting:

Melissa Borja, University of Michigan
SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine

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**A24-208**

**Black Theology Unit**

Adam Clark, Xavier University, Presiding

Theme: *The 50th Anniversary of Black Theology and Black Power: Looking Back, Moving Forward*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Eddie S. Glaude, Princeton University
Gary Dorrien, Columbia University, Union Theological Seminary
Eboni Marshall Turman, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Adam Clark, Xavier University

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**A24-209**

**Buddhism Unit**

Natasha Heller, University of Virginia, and Stephen F. Teiser, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: *Fostering Diversity in the Study of Asian Religions: Foundation Support for Doctoral Study, Fellowships, and Teaching Positions*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Susan Andrews, Mount Allison University
Robert E. Buswell, University of California, Los Angeles
Michelle Wang, Georgetown University
George Tanabe, University of Hawaii, Manoa
Elena Valussi, Loyola University, Chicago
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Responding:

Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College
José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara

Business Meeting:

James Robson, Harvard University
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

A24-210
Buddhist Philosophy Unit
Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University, Presiding

Theme: Ecology and Buddhist Philosophy

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Alexander McKinley, Loyola University
Plant Persons and Sentient Stones: Human Relativity in Theravada Philosophies of Nature

Dominic Sur, Utah State University
Ecologies in an Eleventh Century Critique of Philosophical Certainty

Susan Darlington, Hampshire College
Forest as Buddhist Practice

Stephanie Kaza, University of Vermont
Buddhist Environmental Ethics: An Emergent and Contextual Approach

Responding:

William Edelglass, Barre Center for Buddhist Studies and Marlboro College

Business Meeting:

Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University

A24-211
Comparative Religious Ethics Unit
Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: Catching up to CRISPR: Moral and Theological Responses to an Unprecedented Technology

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Joel Zimbelman, California State University, Chico
Managing New Technology When Effective Control Is Lost: Facing Hard Choices

Andrew Flescher, Center for Medical Humanities
The Virtue of Mortality

Jonathan K. Crane, Emory University
Ethics in Search of Meta-Ethics: Jewish Bioethics of Genetic Engineering

Business Meeting:

Jung Lee, Northeastern University

A24-212
Comparative Theology Unit
Catherine Cornille, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: "Who Do They Say That I Am?": Jesus in Comparative Theological Perspective

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

David Maayan, Boston College
A Talmudic Wrestling with God and Jesus: (Mis)Interpreting the Hands of God in History

Katie Mylroie, Boston College
Khrist Bhaktas: Jesus in Hinduism

Hans Harmakaputra, Boston College
A Comparative Theology Approach to the Quranic Notion of Jesus as the “Word of God” and “Spirit from God”

Paul Hedges, RSIS, Nanyang Technological University
Exploring Christology in Islam as Prophethood

Business Meeting:

Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Wilhelmus Valkenberg, Catholic University of America

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**A24-213**  
**Confucian Traditions Unit**  
Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Theme: *Dragons, Mosquitos, and the Hundred Animals: Changing Conceptions of Animals in Pre-Modern China*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Benjamin Daniels, University of California, Berkeley  
*Celestial Steeds and Agents of Chaos: Dragons in the Warring States and Han*

Susie Wu  
*The Ethical and Political Importance of Mosquitoes in Classical Chinese Poetry*

Geoffrey Redmond, independant  
*Animals in the Lives of Early Chinese: Evidence from the Zhouyi (I Ching)*

Responding:

Keith Knapp, The Citadel

Business Meeting:

Aaron Stalnaker, Indiana University  
Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University

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**A24-214**  
**Contemporary Islam Unit and International Development and Religion Unit**  
Jill DeTemple, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Making (Counter)Publics through Islamic Development and Humanitarianism*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Nermeen Mouftah, Butler University  
*Development as a Way of Life: Continuing Alms, Continuing Revolution in Post-Mubarak Egypt*

Maliha Chishti, University of Chicago  
*Orientalist Tropes and “Rescuing” Afghan Women through Foreign Aid Interventions*
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Basit Iqbal, University of California, Berkeley
“Spurring Humanity”: Islamist Counterpublic in a Humanitarian World

Katherine Merriman, University of North Carolina
Islamic Horizons for Aid: Taking the Long View of Muslim Charitable Practice in the United States

Responding:

Abbas Barzegar, Georgia State University

A24-215
Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit
Vivianne Crowley, Nottingham Trent University, Presiding

Theme: Pagan and Non-Pagan Cultural Interfaces: Co-Creating History and Authenticity

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A. Athanasios Apostolopoulos
Re-Hellenization in the Greek-American Diaspora: Hellenic Perspectives on Authenticity, Identity, and Conversion

Tönno Jonuks, Estonian Literary Museum
Contemporary Paganism and Vernacular Interpretations: Deposits at Sacred Places in Estonia

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA
Cornwall as a Site for Discourses of Authenticity in Contemporary Witchcraft

Jennifer Uzzell, Durham University
Looking Forward to the Past: The Emergence of Neolithic Style Barrows for Cremated Remains in Contemporary Britain and Their Implications for Pagan Communities

A24-216
Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit
Ute Huesken, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Theme: Rethinking Religious Feminisms through the Religious Lives of Buddhist and Hindu Women in Asia and the Diaspora: New Directions in Studies of Gender and Religion and Comparative Religion

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
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Shefali More, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg
*Revisiting the Question of Authority to Speak in Gender and Religion: The Case of Sabarimala*

Nicholas Witkowski, Stanford University
*Subtle Negotiations: The Challenges of Returning Female Buddhist Monastics to Historical Visibility*

Priyanka Ramlakhan, University of Florida
*I Am Not a Feminist, I Am Loyal to Our Recipient Heritage: Interpreting Religious Feminism in Trinidadian Hinduism*

Caroline Starkey, University of Leeds
*Researcher and Researched: Methodological Reflexivity in the Study of Women’s Agency and Religious Feminism in Buddhism and Hinduism*

Antoinette E. DeNapoli, Texas Christian University
*“The Fight for Women’s Equal Rights is Dharma”: Rethinking Religious Feminism through the New Leadership of a Female Shankaracharya in India*

Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College
*Risini Power: Paradoxes of Female Religious Agency in the Nepal Lowlands*

Responding:

June McDaniel, College of Charleston

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**A24-217**
**Hinduism Unit and Teaching Religion Unit**
Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Religion in Translation: Take Hinduism, for Example*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University
John Nemec, University of Virginia
Shubha Pathak, American University
Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University
Meghan Hartman, University of Virginia
A24-218
Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit
Amy Foss, Independent Scholar, Presiding

Theme: Privileging Indigenous Women: Strategies of Resistance and Survival

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Delores Mondragon, University of California, Santa Barbara
Moral Injury as It Applies to and Is Relevant to Indigenous Women Rematriation

Emily Grace Brolaski, University of California, Santa Barbara
Resistance as Ceremony: 21st Century Indigenous Resistance and Activism in North America

Nancy Morales, University of California, Santa Barbara
Un Llanto Colectivo: A Collective Project to Remember and Embody Indigenous Values and Traditions

Felicia Lopez, University of California, Davis
Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Central Mexican Codices: Challenging Conceptions of an Aztec Patriarchy

Andrea McComb Sanchez, University of Arizona
Being an Ally in the Academy

Ines M. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara
Privileging Indigenous Women: Rematriation Strategies of Resistance and Survival

Responding:

Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University

A24-219
Islamic Mysticism Unit
Cyrus Zargar, University of Central Florida, Presiding

Theme: Self and Other in Sufism: Moments of Identification

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sara Abdel-Latif, University of Toronto
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Female Tricksters and Dissident Slaves as Enforcers of Idealized Patriarchy in Early Sufi Literature (11th-13th Century)

Verena Meyer, Columbia University
Not a Wali, Not His Grave: The Sufi Dimensions of Modernist Discourse in Java

Quinn Clark, Columbia University
Who Are “Non-Sunnis”? Intra-Islamic Relations in North India and the Politics of Muslim Saint Shrines

Saeed Zarrabi-Zadeh, Universitaet Erfurt
Mystical Islam in the Occident: Multifaceted Presence and Association with the “Counter-Culture”

Responding:

Matthew Lynch, Bard College

A24-220
New Religious Movements Unit
Kathi Kern, University of Kentucky, Presiding

Theme: Sexual Healing and Sexual Mysticism at the Fin de Siecle

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Christa Shusko, York College of Pennsylvania
Alice Bunker Stockham: Sexual Healing for Individual and Social Bodies

Joshua Paddison, Texas State University
Thomas Lake Harris and the Sexual-Spiritual Secret of Eternal Life

Daniel Joslyn, New York University
Sex with God as Sexual Healing in the Writings of Ida Craddock

A24-221
Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit
Leah Payne, George Fox University, Presiding

Theme: The Spirit of the Age: Historical and Theological Trends in the Study of Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Arlene Sanchez-Walsh, Azusa Pacific University
Néstor Medina, University of Toronto

Responding:

Angela Tarango, Trinity University
Peter Althouse, Florida Southern College

Business Meeting:

Andrea Johnson, California State University, Dominguez Hills
Leah Payne, George Fox University

A24-222
Philosophy of Religion Unit and Study of Judaism Unit
Lucas Wright, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: On the Duplicity of Philosophy's Shadow: An Engagement with Elliot R. Wolfson on Questions Concerning Heidegger, Philosophy of Religion, and Modern Jewish Thought

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Oona Eisenstadt, Pomona College
Sarah Pessin, University of Denver
Ryan Coyne, University of Chicago

Responding:

Elliot R. Wolfson, New York University

A24-223
Practical Theology Unit
Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Interfaith Engagement and Practical Theology
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Becca Whitla, Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology
*Between Practice and Praxis: On Planning Interfaith Services*

Keng Fan Chan, Graduate Theologian Union
*Interfaith Dialogue through Pilgrimage: A Case Study of the Agency of the Divine Feminine in Macau*

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska at Omaha, and Amanda Ryan, University of Nebraska-Omaha
*That’s in Omaha? Toward a Practical Theology for Interreligious Dialogue Based on Theological Examination of the Tri-Faith Initiative in Omaha, Nebraska*

Marte Solbakken Leberg, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society
*Christian Faith in Dialogue with Others*

Responding:

Marianne Moyaert, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

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A24-224
**Queer Studies in Religion Unit and Religion and Science Fiction Unit**
Shelly Tilton, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Queering Religion and Science Fiction*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Ken Stone, Chicago Theological Seminary
*Queer Animalities and Eco-Spirituality in Margaret Atwood’s SF Maddaddam Trilogy*

Max Thornton, Drew University
*What God Needs with a Starship: The Necessity of Queer Speculative Theological Imagination*

Lilith Acadia, University of Michigan-Shanghai Jiao Tong
*God is Change: Queer Possibility and Feminist Vulnerability in Octavia Butler’s Parable of the Sower*

William Boyce, University of Virginia
*Queering the Eschaton: Left Behind and Sexual Identity in the Evangelical Imagination*
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**A24-225**
Religion and Disability Studies Unit and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit
SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding


Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Mayanthi Fernando, University of California, Santa Cruz
John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College
Peter Coviello, University of Illinois, Chicago
Rachel Feldman, Franklin and Marshall College
Ali Altaf Mian, Seattle University

Responding:

Jasbir Puar, Rutgers University

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**A24-226**
Religion in South Asia Unit
Marie-Helene Gorisse, Ghent University, Presiding

Theme: *Polemics and Formations of Religious Identity in South Asia*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Vishal Sharma, University of Oxford
*Is Visnu Perfect or Vulnerable? Offence and Defense in South Indian Epic Exegesis*

Lynna Dhanani, Yale University
*Eulogizing the Same, Distancing the Other: Hemacandra’s Polemical Strategies in Hymn and Narrative*

Jason Schwartz, University of California, Santa Barbara
*From the Mouths of Visvakarmans: The Case for the Ontological Superiority of the Artisan Castes*

Anil Mundra, University of Chicago
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**Polemic and Doxography in Haribhadrasūri**

Jonathan Peterson, University of Toronto

*Paean for a Critique of Heretics: Polemin and Community in Vadiraja’s Pasanda-Khandana-Stotra*

Responding:

Valerie Stoker, Wright State University

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**A24-227**

**Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit**

Joel Mayward, University of St Andrews, Presiding

Theme: *Of Rotten Tomatoes, Roger Ebert, and Religion: A Conversation on Film Criticism and Religion in the Public Sphere*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Rose Pacatte, Pauline Center for Media Studies
Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas
Glenn Heath

Business Meeting:

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton
Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary

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**A24-228**

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

Dell deChant, University of South Florida, Presiding

Theme: *No Justice without Peace: The Promise and Perils of Genocide Studies and Religious Peacemaking for Environmental Justice*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Kate Temoney, Montclair State University

*Genocide, Religious Peacebuilding, and Ecojustice*

Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Reevaluating the Relevance of Religious Peacemaking to Environmental Justice

Sarah Fredericks, University of Chicago
Climate Forgiveness

Responding:

Joshua Mauldin, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ

A24-229
Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Elizabeth Pyne, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: Monstrous Animacies? Race, Gender, and Pantheological Divinities

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Catherine Keller, Drew University
Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University
Lisa Sideris, Indiana University
Andrea C. White, Union Theological Seminary
Noreen Khawaja, Yale University
Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College

Responding:

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

A24-230
Space, Place, and Religion Unit
Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter's University, Presiding

Theme: Creating Religious Space in Asia: Monastic, Memorial, and Pilgrimage Sites

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Julie Hanlon, University of Chicago
Constructing Early Jain Monasticism: Exploration of ancient Jain hill sites in Tamil Nadu, South India

Kristina Buhrman, Florida State University
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**Haunts, Migrating: On the Placing and Re-Placing of Memorials for Disaster in Japan in a Historical and Comparative Context**

Kalzang Dorjee Bhutia, University of Delhi
*Remembering whose Guru?: Claiming and Contesting the Geography and Ownership of Sacred Space in Sikkim*

Blayne Harcey, Arizona State University
*U Thant and the Legacy of Development at the Birthplace of the Buddha*

Business Meeting:

Susan L. Graham, Saint Peter's University
Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College

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**A24-231**
**Tantric Studies Unit**
Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin, Presiding

Theme: *Keeping it in the Family: Negotiating Boundaries in Kaula Tantrism*

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Meera Kachroo, St Thomas More College
*Situating Śrīvidyā: Three Contemporary Tantric Maṇḍalīs*

Ben Williams, Naropa University
*The Trans-Ritual Liturgy of the Cidvilāsastava*

Anna A. Golovkova, Bowdoin College
*Conceptions of Liberation in the Early Tantras of the Cult of Tripurasundarī*

E. Sundari Johansen Hurwitt, California Institute of Integral Studies
*The Bud That Contains the Seed of the Kula: Virgin Worship and the Influence of Śrīvidyā on the Kālīkula of Bengal*

Responding:

Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University

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**A24-232**
**Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit**
Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Presiding
Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Intersections with Eastern Late Antiquity

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University
_Rabbis and Others in Babylonian Talmudic Medicine_

Laura Locke Estes, Saint Louis University
_Accessorizing Faith: Dress as a Sign of Conversion in Two Christian Martyrdom Accounts_

Mark Leuchter, Temple University
_Ezra, the Great Assembly, and the Mythopoesis of a Rabbinic Future_

Business Meeting:

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

_A24-233 Women’s Caucus_

Deborah Fulthorp, SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary, Presiding
Alicia Panganiban, Northwestern Medicine, Presiding

Theme: Scholars on Women’s and Gender Studies: Constructing Knowledge and Influencing the Public Discourse

Sunday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Joy Qualls, Biola University
_God Forgive Us for Being Women: Rhetoric, Theology, and the Pentecostal Tradition_

Lisa Isherwood, University of Winchester, and Dirk von der Horst, Mount St. Mary's University, Los Angeles
_Contemporary Theological Approaches to Sexuality_

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina
_Race, Politics, and Religion: Towards Human Rights in the United States_

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego
_Buddhist Feminisms and Femininities_
Sunday - 2:15 PM-3:45 PM
A24-234
Historical Gaslamp Walking Tour
Sunday - 2:15 PM-3:45 PM

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
A24-300
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *The State of the Field: A Preliminary Report on Employment Landscape in Religious Studies and Theology*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
Panelists:
Matthew Gaudet, University of San Francisco
Joshua Patterson, University of Georgia
Christopher Hooker, Society of Biblical Literature

Responding:
Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

A24-301
Applied Religious Studies Committee and Teaching Religion Unit
Thomas Pearson, Wabash Center, Presiding

Theme: *Applied Religious Studies*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
Panelists:
Molly Bassett, Georgia State University
Sabina Ali, Georgia State University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Paul A. Williams, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University

A24-302
**Employment Workshop: Preparing for the Non-Academic Career**
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelist:
Karen Kelsky, The Professor Is In

A24-303
**Program Committee**

Theme: *The Art of Writing AAR Proposals*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Elissa Cutter, Loyola Marymount University

A24-304
**Public Understanding of Religion Committee**
Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *2019 Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion Forum: Wade Clark Roof*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Wade Clark Roof, University of California, Santa Barbara
E.J. Dionne, Brookings Institute, *Washington Post*

A24-305
**Religion and the Arts Award Jury**
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Theme: *Conversation with Religion and the Arts Award Recipient*
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Karen Gonzalez Rice, Connecticut College

A24-306
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Teaching the ABCs While Earning Your PhD: How To Live Well While Navigating the Pressures of Parenting and Doctoral Work

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Marie Purcell, Southern Methodist University

A24-307
Animals and Religion Unit and Native Traditions in the Americas Unit
David Aftandilian, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: Animals Are People Too: Human-Animal Relationships in the Native Traditions of the Americas

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kerry Hull, Brigham Young University
The Mythos of Origin: The Personhood of Animals in Ancient and Modern Maya Traditions

Tom Berendt, Temple University
The Buffalo Teacher: A Biomimetic Interpretation of Bovine Veneration

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College
“O’odham, Too”: Or, How to Speak to Rattlesnakes

David Walsh, Gettysburg College
When the Caribou Do Not Return: Indigenous Dene Conceptions of Personhood and Responses to Caribou Decline

A24-308
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: *Welcoming Religion around Virginia Woolf by Stephanie Paulsell*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Mara Willard, Boston College  
Pericles Lewis, Yale University  
Jane de Gay, Leeds Trinity University  
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Responding:

Stephanie Paulsell, Harvard University

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**A24-309**  
**Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and North American Hinduism Unit and Study of Islam Unit and Study of Judaism Unit**  
Annalise Glauz-Todrank, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *Making America Hate Again: Contextualizing Violence Against Religious Minorities in and beyond Trump’s America*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University  
Ronald Neal, Wake Forest University  
Simran Jeet Singh, New York University  
Ayesha S. Chaudhry, University of British Columbia  
Shana Sippy, Centre College/Carleton College

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**A24-310**  
**Body and Religion Unit**  
Megan Adamson Sijapati, Gettysburg College, Presiding

Theme: *Revisiting Merleau-Ponty and the Body*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
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Sean Dempsey, University of Arkansas
*Sacramental Subjects: Sympathy, Sensibility, and Merleau-Ponty*

Jonathan Russell, Claremont Graduate University
*Merleau-Ponty, Intercorporeality, and Religion*

Anne Austad, VID Specialized University
*Healing Experiences and the Lived Body*

David H. Nikkel, University of North Carolina, Pembroke
*Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenal Body against the "Intellectualist" Body and "Empiricist" Body*

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**A24-311**
**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit and Schleiermacher Unit**
Shelli Poe, Millsaps College, and Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg University, Presiding

Theme: *Church as Political Institution: Schleiermacher, Bonhoeffer, and Arendt on Public Faith and Political Action*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

David Robinson, Regent College
*Against a Docetic Ecclesiology: Schleiermacher and Bonhoeffer on Christ’s Body Politic*

Sang-il Kim, Boston University
*Exploring the Dynamic of Shame and Justification in Bonhoeffer: Promise for the Church’s Public Faith*

Shinkyu Lee, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
*Profiles of Religion in Forgiveness: Arendt and Bonhoeffer on Christian Forgiveness*

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**A24-312**
**Buddhism Unit and Japanese Religions Unit**
Paul Groner, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: *Putting Knowledge to Work: A Panel in Celebration of Jacqueline Stone*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Heather Blair, Indiana University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Convention and Idiosyncrasy: Doing Parinirvana with Princess Tokushi in the Early Twelfth Century

Victoria Montrose, University of Southern California

Reform or Revolt: Student Protests and Collective Action at Buddhist Universities in the Meiji Period

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas

Sociality and Salvific Imagination in Pure Land Liturgical Communities of Song China

Responding:

Jacqueline I. Stone, Princeton University

A24-313
Buddhist Philosophy Unit
Tao Jiang, Rutgers University, Presiding

Theme: Pure Lands across Asia: Transformations of the Buddhakṣetra in South and East Asian Discourses

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Roshni Patel, Emory University
The Bearing of the Field (kṣetra) in the Bhagavad-Gītā and the Vimalakīrtinirdeśasūtra

Sarah Mattice, University of North Florida
Pure Lands (淨土) and Nianfo (念佛) in Chinese Buddhist Discourse and Practice

Leah Kalmanson, Drake University
Shinran’s Concept of the Pure Land as Framed by the Problem of Practice

A24-314
Childhood Studies and Religion Unit
Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University, Presiding

Theme: The Voice of a Child: Children as Catalysts for Communal Transformation

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

James D. Smith, Bethel Seminary and Richmont Graduate University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Imitating Christ, Valuing Children, Advocating Human Rights: Jean Gerson and Christian Childhood

Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University in Saint Louis
The Fifth Child: Changing Jewish Perspectives on Children’s Religiosity

Karin Rubenson, Uppsala University
"The Children Are the Future” or “I Do Not Want Your Hope”

Responding:

Sally Stamper, Capital University

A24-315
Chinese Religions Unit and Daoist Studies Unit
Gil Raz, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Theme: Rock, Paper, Wood: Exploring Material Culture in Daoism and Chinese Religions

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Yi Ding, Stanford University
A Call for Cosmic Renewal in a Time of Crisis: Divine Stones, Temple Construction, and the Stele Inscription of the Sable Sheep Palace

Yuhang Li, University of Wisconsin
The Ephemeral Signs of Transcendence: Paper Objects in Empress Dowager Cixi’s Funeral Practice

Jin Tao, University of Chicago
City-God’s New Clothes: A Preliminary Study of the Articulated Living Image (ALI)

A24-316
Christian Spirituality Unit
Diana L. Villegas, University of the Free State, Presiding

Theme: Liberation: Perspectives from Christian Spirituality

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

David de la Fuente, Fordham University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

The Liberating Spirit of the Crucified: Ellacuria’s Liberation Spirituality and Pneumatologies of Abiding and Resistance

Michael O'Sullivan, Spirituality Institute for Research and Education

Spirituality of Liberation: Thirtieth Anniversary of the Martyrdom of University President, Ignacio Ellacuria, and Jesuit Companions

Colleen Cross, University of Notre Dame

"Unlocking Human Dignity": A Spirituality of Liberation from the Context of U.S. Immigrant Detention and Deportation

A24-317

Class, Religion, and Theology Unit
Jeremy Posadas, Austin College, Presiding

Theme: The Subject of Labor: Gender, Caste, Affect

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Mark Balmforth, Columbia University


Samira Musleh, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

Sexual Division of Labor and Its Discontents: The Disorganized Harmony of Islamic Discourse, Feminist Theory, and Decolonial Thought

B. Yuki Schwartz, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Guilt, Salvation, and Power: Domestic Workers and Abjection in Christian Theology

Joseph Strife, Fordham University

Work at the Margins, Shame, and Spirit

A24-318

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Women and Religion Unit
Susan Willhauck, Atlantic School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: Female Child Soldiers, Gender Violence and Feminist Theologies

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Traci C. West, Drew University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Confronting U.S. Moral Hypocrisy on Child Soldiers, Inventing Antiracist Solidarity

Beverly Mitchell, Wesley Theological Seminary
Human Rights, Dignity, and Female Child Soldiers: A Theological Approach

Georgette Ledgister, Agnes Scott College
“I’d Rather Die than Wrestle”: Gender, Spirituality and Agency Amongst the Luba Mai-Mai

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University
Battling a “War within a War”: Challenges of Being Female in Africa

A24-319
Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
Shubha Pathak, American University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Humor in South Asia

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Aleksandra Restifo, Yale University
The Effect of Rāvana’s Tricks: Comedy and Tragedy in Rāmacandra’s Raghuvilāsanātaka

Gregory Clines, Trinity University
How Jains Came to Make Dad Jokes: Hanumān’s Parents According to Two Jain Authors

Jason Smith, Harvard University
The Ethics of Humor in Kālidāsa’s Abhijñānaśākuntalam

Seth Ligo, Duke University
Cries of Terror, Shrieks of Laughter: Marginal Yogīs and the Complementary Modalities of Humor and Fear

Lynna Dhanani, Yale University
Destabilizing Religious Imagination: Polemical Humor in Hemacandra’s Literary Texts

Responding:

Jack Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University

A24-320
Comparative Theology Unit
Philip Cunningham, St. Joseph's University, Presiding
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: *Assessing Jewish-Christain Comparative Theology*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Adam Gregerman, Saint Joseph's University
Daniel Joslyn-Siemiatkoski, Seminary of the Southwest
Marianne Moyaert, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
Devorah Schoenfeld, Loyola University, Chicago
Beatrice Wallins, Seattle University
Samuel Kessler, Gustavus Adolphus College

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**A24-321**

*Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit*

Damon Berry, St. Lawrence University, Presiding

Theme: *Locating Pagan Politics*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Helen Berger, Brandeis University

*Ethics, Contemporary Pagans, and the Alt-Right*

Giovanna Parmigiani, Harvard University

*The "Politics of Desire" among Southern-Italian Neo-Pagans*

Business Meeting:

Amy Hale, Atlanta, GA

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**A24-322**

*Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit and Religious Conversions Unit*

Rico Gabriel Monge, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: *Turns and Returns: Conversions to Eastern Orthodoxy*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University

*Praising Putin: The Political Dimensions of Conversion to Russian Orthodoxy in Appalachia*
**Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

Mary Grace Dupree, Emory University  
*Politics in Pigments: Change in the Greek-American Community Written in Icons*

Lydia Bringerud, Memorial University of Newfoundland  
*“The Church is Always People”: Converts to Orthodox Christianity and Vernacular Theologies*

Philipp Reisner, University of Düsseldorf  
*Eastern Orthodoxy and the Specters of Contemporary Protestantism: Intra-Christian Conversion in Historical Perspective*

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**A24-323**  
**Ecclesiological Investigations Unit and Vatican II Studies Unit**  
Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University, Presiding

Theme: *Crisis in the Church: Patterns of Abuse as Challenge and Opportunity for Reform*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Hendrik Pieter de Roest, Protestant Theological University  
*Sexual Abuse in Pastoral Relationships and the Relational Dynamics in the Parish in the Aftermath*

Massimo Faggioli, Villanova University  
*Apparent Victory, Actual Defeat? Vatican II Ecclesiology of the Episcopate and the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis*

Gerard Mannion, Georgetown University  
*From Social Sin and Institutional Malaise to a Culture of Truthfulness, Accountability and Co-Responsibility: Steps to Move beyond Ecclesial Crisis Mode*

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**A24-324**  
**Gay Men and Religion Unit**  
Or Porath, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: *Eschatological Judgments and the Experiences of Gay Men*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jason Steidl, Fordham University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Swallowed by Satan: Joseph Sciambra, Catholic Rhetoric of the Demonic, and the HIV/AIDS Apocalypse

Richard McCarty, Mercyhurst University
An Eschatological Challenge to Homonormativity

Mohamed S. Hassan, Temple University
“The Earth Will Suck Him Inside and He Shall Reach the Place of the Dead of Lut”: Homosexuality, Eschatological Imaginings, and Eternal Damnations in Islamic Texts

Responding:

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University

A24-325
Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit
Maria Heim, Amherst College, Presiding

Theme: Mind and Consciousness: Indian and Chinese Approaches

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Karen O'Brien-Kop, SOAS University of London
Mind, Meditation, and the Metaphor of Cultivation: Bhāvanā and the Case of Rice Cultivation

Fei Zhao, University of Washington
Consciousness as a Pincer or a Pond: Different Interpretations of the Term Akāra and Their Cognitive Models

Xiaoming Hou, École Pratique des Hautes Études
Same yet Different? The Superior and Inferior Four Dhyāna in the Works of Zhiyi (538-597)

Business Meeting:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University
Michael Allen, University of Virginia

A24-326
Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit
Shelly Rambo, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: Intersectional Spiritual Care: Chaplaincy across Lines of Difference
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Pamela Couture, University of Toronto
*Inter-religious, Inter-spiritual and Intercultural Formation for Spiritual Care Practice*

Donna S. Mote, University of the South
*Chaplaining Dignified Transfers: Public Liturgy and the Sacred Remains at ATL*

Daniel Roberts, Roberts Research and Consulting, and Joann Kovacich, University of Phoenix
*Military Male Chaplains’ Pastoral Support and Female Soldiers: A Descriptive Case Study*

Brent Beavers, Graduate Theological Union / Institute of Buddhist Studies
*The Interruption of Transgender Othering in Healthcare: A Buddhist Approach for all Chaplains*

Lance D. Laird, Boston University
*Muslim Healthcare Chaplains: Education, Translation, and Code Switching in a Minority Religious Community*

Responding:

Pamela Yetunde, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

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**A24-327**  
**Jain Studies Unit**  
Steven Vose, Florida International University, Presiding

Theme: *Jain Diaspora Temple Committees and Praxis*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Mirjam Iseli, Universität Bern
*Jains in Switzerland: Establishment and Dissolution of a Supra-Denominational Community*

Venu Mehta, University of Florida
*Sectarian Negotiations among the Jain Religious Diaspora in the USA*

Tine Vekemans, Ghent University
*Roots, Routes, and Routers Social and Digital Dynamics in the Jain Diaspora*

Shivani Bothra, Victoria University of Wellington
*Jainism in Diaspora: Shift in the Transmission of Children’s Religious Education towards Negotiating Tradition and Continuity*
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Responding:

Bindi Shah, University of Southampton

Business Meeting:

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

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**A24-328**

*Korean Religions Unit*

So-Yi Chung, Sogang University, Presiding

Theme: *Material Culture and Korean Religions*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Yohan Yoo, Seoul National University
*Material God: Jeju Shamans’ Instrument and Tutelary Deity, Mengdu*

Hyemin Na, Emory University

Liora Sarfati, Tel Aviv University
*The Material Manipulation of Ritual Sites in Korean Shamanism*

Responding:

David Morgan, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Deberniere Torrey, University of Utah
Hwansoo Kim, Yale University

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**A24-329**

*Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit and Religion and Popular Culture Unit*

Linda G. Jones, University of Pompeu Fabra, Presiding

Theme: *Media Masculinities: Profiles of Christian, Hindu, and Muslim Masculinities in Popular Culture*
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Drake Konow, Yale University
"God Bless Gay": Blackness and the Burden of Reconciling Religion and Queer Sexuality

Lauren Sawyer, Drew Theological School
Lust is Not the Problem (White Male Supremacy Is): A Feminist Critique of the “Smokin’ Hot Wife”

Emilia Bachrach, Oberlin College
Mobile Masculinities and Hashtag Hinduism

Samah Choudhury, University of North Carolina
American Muslim Humor: Colonial Masculinities and the Racialization of Religion

A24-330
Mysticism Unit and Philosophy of Religion Unit
Jason N. Blum, Davidson College, Presiding

Theme: Mysticism and Resistance: Interdisciplinary Perspectives for Philosophy of Religion

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Christina Van Dyke, Calvin College
From Meditation to Contemplation: Broadening the Borders

Sameer Yadav, Westmont College
The Mystical Self as Political Self

Joy R. Bostic, Case Western Reserve University
Black Mystical Cultures and Prophetic Traditions of Resistance in Hip Hop and Black Popular Culture

Responding:

Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz

A24-331
North American Religions Unit
Hillary Kaell, Concordia University, Montreal, Presiding
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: *The World on Fire: Reflections from North America*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University
*Earth on Fire: The Dystopian Prophets and Profits of Marketing Planetary Apocalypse and Exodus in the Business of Mars Colonization*

Laura McTighe, Dartmouth College
*Theory on the Ground*

Lise Miltner
*Lived Rituals: Response to Identity Trauma and Wildfire*

Jack Downey, La Salle University
*Apocalypse Camp: Emergent Strategy at the End of the World*

Responding:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

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**A24-332**

**Religion and Cities Unit**

Rupa Pillai, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Theme: *Cosmopolitanism and Mobile Cities: Interreligious Communication in Mumbai and Inter-Regional Pilgrimage in Indonesia*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

István Keul, University of Bergen
*Contextual Religious Cosmopolitanism in Mumbai*

James Edmonds, Arizona State University
*Pilgrimage Sites as Mobile Cities: Indonesian Piety on the Move*

Business Meeting:

Harold Morales, Morgan State University

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**A24-333**

**Religion and Migration Unit**
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Karen Marie Leth-Nissen, University of Copenhagen, Presiding
Leif Stenberg, Aga Khan University, Presiding

Theme: Migration and Everyday Religion: Secular Society Institutions (Re)Challenged

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jonathan Morgan, Lund University
In the Right Place at the Right Time: The Accidental Missionary Activities of the Church of Sweden in Their Work with Unaccompanied Refugee Minors

Dan-Erik Andersson, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
Hand on the Heart, Handshake, Hug or a Kiss? The Art of Greeting Each Other in a Multicultural Society

Johanna Gustafsson Lundberg, Lund University
Ryszard Bobrowicz, Lund University
Handshake Debates in the Context of Nordic Secularism: Mediation by Law through Religious Literacy, Translation and Fairness

Business Meeting:

Nanette Spina, University of Georgia
Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University

A24-334
Religion and Politics Unit and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Unit
Hatem Bazian, Zaytuna College and University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: Countering Violent Extremism and Terrorist Rehabilitation Programs: Regulating Islamic Narratives and Practices in China, Singapore, and Australia

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

David Tittensor, Deakin University
Counter Terrorism as ‘Performance’ and the Muslim Bogey Man in Australia

Aida Arosoaie, UW-Madison
Religious Rehabilitation in Singapore Religion, race and state politics

Mohamed Nawab Mohamed Osman, NTU, RSIS
The Construction of the Uighur Threat in China’s Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Policy
A24-335
Religion in Europe Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit
Anna Moreland, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: *Author-Meets-Critics: John Tolan, Faces of Muhammad: Western Perceptions of the Prophet of Islam from the Middle Ages to Today*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Stephanie Yep, Emory University
Fadi Ragheb, University of Toronto
David Freidenreich, Colby College
Jamel Velji, Claremont McKenna College

Responding:
John Tolan, MSH Ange Guepin

Business Meeting:
David Freidenreich, Colby College

A24-336
Religion in Southeast Asia Unit and New Perspectives on Religion in the Philippines Seminar
Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn, Presiding

Theme: *Religion in Southeast Asia Roundtable: The Philippines as a Site of Religion – Global Connections and Regional Entanglements*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Deirdre de la Cruz, University of Michigan
Oona Paredes, National University of Singapore
Giovanni Maltese, University of Heidelberg
Richard Fox, University of Victoria

A24-337
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit and Science, Technology, and Religion Unit
Allison Covey, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: Emotion Science, Cognition, and Religion

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Donovan Schaefer, University of Pennsylvania, and Simeon Zahl, University of Cambridge

Sarah Lane Ritchie, University of Edinburgh
The New Science of Psychedelics and the Embodied Experience of Religious Belief

Niki Clements, Rice University
A Typology of Emotion, Affect, and Feeling for the Study of Religion and Cognition

Responding:

Michael Spezio, Scripps College

A24-338
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Leslie Ribovich, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: Religion, Interrupted: Mental Illness, Minority Communities, and American Asylums

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Shari Rabin, College of Charleston
“A Species of Insanity”: Senility, Lunacy, and American Jews (1882-1930)

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University
“Excessive Religious Excitement”: Black Religions in the American Asylum

Sarah Dees, Northwestern University
Native American Spirituality and Mental Illness: The Hiawatha Asylum for Insane Indians (1898-1934)

A24-339
Sociology of Religion Unit
Katja Rakow, Utrecht University, Presiding
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: Who Counts? Religious Participation, Social Science Methods, and Determining Data in the Study of Religion

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kathleen Garces-Foley, Marymount University
When Mainline Protestant Young Adults Go Church Shopping

Sarah Kathleen Johnson, University of Notre Dame, and David Sikkink, University of Notre Dame
Occasional Religious Participation: A Congregational Level Analysis

Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University, Denise Daniels, Seattle Pacific University, and Rachel Schneider, Rice University
Faith at Work: Applying Empirical Research to Church Life

Peder Thalén, University of Gavle
Is It Possible to Measure Atheism? Remarks on Methodological Problems in Sociology of Religion

A24-340
Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit
Sravana Borkataky-Varma, University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Presiding


Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Matteo Di Placido, University of Milan - Bicocca
Derek Mills, YogaGlo
Darren Iammarino, San Diego Mesa College

Responding:

Sthaneshwar Timalsina, San Diego State University
Christa Kuberry, Yoga Alliance

A24-341
Buddhist Pedagogy Seminar
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Todd T. Lewis, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Theme: *Innovative Methods and Models for Teaching Buddhism*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Trung Huynh, University of Houston
*Advocacy for Teaching Buddhist Courses in Public Schools*

Nathan McGovern, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater
*De-Coveraging the Introduction to Buddhism Class*

John Nelson, University of San Francisco
*Campus Pilgrimage: A Walk into Buddhist Presence*

Responding:

Jonathan Young, California State University, Bakersfield

Business Meeting:

Gloria I-Ling Chien, Gonzaga University
Trung Huynh, University of Houston

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**A24-342**  
**Chinese Christianities Seminar**  
Christie Chui-Shan Chow, City Seminary of New York, Presiding

Theme: *Exceptionalism in Chinese Christianities*

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Gideon Elazar, Bar Ilan University; Ariel University  
*Back to Jerusalem: The Chinese-Christian Road to Globalization and Indigenization*

Stephanie Wong, Valparaiso University  
*Opposing Integralism: Chinese Catholicism and the Circumscription of "Religion" in the Beiyang Era*

Justin Tse, Northwestern University  
*Sheets of Scattered Sand: Cantonese Protestants on the Pacific Rim and the Shadow of Sun Yatsen*
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Responding:
Jonathan Tan, Case Western Reserve University

A24-343
Women's Caucus
Mary E. Hunt, Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics, and Ritual, Presiding

Theme: Maryam: A Woman of Bethlehem

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Victoria Rue, San Jose State University
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College

A24-344
Theological Education Committee Meeting
Scott C. Alexander, Catholic Theological Union, Presiding

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

P24-300
Karl Barth Society of North America
George Hunsinger, Princeton Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Discussing Dogmatics After Babel: Beyond Theologies of Word and Culture by Rubén Rosario Rodriguez

Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Paul D. Molnar, St. John's University
Orlando Espin, University of San Diego
Cambria Kaltwasser, Northwestern College
Kevin Hector, University of Chicago

Responding:
Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University
Sunday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Business Meeting:
Keith Johnson, Wheaton College

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A24-400  
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee  
Kerry Danner, Georgetown University, and Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, Presiding

Theme: *Open Place to Talk*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A24-401  
Applied Religious Studies Committee  
Cristine Hutchison-Jones, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Talking about Religion outside the Academy: A Discussion with Reza Aslan*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:
Reza Aslan, University of California, Riverside

A24-402  
Publications Committee  
Cynthia Read, Oxford University Press, and Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: *How to Get Published*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:
Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis  
Margaret D. Kamitsuka, Oberlin College  
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

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John Nemec, University of Virginia
Karen Jackson-Weaver, Oxford University
Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

A24-403
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Surviving Theological Education without Losing Your Soul: Spiritual Practices for Students

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Savoy Stevens, Independent Scholar

A24-404
African Diaspora Religions Unit

Elana Jefferson-Tatum, Tufts University, Presiding

Theme: Caribbean Intersections of African and Hindu Religious Diasporas

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Randy Goldson, Temple University
Legitimating and Contesting Hindu Religious Permutations in Jamaica

Khytie Brown, Harvard University
Hindu Princess, Revival Jezebel: Sensing the Indian Spiritual Nation in Jamaican Revival Zion Religion

Danielle Boaz, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

A24-405
Afro-American Religious History Unit

Alexis S. Wells-Oghoghomeh, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Theme: Protest and Politics: A Fifty Year Retrospective on Black Religion and 1969

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Douglas Clark, Vanderbilt University
*A Solid Black Hyphen: Gayraud Wilmore’s 1969 Defense of James Forman and the Black Manifesto*

Jamie Pitts, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
*Black Studies as Black Religion: Vincent Harding, the Institute of the Black World, and the Movement “Deep into Blackness”*

Matthew Harris, University of California, Santa Barbara
*Rethinking How Space Became the Place: Sun Ra, Saturn, and Black Metaphysical Religion*

Responding:

Rosetta E. Ross, Spelman College

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**A24-406**

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit**
Lisa M. Allen, Interdenominational Theological Center, Presiding

Theme: *(Un)Making the Black Experience in Arts, Literature, and Religion*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Brian Foulks, Chicago Theological Seminary
*The (Un)Making within the Theo-Creative: Wrestling with James Baldwin and John Coltrane*

Brenton Brock, Princeton Theological Seminary
*A Burning Prophecy: Engaging the Conceptual Framework of "Fire" through the Works of James Baldwin*

Debbie Brubaker, Vanderbilt University
*Unmaking and Remaking Perception: Resistance in the Art of Betye Saar*

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**A24-407**

**Buddhism Unit**
Michelle Wang, Georgetown University, Presiding

Theme: *The Ambivalence of Buddhist Kingship*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Diego Loukota Sanclemente, University of California, Los Angeles
Worth Half a Mango: On the Ridicule of Kings in Kumāralāta’s Garland of Examples

Brandon Dotson, Georgetown University
Loser God, Loser Prince, and Dice Cheat: the Tibetan Buddhist King as an Ambivalent Figure

Stephanie Lynn Balkwill, University of Winnipeg
“Bewitched” or “Bewitching”: What is the Ling 灵 in the Empress Dowager’s Name?

April Hughes, Boston University
Wu Zhao (r. 690-705): Buddha, Emperor, Earthly Savior

A24-408
Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit
Barbra R. Clayton, Mount Allison University, Presiding

Theme: Buddhist Chaplaincy: Friendship through the Challenges of Life

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Monica Sanford, Rochester Institute of Technology
Kalyāṇamitra: Spiritual Friendship as a Paradigm for Buddhist Chaplaincy

Andrea Vecchione
Life Is a Period of Itself; Death Is a Period of Itself: Shaping the Death and Dying Landscape: Zen Buddhist Compassionate/Contemplative Care Programs and Their Impact on Hospice, Palliative Care, and Chaplaincy Programs

Grace G. Burford, Davidson College

Responding:

Wendy Cadge, Brandeis University

A24-409
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Nicholas Adams, University of Birmingham, Presiding

Theme: The Flesh of Christ: Incarnation, Passion, and Liturgy
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Brendan Case, Duke University
*Christ’s Flesh as a Reason for the Incarnation in Grosseteste, Bonaventure, and Aquinas*

Eric Mabry, Christ the King Seminary
*Passio Christi, Comforta Me: Horrors or Original Sin? Satisfaction and the Flesh of Christ*

Luke Zerra, Princeton Theological Seminary
*Attending to Practitioners: An Intervention into Debates on Liturgy and Moral Formation*

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**A24-410**

Class, Religion, and Theology Unit and Open and Relational Theologies Unit and Religion and Ecology Unit

Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Can Religion Save the World? Beyond Capitalism, Consumerism, and Systems of Exploitation towards Ecological Civilization*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Cherice Bock, The Oregon Extension
*Environmental Care in Action: Experiences of Seminary and Divinity School Graduates from Environmentally Focused Programs*

Anthony Mansueto, El Centro College
*Sanctuary and Commons: How Can Religion Contribute to Saving the World?*

Hunter Bragg, Drew University
*“Can God Forgive Us?”: Christian Symbols and Marcuse’s Negation of the World*

Marie-Claire Klassen, University of Notre Dame
*Laudato Si’, Decolonization, and Ecofeminism: A Case Study of the Kinder Morgan Pipeline Project*

Responding:

John B. Cobb, Center for Process Studies

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**A24-411**

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit

Kelly Denton-Borhaug, Moravian College, Presiding
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Religion, Violence, and Technologies of Communication

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

L. Benjamin Rolsky, Lehigh University
Establishments and Their Fall: Direct Mail, the New Right, and the Remaking of American Politics

Sara Kamali, University of Oxford
RaHoWa: White Nationalists Waging a Racial Holy War through Social Media

Simon Mastrangelo, University of Bern
Justification of Violence on Facebook: The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Portrayed as a Religious War

Giulia Evolvi, Ruhr University
Islamophobia on Twitter: Antagonistic Anti-Muslim Narratives about Brexit and Migration

A24-412
Comparative Religious Ethics Unit
Jung Lee, Northeastern University, Presiding

Theme: Teaching Comparative Religious Ethics

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Ross Moret, Florida State University
Teaching Comparative Religious Ethics through Student Group Site Visits

Fred Glennon, Le Moyne College
Using Jigsaw and Case Studies to Teach and Assess Comparative Religious Ethics

Responding:

Faraz Sheikh, College of William and Mary

A24-413
Ecclesial Practices Unit
Jonas Ídeström, Church of Sweden, Presiding
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *What Really Matters at the Intersection of Ethnography and Theology*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology
Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College
Kristina Helgesson Kjellin, Church of Sweden and Uppsala University

Responding:

Peter Slade, Ashland University

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**A24-414**  
*Evangelical Studies Unit*  
Anna Robbins, Acadia Divinity College, Presiding

Theme: *Critical Engagement with Emily Suzanne Johnson's New Book, This Is Our Message: Women's Leadership in the New Christian Right*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Seth Dowland, Pacific Lutheran University  
Katelyn Beaty, Brazos Press  
Karen Swallow Prior, Liberty University  
Michael McVicar, Florida State University

Responding:

Emily Johnson, Ball State University

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**A24-415**  
*Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit and Religion and Politics Unit and Sikh Studies Unit*  
Katharine Batlan, University of Alberta, Augustana Campus, Presiding

Theme: *The Racialization of Religion*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Simranjit Khalsa, Rice University
*Becoming American: Narratives of Marginalization and National Identity among Sikhs in the US*

Seth Gaiters, Ohio State University
*BlackLivesMatter and Sacred Politics: Promiscuous Solidarities Conjuring Justice*

Elisabeth Becker, Yale University
*Black Muslim, White Muslim? Race, Religion, and the Color Gradient in Contemporary America*

Tazeen Ali, Boston University
*Towards a Collective American Muslim Consciousness: Building Multiracial Community at the Women’s Mosque of America*

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**A24-416**

**Jain Studies Unit and Tantric Studies Unit**

John E. Cort, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: *Genesis and Development of Jain Tantra*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Samani Rohini Pragya, Florida International University
*Namaskāra Mahāmantra: Origin and Development*

Aaron Ullrey, UC Santa Barbara
*Taming Tantra: Toning Down Violent Ritual Results in the Jvālāmālinīkalpa*

Michael Slouber, Western Washington University
*Situating the Jain Tantric Guide to Spells (Vidyānuśāsana)*

Venu Mehta, University of Florida
*Making Jaina Tantric Cult of Padmāvatī Public in Gujarat*

Responding:

Steven Vose, Florida International University

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**A24-417**

**Law, Religion, and Culture Unit and Religion and Migration Unit**

Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Seeking Refuge: Sancturary Movements in a Global Context*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Dejan Duric, University of Michigan
*Capturing the Legal Soul: Law, Life, and Liberation in the 1980s Sanctuary Movement*

Christoph Grüll, University of Groningen
*A Proposal for "Situational Cosmopolitanism": Sanctuary Cases in the Netherlands and Germany*

Cuilan Liu, University of Toronto
*Clerical Immunity: A Failed Chinese Buddhist Campaign for Sanctuary*

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A24-418
Mormon Studies Unit
Amy Hoyt, University of the Pacific, Presiding

Theme: *Unorthodox Conversion*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Cristina Rossetti, University of California, Riverside
*Becoming Queens and Priestesses: Women’s Conversion to Mormon Fundamentalism*

Joshua Wopata, University of Dayton
*Cora Evans: Mormon Convert and Current Cause for Sainthood in the Catholic Church*

Kristen Tobey, John Carroll University
*Deciding to Stay: Misfit Mormons and Religious Leavetaking Paradigms*

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A24-419
Mysticism Unit and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Kyrah Malika Daniels, Boston College, Presiding

Theme: *Mystical Illness, Healing, and Madness*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

**Madness and (of) Mystics: Psychosis and the Mystical Experience**

Jarrod Hyam, University of Sydney

*Initiatory Illness among Nepali and American Traditional Healers*

Daniel Moseson, University of Utah

*Micro-Dosing Mystical Experience: Mysticism and Healing in Modern Medicine*

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**A24-420**

**North American Religions Unit and Religion and Economy Unit**

Sally M. Promey, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: **#CaptioningReligion: Characterizing the Material Economies of Religion in the Americas**

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Judith Ellen Brunton, University of Toronto
Richard Callahan, Gonzaga University
Kati Curts, University of the South
Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University
Sonia Hazard, Florida State University
Hillary Kaell, Concordia University, Montreal
Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
Roxanne Korpan, University of Toronto
Kathryn Lofton, Yale University
Suzanne van Geuns, University of Toronto

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**A24-421**

**Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit**

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University, Presiding

Theme: **Neoplatonism and the Theology of Aristotle**

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Shatha Almutawa, Willamette University

*Reading the Theology of Aristotle into the Qur’an: The Hermeneutics of the Brethren of Purity*
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Syed Zaidi, Emory University
*Ibn Sīnā’s Conception of Light in His Commentary of the Theology of Aristotle*

Lydia Schumacher
*The Theology of Aristotle and the Birth of Latin Scholasticism*

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**A24-422**

**Political Theology Unit**

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University, Presiding

Theme: *Political Theology and Patriarchy*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Rachel Sophia Baard, Villanova University
Larisa Reznik, Goucher College
Linn Tonstad, Yale University
Ludger Viefhues-Bailey, Le Moyne College
Kris Trujillo, Fordham University

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**A24-423**

**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit and Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit**

Jason Springs, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: *Womanist Theology, Sociality, and Subversive Praxis*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner, Southern Methodist University
*Katie Geneva Cannon: Her Legacy to Pastoral and Practical Theologians*

Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College
*In Pursuit of African-American Female Pragmatists*

Responding:

Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, Colby College
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

A24-424
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Pamela Cooper-White, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Denial in the Midst of Cultural Crisis: Psychological and Religious Responses to Climate Change and Migration

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Storm Swain, United Lutheran Seminary
Climate Crisis Denial: Symptoms of Trauma, or Splitting? Paradigms Shifts in Pastoral Theology That Counter Denial, Promote Resilience, and Build Intersectional Community in Australia and America

Ryan LaMothe, St. Meinrad School of Theology
A Tower of Babel: Obstacles and Distractions in Professional Organizations Addressing Climate Change

Karin Zirk, Pacifica Graduate Institute
We Already Have a Border Wall: The US/Mexican Border as Cultural Complex

Responding:
Donna Orange, New York University

A24-425
Queer Studies in Religion Unit and Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit
Wendy Love Anderson, Washington University in Saint Louis, Presiding

Theme: Beyond Embodied Authority: Gender Performance in the Lives of Premodern Christian Holy Women

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Kathryn Phillips, University of California, Riverside
The Disguised Saint: A Transgender Studies Approach to Matrona's Gender Presentation as a Eunuch

Robert Porwoll, University of Chicago
Heloise and the Proto-Scholastic Abbess

C. Libby, Pennsylvania State University
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

(En)Gendering Feeling across Time

A24-426
Religion and Food Unit
Rachel Gordon, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: Food Access and the Value of Food

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Eva Englert-Jessen, Hendrix College
Faith Communities and Food Access Issues: Deepening Our Approaches

Catherine Newell, University of Miami
Healthier Than Thou: Clean Eating, Moral Therapeutic Scientism, and Performative Virtue

Hajung Lee, University of Puget Sound
Seeking Food Justice through Interreligious Food Activism: A Case Study of South Korean Globalization of Its Food Market

Business Meeting:

Derek Hicks, Wake Forest University
Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College

A24-427
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Rabia Gregory, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: Subjects, Scholars, and Mediated Communities: New Approaches to the Study of Religion and Popular Culture

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College
Cowboy Apocalypse: Transmediating the End

Kaitlyn Ugoretz, University of California, Santa Barbara
Drawing on Shintō?: Online Shinto Communities’ Responses to the Religious in Miyazaki Hayao’s Anime

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Towards a Theoretical Agenda in Religion and Popular Culture Studies

A24-428
Religion and Science Fiction Unit and Science, Technology, and Religion Unit and Zygon: Journal of Religion and Science
Emanuelle Burton, University of Illinois, Chicago, Presiding

Theme: The Nuts and Bolts of Transformation: A Zygon Roundtable on Science Fiction's Imagined Technologies and the Civic Imagination

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Nathan Schradle, University of North Carolina
Silicon Salvation: Magical Thinking and Superintelligent A.I.

Michelle Marvin, University of Notre Dame
Memory Altering Technologies and the Capacity to Forgive: Westworld and Volf in Dialogue

Zhange Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Xiuzhen (Immortality Cultivation): Daoist Alchemy, Transhumanist Technology, and the Fiction Beyond Neoliberalism

A24-429
Religion in South Asia Unit
Elaine Fisher, Stanford University, Presiding

Theme: New Directions in the Study of South Asian Religions

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Avni Chag, SOAS, University of London
Configuring Sectarian Legitimacy through Eclecticism: A Case of the Svāminārāyaṇa Sampradāya’s Śikṣāpatrī

Heleen De Jonckheere, Ghent University
"Where mirrors are mirrored": Different versions of a Jain satirical narrative

Sophia Nasti, Harvard University
Reading Theology Across Genres: Māṇikkavācakar's Tiruvācakam and Tirukkōvaiyār as Related Śaiva Projects
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Responding:

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida

A24-430
Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit
Benjamin Sax, Institute for Islamic, Christian, and Jewish Studies, Presiding

Theme: Religious Perspectives on White Genocide

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Martin Lund, Malmö University
Magneto, Ms. Marvel, and Other Monsters: The Superhero Genre and “White Genocide” Rhetoric

Weaver Taylor, University of Kent
The Italian Far-Right and Ethno-Nationalism: Espositoan Readings of Immunitarian Regimes

Kate Temoney, Montclair State University
“Race is My Religion!” and “White Genocide”

Responding:

Biko Gray, Syracuse University

A24-431
Religious Conversions Unit
Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University, Presiding

Theme: Religious Conversion and Natural Disasters

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Michael T. McLaughlin, Old Dominion University
Conversion and The Vulnerable Life in the Philippines: Resilience or Just “Going On”?

Celucien Joseph, Indian River State College
“Natural Evil and Disasters and Haitian Response toward Religious Belief and Spiritual Conversion”

Maria T. Davila, Merrimack College
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Title: "Faith, Science, and Maria Walk into a Bar...": Puerto Rico, Hurricane Maria, and the Narrative of Conversions

Responding:

Terry Rey, Temple University

Business Meeting:

Cody Musselman, Yale University

A24-432  
Ritual Studies Unit and Women and Religion Unit  
Andrea Dara Cooper, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: Making Motherhood: Ritual Narratives of Pregnancy and Its Perils

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Ann D. University of North Carolinaan, Goucher College  
Radical Inclusion and Inevitable Exclusion in the Sacred Living Movement

Millicent Feske, Saint Joseph's University  
The Sense of An Ending: The Role of Ritual in Pregnancy Loss and Newborn Death

Haley Petersen, University of North Carolina  
The Specter of Motherhood: Supernatural Trauma and/in the Female Body in Japan's Modern Ubume Boom

Responding:

Colleen D. Hartung, Holy Wisdom Monastery

A24-433  
Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit  
Tyler Atkinson, Bethany College, Presiding

Theme: Unfolding the Scroll: Ethics and the Materiality of Sacred Texts

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Michael Mawson, University of Aberdeen
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Living with the Forms of the Word: Bonhoeffer, Rosenzweig and the Materiality of Scripture

Matthew Wilson, Gonzaga University
“If You Boil It, We Will Hang You Today, Man”: The Role of Sacred Text in the Public Performance of Muslim and Christian Polemical Debate in London

Jason von Ehrenkrook, University of Massachusetts
The Scepter and the Sword: Scriptural Materiality and Presidential Power

Business Meeting:

Tyler Atkinson, Bethany College

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A24-434
Study of Islam Unit
Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston, Presiding

Theme: Islam and Governmentality: From Modern Kingship to Contemporary Prison Regimes
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jocelyn Hendrickson, University of Alberta
Let’s Pretend: French-Sponsored Taqiyya in Colonial West Africa

Arianne Ekinci, University of North Carolina
Stripping “Muslim” from Uyghur Cultural Heritage: Islam as Oppression and the Justification for State-led Development in Xinjiang during the Early PRC

Rebecca Makas, Villanova University
Access to Islamic Texts While Incarcerated: A Report from Pennsylvania

Responding:

Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston

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A24-435
Study of Judaism Unit
Nechama Juni, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: Jewish Law and Theology at the Limits of Scientific Reasoning
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Bar Guzi, Brandeis University
A God Worthy of Worship: Answers from Three American Jewish Naturalistic Theists

Samuel Kessler, Gustavus Adolphus College
Writing About God in an Age of Science: Kaufmann Kohler’s Outline of a Systematic Theology of Judaism on a Historical Basis (1910)

irit Offer Stark, New York University
Pragmatism and Jewish Thought

A24-436
Theology and Religious Reflection Unit
Karen Bray, Wesleyan College, Presiding

Theme: The Powers of Gentleness and the Limits of the Human

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Elizabeth Pyne, Fordham University
To Live Gently, To End Well: Queer Kinship Beyond the Anthropocene

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin
A Gentle Reminder of the Earth: Sensual Theopoetics in Deep Time and the Expanded Present

Eric Meyer, Carroll College
On Gentleness, Carnivory, and the Violence of God

Beatrice Marovich, Hanover College
Shelters for the Dead and Space for the Living: Political Theology, Gentleness, and Extinction

A24-437
Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: Teaching Islam and Muslim Studies: Cross-Disciplinary and Anti-Disciplinary Orientations to Pedagogies in North American Academia

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Shaista Patel, University of California, San Diego
Shehnaz Haqqani, Mercer University
Nadeen Kharpoutly, UC San Diego
Merin Shobhana Xavier, Queen's University
Sarah Eltantawi, Evergreen State College

A24-438
Yogācāra Studies Unit
Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Cheng Weishi Lun across East Asian Yogācāra: Philosophy and Tradition*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Ernest Brewster, Harvard University
*Thusness as Cognitive Object (Ālambana) in the Cheng Weishi Lun*

Nobuyoshi Yamabe, Waseda University
*Do Sense Perceptions Operate in Deep Meditation?: An Examination of a Passage on Meditative Experience in Cheng Weishi Lun*

Sumi Lee, Dongguk University
*The Cheng Weishi Lun and the Emptiness-Existence Controversy*

Ronald S. Green, Coastal Carolina University
*Gomyō's Use of the Cheng Weishi Lun and Japanese Hossō’s Refutation of Him*

Shigeki Moro, Hanazono University
*Maintainers of a Destroying World: A Doctrinal Discussion on Cheng Weishi Lun in the Japanese Rongi Tradition*

A24-439
Buddhist Pedagogy Seminar
Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Presiding

Theme: *Contemplation in the Buddhist Studies Classroom*

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Julie Regan, La Salle University
*Experiments with Buddhist Forms of Thought, Action, and Practice in the Classroom*

Anna Lannstrom, Stonehill College
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Let's Be Buddhists for the Next Few Weeks! Costs and Benefits of Making Students Explore Buddhism from the Inside

Peter M. Romaskiewicz, University of California, Santa Barbara

Meditation in the Classroom: A Pedagogical Defense for the Practice of Religious Ritual?

Responding:

Ben Van Overmeire, Ghent University

A24-440
Contextualizing the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis Seminar
Megan McCabe, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Theme: Centering Survivors: Contextualizing Clergy Sexual Abuse

Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Cristina L. H. Traina, Northwestern University

Fantasizing Equality: Theology of the Body as a Spirituality of Abuse

Beena Poulose Kallely, Graduate Theological Union

A Restorative Justice Response to the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis in India

Jennifer Beste, College of St. Benedict

The Missing Piece: Children’s Justice as the Focus for Responding to the Clergy Abuse Crisis

Ana Lourdes Suarez, Universidad Católica Argentina

The #MeToo Movement in Latin American Nuns and Ex-Nuns

Kaya Oakes, University of California, Berkeley

Forgiveness Redefined in Clergy Sexual Abuse

Business Meeting:

Brian Clites, Case Western Reserve University
Megan McCabe, Gonzaga University

A24-441
New Perspectives on Religion in the Philippines Seminar
Deirdre de la Cruz, University of Michigan, Presiding
Sunday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *New Perspectives on Colonialism, Religious Corporations, and Indigenous Christianity in the Philippines*

Scott MacLochlainn, University of Michigan
*Of Congregations and Corporations: Capitalist Logics and the Freedoms of Religion in the Philippines*

David Gowey, Arizona State University
*Colonial Inheritances: Religious Dialogues in the Philippine-American War*

Albert Shannon G. Toribio, University of California, Riverside
*Re-Examining the Iglesia ni Cristo: Building a Church through the Words of the Sugo*

Sunday - 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

**A24-500**
*Reading Religion* Editorial Board Meeting
Sarah Levine, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Sunday - 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

**P24-500**
12 Step Recovery Support Meeting

Sunday - 8:00 PM-9:30 PM

**A24-501**
*Arts Series: Spirit in the Dark Body: Black Queer Expressions of the Immaterial*

Panelists:

Elyse Ambrose, Drew University
Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

**A24-502**
**Film: Santuario - Sanctuary and Social Movements in Documentary Film**
Pilar Timpane, Documentary Film Director, Presiding
Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Barbara Sostaita, University of North Carolina
Christine Delp, University of Minnesota

**A24-503**
**Film: The Gate**
Robert H. Stockman, Indiana University, South Bend, Presiding
Sunday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM
Monday - 7:15 AM-8:45 AM

A25-1
Program Unit Chairs’ Breakfast
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding
Monday - 7:15 AM-8:45 AM

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A25-100
Academic Relations Committee
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: What Counts and Who's Counting? Religious Studies and Theology Programs by the Numbers

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Joshua Patterson, University of Georgia

A25-101
Applied Religious Studies Committee
Amy Defibaugh, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: Career Services for Non-Academic Careers

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Giulia Hoffman, UC San Diego
Karen Kelsky, The Professor Is In
Maren Wood, Beyond the Professoriate

A25-102
Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee
Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding

Theme: Expressions of Disability and Faith through the Arts
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:
Noel King, Deaf Art Therapist
Claudia Jimenez, ASL Poet
Darian Goldin Stahl, Concordia University

Responding:
Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University
Devan Stahl, Michigan State University

A25-103
Augustine and Augustinianisms Unit and SBL Development of Early Christian Theology Unit
Erin Galgay Walsh, Duke University, Presiding

Theme: *Augustine and Paul*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Lora Walsh, University of Arkansas
*How Epistles Became Gospels: Augustine and His Heirs on Paul’s Castration Outburst (Gal 5:12)*

Sean Hannan, MacEwan University
*Augustine, Gregory of Nyssa, and the "Stretchiness" of Paul in Philippians 3:13-14*

Thomas McGlothlin, Christian Academy in Japan
*Paul in Augustine on Resurrection*

Alexander Pierce, University of Notre Dame
*Human Righteousness as a Work of God: Paul’s Epistles and Cooperative Causality in De Spiritu et Littera (412/13)*

Responding:
Michael Cameron, University of Portland

A25-104
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Jonathan Platter, University of Cambridge, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *Grace — Triune, Eschatological, and Emplaced: Dialogues with Hans Urs von Balthasar*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christopher Hadley, Jesuit School of Theology of Santa Clara University

*Balthasar’s Trinity and Eschatological Grace*

Junius Johnson, Baylor University

*Selfless Communication and Selfless Welcome: Trinitarian Dynamics as a Map for Grace in Hans Urs von Balthasar*

Jacob Lett, MidAmerica Nazarene University

*Emplaced Theosis: Spatial Categories and the Divine in Hans Urs von Balthasar*

Responding:

Cyril O'Regan, University of Notre Dame

Business Meeting:

Junius Johnson, Baylor University

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**A25-105**

Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and SBL Biblical Literature and the Hermeneutics of Trauma Unit

Joseph McDonald, Brite Divinity School / Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: *Moral Injury/Moral Repair*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Brad Kelle, Point Loma Nazarene University

Responding:

Christopher Frechette, Salem State University

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**A25-106**

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *Motherhood and Mothering across Religious Traditions: A Comparative Roundtable*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Pascale Engelmajer, Carroll University
Marianne Delaporte, Notre Dame de Namur University
Valentina Gaddi, Université de Montréal
Peter Faggen, University of Chicago
Giulia Pedrucci, University of Erfurt
Anna Hennessey, Institute of Buddhist Studies
Sucharita Sarkar, D.T.S.S College of Commerce

Responding:

Florence Pasche Guignard, University of Toronto

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**A25-107**

*Contemporary Islam Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit*

Samah Choudhury, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: *Popular Preachers, Gendered Authority, and the Digital Ummah*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jacquelene Brinton, University of Kansas
*From National Television to YouTube: Shaykh Sha'rawi, Zakir Naik, and Gendered Religious Authority in the Age of Mass Media*

Garrett Fugate, Boston University
*Yasir Qadhi, Homosexuality, and Preaching an Islamic Masculine Heterosexuality*

Abtsam Saleh
*NAKscandal: Nouman Ali Khan and the Rhetoric of Authority in Digital Space*

Brittany Landorf, Emory University
*Becoming the Alpha Muslim: Popular Da3i, Men’s Rights Activists, and the Emergent Muslim Manosphere*

Faiza Rahman, Emory University
**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Khanum Tayyiba Bukhari on TV: Anti-Shia Violence and Shia Female Propriety in Contemporary Pakistan*

Responding:

James Hoesterey, Emory University

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**A25-108**  
**Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Unit**  
Jon Gill, Pomona College, Presiding

**Theme: Redefining Difference: Naming, Classifying, and Confronting Culture with Hip Hop**

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Charrise Barron, Brown University  
*Kanye West and Snoop Dogg: Making Christianity Cool Again*

Harjeet Grewal, University of Calgary  
*Political Hip-Hop of Diasporic Sikhs: Sovereignty and Militant Ethics*

Yasmina Burezah, University of Bonn  
*“Kanake” as the German N-word? German Hip-Hop and the Production of a Post-Migration Identity in the Face of Racialist Islamophobic Discrimination*

Business Meeting:

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University

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**A25-109**  
**Ecclesial Practices Unit**  
Theodore Hickman-Maynard, Boston University School of Theology, Presiding

**Theme: Ethnography, Theology, and Intersectionality**

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Perzavia Praylow, Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church  
*Carrying the Load: Black Female Ruling Elders and the Enduring Mission and Sustainability of The Black Presbyterian Church in Rural South Carolina, 1980-2018.*

Janna Hunter-Bowman, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Tracing Borders of Constraint as Intersectional Analysis

Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union

Responding:

Nancy J. Ramsay, Brite Divinity School

Business Meeting:

Natalie Wigg-Stevenson, Emmanuel College

A25-110
Ethics Unit
Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: The Ethics of Sanctuaries, Borders and Asylum

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Gary Slater, St. Edward’s University
Georgio Agamben and Jim Corbett: Partners for an Emergent Ethics of Sanctuary Cities

Irene Ludji, Claremont Graduate University
The Heart of Sanctuary Movement and the Ethics of Solidarity

Brian Lee, Princeton University
Abolishing Slavery, Abolishing ICE: A Model from the Nineteenth-Century for Religious Abolitionists Today

Tom Berendt, Temple University
The Sanctity of Sanctuaries: An Analysis of the Role of Religion in Offering Animals Sanctuary

Business Meeting:

Christophe D. Ringer, Chicago Theological Seminary
Frederick Simmons, Princeton Theological Seminary

A25-111
History of Christianity Unit and Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Religion, Memory, History Unit
Lloyd Barba, Amherst College, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Contesting Memory and Materiality in the Borderlands

 Brandon Bayne, University of North Carolina
Confronting the Borderland Padres: Comparing and Contesting the Memorialization of Fathers Junipero Serra and Eusebio Kino

Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas
Recording the Mesoamerican Past: Indigenous Religions in the Relaciones Geograficas of 1577-1585

Skyler Reidy, University of Southern California
A Windmill, Its Godfather, and Its Guardian Angel: Material Religion and Community in the California Missions

David Maldonado Rivera, Kenyon College
The Remains of Spain: La Biblia del Oso, Civic Catholicism and Contending Hispanicities in Puerto Rico 1898-1922

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A25-112
Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit
Amy Michelle DeBaets, Oakland University, Presiding

Theme: Enhancement Now: Biohacking or Preserving Human Bodies?

 John Borchert, Syracuse University
We Have Never Been Human: Transhuman Embodiments and Utopia in American Religious History

Jeremy F. Cohen, McMaster University
Live Long Enough to Live Forever: Performance, Power and the Creation of Immortal Bodies

Jacob Boss, Indiana University
Punks and Profitiers in the War on Death

Melanie Dzugan, Fuller Theological Seminary
Mandating an Attitude of Preservation: Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the Challenges of the Therapy/Enhancement Debate
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Business Meeting:

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

A25-113
Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit
Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Decolonizing and Resetting the Interfaith Table

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Valeria Vergani, University of Toronto
A Space and Time for Sovereignty: Indigenous Peoples at the Parliament of the World’s Religions and the Question of Inclusion

Aaron Ghiloni, Charles Sturt University
An Islamopolitan Strategy for Decolonizing Interreligious Studies

Henry Millstein, Islamic Networks Group
Decolonizing Interreligious Education: The Example of Islamic Networks Group (ING)

Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University
Decolonizing of the Study of Religion: Interreligious Studies as a Theoretical Intervention

Responding:

Santiago H. Slabodsky, Hofstra University

Business Meeting:

Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary
John Sheveland, Gonzaga University

A25-114
Islamic Mysticism Unit
Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University, Presiding

Theme: Sufism, Political Engagement, and Social Reform

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Ali Karjoo-Ravary, Bucknell University
**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

*Shadowing the True Kings: Sufism and Monarchy in 14th-Century Islam*

Parisa Zahiremami, University of Toronto

*Bridging Sufism and Kingship: Sanā‘ī’s Sufi Advice as a Form of Cultural Capital*

Raissa von Doetinchem de Rande, Princeton University

*From Transformation to Isolation: Ibn Bājja and Ibn Ṭufayl on the Mystic as Political Dissident*

Theodore Dedon, Georgetown University

*The People of Perfection Inside and Against the Empire: ‘Abd al-Ghanī al-Nābulusī and the Possibility of a Social Jihād*

John Thibdeau, University of California, Santa Barbara

"*The Zawiya Is in the UN*: The Role of Charity and Social Action in the Tariqa Alawīyya"

Responding:

Tehseen Thaver, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University

Cyrus Zargar, University of Central Florida

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**A25-115**

*Middle Eastern Christianity Unit*

Deanna Womack, Emory University, Presiding

**Theme:** *Middle Eastern Christians in Public Life: Pre-Modern and Modern Test Cases*

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

Mourad Takawi, University of Notre Dame

*Envisioning Christian-Muslim Relations in The Early Islamic Period: A Case for Mutual Attraction*

Stephen J. Shoemaker, University of Oregon

*The Passion of Peter of Capitolias (d. 715) and Christian-Muslim Relations in the Early Caliphate*

David Freidenreich, Colby College

*Appeals to Anti-Jewish Tropes in Christian Texts about Early Muslims*

Kenneth Schmitt, Al-Quds Bard College

*Gazan Christian Pilgrimage: Sacred Practice or Means of Escape?*
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Rachel Scott, Virginia Tech
*Christian Communal Autonomy, State Law, and Islamic Law—Divorce and Remarriage among Coptic Christians*

Business Meeting:

Jason R. Zaborowski, Bradley University

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**A25-116**

**Music and Religion Unit**

David Stowe, Michigan State University, Presiding

Theme: *Diverse Theologies of Music*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Brian A. Butcher, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto
"You Have Given Us the Grace to Pray Together in Harmony": Orthodox Liturgical Singing as a Criterion for Theological Aesthetics

Leila Chamankhah, University of Dayton
*Music, Entertainment, and Amusement: Contemporary Shi‘a Jurisprudence and the Problematic of Worldly Pleasure*

Octavio Carrasco, Union Theological Seminary
*The Concert That Killed the Sixties: Altamont, Religiosity, and the Rolling Stones*

Lisa M. Allen, Interdenominational Theological Center
*Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air: African Inheritance and Interconnections in Spirituals, Blues, and Gospel Music*

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University
Alisha L. Jones, Indiana University

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**A25-117**

**New Religious Movements Unit**

Megan Goodwin, Northeastern University, Presiding

Theme: *The Future of "New Religious Movements"*
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Catherine Wessinger, Loyola University New Orleans
Sean McCloud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Ahmad Greene-Hayes, Princeton University
Biko Gray, Syracuse University
Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico
Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University
Benjamin Zeller, Lake Forest College
Torang Asadi, Duke University
Rebecca Moore
Clarence Hardy, Fairfield University

Business Meeting:

Megan Goodwin, Northeastern University
Lydia Willsky-Ciollo, Fairfield University

A25-118

Nineteenth Century Theology Unit
Emily Dumler-Winckler, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Theme: *F. H. Jacobi and Nineteenth-Century Religious Thought*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Christian Danz, Universität Wien
*Inedible Gods. Jacobi and the Controversies about the Divine in the “Sattelzeit der Moderne”*

Alexander J.B. Hampton, University of Toronto
*Jacobi and Romantic Religion*

George Di Giovanni, McGill University
*Jacobi and the Poets*

Jörg Lauster, University of Munich
*The Power of Intuition: Jacobi’s Impact on Theology and Religious Thought*

Business Meeting:

Zachary Purvis, University of Wisconsin
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California

A25-119
Philosophy of Religion Unit
Iman AbdoulKarim, Presiding

Theme: Philosophy of Islam and Islamic Philosophy: What Is the Difference and Why Does It Matter?

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Loumia Ferhat, Johns Hopkins University
Islamic Philosophy and Philosophia in Islam through the Lens of Ghazālī

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College
Frameworks for Critiquing Gender, Race, and Class Hierarchies in Feminist Philosophy of Islam

Caner Dagli, College of the Holy Cross
The Culture of Ultimate Questions

Nora Jacobsen Ben Hammed, University of Chicago
Genre-Bending and Discipline Defying: The Philosophical Poetry of Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī (d. 606/1210)

Muhammad Faruque, Fordham University
A Philosophy of “Self” in Islam, or an Islamic Philosophy of “Self?” What is the Difference and Who Cares?

Nicholas Boylston, Harvard University
The Primacy of Being between Assent and Conception: Some Ramifications of the Insider-Outsider Problem in Islamic Philosophy

Responding:

Oludamini Ogunnaike, College of William and Mary

A25-120
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
C. Pierce Salguero, Pennsylvania State University, Abington, Presiding

Theme: Meditation, Buddhism, and Mental Health: State of the Field

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

Kin Cheung, Moravian College
Francisca Cho, Georgetown University
Franz Aubrey Metcalf, California State University, Los Angeles
William Parsons, Rice University

Responding:

Ira Helderman, Vanderbilt University
Wakoh Shannon Hickey, Notre Dame of Maryland University

A25-121
Religion and Ecology Unit
Melanie L. Harris, University of Denver, Presiding

Theme: Whose Earth Reconsidered: James Cone and Ecological Justice

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Tyler Tully, University of Oxford
The Extraction of Flesh in Trump's America: Extending Environmental Racism beyond Toxic Encroachment

Ryan Juskus, Duke University
From Resourcing the Margins to "Ressourcement from the Margins": Attending to the Outpouring of Life and Power in a Natural Resource Economy's Sacrifice Zones

Tyson-Lord Gray, New York University
Am I My Brother’s Keeper? Ecological Ethics in the 21st Century

Responding:

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego

A25-122
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Martin Shuster, Goucher College, Presiding

Theme: Utopias, Dystopias, and Golden States: Pop Culture in the Time of Apocalypse

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

Ada Jaarsma, Mount Royal University
Lissa Skitolsky, Dalhousie University
Alfred Frankowski, Southern Illinois University
La Jerne Terry Cornish, Ithaca College
James South, Marquette University
Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University
Ailish Hopper, Goucher College

Business Meeting:

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

A25-123
Religion in South Asia Unit and Religion in Southeast Asia Unit
Simona Lazzerini, Stanford University, Presiding

Theme: History and Presence in Asia: Applying Robert Orsi’s Theory of “Real Presence” to the Study of Asian Religions

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Aleksandra Restifo, Yale University
The Presence of the Jina: Aesthetic Performance and the Significance of Pleasure

Murad Mumtaz, Williams College
“Wheresoever you turn...”: Muslim Saints as Manifestations of God in Indian Miniature Painting

Alexandra Kaloyanides, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Nats, Jesus, and Other Spirits in 19th-Century Burma

Susanne Kerekes, Univ. of Pennsylvania
Beseching a 19th-Century General King: Relating to Presence in Contemporary Thai Buddhism through Ritual and Amulets

Responding:

Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Business Meeting:

Hamsa Stainton, McGill University
Sarah Pierce Taylor, Concordia University

A25-124
Religion in the American West Unit
Amanda Hendrix-Komoto, University of Michigan, Presiding

Theme: Laurie Maffly-Kipp Retrospective Roundtable

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Carleigh Beriont, Harvard University
Brandi Denison, University of North Florida
Philip K. Goff, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis
Greg Johnson, University of Colorado
Michel Sunhae Lee, University of Texas
Kathryn Gin Lum, Stanford University
Quincy Newell, Hamilton College

Responding:

Laurie Maffly-Kipp, Washington University, Saint Louis

Business Meeting:

Brennan Keegan, Randolph College

A25-125
Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit and SBL Bible and Film Unit
Matthew Rindge, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Theme: Terrifying and Transformative Bodies: From Exodus to Modern Films

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Caryn Tamber-Rosenau, University of Houston
The Goddess in the Exodus: Nina Paley’s Seder-Masochism and the Female Divine in Israel
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Joshua Canzona, Wake Forest University
*Lust and Weibermacht in Biblical Film*

Jordan Conley, Boston University
*A Woman’s Place is in the Home: The Material, Spatial, and Agential Dimensions of Aronofsky’s Mother!*

Jon Coutts, Trinity College Bristol
*Arrival and Annihilation: Cinematic Re-imaginations of the Eschatological Transformation of the Body*

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**A25-126**

**Roman Catholic Studies Unit**

Kathleen Holscher, University of New Mexico, Presiding

Theme: *Catholicism, Colonialism, and the Politics of Race in the Americas*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Néstor Medina, University of Toronto
*The Catholic Church and Ethnic Relations in Spanish Colonial Societies*

Jack Downey, University of Rochester
*A Desert of Snow and Ice: ‘Wilderness’ Missionaries and Alaska in the Colonial Imagination*

Alexandria Griffin, Arizona State University
*Black Protestant Anti-Catholicism in the Christian Recorder*

Timothy Dulle, Fordham University
*Tinseltown Catholics: The Development of White Catholic Identity in Los Angeles*

Responding:

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton

Business Meeting:

John Seitz, Fordham University
Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University
Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University

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**A25-127**
**Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM**

**Sacred Texts, Theory, and Theological Construction Unit**
Maia Kotrosits, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: *Staging Scholarship: Romances, Illusions, and Disillusionments of the Public Intellectual*

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

Panelists:

Tat-siong Benny Liew, College of the Holy Cross  
Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University  
Nyasha Junior, Temple University  
Jennifer Wright Knust, Boston University

**Business Meeting:**

Jacob Erickson, Trinity College, Dublin  
Marion S. Grau, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion, and Society

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**A25-128**

**Study of Judaism Unit**
Paul Nahme, Brown University, Presiding

Theme: *Is There a Jewish Problem in Religious Studies?*

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

Panelists:

Martin Kavka, Florida State University  
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University  
Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College  
Shaul Magid, Indiana University  
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

**Business Meeting:**

Paul Nahme, Brown University  
Shari Rabin, College of Charleston

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**A25-129**

**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM
Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: Decolonial/Anti-Racist interventions in Tibetan/Buddhist Studies

Panelists:
Nancy Lin, University of California, Berkeley
Matthew King, University of California, Riverside
Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University
Sangseraima Ujeed, University of Oxford
Annabella Pitkin, Lehigh University
Natalie Avalos, University of Colorado
Dawa Lokyitsang, University of Colorado
Riga Shakya, Columbia University

A25-130
Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit and SBL Mysticism, Esotericism, and Gnosticism in Antiquity Unit
April D. DeConick, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: Esoteric Religious Groups in Antiquity

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:
Michael E. Stone, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
Kelley Coblentz Bautch, St. Edward's University
James Davila, University of St. Andrews
Christian H. Bull, University of Oslo
Tuomas Rasimus, University of Helsinki and Universite Laval
Charles Haberl, Rutgers University
James McGrath, Butler University
Jorunn J. Buckley, Bowdoin College
Edmondo Lupieri, Loyola University Chicago

A25-131
Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit
Teresa L. Fry Brown, Emory University, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: Womanist Engagement through the Lens of Scripture

Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary
*Up Against A Crooked Gospel: A Womanist Reading of Luke 13: 10-17*

Jean Derricotte-Murphy, Chicago Theological Seminary
*Rituals of Restorative Resistance: Healing Cultural Trauma and Cultural Amnesia through Cultural Anamnesis and Collective Memory*

Elaina Smith
*Murderous: Song of Cyntoia/Song of Yael, a Womanist Defense of Self-Defense*

Responding:
Angela Parker, The Seattle School of Theology and Psychology

Business Meeting:
Teresa L. Fry Brown, Emory University
Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University

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*A25-132*
Emerging Church, Millennials, and Religion Seminar
Xochitl Alvizo, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Theme: The Future of Religion: Millennials and the Emerging Church

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Terry Shoemaker, Arizona State University, and Rachel Schneider, Rice University
*The Emerging Church Movement: Possible Futures and Trajectories*

Dustin Benac, Duke University
*Emergent/ing Christianity on the Edge of Christendom: Network-Based Religion in the Ecclesial Ecology of the Pacific Northwest*

Jessica Knippel, Claremont Graduate School
*I Am Not Alone*: The Rise of the Post/Ex Evangelical Voice

Daniel Rober, Sacred Heart University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Millennials, Secularization, and the Catholic Sexual Abuse Crisis: A Generational Examination and Reflection

Annie Kyle, Wesley Theological Seminary
Young Adults and the Church: Incarnation, Theosis, and a Nonbinary Future for the Body of Christ

Sabrina Müller, University of Zurich
How Everyday Experiences Become Ordinary Theology: Experience-Based Transformation as a Paradigm for Millennials and Their/Our (Non)Religious Futures

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico
Contours of the Future for Science and Religion

A25-133
Folklore and Religion Seminar
Leonard Norman Primiano, Cabrini University, Presiding

Theme: Folklore, Religion, and Race

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Jessie Riddle, Indiana University
The Virgin of Guadalupe as Vernacular Religion: Online Brujería and Festival Processions as Identity Play and Performance

Sandra Zimdars-Swartz, University of Kansas
Our Lady of Africa (Algiers)

Lisle Dalton, Hartwick College
Heavenly Trains and the Railroad Blues: Race and Railroad Folksongs in Theological Perspective

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College
Marketing Mashetani: Race, Vernacular Religion, and Folk Healing as commodities in the contemporary tourist industry in Zanzibar

Responding:

Daisy Vargas, University of California, Riverside

Business Meeting:

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

A25-134
Intersectional Hindu Studies: Feminist and Critical Race Approaches to Research and Teaching Seminar
Shana Sippy, Centre College/Carleton College, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:
Santhosh Chandrashekar, University of Denver
Arun Chaudhuri, York University
Shreena Gandhi, Michigan State University
Marko Geslani, University of South Carolina
Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University
Sailaja Krishnamurti, Saint Mary's University
Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco
Prea Persaud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Rupa Pillai, University of Pennsylvania
Tanisha Ramachandran, Wake Forest University
Priyanka Ramlakhan, University of Florida
Anand Venkatkrishnan, Harvard University

A25-135
Religion and Families in North America Seminar
Susan Ridgely, University of Wisconsin, Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michal Raucher, Rutgers University
The Ordination of Women and the Changing Orthodox Family in American Judaism

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University
Protestant Deaconesses and the Creation of Sanctified Fictive Families

Samira Mehta, Albright College
So, You Wanted Jewish Grandchildren?: The Role of Grandparents in Christian-Jewish Interfaith Families

Kristy Slominski, University of Arizona
How the “Judeo-Christian” Interfaith Ideal Transformed Sex Education into Family Life Education

Business Meeting:
AAR 2019 Preliminary Annual Meeting Program Book (as of June 5)

Mon 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Samira Mehta, Albright College

A25-136
Exploratory Session
Bruce M. Sullivan, Northern Arizona University, Presiding

Theme: The Mahābhārata: A Text for Classical Hinduism

Mon 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Panelists:

Vishwa Adluri, City University of New York  
Arti Dhand, University of Toronto  
Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa  
Michael C. Baltutis, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
Joydeep Bagchee, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität

Responding:

Brian Collins, Ohio University

A25-137
Exploratory Session
Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

Theme: Religion and Human Rights: Present Problems and Future Possibilities

Mon 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Panelists:

Abdullahi An-Na'im, Emory University  
Walter Echo-Hawk  
M. Christian Green, Emory University  
Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology  
David P. Gushee, Mercer University

Business Meeting:

Laura Alexander, University of Nebraska at Omaha
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

A25-138  
**Exploratory Session**  
Alexander Y. Hwang, Saint Leo University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion and Friendship*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College  
*Interreligious Relations as Friendship: Mahatma Gandhi and Charles Freer Andrews*

John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University  
*Who Is Really Your Friend? "Good Friends" in the Lotus*

Hussam S. Timani, Christopher Newport University  

James Nalley, Georgetown University  
*Deiformation and Interreligious Friendship: The Contribution of St. Thomas Aquinas and Muhyiddin Ibn al-`Arabi*

Megan Case, Virginia Tech  
*“Where You Go, I Will Go”: Female Friendship in the Hebrew Bible*

Dorothy Dean, Berea College  
*Queer Friendship and Nonhuman Others*

Business Meeting:

Alexander Y. Hwang, Saint Leo University

A25-139  
**Wildcard Session**  
Danae Faulk, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: *Irony, Play, and the (Serious[!]) Study of Religion*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Stephanie Brehm, Northwestern University  
Vaughn Booker, Dartmouth College
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

M. Cooper Harriss, Indiana University
Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside
Anthony Petro, Boston University
Charles McCrary, Washington University, St. Louis
Andrew Walker-Cornetta, Princeton University
Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College
Jennifer Caplan, Towson University
Dana Logan, Connecticut College

A25-140
Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Meeting
Edwin David Aponte, Louisville Institute, and Kerry Danner, Georgetown University
Presiding
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

P25-100
African Association for the Study of Religions
Esther Acolatse, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: Engaging the Work of Sanneh

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University
Should Translatability Be Assumed? Sunnah’s Thesis and the Problem of the Divine Names in Intercultural Contexts

David Ngong, Stillman College
Domination and Resistance: Lamin Sanneh, Eboussi Boulaga, and the Reinterpretation of Christianity in Africa

Cyril Orji, University of Dayton
The Intercultural Hermeneutics of Lamin Sanneh

Tim Hartman, Columbia Theological Seminary
“Theology Cannot Go on Subsisting on the Legacy of Rented Pews”: Sanneh’s Legacy of Translation and Collaboration amid the Changing Face of World Christianity

Responding:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University
Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Business Meeting:

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

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P25-101

**Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies**

Maureen O’Connell, La Salle University, and Cindi Beth Johnson, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding

Theme: *Decolonizing and Resisting through the Arts*

Monday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Maria Fee, Fuller Theological Seminary

*Secular Liturgies*

Devon Abts, King's College London

*Dismantling the Barriers of the Christian Imagination: Postcolonial Theological Encounters with the Art of Khaled Jarrar*

Tyler Davis, Baylor University

*Imagining Freedom in the Space Between: On the Decolonial Poetics of Terrance Hayes*

Carl Hughes, Texas Lutheran University

*Considering Matthew Shepard and the Theology of the Cross*

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Monday - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

A25-141

**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Humanizing the PhD Process: Loving to Learn and Learning to Love*

Monday - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Panelists:

Tekoa Robinson, Lancaster Theological Seminary

Anabel C. Proffitt, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Monday - 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Monday - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
A25-142
Highlights at the San Diego Museum
Monday - 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM
A25-143
Program Committee Meeting
Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University, Presiding
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

A25-144
Persons with Disabilities Connecting Conversations Luncheon
Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

A25-145
Women's Caucus Business Meeting
Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, and Alicia Panganiban, Northwestern Medicine, Presiding
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

A25-146
Plenary Panel: Creating a Public Sphere: A Conversation about Religion Online 25 Years Out
Laurie Louise Patton, Middlebury College, Presiding
Monday - 11:45 AM-12:45 PM

Panelists:
Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania
Andrew Henry, Boston University
Monday - 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

P25-200
12 Step Recovery Support Meeting
Monday - 12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A25-200
Academic Relations Committee
Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

Theme: Making the Move from a Faculty Position to Administration: Pros, Cons, and Things to Consider

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Elizabeth Castelli, Barnard College
Joanne Maguire Robinson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Martha Newman, University of Texas
Grant Potts, Austin Community College
Jennifer Rycenga, San Jose State University

A25-201
Employment Workshop: Aurora, a New E-Learning Platform: An Information Session with Co-Creator, Maren Wood
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelist:

Maren Wood, Beyond the Professoriate

A25-202
International Connections Committee
Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University, and Satoko Fujiwara, University of Tokyo, Presiding

Theme: Making the Most of International Collaboration: 2020 IAHR Otago and Beyond

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
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Panelists:

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Xenia Zeiler, University of Helsinki
'Tsho Padma, Southwest Minzu University
Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College
Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg, University of Copenhagen

Responding:

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas

A25-203
Publications Committee
Vincent Lloyd, Villanova University, Presiding

Theme: Making a Match: Finding the Right Publisher for Your Work

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Elisabeth Maselli, Rutgers University Press
Elaine Maisner, University of North Carolina Press
Philip Getz, Palgrave Macmillan
Rebecca Shillabeer, Routledge

A25-204
Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: Right on the Money: Funding Your Research and Program of Study

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Sheryl Johnson, Graduate Theological Union

A25-205
Teaching and Learning Committee and Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit and Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Constance Furey, Indiana University, Presiding

Theme: *Theory and Method 2.0: Reconceiving Shared Space*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Robert A. Orsi, Northwestern University
*Theory and Method Beyond the Great Derangement*

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University
*Theory and Method and the Stakes of a Fragmented Discipline*

Noreen Khawaja, Yale University
*Old Enemies, New Friends*

Sonam Kachru, University of Virginia
*It’s Easy If You Try: A Plea for Imagination and Experiment in Theories and Methods*

A25-206

**African Religions Unit and World Christianity Unit**

Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Theme: *Healing, Health, and Care in African Christianities*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Emmy Corey, Emory University
*The Dilemmas of Distribution: Engaging the Transcendent through Practices of Care at Amani Clinic*

Nicolette Manglos-Weber, Boston University
*Reasons to Trust: Community Caregivers and the Religious Ecology of Uganda*

Emily Crews, University of Chicago
*Miracles on the Margins: Digital Technology, Healing Rituals, and Gendered Embodiment in the African Christian Diaspora*

A25-207

**Animals and Religion Unit**

Christopher Carter, University of San Diego, Presiding
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *Race/Gender/Animals/Religion: Further Engagements at the Intersection*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Katharine Mershon, Whitman College
*Why The White Dog Had to Be Killed: When Redemption Fails*

Callie Tabor, Emory University
*St. Guinefort and the Green World: A Comic Reading of the Cult of St. Guinefort as Depicted in "Sorceress"*

Candace M. Laughinghouse, Chicago Theological Seminary
*Using a Robust Ecowomanist Theology to Expand Food Justice*

Lisa Powell, St. Ambrose University
*The Exhibition of Humans, The Construction of Whiteness, and the Theological Sideshow*

Responding:

Jea Sophia Oh, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

Business Meeting:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina
David Clough, University of Chester

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**A25-208**

*Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Mysticism Unit*

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Mysticism in Arts and Literature: Experience, Enactment, and Expression*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Julianne Dolan, University of Notre Dame
*Mystical Transgressions: Intersection and Divergence in Romantic Aestheticism and Christian Mysticism*

Kendall Walser Cox, University of Virginia
*Aesthetic Asceticism: Kandinsky, Rothko, and Mysticism*

Min-Ah Cho, Manhattan College
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

The Monk and the Poet Dwell and See in Silence: Contemplative Aspects of Mary Oliver’s Poems in Dialogue with Evagrius Ponticus

David Odorisio, Pacifica Graduate Institute
The Comic Book as Mystical Text: Trauma, Initiation, and the Empowered Imagination in Grant Morrison’s The Invisibles

Business Meeting:

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

A25-209
Baha’i Studies Unit and Women’s Caucus
Julia Berger, Baha’i International Community, Presiding

Theme: Bridging Faith and Feminism: The Role That Religion Can Play in Advancing Gender Equality

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Maha Marouan, Pennsylvania State University
Saphira Rameshfar, Baha’i International Community, United Nations Office

A25-210
Black Theology Unit
Michele Watkins, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: New Cartographies of Black Theology: 400 Years after Jamestown

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jawanza Eric Clark, Manhattan College
Through the Door of No Return and Back: Black Theology’s Reconciliation with Fetish Religion

Paul Daniels, Fordham University
University of North Carolinaaptured: Black Nihilism, Queer Failure, and Mystical Redemption

Leonard McKinnis, Saint Louis University
World without End? Cosmology and Existential Absurdity in Black Theology and Black Power
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

**A25-211**
**Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Unit**  
Michael DeJonge, University of South Florida, Presiding

Theme: *Eighty Years Hence: Bonhoeffer in 1939*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Joshua Mauldin, Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ  
*Bonhoeffer on Protestantism without Reformation and Political Resistance*

Joel Looper, University of Aberdeen  
*Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s Encounter with American Pragmatism: A Juxtaposition of Two Types of Public Theological Discourse*

**A25-212**
**Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit and Queer Studies in Religion Unit**  
Sid Brown, University of the South, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhism, Queer Theory, and Trans* Theory

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy  
Bee Scherer, Canterbury Christ Church University  
Ray Buckner, Ohio State University  
Carol S. Anderson, Kalamazoo College  
Jennifer Wade, Gwynedd Mercy University

Business Meeting:

Hsiao-Lan Hu, University of Detroit Mercy  
Sid Brown, University of the South

**A25-213**
**Childhood Studies and Religion Unit**  
Valerie Michaelson, Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Presiding
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: *Children in the Field*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Allie Blosser, High Point University  
James Hoesterey, Emory University  
Verena Meyer, Columbia University  
Kaio Thompson, Boston University School of Theology

Responding:

Katherine Ewing, Columbia University

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**A25-214**  
**Christian Systematic Theology and Music and Religion Unit**  
Awet Andemicael, Yale University, Presiding

Theme: *New Horizons in Theologies of Music: Book Panel on Brown and Hopps’ The Extravagance of Music*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Antonio Alonso, Emory University  
Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary  
Heidi Epstein, University of Saskatchewan  
Christoph Schwoebel, University of St Andrews

Responding:

David Brown, University of St. Andrews

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**A25-215**  
**Cognitive Science and Religion Unit and Contemplative Studies Unit**  
Maria Heim, Amherst College, Presiding

Theme: *Meta-Awareness in Contemplative Experience and the Cognitive Sciences*
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Kalina Christoff, University of British Columbia
John Dunne, University of Wisconsin
Jonathan Schooler, University of California, Santa Barbara
Michael Sheehy, University of Virginia
Evan Thompson, University of British Columbia

Responding:

Christian Coseru, College of Charleston

A25-216
Contemporary Islam Unit
Hassanah El-Yacoubi, University of California Riverside, Presiding

Theme: Islamic Education and New Ideals

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sawyer French, University of Chicago
Reading Straight from the Qur’an in Public Schools: Educational Practices and Islamic Knowledge Production in Indonesia

Ian VanderMeulen, New York University
The Untimeliness of Ikhtisar: Technology and Temporality in Morocco’s Revival of the Qira’at

Timea Greta Biro, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Bringing Trans-Women Back to “Fitrah”: Social Engineering through Religious Education and the Use of Islamic Alms in Malaysia

Nareman Amin, Princeton University
Revolutionary Religion: Egyptian Youth and Islam in Post-2011 Egypt

Responding:

Ahmet Tekelioglu, George Mason University

Business Meeting:

Zahra Ayubi, Dartmouth College
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Noah Salomon, Carleton College
Kayla Renée Wheeler, Grand Valley State University

A25-217
Ethics Unit
Courtney Bryant, Manhattan College, Presiding

Theme: What Is This “Public” in Public Spaces?

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Matthew Anderson, Baylor University
Secondary Stigmas and the Work of Mercy

Elizabeth Block, Saint Louis University
The Moral Imperative of Public Theology: Tradition, Intersectionality, and Public Engagement

Richard Park, Vanguard University
The Academy, Imagination Formation, and Social Media

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
What Is Public in Racial-Patriarchal Capitalism?

A25-218
Evangelical Studies Unit
Jason Sexton, University of California, Berkeley, and Gabriela Viesca, Cedar Mill Bible Church, Presiding

Theme: Evangelical Theologies of Liberation

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Robert Romero, University of California, Los Angeles
Andrea Smith, University of California, Riverside
Sarah Withrow King, CreatureKind
Alexia Salvatierra, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE)
Boaz Rajkumar Johnson, North Park University
Dominique Gilliard, Evangelical Covenant Church
Drew Hart, Messiah College
Soong-Chan Rah, North Park Theological Seminary
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A25-219
History of Christianity Unit
Peter Anthony Mena, University of San Diego, Presiding

Theme: *Christianities in a Hellenistic World*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Michael Gaston, Claremont Graduate University
*Reconsidering the Classical Stereotypes in the Chronicles of Late Antiquity*

Engin Gokcek, University of California, Riverside
*Epicurean Reception and Survival in Christian Roman Empire*

Brad Boswell, Duke University
*Contesting Late Antique Judaeo-Christianity: Julian "the Apostate" and Narrative Sublation*

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University
*"Something Worse than Murder": Abortion as a Surrogate for the Other in Late Antiquity*

A25-220
Indian and Chinese Religions Compared Unit and Ritual Studies Unit
Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University, Presiding

Theme: *Indigenous Theories of Ritual in India and China*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Peng Yin, Harvard University
*Xunzi and the Moral Significance of Ritual*

Esther-Maria Guggenmos, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg
*Ritual Dynamics between India and China: On Individual Ritual Performance in a Chinese Buddhist Apocryph*

Xingyi Wang, Harvard University
*Vessel to the Other Shore: On Daoxuan’s Theory of Repentance Ritual*

Geoffrey Goble, University of Oklahoma
*Homa-Siddhi in Chinese Sources*
**A25-221**  
**Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Unit**  
Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding  

Theme: *Workshop: Pedagogy of Interreligious Studies*  

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM  

Panelists:  
John Sheveland, Gonzaga University  
Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School  
Margarita M. W. Suárez, Meredith College  
Anne Hege Grung, University of Oslo  
Jane Webster, Barton College  
Russell CD Arnold, Regis University  
Jonathan David Lawrence, Canisius College  
Alfons Teipen, Furman University  
Christopher Conway, College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University  
Viraj Patel  
Sungrae Kim, Graduate Theological Union  
Hans Gustafson, University of St. Thomas  
Charles Preston, Millsaps College  
Mary T. Kantor  
Angela Parkinson, University of Chicago  
Feryal Salem, American Islamic College  
Joseph Pritchett, Franklin and Marshall College  
Kevin Minister, Shenandoah University  
Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College  

**A25-222**  
**Japanese Religions Unit**  
Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, Ohio State University, Presiding  

Theme: *Buddhism, Religious Knowledge, and Public Space in Edo and Meiji Japan*  

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM  

Eric Tojimbara, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Buddhist Apologetics and the Rise of “Public” Buddhist Scholarship in Early Modern Japan*
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Matthew Hayes, University of California, Los Angeles
Public Ritual Networks and the Flow of Doctrinal Knowledge in Early Modern Shingon Buddhism

Victoria Montrose, University of Southern California
Shifting Sands: Nineteenth-Century Education Policy and Buddhism in Japan’s Public Sphere

Paride Stortini, University of Chicago
The Language of Public Buddhism: Sanskrit, Indology and the Place of Buddhist Studies in the Public Sphere of Meiji Japan

Responding:

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University

Business Meeting:

Asuka Sango, Carleton College
Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University

A25-223
Nineteenth Century Theology Unit
Cameron Clausing, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Theme: Theological Responses to the Rise of Scientific Materialism

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University
The Rise of Scientific Materialism and Its Long-Term Effect on the Development of Nineteenth-Century German Theology

James Smoker, Regent College
"To Shape, to Dye, to Paint Over, and to Mechanize the Mind": Samuel Taylor Coleridge's "Essays on Method" and the Rise of Mechanical Metaphors in the Early Nineteenth-Century

Christine Hedlin, Valparaiso University
The Spiritual Materialism of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps

Responding:

Hans Schwarz, University of Regensburg
A25-224
Open and Relational Theologies Unit
Bethany Sollereder, University of Oxford, Presiding

Theme: What Kind of God is Most Worthy of Worship?

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Jeffrey Speaks, Boston University
The Piety of a Theocentric Naturalist

Andrew Davis, Claremont School of Theology
God, Value, and Ontological Gratitude: The Axiological Foundations of Worship

Young Woon Ko, Lorain Community College
To Worship the Divine Paradox beyond the Personal-Impersonal Distinction

Benjamin Chicka, Curry College
Beyond the Impasse: Divine Transcendence, Immanence, and Emergent Theism

Responding:
Donna Bowman, University of Central Arkansas

Business Meeting:
Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College
Wm. Andrew Schwartz, Center for Process Studies

A25-225
Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit and Religion and Humanism Unit
J. Sage Elwell, Texas Christian University, Presiding

Theme: Deepening Democracy Through the Anthropocene Paradox

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
Panelists:
Michael Hogue, Meadville Lombard Theological School
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Sharon Welch, Meadville Lombard Theological School
A25-226
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Danjuma Gibson, Calvin Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Scholarly Workers in Public Spaces: The Long Road Toward De-Colonizing Psychology, Culture and Religion

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:
Lee Hayward Butler, Chicago Theological Seminary
Emmanuel Lartey, Emory University
Phillis Isabella Sheppard, Vanderbilt University
Angella Son, Drew University

Responding:
Jaeyeon Chung, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Melinda McGarrah Sharp, Columbia Theological Seminary
Michael Washington, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Pamela Yetunde, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

A25-227
Qur’an Unit
Munim Sirry, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: Approaches to the Qur’an

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Duygu Yeni Cenebasi, Syracuse University
Materiality of the Qur’an as a Book: The Medium, the Message, and the Audience

Emmanuelle Stefanidis, Sorbonne Université
The Ambiguities of Qur’anic Temporality: Chronological Lists and the Legitimacy of the ‘Uthmani Codex in the Formative Period of Islam

Syed Zaidi, Emory University
The Use of the Qur’ān in the Brethren of Purity’s (Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’) Conception of Resurrection and the Last Day
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Maria Massi Dakake, George Mason University
*The Relationship between Prophecy and Sanctity: The Significance of Non-Prophetic Figures in the Qur'an*

Martyn A. Oliver, American University
*Teaching the Qur'an in the Classroom and the Community*

Business Meeting:

Lauren Osborne, Whitman College  
Gordon D. Newby, Emory University

A25-228  
**Religion and Ecology Unit**  
Christopher Fici, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Anticipatory Directions in Hindu Dharma and Earth Ethics for the Anthropocene*

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Allegra Lovejoy Wiprud, Yale University
*Pastoral Earth Ethics for the Climate Crisis in the Teachings of AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada*

David Haberman, Indiana University
*A Return to the Gods of the Land*

Rita Sherma, Graduate Theological Union
*The Ecological Ethics of Deep Immanence*

Frederique Apffel-Marglin, Smith College, and Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College
*Unraveling the Weave between Body and Cosmos in Jagannatha Temple*

Chris Miller, Loyola Marymount University
*Softpower and Biopower: Narendra Modi’s Dual Deployment of Yoga for Climate Change and Self-Care*

Responding:

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

A25-229
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Religion and Politics Unit
Vincent Biondo, Humboldt State University, Presiding

Theme: Race, Christianity, and Identity Politics in America: From Teddy Roosevelt and Booker T. Washington to Jordan Peterson and Sam Harris

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Kathleen M. Sands, University of Hawai’i
Religion, Race, and American Empire: From the Americanism of Theodore Roosevelt to the White Nationalism of Donald Trump

Isabella Favazza, Goucher College
Discourse of Faith and Power: Turnaround Tuesday, a Case Study

Chad Moore, Boston University
From Converts to Customers: A History of Political Neo-Liberalism in the New and Religious Right

Dimitry Okropiridze, Heidelberg University

A25-230
Religion and Sexuality Unit
Nina Hoel, University of Oslo, Presiding

Theme: Sex at the Altar, Christian Masculinity, Sexual Violence, and Erotic Evolution

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Andreas Ihlang Berg, University of Oslo
Sex at the Altar: Christian Bodies as (Hetero)sexual Imperialism

Rachel Beaver, Union Theological Seminary
The Image of Corruptible Man: Masculinity and the Writings of Athanasius of Alexandria

Stephanie Gaskill
“Anyone Would Want to Forgive You“: How Churches Should Respond to People Convicted of Acts of Sexual Violence

Rebecca Farrar, California Institute of Integral Studies
(White)Head over Heels: Desire and Erotic Evolution of Process Philosophy
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Business Meeting:

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

A25-231
Religion, Media, and Culture Unit
Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University, Presiding

Theme: The Body as Media: Skinvertising, Virtual Reality, and Embodiment

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University
Bodies as Media for Extending the Scope of Justice: Skinvertising and Witnessing Strategies in Contemporary Devotional Body Art

John Borchert, Syracuse University
Playful Mediations: Posthuman Ritualizations of Embodiments in Alternate Reality Games

Tim Hutchings, University of Nottingham
Religion, Media and the (Digital) Body: Christian Videogames and Embodied Formation

Responding:

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado

Business Meeting:

Deborah Whitehead, University of Colorado
Kathryn Reklis, Fordham University

A25-232
Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Jessica Delgado, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: African-Diasporic Religion in the Latina/o Americas

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Steven Engler, Mount Royal University
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Ritual Polyphony in Afro-Brazilian Religions

Axel Presas, Emory University

An Analysis on Orality in the Practice of Afro-Cuban Ifá: On the Ethical and Pragmatic Value of Patakís

Michael Amoruso, Amherst College

Absence and Activism: The Death and Afterlives of Francisco José das Chagas

Responding:

Justin Doran, Middlebury College

Business Meeting:

Chris Tirres, DePaul University
Jessica Delgado, Princeton University

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A25-233
Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Linda L. Barnes, Boston University, Presiding

Theme: Innovations from the Margins: Religious Perceptions of Body and Healing

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Jennifer Edwell, University of North Carolina

Medicating Eve’s Curse: Race, Class, and Religious Sensibility in 19th Century Obstetrics

Mark Lambert, University of Chicago

"A Horror of Moral Beauty": South Seas Travel Writing, Religion, and the Perception of Leprosy

Torang Asadi, Duke University

New Age Mystics, Healing Cyborgs

Business Meeting:

Emily Wu, Dominican University of California

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A25-234
Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit
Josiah U. Young, Wesley Theological Seminary, Presiding
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Theme: James H. Cone and Wesleyan/Methodist Theological Traditions

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Elaine Robinson, Saint Paul School of Theology
*Toward a Method for Liberating Whiteness: The Significance of James Cone's Theology for White Theologians and the Church*

Matthias Gockel, University of Basel
*DoingTheology “From below” and “From above”: James Cone Reads Karl Barth*

Craig Keen, Azusa Pacific University
*The Body and the Blues of Systematic Theology: A Thank You to James Cone and the Wesleys Who Lean Toward Him*

A25-235
Western Esotericism Unit
Patton Burchett, College of William and Mary, Presiding

Theme: Never the Twain Shall Meet? Orientalism and Western Esotericism Revisited

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Nika Kuchuk, University of Toronto
*Battling the Asuras and Bestowing Grace: Tantra, Magic, and Spiritual Evolution in Integral Yoga*

Anya Foxen, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
*Just How to Wake the Solar Plexus: Subtle Bodies and Pseudo-Yoga*

Ben Joffe, University of Colorado
*Feral Phantoms: Finding Common-ground between Tibetan and non-Tibetan Tulpas*

Joel Bordeaux, Stony Brook University
*The Continuing Story of Buddha and The Beast: Vajrayana and Comparative Religion in Contemporary Thelema*

Responding:

Hugh B. Urban, Ohio State University
Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

A25-236
Wildcard Session
Rebecca Alpert, Temple University, Presiding

Theme: Religious Perspectives on Boycott: BDS and Scholarly Work in Public

Monday - 1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Panelists:

Elizabeth W. Corrie, Emory University
Tarek Abuata, Friends of Sabeel, NA
Zahra Billoo, Council on American-Islamic Relations
Elizabeth Ingenthron

Monday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

A25-237
Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee Meeting
Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding

Monday - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

A25-238
Sacred Sites Tour
David Bain, Samford University, and Daniel Sack, National Endowment for the Humanities, Presiding

Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

A25-239
San Diego Zoo Trip
Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

A25-240
Balboa Park Transportation
Monday - 1:00 PM-5:00 PM
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Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**A25-300**

*Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee and Graduate Student Committee and Teaching Religion Unit*

Kathleen Fisher, Assumption College, Presiding

Theme: *Teaching Unfamiliar Topics*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Anne Blankenship, North Dakota State University  
*Strategies for Teaching Unfamiliar Topics*

Alyssa Beall, West Virginia University  
*The Hitchhiker’s Guide to Academia: Navigating Alien Courses, and Surviving.*

Beth Ritter-Conn, Belmont University  
*Learning to Swim: How to Survive in the Deep End When Teaching Unfamiliar Course Material*

Emily Bennett  
*Teaching Unfamiliar Topics*

Matthew Hotham, Ball State University  
*Teaching Islam across the Curriculum: Strategies for Enhancing Teaching about Islam beyond the Religious Studies Classroom*

Responding:

Aaron Ghiloni, University of Queensland

**A25-301**

*Academic Relations Committee*

Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

Theme: *Creating Successful Religion Programs in an Anti-Humanities Age*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
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Panelists:

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University
Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

A25-302
Employment Workshop: Purpose Based: A Success Strategy for a Job Search beyond the Academy
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Robin L. Owens, Mount Saint Mary's University

A25-303
African Diaspora Religions Unit and Afro-American Religious History Unit
Lerone Martin, Washington University, St. Louis, Presiding

Theme: Marking the the Maafa: Narratives, Experiences, and Embodiments of Slavery and Incarceration in African Diaspora Religion

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Katharine Gerbner, University of Minnesota
Constructing Religion, Defining Crime: Slavery, Power and Epistemology

Ryne Beddard, University of North Carolina
Dismal: Excess and Taboo in an Antebellum Swamp

Brad Stoddard, McDaniel College
Christianity and Convict Labor in the Postbellum South

Responding:

Rachel E. Harding, University of Colorado, Denver

A25-304
Anthropology of Religion Unit
James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: *Global Pessimisms: Ethnographic Perspectives on Hope, Skepticism, and Negotiating Authority*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Cora Gaebel, University of Cologne
*Millions for the Deities: The Infrastructure of Two Hindu Festivals*

Katherine Dugan, Springfield College
*Natural Family Planning, Social Media, and the Ethnographic Method Online*

Sarah Riccardi-Swartz, New York University
*Palace of Putin: Political Ideologies in Orthodox Appalachia*

Candace Lukasik, University of California, Berkeley
*“Ecumenism of Blood”: Globalatinization and the Geopolitics of Middle Eastern Christians*

Responding:

Marc Loustau, College of the Holy Cross

A25-305

**Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Religion and Politics Unit**
Fredrik Gregorius, Linkoping University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, War, and the Empire in Arts and Literature I: The Asia-Pacific*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Matthew Potts, Harvard University
*Christ, Identity, and Empire in Shusaku Endo's Silence*

Haruka Umetsu Cho, Harvard University
*War Trauma, Histories, and Bodies: Reading Hikaru Okuizumi’s The Stones Cry Out from Luke 19:40*

Mara Willard, Boston College
*Can Art and Religion Reveal a "Hidden Empire"?*

A25-306

**Buddhism Unit and Law, Religion, and Culture Unit, and Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit**
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
Richard K. Payne, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: Author-Meets-Critics: Panel Discussion of Debating Yoga and Mindfulness in Public Schools: Reforming Secular Education or Reestablishing Religion? by Candy Gunther Brown

Panelists:
Andrea Jain, Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis
David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College
Ronald Purser, San Francisco State University
Steven Green, Willamette University

Responding:
Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University

A25-307
Buddhist Critical-Constructive Reflection Unit
Courtney Bruntz, Doane University, Presiding

Theme: Multiple Buddhisms and Strategic Secularity in Ladakh, India

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Elizabeth Williams-Oerberg, University of Copenhagen
“We Tell Them What They Want to Hear”: Ladakhi Buddhist Negotiations with the Supernatural and Secular

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida
Hiding in Plain Sight: “Multiple Buddhisms” and “Strategic Secularity” at the Mahabodhi International Meditation Center, Ladakh

Brooke Schedneck, Rhodes College
Fighting the Decline of Buddhism: Thai Buddhist Networks and Missionaries in Ladakh, India

A25-308
Buddhist Philosophy Unit and Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit
Greg Seton, Dartmouth College, Presiding
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: How Empty and Empty How? Extending a Distinction to New Realms

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Jeremy Manheim, University of Wisconsin
*Just What Is the Distinction? Gorampa’s Account of Intrinsic Versus Extrinsic Emptiness*

Yaroslav Komarovsky, University of Nebraska
*The Self-Emptiness/Other-Emptiness Distinction in the Tantric Context*

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University
*Other Other Emptinesses in Indian Madhyamaka*

Michael Allen, University of Virginia
*Did Śrīharṣa Have a Position? Emptiness, Existence, and Advaita Vedāṇta*

Responding:

John Dunne, University of Wisconsin

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**A25-309**

**Chinese Religions Unit**

Daniel B. Stevenson, University of Kansas, Presiding

Theme: *Later Tiantai Buddhism in China*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Rongdao Lai, University of Southern California
*Lineage Identity in Modern Tiantai Buddhism*

Raoul Birnbaum, University of California, Santa Cruz
*Ven. Miaojing (1930-2003) and His Commitment to Teaching*

Lang Chen, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
*Competition or Complementation? Youxi Chuandeng’s Construction of Tiantai Identity and Tiantai-Chan Relation*

Beverley Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina Wilmington
*Tiantai in Approach, But Not in Name: A Comparative Study of Ouyi Zhixu and Zhiyi’s Profound Meaning Texts*
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

A25-310
Christian Spirituality Unit
Rebecca Giselbrecht, University of Bern, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: Spirituality and Human Relationships: Perspectives from the Social Sciences

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Ally Moder, Azusa Pacific University
The Telling Story of Domestic Abuse: Integrating Spirituality, Neuroscience, and Narrative in Healing Praxis for Survivors

Aizaiah Yong, Claremont School of Theology
Contemplative Nonviolence for the Multiracial Person

Sarah Bixler, Princeton Theological Seminary
Attachment and Spiritual Friendship: An Interdisciplinary Exploration

A25-311
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: New Light on Atonement

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Kimberly Vrudny, University of St. Thomas
A Restorative Theory of Atonement

Aaron Davis, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Compassionate Exclusivism: Toward a Broader Soteriology through the Relationality of Grace

Travis Ables, Regis University
“O Woman Full and Overflowing with Grace”: Marian Rhetoric and Atonement in Anselm’s Prayers

A25-312
Comparative Studies in Religion Unit
James Ponniah Kulandai Raj, University of Madras, Presiding
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: *What Makes for a Good Research Collaboration?*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Jon Keune, Michigan State University
Massimo Rondolino, Carroll University
Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University
Amy DeRogatis, Michigan State University
Gil Ben-Herut, University of South Florida

**A25-313**  
**Comparative Theology Unit**  
Thomas Cattoi, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Theme: *Shantideva for Christians*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Karen Enriquez, Loyola Marymount University
Judith Simmer-Brown, Naropa University
S. Mark Heim, Andover Newton Seminary at Yale University
Perry Schmidt-Leukel, University of Muenster
John Makransky, Boston College

**A25-314**  
**Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit**  
Shawn Arthur, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *Exchanges with Other-Than-Human Realms*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Zachary Montgomery, University of Missouri

*An Angry Goddess Challenges Monsanto: The Creation of Boundaries in Contemporary Pagan Discourse*

Kimberly Kirner, California State University, Northridge
**Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

*When Belief Arises from Interaction: Pagan Relationships to Other-Than-Human Spirits*

Barbara Jane Davy, University of Waterloo  
*Wyrd Relations: Relational Ontology and the Gift Ethic*

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**A25-315**  
**Cultural History of the Study of Religion Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit**  
Peter Manseau, National Museum of American History, Washington, DC, Presiding

Theme: *Curating Religion: Museums and Their Visual Publics in Global Context*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Louis Ruprecht, Georgia State University  
*Curating the Profane: A Classical Scholar and a Public Profane Museum*

Christina Pasqua, University of Toronto  
*Visualizing the Bible in a Christian Museum*

Katja Rakow, Utrecht University  
*Curating Religion in the “Harmony in Diversity Gallery” in Singapore*

Responding:

Sally M. Promey, Yale University

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**A25-316**  
**Indigenous Religious Traditions Unit**  
Jace Weaver, University of Georgia, Presiding

Theme: *Indigenous Muertos/Death Traditions of Mexico and Lithuania*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Eglute Trinkauskaite, Maryland Institute College of Art  
*The Ecology of the Living Dead in Ancient Baltic Worldview*

Yuria Celidwen, Pacifica Graduate Institute  
*Dia de Muertos: Ethics of Belonging and Rituals of Love*

Natalie Solis, Harvard University
**Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM**

*Día de los Muertos in Boston: Indigenous Religious Celebrations at Harvard’s Peabody Museum*

Responding:

Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College

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**A25-317**

**Japanese Religions Unit**

Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding

Theme: *Redefining “Religionists”: New Perspectives on “Religious Professionalism” in Early Modern through Contemporary Japan*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Dana Mirsalis, Harvard University

*Moving “Like Women”: Ritual Technique and the Gendering of the Shinto Priesthood*

Timothy Smith, University of North Carolina

*“A Yōboku among Yōboku” : Institutional Hierarchies and Theological Equalities across Tenrikyō’s Past and Present*

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

*Negotiating Religious Authority as a Female Jōdo Shin Healer in Contemporary Japan: The Case of Takumi Toyoko*

Eric Tojimbara, University of California, Los Angeles

*The Commercial Publication of Buddhist Books and the Blurring of “Secular” and “Religious” Labor in Early Modern Japan*

Responding:

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College

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**A25-318**

**Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit**

Tine Reeh, University of Copenhagen, Presiding

Theme: *Lutheranism and the Nordic Welfare State*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Nina Koefoed, Aarhus University
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Authority and Responsibility in the Lutheran Household in the Early Danish Democracy and Welfare State

Sasja Emilie Mathiasen Stopa, Aarhus University

Trusting God and His Earthly Masks: An Exploration into the Lutheran Roots of the Scandinavian High-trust Culture

Bo Kristian Holm, Aarhus University

The Lutheran Transformation of the Ideal of the Benevolent Ruler as the Basis of Both Absolutism and Social Responsibility

Responding:

Lee Palmer Wandel, University of Wisconsin

A25-319

Men, Masculinities, and Religion Unit and Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit

Matthew Peter Casey, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: Between Power and Play: Latin American Masculinities in Institutional and Informal Contexts

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Veronique Lecaros, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

From Criminal Leader to Religious Leader: Rupture and Continuity. Conversion to Pentecostalism in a Provincial Peruvian Jail.

Danielle Dempsey, University of California, Riverside, and Jessica Rehman, University of California, Riverside

On Ideological Colonization: Exploring the Relationship between the Roman Catholic Church and Colonial Constructions of “Gender Theory”

Alejandro Escalante, University of North Carolina

Playful Masculinity: Drag Performance in La Fiesta de Santiago and Religious Belonging

Responding:

Alyssa Maldonado-Estrada, Kalamazoo College

A25-320

Mormon Studies Unit

Sara Patterson, Hanover College, Presiding
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: Systems of Survival: Sex, Kinship, and Food Storage in Mormon Culture

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Megan Stanton
Authoritative Kinship: Mormon Sects’ Symbolic Inheritance of Smith Family Members

Sara Moslener, Central Michigan University
So Much Greater Than a Cupcake: Celestial Marriage, Sexual Purity and Its Discontents in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Randy Powell, Washington State University
Surviving the 1970s: Mormon Food Storage in American Culture

Business Meeting:

Sara Patterson, Hanover College
Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College

A25-321
Nineteenth Century Theology Unit and Reformed Theology and History Unit
Annette G. Aubert, Westminster Theological Seminary, and Matthias Gockel, University of Basel, Presiding

Theme: Protestantism, Secularization, and Theological Innovation

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Ryan Kelley, Santa Barbara, CA
Ludwig Feuerbach’s Secularization of Luther’s Christology

Matthew Graham, Indiana University
Dickinson, Kierkegaard, and 19th Century Secularism

Michelle Sanchez, Harvard University
"Worldview" Christianity as Reoccupied Secularism: The Modern Legacy of Reformed Reactionaries

A25-322
Philosophy of Religion Unit
Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Australian Catholic University, Presiding
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: A Book Panel on Religion, Ethics, and the Practice of Modern Politics under Conditions of Injustice

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Molly Farneth, Haverford College
Joseph Winters, Duke University
Randi Rashkover, George Mason University

A25-323
Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit
John Turner, University of Nebraska, Presiding

Theme: Neoplatonic Elements in the Islamic and Christian Traditions

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Parisa Zahiremami, University of Toronto
The Intellect, Love, and Human Ascent: The Intersection of Neoplatonism and Islamic Mysticism in Sanā’ī’s Ḥadīqat al-ḥaqīqah

Joshua Hollmann, Concordia College, New York
Eros and Ascent in Nicholas of Cusa’s Mystical and Dialogical Theology

Eva Braunstein, University of California, Santa Barbara
Immanent Ascent in Nicholas of Cusa’s De Visione Dei

Business Meeting:

Kevin Corrigan, Emory University

A25-324
Queer Studies in Religion Unit
S.J. Crasnow, Rockhurst University, Presiding

Theme: Queer Transgressions

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Yannik Thiem, Villanova University
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Rituals of Queer Transgression and Religious Performativity Panics

Brandon Ambrosino, Villanova University

Ye Shall Find the Bae Wrapped in Swaddling Clothes: Towards a Christology of Drag

Tyson Herberger, Inland Norway University

Shifting Orthodox Rabbinic Attitudes towards Transgender Inclusion

A25-325
Focus on Sustainability, Religion and Ecology Unit
Kimberly Carfore, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Theme: Theorizing Publics in Religion and Ecology

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

Erotic Thinking as Public Resistance

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

Political Lament: Ecocide and Embodied Silence in Public Spaces

Amanda Nichols, University of Florida

Hope Spots for Our Blue Heart: An In-Depth Study of the Lifework of Sylvia Earle and the Gendered Dynamics of Climate Weirding

A25-326
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Eden Consenstein, Princeton University, Presiding

Theme: Twain's Modern Heaven, Kerouac's Orientalism, and Code-Era Catholic Censorship: Rethinking Popular Culture through American Religious History

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Brook Wilensky-Lanford, Killing the Buddha

"The Pearly Gates Wide Open": Mark Twain, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, and the Popularization of a Modern Heaven

Michael McLaughlin, Florida State University
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Sarah Haynes, Western Illinois University
Kerouac’s Rucksack Revolution: Orientalism, Popular Culture, and Buddhism in America

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A25-327
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Jeffrey Guhin, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Theme: A Guide to Teaching and Research with Quantitative Data for the Suspicious and Afraid: A Roundtable of Friendly Sociologists of Religion

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:
Todd Ferguson, Baylor University
Arthur Farnsley, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis

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A25-328
Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit and Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Unit
James McGrath, Butler University, Presiding

Theme: Religious Life on the Silk Road

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Richard A. Freund, University of Hartford
The Caves of Letters: Jewish Texts and Communities from the Silk Road to the Via Maris

Zsuzsanna Gulácsi, Northern Arizona University
The Syro-Mesopotamian Ties of Uygur Manichaean Book Culture

Giselle Bader, University of Sydney
Processes of Globalisation in Early Armenian Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

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A25-329
Religion in South Asia Unit
Hamsa Stainton, McGill University, Presiding
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Theme: Ten Years of "The Śaiva Age": Selected Topics on its Impact on the Field

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Ellen Gough, Emory University
The Jain Monk Nandighoṣasūri and the Emergence of Tantra from Asceticism

Michael Slouber, Western Washington University
Philology in Goddess Studies

Adam Krug, University of Colorado
Studying Vajrayāna Buddhism Ten Years after the “Śaiva Age”: Micro-comparative Methods in the Study of South Asian Religions

Anna A. Golovkova, Bowdoin College
A Goddess for the Second Millennium: Working with Sanskrit Sources in North America

A25-330
Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit
Syed Adnan Hussain, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, Presiding

Theme: Labor, Law, and the Power of Language: Postcolonial Perspectives

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Yasmine Flodin-Ali, University of North Carolina
The Politics of Enumeration and the Casteification of Shi‘ism in Colonial India

Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Duke University
MasterClass: Performative Mastery in Academy, Economy, and Church

Alexander Rocklin, College of Idaho
Religion before the Law: Labor, Colonial Secularism, and the Politics of Freedom in Colonial Trinidad

Business Meeting:

Adrian Hermann, University of Bonn
Prea Persaud, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

A25-331
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

**Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Unit**
Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

Theme: *Gender and Genocide*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Alexander Maurits, Lund University
*Religious Beliefs and Expressions among Female Christian Prisoners in the Ravensbrück Concentration Camp*

Tamar Wasoian, Evanston, IL
*Eradication of Monuments, Eradication of Memory: The Forgotten Legacy of the Armenian Deaconesses*

Jessi Taylor, University of British Columbia
*“Once She’s Baptised, That Would Be a Sin”: Short Term Impacts of Religious Violence on the Use of Sexual Violence in the Bosnian War*

Business Meeting:

Kate Temoney, Montclair State University

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**A25-332**

**Religion, Memory, History Unit**
Tim Langille, Arizona State University, Presiding

Theme: *American Memories: Uneasy Legacies in American Religion*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Marie W. Dallam, University of Oklahoma
*The Legacy of Mormon Polygamy in Contemporary Visual Art*

Elena Kravchenko, Washington University, St. Louis
*Sacred Fight against Racism: Remembering African American History through Orthodox Christian Forms*

Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University
*A Historian at the Intersection of Public Memory and Family History: My Great-Great Grandfather's "Narrative from an Old Confederate"*
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Responding:

Christopher Cantwell, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Business Meeting:

Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University
Tim Langille, Arizona State University

A25-333
Religious Conversions Unit
Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University, Presiding

Theme: *Pentecostal Conversion in Global Perspective: A Roundtable Discussion of Faith in Flux: Pentecostalism and Mobility in Rural Mozambique* (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2018)

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Judith Casselberry, Bowdoin College
Thomas Csordas, University of California, San Diego
Nimi Wariboko, Boston University
Eliza Kent, Skidmore College

Responding:

Devaka Premawardhana, Emory University

A25-334
Ritual Studies Unit and Roman Catholic Studies Unit
Luke Clossey, Simon Fraser University, Presiding

Theme: *Sacramental Logics and Ritual Space in the Early Modern Catholic Atlantic World*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Joy Palacios, University of Calgary
*Sacramental Logics and Antitheatrical Sentiment in Early Modern France*

Richard Reinhardt, University of Michigan
*Sacraments, Servitude, and Sacrilege*
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

J. Michelle Molina, Northwestern University
*Moral Laxity and Penitential Anxiety in the Sacramental Public Sphere*

Responding:

Brenna Moore, Fordham University

A25-335
Study of Islam Unit
Ruqayya Yasmine Khan, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: *Roundtable on W. Hallaq's Restating Orientalism: A Critique of Modern Knowledge (CUP, 2018)*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Panelists:

Omar Farahat, McGill University
Raissa von Doetinchem de Rande, Princeton University
Ahmad Ahmad, University of California, Santa Barbara
Wendell Marsh, Northwestern University

A25-336
Study of Judaism Unit
Andrea Dara Cooper, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: *Feelings of Dislocation and Disaffection: Jews at the Borders of the Political*

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Marva Shalev Marom, Stanford University
*Creating Resilience: Learning Hebrew Through the Arts At A Jewish Refugee Camp In Gondar, Ethiopia.*

Joshua Schwartz, New York University
*Feeling God and the Broken Heart: Affective (Comm)union in Later Jewish Mysticism*

Daniel May, Princeton University
*Hannah Arendt’s Refugee Politics: Jewish Identity and The Politics of The Prepolitical*

Jeremy Brown, McGill University
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

“I Saw What I’m Not Permitted to Say”: Religious Violence from Public Spectacle to Martyrological Speculation in the Zohar

A25-337

Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit
Timothy Snediker, UC Santa Barbara, Presiding

Theme: The Jew, the Christian, and the Ends of the World

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Sarah Pessin, University of Denver
Hypostasis, Home...Host?: Inhabiting Economic v. Created v. Eucharistic Worlds in Levinas

Josiah Solis, Claremont Graduate University
Cosmological Play: Derrida and the World

Benjamin Steele-Fisher, University of California, Davis
Messianic Illusions: Taubes on Bloch and Benjamin

Tal-Hi Bitton, University of Oregon
Friendships Derived from Enmities: Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict as Christian Theogeopolitical Colonization

Responding:

Oona Eisenstadt, Pomona College

A25-338

Women and Religion Unit
Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Theme: Subversive and Creative Leadership and Activism of Women: Religion, Politics, and the Public Sphere

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Grazina Bielousova, Duke University
The Art of Blasphemy: Lithuanian Feminist Protest and the Sacredness of National Reproduction

Jue Liang, University of Virginia
Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

“I am not a Buddhist Feminist:” Gender Discourse among Tibetan Buddhist Nuns at Larung Gar

Rebecca Berru Davis, Montana State University

Border Crossings: Latina Women’s Restorative Interventions Through Art and Activism

Responding:

Rosemary P. Carbine, Whittier College

A25-339
Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Unit

JungJa Joy Yu, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Theme: Centering Women of Color in Religious Dialogue: Race, Gendered Bodies, and Justice

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM

Sadaf Jaffer, Princeton University

Love, Justice, and the South Asian American Scholar / Activist

Robin Bruce, Naropa University

White Supremacist Yoga: A Black Feminist Perspective on Cultural Appropriation, Systemic Racism, and ‘Healing Maps’ Toward Future Reconciliation

Danielle Buhuro, Chicago Theological Seminary

Retweeting Rizpah: Care-fronting Black Church in Addressing Black Female Transphobia on Social Media

Responding:

Lorena Parrish, Wesley Theological Seminary

Business Meeting:

Deborah Rogers, Lane College

A25-340
Artificial Intelligence and Religion Seminar

Randy Reed, Appalachian State University, Presiding

Theme: Artificial Intelligence and Religion: Surveying the Landscape

Monday - 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
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David Zvi Kalman, University of Pennsylvania
*Artificial Intelligence and Jewish Thought: A Roadmap*

Justin Hawkins, Yale University
“The Most Terrifying Thought Experiment of All Time:” Roko’s Basilisk, Antinatalism, and the Pascal’s Wager of Creating the Singularity

Beth Singler, University of Cambridge
“Blessed by the Algorithm”: Theistic Conceptions of Artificial Intelligence as Entanglements of AI and Religion

Pamela Eisenbaum, Iliff School of Theology
Theodore Vial, Iliff School of Theology
*Autonomy, Automatons, and AI*

Takeshi Kimura, University of Tsukuba
*Artificial Other and Natural Other: When a Human Meets A.I.*

Joshua Urich, Trinity University San Antonio
“He Was Only a God:” *Sherlock Holmes and the Origins of an ASI Church*

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Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

**A25-400**
**Student Lounge Roundtable**

Theme: *Can I Tweet That? How to Engage Responsibly, Form Digital Networking Relationships, and Dispel Social Media Skepticism*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Madison Tarleton, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver
Heidi Ippolito, University of Denver / Iliff School of Theology

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**A25-401**
**African Religions Unit**
Sara Fretheim, University of Edinburgh, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Ritual and Imagination in African Religions*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Shannon Frediani, Starr King School of Theology
*Ritual Theatre as Communal Practices of Resistance and Healing*

Daria Trentini, Drake University
*“Majini Refused to Come Out”: Ritual Failure and Religious Change in Northern Mozambique*

Dianna Bell, University of Capetown
*Ara Dreams: One Malian Woman’s Reflection on Fertility, Islam, and Dream Interpretation*

A25-402
*Animals and Religion Unit*
Margaret B. Adam, St Stephen's House, Oxford, Presiding

Theme: *Christian Ecological Engagements with Institutional Practice*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

David Clough, University of Chester
Abby Mohaupt, Drew University
Tim Van Meter, Methodist Theological School in Ohio
Randy Woodley, George Fox Seminary

Responding:

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University

A25-403
*Anthropology of Religion Unit and Religion and the Social Sciences Unit*
David Seitz, Harvey Mudd College, Presiding

Theme: *Authors Meet Each Other: Religion and Sexuality in the Social Field*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Panelists:
Jessica Johnson, University of Washington
Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University
Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside

**A25-404**
Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Religion and Politics Unit
Matthew Potts, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: *Religion, War, and the Empire in Arts and Literature II: Europe and the U.S.*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jean Cotting, Virginia Theological Seminary
*Handel's Joshua: Leading the British People into the Promised Land*

Brian M. Britt, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
*The Art of War in the Work of Two Jewish Women from Berlin*

Matthew Jones, Fuller Theological Seminary
*The Beauty of a People*

Holly Mitchem, Graduate Theological Union
*Spiritual Armor: Religious Paintings for the American Armed Forces in World War II*

**A25-405**
Buddhism in the West Unit and Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit
Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Presiding

Theme: *Buddhist Chaplaincy Education and Pedagogy*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Elaine Yuen, Naropa University
*Attending with Body, Speech, and Mind: Chaplaincy Training at Naropa University*

Leigh Miller, Maitripa College
*Buddhist Spiritual Care and Chaplaincy Training at Maitripa College*

Jitsujo T. Gauthier, University of the West
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Buddhist Chaplaincy Education: Integrating Academic, Practitioner, and Caregiver

Daijaku Judith Kinst, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Graduate Theological Union

Buddhist Foundations for Effective Chaplaincy: Graduate Education at the Institute of Buddhist Studies

A25-406
Buddhism Unit
Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Theme: Open Up and Say "Ah": East and Southeast Asian Buddhist Medicinal Paradigms vis-a-vis Scientific Epistemologies

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University

Painting Emptiness: Healing Viewed through Microscopic and Telescopic Lenses Focused on the Heart Sūtra

Justin Stein, Bukkyo University
The Neurophysiology of Enlightenment: Hara Tanzan’s Zen Method, Neuroscience, and Psychosomatic Buddhist Medicine

Anthony Irwin, University of Wisconsin
Miraculous Making and Miraculous Healing: The Image of Jīvaka Komārabhaṭca in Modern Thailand

Thomas Patton, City University of Hong Kong

Medicine Wizards of Myanmar: Four Recent Facebook Posts

Responding:

C. Pierce Salguero, Pennsylvania State University, Abington

A25-407
Buddhist Philosophy Unit
Pierre-Julien Harter, University of New Mexico, Presiding

Theme: Back to Basics: What Is Dharma?

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
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Dhruv Nagar, University of Chicago
*Dhamma in between Process, Event and Substance Metaphysics: The Place and Development of Abhidhammic Dhamma Theory in Early Indian Intellectual History*

Cameron Wright, University of South Florida
*The Soteriological Relevance of Time in the Sarvastivada Theory of Dharma*

Joy Brennan, Kenyon College
*The Whole Path in Each Dharma: The Concept of a Dharma According to Yogācāra and Huayan Thought*

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**A25-408**
Childhood Studies and Religion Unit
Melva L. Sampson, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Theme: *Understanding Children's Spiritual Development: Ethnographic Strategies and Results*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Ragnhild Fauske, Volda University College
*Tombstones, Zombies, Dead Siblings, and Existential Questions*

Mary Gratton
*The Moral Experiences of Early Adolescents*

Katarina Westerlund, Uppsala University
*Christian Youth Leaders Learning in Christian Spirituality*

Business Meeting:

Sally Stamper, Capital University

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**A25-409**
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Natalia Marandiuc, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

Theme: *Thinking through Nature and Grace*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

David Baird, Catholic Pacific College
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

*Natura Praesupponit Gratiam: On the Absolute Antecedence of Grace*

David Grumett, University of Edinburgh
*De Lubac and the Grace of Christ*

Lauren White, Lipscomb University
*Nature Completed by Grace, Nature Welcomed by Grace: Towards a Hermeneutic of Nuptial Encounter*

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**A25-410**  
**Cognitive Science of Religion Unit**  
Connor Wood, Center for Mind and Culture, Presiding

*Theme: Current Theories and Applications of the Cognitive Science of Religion*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Paul Robertson, University of New Hampshire, and Robert Ross, University of New Hampshire
*Examination of Attention and Retention for Different Types of Religious Concepts Using EEG*

Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University, and Thomas Morgan, Arizona State University
*The Role of Religion and Prestige in Human Prosociality*

*Business Meeting:*

Travis Chilcott, Iowa State University  
Hillary Lenfesty, Arizona State University

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**A25-411**  
**Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Unit**  
Diane Fruchtman, Rutgers University, Presiding

*Theme: Religion and Gendered Racial Violence in the Contemporary United States*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Hilda Koster, Concordia College, Moorhead
*Fractured Lands/Fractured Bodies: Petroculture, Religion, and Violence against Native Women in the Dakotas*

Hilary Scarsella, Vanderbilt University
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Blessed Are Those Who Have Believed but Not Seen: The Theo-Logics of Misogyn(oir)istic Incredulity in Women’s Testimonies of Harm

Rosemary Kellison, University of West Georgia
Empathy and Anger as Democratic Virtues, Vices, or Violence

Brandy Daniels, University of Virginia
Sexual Violence, the Social/Symbolic Order, and the “End” of Sexual Subjectivity: A Negative Queer-Feminist Political Theological Proposal

A25-412
Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit
Joel Hodge, North Park University, Presiding

Theme: Societal Networks: Cultural Intersections of Religion, Media, and Hip-Hop

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Annie Rose O’Brien, University of North Carolina
“We Are Not a Conquered People”: Contact, Identity, and Reconfiguration through the Music of A Tribe Called Red

William Chavez, University of California, Santa Barbara
The Fight against Afro-Oblivion: Masters of the Sun (2017) as a Celebration of Hip-Hop Culture

Erika Gault, University of Arizona
“Hip Hop Is at the Core of Who I Am”: (Re)Defining Black Christian Millennials

Responding:

Elonda Clay, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

A25-413
Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Unit
Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University, Presiding

Theme: Contagion: A Roundtable

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Cara Rock-Singer, Cornell University
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Guns, Germs, and Jesus: Vulnerability, Risk, and Resilience of the Jewish Ritual Bath
John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College
William S. Burroughs, Scientology, and Virus Words that Eat the Brain to Muttering Shreds
Elizabeth Hayes Alvarez, Temple University
Challenging the Great Physician: Mental Pathogens and Spiritual Contagion in Late-19th Century America
Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Contagion, Conversion, and the Church of the Dead in Mexico
Richard Kent Evans, Haverford College
Quakers, Religious Madness, and the Cognitive Limits of Experience
Laura S. Levitt, Temple University
The Proliferative Logic of Relics as Contagion

A25-414
Daoist Studies Unit
Randall Nadeau, Trinity University, Presiding

Theme: Authenticity, Wellness, and the Daoist Curriculum

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
No Needles Required: Teaching Daoist Healing Techniques
Bede Bidlack, Saint Anselm College
A Pedagogy from Somewhere: Teaching Daoism Comparatively
Matthew Duperon, Susquehanna University
Authenticity and Self-Forgetting: Teaching Zhuangzi with Introspective Techniques from the Text
Beverley Zhang, Arizona State University
Daoist Zhenren and Well-Being

A25-415
Ecclesiological Investigations Unit
Matthew Eaton, King's College, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Public Theologies and Pope Francis: Economics, Technology, and Bodies

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Laura Stivers, Dominican University of California
Brianne Jacobs, Fordham University
Timothy Harvie, St. Mary's University, Alberta

A25-416
Gay Men and Religion Unit and Religion, Memory, and History Unit
Rachel Gross, San Francisco State University, Presiding

Theme: Queer Memory, Trauma, and Religion

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Whitney Cox, Rowan University
No Atheist Panels: Religious and Secular Representation in the Houston AIDS Quilt Display, 1988

Jane Nichols, Emory University
ACT-UP, "Stop the Church," and the Theological Implications of a Liturgical Protest

Brett Krutzsch, Haverford College
The Trauma of Pulse and the Queer Potential of Memorialization

Responding:

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary

A25-417
Jain Studies Unit
John E. Cort, Denison University, Presiding

Theme: Padma Padma: New Studies in the Jain Rāma Tradition

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Seema Chauhan, University of Chicago
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Crossing Boundaries: The Padmacarita’s Refutation of Kumārila

Gregory Clines, Trinity University
*For Poetry Makes Nothing Happen: Toward an Understanding of Later Jain Rāma Composition*

Adrian Plau, Wellcome Institute, London
*The Jain Rāmāyaṇa as Kathā: Rāmcand Bālak’s Sītācarit*

Eva De Clercq, Ghent University
*“Did He Kill His Own Brother? For a Woman? In a Disgraceful Manner?”: Jain Approaches to the Death of Vālin*

Responding:

Philip Lutgendorf, University of Iowa

A25-418
Korean Religions Unit
Deberniere Torrey, University of Utah, Presiding

Theme: *Identity and Politics in Transnational Contexts of Korean Protestantism*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Ray Kim, Georgetown University
*Muslim Migrants and Refugees in Korea: Perceived Threats to the Korean Church’s Global Aspirations*

Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School
*“No Neutrality for Brutality”: Protestant Missionaries’ Response to the 1919 March First Independence Movement in Korea*

JungJa Joy Yu, Claremont Graduate University
*Transnational Ties of Gendered Korean Immigrant Evangelical Churches in North America*

Responding:

Hwansoo Kim, Yale University

A25-419
Law, Religion, and Culture Unit and Religion and Economy Unit and Secularism and Secularity Unit
Richard Amesbury, Clemson University, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Author-Meets-Critics Session: Robert Yelle, Sovereignty and the Sacred: Secularism and the Political Economy of Religion

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Finbarr Curtis, Georgia Southern University
Kate Rosenblatt, Emory University
Kerry Sonia, Washington and Lee University
Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

Responding:

Robert A. Yelle, University of Munich

A25-420
Liberal Theologies Unit
Joel Harrison, Northwestern University, Presiding

Theme: Theology and the Charge of Liberal Complicity with Totalitarianism

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Stephanie Wong, Valparaiso University
Liberalism in Chinese Catholicism: Resisting State Confucianism and Church Supremacy in Beiyang, China

Aaron Stauffer, Union Theological Seminary
Our Last Best Chance? Harry Ward's Radical Social Gospel, Liberal Theology and Soviet Communism

Colin Bossen, First Unitarian Universalist Church, Houston
The Liberalism of the (Second) Ku Klux Klan

Ulrich Schmiedel, University of Edinburgh
Who Is Afraid of Liberalism? Ernst Troeltsch's Political Theology

Responding:

Fatima Tofighi, University of Religions
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Business Meeting:
Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary

A25-421
Men, Masculinities, and Religions Unit
Amanullah De Sondy, University College Cork, Presiding

Theme: Author Meets Critics: Harshita Mruthinti Kamath’s Impersonations: The Artifice of Brahmint Masculinity in South Indian Dance (University of California Press, 2019)

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:
Harshita Mruthinti Kamath, Emory University
Mary Whitney Kelting, Northeastern University
Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University
Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina
Amanda Lucia, University of California-Riverside

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

A25-422
Mormon Studies Unit and Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit
Taylor Petrey, Kalamazoo College, Presiding

Theme: Mormon Theology and Continental Thought

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Joseph Spencer, Brigham Young University
Faith of an Observer: Francois Laruelle and (Latter-Day Saint) Theology

Kimberly Berkey, Loyola University Chicago
Plastic Mormons, Plastic Texts: Catherine Malabou and Latter-Day Saint Theology

Adam S Miller, Collin College
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Performativity, Messianism, and Mormonism

A25-423
Native Traditions in the Americas Unit
Dennis Kelley, University of Missouri, Presiding

Theme: The Law of the Land: Native American Religious Traditions and North American Legal Systems

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Adam Dunstan, University of North Texas
Dine’ Ontology, Settler Ecology, and "Religious Freedom": Snowmaking at a Navajo Sacred Mountain

Stacie Swain, University of Victoria
Crown Land or Qat’muk? Contextualizing the Canadian “Public Interest” and Indigenous Political Rights within Sacred Site Jurisprudence

Kathleen Riddell, University of Waterloo
Truth and Reconciliation? Repairing "Spiritual Harm" among Victims of the Residential School System and the "60s Scoop"

Business Meeting:

Michael Zogry, University of Kansas

A25-424
North American Religions Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit
Samira Mehta, Albright College, Presiding

Theme: Working the Edges: New Approaches to Space and Community in America

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Andrew Gardner, Florida State University
Pastoring the Nation: The "Theo-Spatial" Politics of an Antebellum Seminary Education

James Dupey, Arizona State University
Mail Order Christianity: Alexander Campbell and the Commoditization of Religious Material Production
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Sher Tareen, Florida State University
*Raising Children on the Iceskating Rink: Corporate Stewardship, Race, and the Muslim Practices of Motherhood in Reston, Virginia*

Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College
*Roots in the Past, Seeds for the Future: A Revived Historical Jewish Community Farm in New Jersey Takes on Climate Change*

**A25-425**
**Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit**
Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: *Space, Place, and Pentecostalism*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Alan Clark, Claremont Graduate University
*Meet the Mormons: Pentecostal and Latter-day Saint religious interactions in Utah*

Joel Tejedo, Asia Pacific Theological Seminary
*Doing Pentecostal Civic Engagement in the Squatter Area of Baguio City, Philippines*

Dara Delgado, University of Dayton
*Healing is the Children’s Bread: Healing as Theo-Political Resistance and Survival Among Black Holiness Pentecostals in the Urban North During the Migration Era*

Daniela C. Augustine, Lee University
*Seeking the Welfare of the City: Cultivating Pentecostal Spirituality of Urban Sustainability*

Responding:

Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University

**A25-426**
**Pragmatism and Empiricism in American Religious Thought Unit**
Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College, Presiding

Theme: *Democracy, Ecology, and the Posthuman*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jacob Goodson, Southwestern College
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

The Difficulty of Reality, Divided Selves, and Sick Souls: William James’s Philosophy of Religion after Cora Diamond’s Animal Ethics

Brandon Daniel-Hughes, John Abbott College
Toward a Democratic Conception of Community beyond the Human

Robert Smid, Curry College
Representation, Rights, and the Concept of Rule: Using Pragmatist Resources to Re-Think Biocracy

Caleb Murray, Brown University
Prophetic Pragmatism in a Changing Climate: Tragedy, Fallibility, and the Ethics of Anthropocentrism

Business Meeting:
Karen Rucks, Quinsigamond Community College
Joseph Winters, Duke University

A25-427
Qur’an Unit
MUNIM SIRRY, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: Modes of Qur’an Interpretation

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Hadia Mubarak, Guilford College
When Husbands Are Guilty of Sexual Neglect: Shifts in Modern Qur’anic Exegesis on Q. 4:128

Shuaib Ally, University of Toronto
Negotiating Meaning: 13th and 14th C Glosses on Zamakhsharī’s Qurʾān Commentary

Relwan Onikoyi, Temple University
Al-Maturidi and Abu Layth al-Samarqandi on the Day of the Covenant: Hanafi Exegesis and the Basis of Human Obligation to God

Samuel Ross, Texas Christian University
Can the Bible Determine the Meaning of the Qur’an? New Developments in Modern Tafsir

A25-428
Reformed Theology and History Unit
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Christina Larsen, Grand Canyon University, Presiding
Theme: *Atonement, the Cross, and the Christian Life*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Alden McCray, University of St Andrews
*Jürgen Moltmann and John Calvin on Classical Theism and the Pastoral Benefits of the Atonement*

Rachel Teubner, University of Virginia
*Narrating Atonement: Expanding Feminist-Reformed Subjectivities through Genre*

Travis Pickell, University of Virginia
*Between Cross and Resurrection: Three Views of Holy Saturday in Ecclesial Art, Liturgy, and Practice*

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A25-429
Religion and Disability Studies Unit and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Unit
Lina Verchery, Harvard University, Presiding
Theme: *Awkward, Monstrous, Marvelous: Representations of Disability in Visual Culture*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Helena Martin, Yale University
*Martyrs and Monsters of the Avengers: Christian Ableism in the Marvel Universe*

Devan Stahl, Michigan State University
*Visual Representation of “Monstrous” Bodies in Medicine and Religion*

Tim Basselin, Dallas Theological Seminary
*Positive about Disability: Recent Representations and What Communities of Faith Can Learn by Watching*

Business Meeting:
Heike Peckruhn, Daemen College

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A25-430
Religion and Food Unit and Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching and Activism Unit
Sarah Robinson-Bertoni, Santa Clara University, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Grounded Practices: Women of Color, Food, and Farming Practices

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Wylin Dassie Wilson, Harvard University
*Indeterminably Indebted to Society: Faith Communities, Food Insecurity and Incarceration*

Himanee Gupta-Carlson, SUNY Empire State College
*Rhythm and Ritual in Hip Hop and Farming*

Candace M. Laughinghouse, Chicago Theological Seminary
*Spiritual Legacy of Women Working in Dirt*

Deborah Rogers, Lane College
*Eco-Womanist Pedagogy and Spiritual Activism: Sustaining Work for Justice in the Classroom and on the Farm*

Responding:

Kimberly Nettles-Barcelon, University of California, Davis

A25-431
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
Linda Ceriello, Rice University, Presiding

Theme: Beyond Television: Religious Controversy in Contemporary Televisual Mediascapes

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University
*Feminists and Cannibals: Marginalized Religions in The Chilling Adventures of Sabrina*

Leyla Ozgur Alhassen, University of California, Berkeley
*The Qur’an in Turkish Television Series and Films*

Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College
*The Testaments: The Handmaid’s Tale as Emerging Transmedia*

A25-432
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Amanda Baugh, California State University, Northridge, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *Lived Religious Expressions in Southern California*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jennifer Hahn, University of California, Santa Barbara
"Lived" Spirituality And Sacred Relationships in Alcoholics Anonymous in Southern California

Gerardo Marti, Davidson College, and Mark Mulder, Calvin College
The Financial Burden of Megachurch Charisma: How Robert H. Schuller’s Unsustainable, Business-based Church Growth Model Bankrupted the Crystal Cathedral

A25-433

Religion in Europe Unit
Cynthia M. Baker, Bates College, Presiding

Theme: Racial Afterlives in Post-Holocaust Germany: Jewish and Muslim (A)Synchronicities for a Christian-Secularized Self

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Sultan Doughan, University of California, Berkeley
Of Humans and Muselmanns: The Racial Afterlife of Religious Difference in Post-Holocaust Germany

Alexandra Zirkle, University of Chicago
Tortured Readings: Historicism and the Threat of Imperial Violence

Hannah Tzuberi, Freie Universität Berlin
Critique of Religion or Racism: On the Legibility and Categorization of Vulnerability in Post-Holocaust Germany

Luis Manuel Hernandez Aguilar, University of Amsterdam
The “Jewish” and “Muslim” Question through the Lens of Recursive History: Circumcision Debates in Germany

Responding:

Susannah Heschel, Dartmouth College

A25-434
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Religion in Premodern Europe and the Mediterranean Unit and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit
Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo, Presiding

Theme: Religion, Healing, and Healthcare in Premodern Europe

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jonathan Zecher, Australian Catholic University
The Negotiation of Culture in Late Antique Clinical Practice: The Case of Alexander of Tralles and “Natural Remedies”

Minji Lee, Reunion Institute
Gendered Healing: Mugwort Treatment in Medieval Christianity and Gynecology

Claire Fanger, Rice University
Healing and Divine Embodiment: The Powers of the Virgin Mary in the Cure of Bodies and Souls

A25-435
Religion in South Asia Unit
James G. Lochtefeld, Carthage College, Presiding

Theme: The Buddha and the Banyan Tree: Hindu Assimilations of Buddhist Traditions

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Bradley S. Clough, University of Montana
Interpretive Issues in the History of the Buddhāvatāra Concept in Vaiṣṇava Theology

D. Mitra Barua, Rice University
“The Scientific Study of Pali”: Bengali Buddhists’ Strategy to Dispel the Shadow of Hinduism

Mallory Hennigar, Syracuse University
Rational Buddha: Ambedkarite Non-Brahmin Buddhist History

Joel Bordeaux, Stony Brook University
Crossover Appeal: Exoticism and Localization of the Goddess Tārā in Hindu Sources

Responding:

Gudrun Bühnemann, University of Wisconsin
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

**A25-436**
Religion, Affect, and Emotion Unit
Luis Menéndez-Antuña, California Lutheran University, Presiding

Theme: *Borders and Felt Communities*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Rebecca Moody, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
*Reshaping Shared Space: Gender Norms, Quotidian Islam and Grand Taxis in Morocco*

Matthew Vanderpoel, University of Chicago
*Prosimetric Accretions: the Affect of Lack in Gerson’s Consolation of Theology*

Lisa Gasson-Gardner, Drew University
*When God Feels True: Charismatic-Evangelical Christian Practice and the Politics of Truth in the U.S.*

Business Meeting:

Tam K. Parker, University of the South

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**A25-437**
Sacred Texts and Ethics Unit
Elizabeth Goldstein, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Theme: *Reading Sacred Texts with the Other*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Ashleigh Elser, Valparaiso University
*Luther’s Tears: Violent Narratives and Masculine Empathies*

David de la Fuente, Fordham University
*Beyond the Upper Room and Upon All Flesh: Pentecost, Phenomenology, and Racial Justice in the Catholic Church*

Russell CD Arnold, Regis University
*Isaac as a Model for Interfaith Engagement*

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**A25-438**
Study of Islam Unit
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM
William Sherman, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Presiding

Theme: *South Asian Islam and Modernity*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Mohsin Ali, University of California, Los Angeles
*Imagined Wahhabis: Disentangling British and Indian Representations of Wahhabism in Colonial India*

Megan Robb, University of Pennsylvania
*Forming Muslim Emotions, Forming Muslim Nations: Writing and Practicing Love and Regret in Muslim South Asia*

SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College
*Encountering the ‘Other’: Power, Politics, Political Theology*

Responding:

Karen Ruffle, University of Toronto

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**A25-439**

*Study of Judaism Unit*

Dustin Atlas, University of Dayton, Presiding

Theme: *Roundtable on Mara Benjamin's The Obligated Self*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Larisa Reznik, Goucher College
Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College
Phillis Isabella Sheppard, Vanderbilt University

Responding:

Mara Benjamin, Mt. Holyoke College

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**A25-440**

*Tantric Studies Unit*

Ronald M. Davidson, Fairfield University, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Prajñāpāramitā, Pāla Period Buddhism and Its Himalayan Legacy

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Greg Seton, Dartmouth College
_Tibetan Patronage and Its Impact on Prajñāpāramitā Studies in Indian and Tibetan Tantric Buddhism_

Jinah Kim, Harvard University
_Prajñāpāramitā’s Ritual Use in Pāla Period Buddhism: A Lesson from Abhayākaragupta’s Vajrāvalī and Artistic Records_

Alexander O’Neill, University of Toronto
_The Ritual Worship of the Prajñāpāramitā in Nepal_

Francesco Bianchini, The University of Oxford
_New Insights into a Remarkable Pāla Collection of Prajñāpāramitā Scriptures_

A25-441
_Theology and Religious Reflection Unit_
Rakesh Peter-Dass, Hope College, Presiding

Theme: The Politics of Religion

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Jakub Urbaniak, St. Augustine College of South Africa, and Tshinyalani Khorommbi, St Augustine College of South Africa

Antoinette E. DeNapoli, Texas Christian University
_“What the Government Won’t Give Us, God and the Courts Will!”: How a Woman Guru’s Religious Politics of Gender Equality is Transforming Hinduism through the Indian Legal System_

Syeda Beena Butool, Florida State University
_Mawdudi’s God and the Theopolitics to Decolonize the Muslims of India_

A25-442
_Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit and Women and Religion Unit_
Charity Woods, Interfaith Voices for Reproductive Justice, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: Reproductive Justice Activists and Religious Scholars in Dialogue

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Panelists:

Naomi Leapheart, Lancaster Theological Seminary
Cherisse Scott, SisterReach
Ashlyn Strozier, Claremont Graduate University

Responding:

Toni Bond Leonard, Claremont School of Theology

A25-443
Artificial Intelligence and Religion Seminar
Philip Butler, Loyola Marymount University, Presiding

Theme: Experiments in Artificial Intelligence and Religion

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

F. LeRon Shults, University of Agder, and Wesley J. Wildman, Boston University
Simulating Secularities: Studying Religion and Nonreligion in Artificial Societies

Emanuelle Burton, University of Illinois, Chicago, and Thomas Arnold, Tufts University
Strangers in a Strange Land: A Field Report from Two Religion Scholars Working in AI

Elias Kruger, Acworth, GA
Using Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning to Analyze Large Theological Texts

Randy Reed, Appalachian State University

Nathan R. B. Loewen, University of Alabama
Analyzing Philosophy of Religion Journals via Digital Humanities: Plotting Futures for the Field

A25-444
Origen and Origen Reception Seminar
Anders-Christian Jacobsen, Aarhus University, Presiding
Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Theme: *The Reception of Origen's Exegesis*

Monday - 5:30 PM-7:00 PM

Miriam DeCock, Aarhus University
*Origen and Theodoret on Psalm 15: An Exercise in Detecting Origen’s Shadow in the Greek Patristic Exegetical Tradition*

Erik Estrada, Texas Christian University
*Divided by Origen: Origen’s Role in the Early Fifth-Century Western Controversies over Faith, Works and Justification*

Liza Anderson, Claremont School of Theology
*The Legacy of Origen's Exegesis in 9th Century Syriac Christian Theology*

Andrea Bianchi
*An Early Modern Arminian-reformed Reception of Origen's Exegesis: A Tale of Two Origen*

Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

A25-500
Film: *Chosen (Custody of the Eyes)*
Anahita Ghazvinizadeh, University of Iowa, Presiding
Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM

Panelists:

Abbie Reese, Independent Scholar and Filmmaker

A25-501
Program Unit Chairs' and Steering Committee Members' Reception
Monday - 8:00 PM-10:00 PM
A26-100
Anthropology of Religion Unit
Jennifer A. Selby, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Presiding

Theme: Contact Zones: Commemorative, Diasporic, and Interreligious Interactions

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Suma Ikeuchi, School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Jesus Loves Japan: Global Pentecostalism and Brazilian Diaspora in the Transpacific Contact Zones

Helen Orr, University of North Carolina
Contesting Sacred Travel from a Contact Zone: Bosnian Counter-Memory and Legacies of Humanitarian Intervention

Kalpesh Bhatt, University of Toronto
“Know Thyself”: Reconstructing the “Public” in “Public Religion” through the Construction of a Hindu Temple in California

Responding:

Katherine Ewing, Columbia University

A26-102
Asian North American Religion, Culture, and Society Unit
SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine, Presiding

Theme: The 50th Anniversary of the Creation of Ethnic Studies: Asian American Genealogical and Cross-Disciplinary Reflections

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Teng-Kuan Ng, Georgetown University
An Asian American Journey of Faith: Historiography, Missiology, and Theology in Lin Yutang’s From Pagan to Christian

Girim Jung, Claremont School of Theology
Dictee Revisited: Towards a Transoceanic Approach to Asian American Religious Studies

Justin Tse, Northwestern University
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

The Miseducation of Model Minorities: The "Gospel of Schoolvation" in Asian American Studies

Tian An Wong, Smith College
Rearticulating an Asian American Theology of Liberation

A26-103
Chinese Religions Unit
Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee, Presiding

Theme: Buddhism in Modern China

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Gilbert Chen, Washington University, St. Louis
To Keep Incense Burning and Lamps Lit: Local Buddhist Monastics’ Involvement in the Coal-Mining Business in Nineteenth-Century Chongqing

Hongyu Wu, Ohio Northern University
The Woman Question and the (Re)Construction of Buddhist Identity in the Republican China (1911-1949)

Nan Ouyang, University of Arizona

A26-104
Eastern Orthodox Studies Unit
Jennifer Newsome Martin, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Theme: Orthodox Contemplation, Spirituality, and Encounters

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Ioana Patuleanu, Mercer County Community College
The Orthodox Contemplative Tradition Mirrored Back through the Writings of the French Catholic Bishop François de la Motte Fénelon

Luis Salés, Scripps College
Queer Female Holiness and Ethiopian Anti-Colonial Resistance in the Gädlä Walatta Petros

Lori Branch, University of Iowa
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

*Father Alexander Men’s Teachings on Prayer: Eastern and Western Christian Spiritualities from a Russian Orthodox Perspective*

Responding:

Brian A. Butcher, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Toronto

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**A26-105**

Hinduism Unit

Jonathan Peterson, University of Toronto, Presiding

Theme: *Rethinking Hinduism: A Roundtable Discussion on Hindu Pluralism (UC Press, 2017) and Polemics and Patronage in the City of Victory (University of California Press, 2016)*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Panelists:

Valerie Stoker, Wright State University
Elaine Fisher, Stanford University
Patrick Cummins, Cornell University
Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis
Sarah Pierce Taylor, Concordia University

Responding:

Hamsa Stainton, McGill University

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**A26-106**

History of Christianity Unit

Craig Prentiss, Rockhurst University, Presiding

Theme: *History and Theology Roundtable*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Panelists:

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University
Sonia Velazquez, Indiana University
Kris Trujillo, Fordham University
A26-107
Open and Relational Theologies Unit
Krista E. Hughes, Newberry College, Presiding

Theme: Book Panel: Ecological Solidarities: Mobilizing Faith and Justice in an Entangled World

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Panelists:
Catherine Keller, Drew University
Elaine Padilla, University of La Verne
Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University
Peter C. Phan, Georgetown University

Responding:
John B. Cobb, Center for Process Studies
Dhawn Martin

A26-108
Religion and Cities Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit
Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University, Presiding

Theme: Borders, Boundaries, and Barriers: Religious Examinations of Spaces of Transgression and Conflict

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Devon Abts, King's College London
Dismantling the Barriers of the Religious Imagination: Political and Postcolonial Theological Encounters with the Art of Khaled Jarrar

Adam Newman, University of Virginia
Making Space in Mewar: At the Border of Trauma, Memory, and History in Fifteenth-Century Rajasthan

Douglas Hardy, Nazarene Theological Seminary
Crossing over: Celtic Monastic City Borders as Invitatory
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

A26-109
Religion and Politics Unit
Rachel Scott, Virginia Tech, Presiding

Theme: Islam and Politics in Global Contexts

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Anna Piela, Northeastern University
Shifting between Experiences of Islamophobia and Racism: The Niqab (Islamic Face-veil) as a Focal Point for the Study of Intersections of Exclusion in the United States and Great Britain.

Ermin Sinanovic, Shenandoah University
Political Theology of Obedience in Contemporary Islamic Thought

Andreas Johansson, Lund University
Muslim Politics in Sri Lanka

A26-110
Religion in South Asia Unit
Arun Brahmbhatt, St. Lawrence University, Presiding

Theme: Religious Didacticism in South Asia: Critical Assessments of Jain, Hindu, and Saiva Literature

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Eric Steinschneider, University of Arizona
Something We Can All Agree Upon: Didactic Literature and Renunciation in Late-Precolonial South India

Steven Vose, Florida International University
Caste Prestige as Religious Piety: Women’s Virtue in Early Vernacular Jain Didactic Literature

Iva Patel, University of Iowa
Thinking through Tropes: Cognitive Practices and the Rhetoric of Instruction in the Sarasiddhi of Nishkulanand Swami

Sravani Kanamarlapudi, University of Washington
Situating a Didactic Text in its Narrative Context: The Case of the Viduranīti
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Responding:

Heidi R. M. Pauwels, University of Washington

A26-111
**Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Unit**
Deirdre DeBruyn Rubio, Harvard University, Presiding

**Theme:** *Negotiating Islam and Racial Logics in Global Africana Contexts*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Kimberly Wortmann
*Mosques and the Negotiation of Afro-Arab Identities in Contemporary Tanzania*

Youssef Carter, Harvard University
*West African Sufi Pedagogy and the Matter of Black Lives*

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Vassar College
*More than Malcolm: US Islam as Religious and Racial Analytic in French Muslim Communities*

Matthias Gebauer, University of Passau
*Black Islam in South Africa. Global Passages of Racialized Muslim Identities and the Bringing About of African Indigeneity in a Post-Colonial Society*

A26-112
**Science, Technology, and Religion Unit**
Yunus Doğan Telliel, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Presiding

**Theme:** *Science, Religion, and the Construction of Meaning*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Ariela Marcus-Sells, Elon University
*Controlling the Unseen: The Scientific Imaginaries of the Kunta Scholars*

Amy Bix, Iowa State University
*Time/Machine and Sacred Pauses for Meaning: Religion, Work, and the Quest for Control Amidst Chaotic Technological Pressures*

Daniel Heifetz
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

The Science of Satyug: Finding a Meaning for Science and Technology in Neoliberal India

Business Meeting:

Greg Cootsona, California State University, Chico
Josh Reeves, Samford University

A26-113
Study of Islam Unit
Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College, Presiding

Theme: Ways of Knowing in Premodern Islam: Morality, Orthodoxy, and Aesthetics

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Caitlyn Olson, Harvard University
Commanding Right Belief and Forbidding Wrong: Islamic Theology for the 10th/16th-century Moroccan Masses

Yousef Soufi, University of Toronto
The Formation of Classical Critical Islam: Munāzara (Legal Disputation) Among Islamic Jurists in the 10th-13th Centuries

Mohammad Sadegh Ansari, Columbia University
Miskawayh’s (d. 1030 CE) Treatise on Pleasure and Pain and the Possibility of an Islamic Aesthetics Discourse

Responding:

Aun Hasan Ali, University of Colorado

A26-114
Teaching Religion Unit
Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College, Presiding

Theme: Climate Change Is Everything Change: Integrating Environmental Commitment in Religious Studies Courses

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Panelists:

Jennifer Thompson, California State University, Northridge
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Willis Jenkins, University of Virginia
Danielle Widmann Abraham, Ursinus College

A26-115
Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit
Adam Kotsko, North Central College, Presiding

Theme: *New Frontiers in Phenomenology of Religion*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Andrew Tebbutt, University of Toronto
*The Theological Re-Turn: Reading “The French Debate” Through Hegel’s Hermeneutical Phenomenology of Religion*

Nixon Cleophat, Bloomfield College
*Haitian Vodou, a Critical Lens Re-contextualizing Hegel’s Phenomenology of Spirit: Spirit Possession as the Meta-Praxis of the Liberation of the Historically Oppressed*

Matt Waggoner, Albertus Magnus College
*On Certain Anti-Urban Inclinations in the early Phenomenology of Religion*

Willie Young, Endicott College
*Ethnography, Phenomenology and Social Embodiment in Religion*

A26-116
Wesleyan and Methodist Studies Unit
Laceye Warner, Duke University Divinity School, Presiding

Theme: *Wesleyan and Methodist Missions beyond Britain and North America*

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Glen O’Brien, University of Divinity
*Samuel and Catherine Leigh in Aotearoa / New Zealand*

Robert Doyle Smith, Olivet Nazarene University

Sergei Nikolaev, Moscow Theological Seminary of the United Methodist Church
Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

\textit{Julius Hecker: Methodist Missionary, Educator, and Martyr in Soviet Russia}

Shin Fung Hung
\textit{Transnational Connectionalism at Work: The Foundation of Wei Li Kung Hui (American Methodism) in Hong Kong}

Business Meeting:

Ted A. Campbell, Southern Methodist University
Edgardo Colon-Emeric, Duke University

\underline{A26-117}
\textbf{Women and Religion Unit}
Stephanie May, First Parish in Wayland, Presiding

Theme: \textit{Remembering Women in Global Religion}

Tuesday - 8:30 AM-10:00 AM

Tamar Wasoian, Evanston, IL
\textit{Armenian Deaconesses: Remembering to Re-Membering}

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University
\textit{Rites of Passage as the Loci of Public Health Discourse in Africa and in the Diaspora}

Leena Taneja, Zayed University
\textit{Beyond Brahminical Asceticism: An Ethnographic Study of Female Ascetics in the Chaitanya Vaishnava Tradition}

Responding:

K. Christine Pae, Denison University

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Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

\underline{A26-118}
\textbf{Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Unit and SBL Violence and Representations of Violence in Antiquity Unit}
Christine Luckritz Marquis, Duke University, Presiding
Tuesday - 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Theme: *Moment of Reckoning: Imagined Death and Its Consequences in Late Ancient Christianity: A Cross-Disciplinary Engagement*

Panelists:

Nyasha Junior, Temple University
Laura Nasrallah, Harvard University
Constance Furey, Indiana University
Whitny Braun, Loma Linda University
Chase L. Way, Claremont Graduate University

Responding:

Ellen Muehlberger, University of Michigan

Business Meeting:

Diane Fruchtman, Rutgers University

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Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

**A26-119**

*Arts, Literature, and Religion Unit and Comparative Studies in Religion Unit*

Christopher Patrick Parr, Webster University, Presiding

Theme: *Destruction and Unmaking in Arts, Literature, and Religion*

Kristine Whaley, University of Glasgow
*Grief and the Act of Fragmentation: The Redemptive Unmaking of Tree of Codes*

Sarah Corrigan, Harvard University
*Burning Poetry, Hacking Crosses: Unmaking to Survive in Shalamov’s Gulag World*

William Stell, Princeton University
*Rip the Bible Reverently: A Reading of Crafters’ Anxieties about a Book*
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

A26-120
Buddhism Unit
Guttorm Gundersen, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: Dharmic Aspirations, Poetic Conversations: Scenes of Ethical Instruction in Buddhist Literature

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Alexis Brown, Harvard University
The Place of Context in the Rasavāhinī: Dialogue as a Vehicle for Transportation and a Site of Transformation

Julie Regan, La Salle University
Erotic Scenes of Ethical Instruction in Aśvaghoṣa’s Saundarananda

Elizabeth Angowski, Earlham College
Representing RenUniversity of North Carolinaiation and Creating a Scene: The Suitor Dialogues in the Life of Yeshé Tsogyal

Alan Wagner, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Collège de France
Missing Persons: The Loss of Meaning in Édouard Chavannes’ Translations of Chinese Jātakas

Responding:

Maria Heim, Amherst College

A26-121
Christian Systematic Theology Unit
Jessica Wong, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

Theme: Trauma, Disability, and Grace

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Hannah Jones, University of Chicago
God, Trauma, and the Grace of Survival

Calli Micale, Yale University
Touch, Disability, and the Communication of Christ’s Spirit

Charles Guth, Princeton Theological Seminary
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Binding Grace: On Covenants, Norms, and Conditions

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A26-122

Contemporary Islam Unit

Yasmine Flodin-Ali, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Theme: Gender Politics in Contemporary Muslim Discourse

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Iman AbdoulKarim

Intersectional Critique: Strategies for Supporting Muslim Women’s Feminisms through Black Feminist Theory

Nicole Correri, Boston University

Speaking for Zaynab: The Male Appropriation of the Female Voice in Contemporary Shi'i Religious Ritual

Samuel Kigar, Duke University

God’s Feminine Shadow: A Feminist Muslim Political Theology of Territory

Responding:

Amanullah De Sondy, University College Cork

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A26-123

Ethics Unit

Nichole Flores, University of Virginia, Presiding

Theme: Images of the Public Scholars and Scholarship

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Graedon Zorzi, Yale University

Freedom and the Moral Character of Modern Liberalism

Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University

Precarious Personhood, the Refugee Crisis, and Ethical Responsibility

Joyce Konigsburg, Notre Dame of Maryland University

Social Media as Public Spaces: #MeToo and the Ethics of Recognition
**Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM**

**A26-124**
Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Unit and Religions in the Latina/o Americas Unit
Elaine Peña, George Washington University, Presiding

Theme: *Caretaking and Destruction of Sacred Space*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Josefrayn Sanchez-Perry, University of Texas
*Remembering the Teopixque: Caretaking the Sacred Spaces of the Nahua World*

Lloyd Barba, Amherst College
Tatyana Castillo-Ramos, Amherst College
*La Migra No Profana El Santuario: Latinx Sanctuary Movement Leaders in the Age of Trump*

Laura Worden, Yale University
*Transnational Sanctity: The Destruction of Sacred Spaces for Santa Muerte in the Mexican Borderlands*

Responding:

Matthew Peter Casey, Arizona State University

**A26-125**
Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit and Sacred Texts, Theory and Theological Construction Unit
Allen G. Jorgenson, Wilfrid Laurier University, Presiding

Theme: *Sacred and Scarred Texts in Global Lutheran Traditions: Ecology, Economy, and the Political*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Lisa E. Dahill, California Lutheran University
*One Reality: Bonhoeffer, Non-Dualism, and Wild Life on Earth*

Tapio Leinonen, University of Helsinki
*God’s Word Leads to Justice? Luther on Just Leadership in Lectures on Deuteronomy*

Benjamin Taylor, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
*Faith in God or in Mammon? Martin Luther’s Critique of the Idol*
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Arina Zaytseva, Rice University

Martin Luther’s Theological and Political Legacy in the Theatrum Diabolorum

A26-126

North American Religions Unit and Religion, Media, and Culture Unit

Theme: Infrastructuring Religion in the United States: Canals, Rails, Roads, and Pipelines

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College

The Erie Canal and the Birth of US Religions

Nicole Kirk, Meadville Lombard Theological School

“But, Hark! ...the Whistle of a Locomotive...”

Isaiah Ellis, University of North Carolina

The Southern Gospel of Good Roads

Responding:

David Walker, University of California, Santa Barbara

A26-127

Philosophy of Religion Unit

Danube Johnson, Harvard University, Presiding

Theme: The Rites of Race

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Denson Staples, Harvard University

Notes On Divine Covenant and (In)Difference: Mixed Race, Whiteness, and Misrecognition

Mac Loftin, Harvard University

Corpse Mysticum: White Supremacy, Fascism, and the Eucharist in Georges Bataille’s Summa Theologica

Hannah Gais, Harvard University

White Nationalism Meets Eastern Orthodoxy: The Alt-Right and Orthodox Neo-Traditionalism

Thomas Lynch, University of Chichester
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

_Evaluating Religion: From Critical Religion to Feminist Epistemology_

A26-128
Psychology, Culture, and Religion Unit
Stephanie M. Crumpton, McCormick Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: _Psychological Interiority of Resistance_

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Lisa M. Cataldo, Fordham University
_We Are Them: Scholarly and Spiritual Struggles of a Professor in a Catholic University in the Age of Crisis_

Lily Mendoza, Oakland University
_From Institutional Trauma to “Indigenous” Transformation: A Filipina Journey of Decolonization_

Beth Toler
_Queue Encounters: Pedagogical Considerations for Engaging, Enduring, and Transforming Prejudicial Narratives in the Classroom_

Daniel Moceri, Graduate Theological Union
_Canon Fodder: Oppressive Systems, Institutional Lip Service, and The Psychological Toll of Scholarship from the Margins_

A26-129
Religion and Ecology Unit
Barbara Jane Davy, University of Waterloo, Presiding

Theme: _Religion and Ecology in Public Spaces_

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Derk Harmannij, University of Exeter
_The Struggle of Caring for Creation beyond the Emphasis on Individual Behavior_

Andrew Thompson, University of the South
_Environmental Theology as Public Theology: A Pragmatic Pluralist Proposal_

Luke Beck Kreider, University of Virginia
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Armed Ecology: Religion, Race, and Environmental Imagination at Malheur

A26-130
Religion and Popular Culture Unit
James Thrall, Knox College, Presiding

Theme: The End of the World as We Know It: Apocalyptic Themes in Black Metal, Reggae, and Punk Music

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Douglas Mattsson, Centre for Theology and Religious Studies
Black Metal in Turkey: Islamic Semiotics and Subcultural Resistance

Ennis B. Edmonds, Kenyon College
"It's the Fire": The Apocalypse According to Bob Marley

Andrew McKee, Florida State University
Violence and Elimination According to the Word of Jesus Christ Allin

A26-131
Religion and Sexuality Unit
Christian A. B. Scharen, Auburn Theological Seminary, Presiding

Theme: Reproductive Justice: Expanding the Discourse

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Panelists:

Michal Raucher, Rutgers University
Elaina Ramsey, Ohio RCRC
Charity Woods, Interfaith Voices for Reproductive Justice
Toni Bond Leonard, Claremont School of Theology
Chelsea Yarborough, Advocates for Youth
Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

A26-132
Religion and the Social Sciences Unit
Nichole Phillips, Emory University, Presiding
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Theme: *Studying Religion in Hard-to-Define Populations and Places*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Tyler Fuller, Boston University, Danielle Lambert, Emory University, and Gina Wingood, Columbia University
*The Good HIV and the Bad HIV: African American Women’s Construction of Religio-Social Identity in Relation to HIV*

Laura Yares, Michigan State University
*A Temple of Secular Culture? Researching Jewish Young Adults at the National Museum of American Jewish History*

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A26-133
**Roman Catholic Studies Unit**
Michael Pasquier, Louisiana State University, Presiding

Theme: *Theology and the Queering of Catholicism*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Kevin McCabe, Seton Hall University
*Can Catholicism be Queer?: Reflections on the Hermeneutics of Nature and Grace*

Jeanine Viau, University of Central Florida
*(Not so) Heavenly Bodies: Troubling the Catholic Analogical Imagination*

Ludger Viefhues-Bailey, Le Moyne College
*Making Queers: Eucharistic Liturgical Theology and Capital’s Affect*

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A26-134
**Study of Judaism Unit and Theology and Religious Reflection Unit**
Molly Farneth, Haverford College, Presiding

Theme: *Non-Doctrinal Theology in Judaism*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Sam Shonkoff, Oberlin College
Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

“Embodied Theology in Modern Jewish Thought”

Claire Sufrin, Northwestern University
*Theology in a Different Genre: Jewish Religion and Literature in Post-Holocaust America*

Mara Benjamin, Mt. Holyoke College
*Materiality as a Source for Jewish Feminist Theology*

Ariel Mayse, Stanford University
*Beyond the Hall of Mirrors: Jewish Mysticism and Post-Dogmatic Theology*

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**A26-135**
**Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Unit**
Nancy Lin, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Theme: *A Geluk-Inclusive Non-Sectarian Movement*

Tuesday - 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Adam Pearcey, SOAS, University of London
*Uniting dGe-lugs and rNying-ma Views: The Ris-med Philosophy of mDo-sngags Chos-kyi rgya-mtsho (1903–1957)*

Rachel Pang, Davidson College
*Bridging the Nyingma-Geluk Divide in the Life and Works of Shabkar Tsokdruk Rangdrol (1781-1851)*

Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University
*The dGe mang Movement: rNying ma and dGe lugs Hybridity in 19th-century Khams*

Responding:

Anne C. Klein, Rice University

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**A26-136**
**World Christianity Unit**
Corey Williams, Leiden University, Presiding

Theme: *Lived Religion and Agency in World Christianity: From the Field to a Library Exhibition*

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Darren Duerksen, Fresno Pacific University
*Immersing Christian Baptism in Hindu Water: Recent Experiences of Indian Khrist Bhaktas*

Emmanuel Nathan, Australian Catholic University
*From Construct to Constructing: An Ethnographic Approach to the Catholic Church’s Renewed Relationship with Judaism since Vatican II*

Jennifer Aycock, Emory University
*Fragmentary Sources, Refracting Gazes: Teaching African Christianity through a Library Collection*