

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

### A24-1

#### Program Unit Chairs' Breakfast

Monday, 7:15 AM–8:45 AM

Convention Center-6A

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding

Program Unit Chairs are invited to a breakfast featuring information on upcoming program initiatives and celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

### A24-2

#### Membership Task Force Meeting

Monday, 7:30 AM–8:50 AM

Convention Center-18

Warren Frisina, Hofstra University, Presiding

*Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM*

### A24-100

#### Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Dollars and Cents: Making Sense of Funding Education and Academic Research**

Monday, 9:00 AM–10:00 AM

Convention Center-14B

When graduate students want to fund their education or academic research, how do they find funding? Once they find it, how do they go after it? And once they get it, how do they renew funding? This workshop will explore these three questions through an anecdotal, practiced-based approach that unravels some of the mystery associated with securing external funding for educational and research purposes. The workshop content will be informed by my combined experience securing \$447,000 in private and federal grants, managing a \$1.1 million grant, personally receiving \$110,000 of outside scholarship and grant funding for educational purposes, and being awarded \$107,000 in merit-based scholarships. Drawing from my experience as a Proposal and Fundraising Associate at a research university and theological training, I will include tips and tricks relevant to fundraising, illustrations inspired by past grant writing successes and failures, and theological reflections about the limits of fundraising.

Panelists:

Dustin Benac, Duke University

### A24-101

#### Study of Judaism Section

Theme: **Revisiting Sources, Reimagining Disciplines: Judaism and the Academic Study of Religion**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront-502A

Shaul Magid, Indiana University, Presiding

Elias Sacks, University of Colorado

*Ritual Theory and Jewish Enlightenment: Mendelssohn and Contemporary Debates*

Paul Nahme, University of Kansas

*The Formations of the Secular in German Judaism: Hermann Cohen's Critique of Pantheism*

Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University

*The "Nones" and the Jews*

Responding:

Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Aaron W. Hughes, University of Rochester, and Sarah Imhoff, Indiana University, Presiding

### A24-102

#### Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Theme: **"Right Back at You!": Documentary Film, Fandom, and Feeling**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront-500

Daniel White Hodge, North Park University, Presiding

Adrian Hermann, University of Munich, and Lydia Marie Reynolds, Canyon City, CO

*Documenting the "Father of Lights": The Aesthetics of a Contemporary US Charismatic-Christian Documentary Film and its Audience Reception*

Denis Bekkering, University of Waterloo

*From The American Music Show to The Eyes of Tammy Faye: Camp, Fan Media, and Religious Rebranding*

Brett Potter, Toronto School of Theology

*Liminal Cinema: The Varieties of Religious Experience in the Films of Peter Mettler*

Responding:

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton

Business Meeting:

Ken Derry, University of Toronto, and Rachel Wagner, Ithaca College, Presiding

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## A24-103



### Scriptural Reasoning Group

Theme: **Hegel and Theology: A Panel Review of Nicholas Adams' *Eclipse of Grace* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013)**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront-520

Peter Ochs, University of Virginia, Presiding

Mark James, University of Virginia  
*"Pairs" and Other Patterns in Hegel's Logic*

Molly Farneth, Princeton University  
*Adams and Hegel on the Endurance of Difference*

Randi Rashkover, George Mason University  
*Logic and Ontology: Consequences for a Theology After Hegel*

Responding:

Nicholas Adams, University of Edinburgh

Business Meeting:

Rumee Ahmed, University of British Columbia, and Simeon Zahl, University of Oxford, Presiding

## P24-139

### North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **Conceptual Issues in New Testament Scholarship**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront-314

Jennifer Eyl, Tufts University, Presiding

Sarah Rollens, University of Alabama  
*Inventing Tradition in Thessalonica*

Ian Brown, University of Toronto  
*Epistemology and the Production of History: "History" as a Discipline and Object in the Study of Early Jesus People*

Emma Wasserman, Rutgers University  
*Gods, Religions, and Divine Exceptionalism: The Case of So-called Idolatry*

Responding:

Craig Martin, St. Thomas Aquinas College

## A24-104



### Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee and Theological Education Committee

Theme: **Invisible Disabilities and Hidden Illnesses in the Academy: Fostering Cultures of Accessibility**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-26

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College, Presiding

This panel aims to illuminate the barriers faced by scholars and students experiencing invisible disabilities (whether one's own or a member of one's intimate household), including mental health disabilities, chronic illness, invisible physical and sensory disabilities, chronic fatigue, and chronic pain. The session examines how institutions and individuals are working to create policies and practices that improve accessibility, and that facilitate the professional success and personal well-being of scholars and students living with disabilities.

Panelists:

Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Roger S. Gottlieb, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Raedorah Stewart, VISIONS, Inc., Bethesda, MD

Naomi Annandale, Vanderbilt University

Thomas E. Reynolds, Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology

## A24-105



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

Theme: **The Worlds of Disney: Imagining Ideologies**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-7B

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding

There is a sign that hangs over the entrance to Disneyland which reads: "Here you leave the world of Today and enter the world of Yesterday, Tomorrow, and Fantasy." This session is devoted to the exploration of those worlds, from Disney's Magic Kingdom to its fantasy films, from its theme parks to its theme cruises, from its iconic ears to its creations of femininity and masculinity. Presentations will cover the many facets of the industrious, imaginative, and ideological enterprise that is Disney, including the environment, death, moral education, and the rewriting of history.

Panelists:

Jason Lantzer, Butler University

Jennifer Porter, Memorial University

Bron Taylor, University of Florida

Annalee Ward, University of Dubuque

Business Meeting:

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding

## A24-106



### Christian Systematic Theology Section

Theme: **Being Human in Relation**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-9

David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary, Presiding

David Scott, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver  
*The Other Side of Agency: Constructing a Relational Ontology in Light of Cognitive Disability*

Sungho Lee, Graduate Theological Union  
*Becoming Humans through Other Animals: A Reconstruction of Relational Anthropology in Dialogue with Animal Studies*

Allison Covey, University of Toronto  
*Becoming Imago Trinitatis: Human Uniqueness, Animal Alterity, and the Relationality of Being*

Petra Turner, University of Virginia  
*The Human Being in Relation: The Psychological Analogy in a Christological Register*

Business Meeting:

Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

## A24-107



### History of Christianity Section and Religion in Europe Group

Theme: **The Impact of World War I on European Religious Ideas and Identities**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Indigo B

Todd Green, Luther College, Presiding

Patrick Michelson, Indiana University  
*War, Asceticism, and the Paradox of Religion in the Russian Orthodox Church, 1914–1917*

Greg Goalwin, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Religion, Nationalism, and Boundary Formation in the 1923 Greco-Turkish Population Exchange*

Ulrich Schmiedel, University of Oxford  
*The Politics of Europeanism: World War I and Ernst Troeltsch's Political Theology*

Kevin L. Hughes, Villanova University  
*"Christianity is Never Triumphant": Henri de Lubac, La Nouvelle Theologie, and the Crucible of the Great War*

The business meeting for the Religion in Europe Group will immediately follow this session over lunch at a nearby restaurant. Please meet outside the session room at 11:30 AM to attend.

## A24-108

### North American Religions Section

Theme: **Religious Communitarianism, Utopianism, and the "Race Problem" in Nineteenth Century North America**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-25A

Leigh E. Schmidt, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Max Mueller, Harvard University  
*A Singular, Communal Voice: Sojourner Truth in the Northampton "Community," 1843–1846*

Kathleen Williams, Vanderbilt University  
*"That Seething Mass of Miraculous Life": Race and Selective Breeding in the Oneida Community*

Elisa Pulido, Claremont Graduate University  
*Integrating Utopia: A Mormon Attempt at Nahuatl Assimilation in the Mexican Borderlands (1887)*

Responding:

Leigh E. Schmidt, Washington University in St. Louis

## A24-109

### Religion and Politics Section

Theme: **Religious Symbols and Secularisms: Contemporary Perspectives from Canada and Turkey**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-31A

Richard Amesbury, Universität Zürich, Presiding

Lauve H. Steenhuisen, Georgetown University  
*"Deep State" and Turkey: Secularisms and Islamisms in the Erdogan v. Gulen Conflict*

Claire Sadar, Boston University  
*Iftar on Istiklal: Public Performance of Religion during the Gezi Park Protests*

Zaheeda Alibhai, Carleton University  
*Canadian Family Values: The Ban on Face Coverings during the Canadian Citizenship Ceremony*

M. Christian Green, Emory University  
*Quebec Charter of Values: Secularism, Nationalism, and Islamophobia?*

## A24-110

### Religion and the Social Sciences Section

Theme: **Remembering Jean Bethke Elshtain (1941–2013)**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-28D

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

Panelists:

Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

Eric Gregory, Princeton University

R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, Saint Louis

David Novak, University of Toronto

Daniel Philpott, University of Notre Dame

## A24-111

### Religion in South Asia Section

Theme: **Making a Word One's Own: "Translation" Across South Asian Languages and Communities**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-2

Anne E. Monius, Harvard University, Presiding

Gil Ben-Herut, University of South Florida  
*Translating a Metaphor: Vernacularization at the Verse Level in the Kannada Poetic Treatise the Kavirajamargam*

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Peter Valdina, Emory University  
*Translation Communities and Patanjali's Yoga Sutra*

Eric Steinschneider, University of Toronto  
*The Politics of Equivalence: Translating Advaita Vedanta in a Nineteenth-Century Tamil Commentary*

Shankar Nair, Harvard University  
*Translating the "Path of the Ancient Sages": Hinduism in Islamic Terms in a Mughal Translation of the Yoga-Vasistha*

## A24-112

### Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Theme: **When God Undoes You: The Lost Object, the Violent Lover, and the Unsovereign Self**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-24A

Ed Waggoner, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

Jessica A. Boon, University of North Carolina  
*(Divine) Love Hurts: Erotic Pain as Mystical Discourse in Hadewijch of Antwerp*

Linn Tonstad, Yale University  
*The Sovereignty of the Sacrificial Self: Kenotic Discontents*

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago  
*Supplanting Sovereignty with Sovereignty? Masculinist Longings for Theological Realism in Contemporary Theory*

Sarah Bloesch, Southern Methodist University  
*Loss of God and Loss of Self: Deification, Desire, and Melancholy*

Responding:

Kathryn Tanner, Yale University

## A24-113

### Women and Religion Section and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group

Theme: **Body as Bridge: Women's Embodiment in Yoga from West Bengal to the West Coast**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire A

Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis, Presiding

Sravana Borkataky-Varma, Rice University  
*Speaking to the Female Serpent: Ethnographic Study of Kundalini Rising in a Woman's Body*

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University  
*An Early Voice of Womanhood in American Yoga*

Amy Champ, Endicott College and University of Phoenix  
*Healing, Transformation, and Empowerment: Pedagogical Methods of Western Yoginis*

Anna Pokazanyeva, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Yoga Body, Yoga Pants: The Feminization, Sexualization, and Pornification of Yoga*

Jennifer Aubrecht, University of California, Riverside  
*The First Lady of Yoga: Gendered Whiteness and South Asian-ness in Indra Devi's Career as a Hollywood Yoga Instructor*

Responding:

Cynthia Ann Humes, Claremont McKenna College

## A24-114



### African Religions Group

Theme: **New Perspectives on Religion and Agriculture in Africa from Senegal, Ghana, and Nigeria**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-4

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University, Presiding

Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College  
*Diola Religious Critiques of Colonial and Post-colonial Agricultural and Environmental Policies*

Samuel Etikpah, University of Oslo  
*Kundum: Ritual Interaction with Nonhumans in a Ghanaian Agricultural Festival*

Jude Aguwa, Mercy College  
*God, Humans, and Farm Work in Igbo Society in Nigeria: Past and Present*

Responding:

Albert K. Wuaku, Florida International University

Business Meeting:

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, and Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

## A24-115

### Afro-American Religious History Group

Theme: **Trajectories in the Study of Afro-American Religious History**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-29C

Sarah Azaransky, Union Theological Seminary, Presiding

Vaughn Booker, Princeton University  
*Mary Lou's Mission: The Bel Canto Foundation as a Jazz Woman's Religious Leadership*

Laura McTighe, Columbia University  
*Black Gods of the Gulag: Diasporic Religious Imaginaries in the Prison Capital of the World*

Alexis S. Wells, Emory University  
*Womb Ethics and Female "Common Sense": Gendering "Slave Religion" in the Colonial and Antebellum Lower South*

Jamil Drake, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Ethnography, Negro Folk Religion, and the Cultural Deficit Hypothesis in the New Deal Era*

Responding:

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

## A24-116



### Black Theology Group, Contemporary Islam Group, International Development and Religion Group, Liberation Theologies Group, and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group

Theme: **Islamic Liberation Theology and Decolonization**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-31C

Charles W. Amjad-Ali, Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE), Presiding

This panel focuses on the subject of Islam, decolonisation and liberation in different contexts. As an important theme within postcolonial studies a clearer understanding of definitions, approaches and difficulties of the struggle for decolonisation, liberation and self-autonomy is required as well as the implications of talking about Islam in a liberative way in a (post)colonial and post-9/11 world. Against this backdrop, the speakers discuss the following questions from the various perspectives of postcolonial studies and liberation theology in relation to Islam and Muslims: On what basis do people attempt to critique and break with an oppressive present? How and on what basis do people formulate change and movements for a different future? and How is “decolonisation” and “liberation” defined, conceptualized and approached? In answering this question, the panelists will each draw explicitly on their own research or area of engagement

Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg  
*Islamic Liberation Theology and the Challenge of Dialogical Co-optation for Good Neighbourliness in an Age of Empire*

Itrath Syed, Simon Fraser University  
*Competing Secularisms and the Production of the Good Muslim/Post-Muslim*

Jasmin Zine, Wilfrid Laurier University  
*Transnational Feminism, Anti-colonial Possibilities, and the Representation of Muslim Women*

Sherman Jackson, University of Southern California  
*Islamic Liberation Theology: From What? For What?*

Responding:

Kwok Pui Lan, Episcopal Divinity School

## A24-117



### Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group and Transformative Scholarship and Pedagogy Group

Theme: **Bonhoeffer’s Bold Experiment in Theological Education**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Aqua E

Lori Brandt Hale, Augsburg College, Presiding

Christopher Holmes, University of Otago  
*“The Subject of Contemporization:” The Holy Spirit and the Task of Theological Education*

Chad Lakies, Concordia University, Portland, OR  
*Appropriating Bonhoeffer’s Innovations in Theological Education: Community for Resistance in a World of Cultural Captivity*

Aaron Klink, Duke University  
*Formed by Christ through One Another: What American Theological Education Can Learn from Finkenwalde*

Preston Parsons, University of Cambridge  
*Church Discipline and Theological Education: Finkenwalde and the Riddle of Freedom*

Jacob Phillips, King’s College London  
*No Conditional Clauses in Christ: Interpreting the Finkenwalde Experiment with Wilhelm Dilthey’s “Concrete Universality”*

## A24-118



### Buddhism in the West Group

Theme: **Buddhism, Capitalism, and Consumer Culture**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-3

Scott Mitchell, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Presiding

Charles D. Orzech, University of Glasgow  
*Why Has the Buddha Become a Neo-Axial Thinker: World Religions and Invocations of the Axial Age in the Era of Global Capital*

Susan Zakin, University of Chicago  
*Fetishizing Buddhism: Branding and Self-Branding through Buddhist Practices of the Self*

Candy Gunther Brown, Indiana University  
*Mindfulness Meditation in US Public Schools*

Megan Bryson, University of Tennessee  
*Made in China: Consuming Zen in the Contemporary U.S.*

Jørn Borup, Aarhus University  
*Buddha Cool: Is There a Transnational Looping Effect in Buddhist Asia?*

Business Meeting:

David McMahan, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

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## A24-119

### Buddhist Critical–Constructive Reflection Group

Theme: **Buddhist Feminism(s): Texts and Communities**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire M

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego, Presiding

Lisa Battaglia, Samford University

*Only Skin Deep? Female Embodiment and the Paradox of Beauty in Indian Buddhism*

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama

*New Buddhist Women Across Borders: Buddhist Influences and Interactions in Alternative Histories of Asian Feminisms*

Ching-ning Wang, Dharma Drum University

*A Great “Man” is No Longer Gendered: Chan Nuns’ Gender Identity and Practice in Contemporary Taiwan*

Ashby Butnor, Metropolitan State University of Denver

*Understanding the Social Embeddedness of Zen Buddhist Practice: A Feminist Analysis of Bodymind (Shinjin) Cultivation*

Responding:

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College

## A24-120



### Childhood Studies and Religion Group

Theme: **Reading, Religion, and Childhood: Sacred and Political (or Profane?) Constructions**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-25C

Naomi Wood, Kansas State University, Presiding

Sally Stamper, Seton Hall University

*Through a Glass Darkly: Theological Recourse to Literature for Young Children*

Naomi Wood, Kansas State University

*A Lie, a Pretty Story, or a Map? Believing in a Book in Terry Pratchett’s The Amazing Maurice and His Educated Rodents*

Emanuelle Burton, University of Chicago

*What Has Athens to Do With Manhattan? The Greek Pantheon and American Theopolitics in The Last Olympian*

Zhang Ni, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

*Modern Chinese Literature as Children’s Literature?—A Story of Secularism and Religion-Making*

Business Meeting:

Marcia Bunge, Gustavus Adolphus College, Presiding

## A24-121



### Chinese Religions Group

Theme: **Educating Religious Experts for the Nation: Institutions and Curricula for Christian, Han Buddhist and Daoist Specialists in Modern China**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-28C

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Edinburgh, Presiding

Christopher Daily, University of London

*Missionaries or Ministers? The Search for an Effective Means of Educating Protestant Christians in Late-Qing China*

Douglas Gildow, Princeton University

*The Development of Buddhist Seminaries in the People’s Republic of China since 1980*

Rongdao Lai, University of Southern California

*The Wuchang Ideal: Buddhist Education and Identity Production in Republican China (1911–1949)*

Der-Ruey Yang, Institute of Cultural Anthropology, Nanjing University

*Cultivating New-Styled Missionaries of Daoism: The On-going Experiment of the Shanghai Daoist College*

Xiaobo Yuan, University of Chicago

*The Politics of Self-Exile: Underground Christian Schools in China*

Responding:

Stefania Travagnin, University of Groningen

Business Meeting:

James A. Benn, McMaster University, and Mark Halperin, University of California, Davis, Presiding

## A24-123



### Ecclesiological Investigations Group

Theme: **The Church in Times of War**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-28A

Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Presiding

Ann Hidalgo, Claremont Lincoln University, Claremont School of Theology

*Suffering and Resistance: Liberation and the Church in the Salvadoran Civil War*

Betsy Perabo, Western Illinois University

*Churches at War: The Conflict Between Protestant and Orthodox Missions in the Russo-Japanese War*

Miriam Perkins, Emmanuel Christian Seminary

*Race and the American Jeremiad: The Impact of the Vietnam War on African American and White Evangelical Preaching on September 11, 2001 and 2011*

Jesse Zink, University of Cambridge

*Catastrophe and Conversion: The Differential Growth of Dinka Christianity in Sudan’s Civil War*

Joel Hodge, Australian Catholic University

*War, Solidarity and Resistance in East Timor: The Role of Catholic Faith and Church during the Indonesian Invasion and Occupation*

Business Meeting:

Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University, and Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Presiding

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

## A24-124

### Hinduism Group

Theme: **The Goddess and the King: Navarātri, Navarātra and Durgāpūjā in South Asia**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-310A

Ute Huesken, University of Oslo, Presiding

Silje Lyngar Einarsen, Aarhus University  
*The King, the Goddess, and Politics of Ritual Innovation: Āśvina Navarātri in Benares*

Ina Marie Lunde Ilkama, University of Oslo  
*Variations on Killing a Demon – Ritual Enactments of the Goddess' Fight with the Buffalo Demon*

Moumita Sen, University of Oslo  
*Politics, Religion, Art in the Durga Puja of Bengal*

Responding:

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

## A24-125

### Japanese Religions Group and Religion and Popular Culture Group

Theme: **Leisure in Modern and Contemporary Japanese Religions**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-11B

Jessica Starling, Lewis and Clark College, Presiding

Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University  
*Understanding Sōka Gakkai's Campaign-Based Ethos: How Enjoyable Activities Constitute Campaigns for Institutional Expansion and Individual Cultivation within Sōka Gakkai in Japan*

Justin Stein, University of Toronto  
*US Buddhist Youth Organizations, Social Leisure, and the Birth of Japanese American Buddhist Identity, 1898–1941*

Daniel Friedrich, McMaster University  
*For Myself, Nembutsuji, Jōdo Shinshū, and Japanese Society: The Function of Play in the Buddhist Women's Association*

Jessica Main, University of British Columbia  
*Scouting and Serious Play: The Role of Playful Activity in the Moral Cultivation of Shin Buddhist Youth in Japan*

Responding:

Clark Chilson, University of Pittsburgh

## A24-126



### Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Theme: **Cruzando Fronteras: Latina/o Catholic/Pentecostal Dialogue Centered on Issues of Immigration in Honor of Otto Maduro**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-1A

Altagracia Perez, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Cláudio Carvalhaes, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia  
*"Canta y no Llores," Finding Joy in the Midst of the Struggle*

Claudia Guzman, University of Dayton  
*Suffering of Orphaned Children on the Mexico/USA Border*

Lloyd Barba, University of Michigan  
*California's Cross: The Roots and Routes of Rural Pentecostalism*

Carmen Marie Nanko-Fernandez, Catholic Theological Union  
*Moved by the Spirit: La Frontera y la Ciudad as Loci for a Pentecostal y Catholic Teología en Conjunto*

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University  
*Pentecostal Politics or Power: A Latino Pastor's Response to Arizona's Anti-immigration Laws*

Business Meeting:

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University, Presiding

## A24-127

### Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group

Theme: **Outlaws and In-Laws: New Constructions of Family from Bowties and Brassieres to Bootlickers and Beyond**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-23A

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver, Presiding

Jennifer Stockwell, Methodist Theological School, Ohio  
*Female Kinships: Reimagining the Potential of Lesbian-Feminism*

Leigh Ann Hildebrand, Graduate Theological Union  
*High Shine, Heart and Soul/Sole Care: Bootblacking, Families of Choice, and Women's Leather Community*

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University  
*An Antisocial, Afro-Pessimist Sociality? Envisioning Kinship and Belonging beyond Assimilation*

Responding:

Kathryn Bond Stockton, University of Utah

Business Meeting:

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

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**A24-128****Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Group**Theme: **Extending Moral Injury: Examining Moral Injury as an Interdisciplinary Resource for Scholars and Practitioners**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-33B

Ann M. Burlein, Hofstra University, Presiding

Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University

*Where Am I From?: Bullying, The Immigrant Muslim Experience, and Moral Injury*

Elizabeth Margaret Bounds, Emory University

*Way Down in the Hole: Imprisonment and Moral Injury*

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, Emory University

*Moral Injury as Inherent Critique: The Prophetic Possibilities of a New Term*

Jessica Vazquez-Torres, CrossRoads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training

*Does Moral Injury Have a Race? On Moral Injury and the Experience of Racialization in the United States*

Business Meeting:

Rita Brock, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

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**A24-129****Music and Religion Group**Theme: **Religious Dimensions of the Performing Voice**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-22

Theodore Trost, University of Alabama, Presiding

David Stowe, Michigan State University

*Babylon Revisited: History, Memory, and Forgetting in Psalm 137*

Andrew Moss, Durham University

*John Coltrane's A Love Supreme: Voicing the Spirit of a Modern Psalmist*

Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University

*"Religion" in and beyond A Love Supreme*

Sarah Dees, University of Tennessee

*Public Displays of Reconciliation: Healing Historical Trauma through Music*

Genevieve Nrenzah, University of Bayreuth

*Watch Night Wonders by Nana Kwaku Bonsam: Changing Notions of Indigenous Religious Performances in Ghana*

Business Meeting:

Philip Stoltzfus, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding

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**A24-130****Mysticism Group**Theme: **Searching the Imaginal Space: Dreams, Serpents, and the Other**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-313

Jason N. Blum, American University in Cairo, Presiding

Theodore Esser, Sofia University

*Intentional Experiences of Kundalini in Lucid Dreams: An Approach to Enlightenment and Awakening*

Sheri Kling, Claremont School of Theology

*The God of Their Dreams: A Qualitative Inquiry into the Lived Experience of Christian Dream Workers and the Mystical Nature of their Experience*

Kerilyn Harkaway-Krieger, Indiana University

*The Time of the Vision: Julian of Norwich's Slow Revelation*

Sara Haq, University of Maryland, College Park

*The Othering of Sufism in Feminist Theory: Analyzing Challenges to Using Mysticism as Epistemological Approach to Women's Studies*

Responding:

June McDaniel, College of Charleston

Business Meeting:

Stuart R. Sarbacker, Oregon State University, Presiding

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**A24-131****Native Traditions in the Americas Group**Theme: **Oral Tradition, Identity, and Cultural Revitalization**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-303

Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University, Presiding

Denise Marie Nadeau, Concordia University, Montreal

*Indigenizing Water Protection: Transmitting Water Teachings and Responsibilities*

Cutcha Risling Baldy, University of California, Davis

*No:olchwin-ding, No:olchwin-te (To Grow Old in a Good Way): The Revitalization of the Hupa Women's Coming of Age Ceremony*

Darren Iammarino, San Diego State University

*The Nazca Geoglyphs: A Pictographic Creation Story?*

Margaret Field, San Diego State University

*Sacred Water Imagery in Yuman Oral Tradition*

Responding:

Michael Zogry, University of Kansas

Business Meeting:

Micheline Pesantubbee, University of Iowa, Presiding



Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

## A24-132

★ *New!*

### Quaker Studies Group

Theme: **Quaker Ethics and Peace**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-300A

Carole Dale Spencer, Earlham School of Religion, Presiding

Stephanie Midori Komashin, Hokkaido University  
*How Ecology, Economics, and Ethics Brought Winstanley and Nitobe to Quakerism*

Lonnie Valentine, Earlham School of Religion  
*Quakers and the War Tax Concern: A Theo-historical Approach*

Timothy J. Burdick, Bellevue, WA  
*The Pacifist Wars: Evangelical Quakers and the American Friends Service Committee*

Daniel Randazzo, University of Birmingham  
*A Quaker Way of Reconciliation: Liberal Quaker Testimony as a Virtue Ethic for Reconciliation Theology*

Responding:

Marie Vandenberg, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire

Business Meeting:

Jon Kershner, University of Lancaster, Presiding

## A24-134

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### Religion and Ecology Group

Theme: **Contemplative Environmentalism: Religion and Resilience in the Face of Climate Change**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-20D

Aaron Weiss, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding

Elizabeth McAnally, California Institute of Integral Studies  
*Integral Water Consciousness: Cultivating Mutually Enhancing Relations between Humans and Water*

Jacob Sherman, California Institute of Integral Studies  
*The Ecology of Dusk: Contemplation, Imagination, and Ecological Perception*

Elizabeth Allison, California Institute of Integral Studies  
*Epistemic Silences: Investigating Epistemic Injustice in the Context of Climate Change*

Rebecca Kneale Gould, Middlebury College  
*Practices of Spaciousness in the Face of Climate Change*

Business Meeting:

Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, and Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University, Presiding

## A24-135

### Roman Catholic Studies Group

Theme: **The Landscape of Catholic Diversity: Ethnographic Reports**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-23C

Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University, Presiding

Patricia R. Johnston, University of Iowa  
*Contestation, Conflict, and Compromise: Popular Catholicism at the St. Antony Shrine in Chennai*

Eric Hoenes del Pinal, University of North Carolina, Charlotte  
*Rupture and Continuity in a Q'eqchi'-Maya Parish: The Paradox of Charismatic Catholicism*

Danae Faulk, University of Missouri  
*"Pshhh, It Was the Nuns!" Rethinking the Role of Catholic Educators in Language Loss Narratives in Southwest Louisiana*

Katherine Dugan, Northwestern University  
*Saints Remixed: Millennial Catholics and Twenty-first Century Devotionalism*

Responding:

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside

## A24-136

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### Schleiermacher Group

Theme: **New Directions in Schleiermacher Studies**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-411A

Cathie Kelsey, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

Henk Van den Belt, University of Groningen  
*Friedrich Schleiermacher on the Reformed Orthodox Doctrine of Predestination*

Daniel Pedersen, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Schleiermacher and Reformed Scholastics on the Divine Attributes*

Shelli Poe, Millsaps College  
*Friedrich Schleiermacher's Dogmatics as a Resource for Ecological Economics*

Ben Fulford, University of Chester  
*The Constrictions of Piety and the Possibilities for Lament: Consolation, Redemption and Fragility in Friedrich Schleiermacher*

Business Meeting:

Steven Jungkeit, Harvard University, and Shelli Poe, Millsaps College, Presiding

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**A24-137****Sociology of Religion Group and Critical Research on Religion**Theme: **Religious Identity and Political Power**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-32A

Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Presiding

Hildegunn Valen Kleive, Høgskulen i Volda  
*Young Tamils and Spirituality in Norway*Ida Marie Høeg, Centre for Church Research  
*The Terror Attacks on Norway – 22 July 2011: Interreligious Funerals as Response to Terror*Daniel Enstedt, University of Gothenburg  
*Understanding Islam, Apostasy, and Disaffiliation in Present-day Sweden*Marion Maddox, Macquarie University  
*Neoliberal Dominance and “Resurgent Religion”: Coincidence, Elective Affinity, or Causation?*Pinky Hota, Smith College  
*Indigeneity, Piety, and Belonging: The Aesthetic Politics of Hindu Nationalism*

Responding:

Warren Goldstein, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University, and Warren Goldstein, Harvard University, Presiding

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**A24-138****Space, Place, and Religion Group**Theme: **Of Souls and Soils: Land and Faith in Modernizing America**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-30C

Darren Dochuk, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Jonathan Ebel, University of Illinois  
*The Gospel of Mork: Mowers and Morality at a New Deal Mission*Kathryn Gin Lum, Stanford University  
*Shaping Souls and Spaces: Missionaries and the Nineteenth-Century Hawaiian Landscape*Brendan Pietsch, Nazarbayev University  
*Growing Healthy Children in the Moral Suburbs*Alison Greene, Mississippi State University  
*Keepers of the Holy Earth: Southern Radical Christianity and the Farmer after the New Deal*

Responding:

Darren Dochuk, Washington University, Saint Louis

Business Meeting:

Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University, and David Bains, Samford University, Presiding

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**A24-139****Traditions of Eastern Late Antiquity Group**Theme: **Inaugural Session: Shared Magic and Contested Authorities in Eastern Late Antiquity**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-501B

Naomi Koltun-Fromm, Haverford College, Presiding

Jason Mokhtarian, Indiana University  
*Disease and Bodily Injury in the Jewish Aramaic Bowls from Sasanian Mesopotamia*Charles Haberl, Rutgers University  
*Incantation Texts as Witnesses to Mandaean Scripture*Sara Ronis, Yale University  
*Rabbis, Magi, and Demons, Oh My! Religious Identity Formation and the Demonic in Sasanian Babylonia*James Walters, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*The Chronicle of Beut Slok: Religious Competition and Urban Space in Late Antique Persia*Paul Dilley, University of Iowa  
*Also Schrieb Zarathustra? New Manichaean Sources for the Law of Zarades*Robert J. Morehouse, Mt. Paran Christian School  
*Ascetic Lushes: Ephraem of Nisibis' Characterization of Mani and Manichaeans as Drunkards in Context*

Business Meeting:

James McGrath, Butler University, Presiding

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**A24-140****Transhumanism and Religion Group**Theme: **Technologies, Identities, and the Unknown Future**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire E

Tracy J. Trothen, Queen's University, Presiding

Adam Pryor, Bethany College  
*The Erotic Cyborg: Investigating Desire and Technologies of Human Enhancement*Robert Geraci, Manhattan College  
*Cultures of Technology: Western Futurism in Indian Science and Technology*Nikolas Zanetti, Boston University  
*Identity Extended: A New Solution to the Ontological Problem of the Virtual Eucharist*

Responding:

J. Jeanine Thweatt-Bates, Newark, NJ

Ted Peters, Graduate Theological Union

Business Meeting:

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

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

## A24-141



### Western Esotericism Group

Theme: **Lived Esotericism: A Focus on the Shift between Narratives, Practices, and Experiences in Western Esotericism**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-5A

Marco Pasi, Universiteit van Amsterdam, Presiding

Egil Asprem, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Why "Esotericism" Cannot Be Lived: On Dismantling and Reassembling the Experiential Building Blocks of a Complex Cultural Concept*

Joshua Gentzke, Stanford University  
*Inscribing Experience: Jacob Böhme's Linguistic-Corporeal Practice of the "Language of Nature"*

Thomas Willard, University of Arizona  
*W. B. Yeats and the Order of the Alchemical Rose*

Erik Davis, Rice University  
*Between the Saucer and the Stone: Alchemy, Media, and Science Fiction in Terence McKenna's Experiment at La Chorrera*

Alastair Lockhart, University of Cambridge  
*Implementing a Mass-Market Esoteric Healing in the Twentieth Century*

Business Meeting:

Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College, Presiding

## A24-142



### Women of Color Scholarship, Teaching, and Activism Group

Theme: **Women of Color, Hope, and the Politics of Resistance**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-30A

Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Georgetown University, Presiding

Eunjoo Kim, Graduate Theological Union  
*A Reinterpretation of North Korean Refugee Women's Spaces in a Perspective of Postcolonial Feminist Theology*

Shabana Mir, Millikin University  
*Dance, Body, and Gaze: Muslim American Women's Identities*

Leah Gunning Francis, Eden Theological Seminary  
*These \*\*shoes, They Always Get Away: Young Black Males, Risk, and the Hope for Survival in the Age of Trayvon Martin*

Maria Liu Wong, Columbia University  
*Embodying a Strategy of Hope and Resistance: A Global Collaborative Inquiry of Christian Women Leaders in Theological Education*

Business Meeting:

Eboni Marshall Turman, Duke University, Presiding

## A24-143



### Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Critical Whiteness Studies and Religion**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-10

Marc Boswell, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Nancy Bedford, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Edward Blum, San Diego State University

Susan B. Thistlethwaite, Chicago Theological Seminary

Angela Sims, Saint Paul School of Theology

Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University

## A24-144

### Christian Zionism in Comparative Perspective Seminar

Theme: **Christian Zionism in Comparative Perspective**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire L

Göran Gunner, Church of Sweden Research Unit, Uppsala, Sweden, Presiding

Mark Clatterbuck, Montclair State University

*Tribal Alliances: Israel in the Religious Imagination of Crow and Navajo Pentecostals*

Maria Leppäkari, Åbo Akademi University

*Beneficial Blessing of Israel: Contesting Theoretical Boundaries of Religious Action among Christian Zionists*

Roger Baumann, Yale University

*"Answering the Knock at Midnight": Christian Zionist Outreach and Activism in American Black Churches*

Timo R. Stewart, University of Helsinki, and Aron Engberg, CTR Lund University

*Alternative Genealogies of Christian Zionism – The Cases of Finland and South Africa*

Laura Jenkins, University of Cincinnati

*A Lost Tribe Found: Jews of Mizoram and the Return to Israel*

Responding:

Ginger Hanks Harwood, La Sierra University

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## A24-152

### Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group and SBL Ethics and Biblical Interpretation Section

Theme: **In Memoriam: Glen Stassen**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Indigo C

Elizabeth Phillips, Westcott House, Presiding

Panelists:

Emily Filler, St. Olaf College

Reggie Williams, McCormick Theological Seminary

Jennifer McBride, Wartburg College

Jacob Cook, Fuller Theological Seminary

David P. Gushee, Mercer University

## A24-153



### Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group

Theme: **Toward a Field of Interfaith Studies: Emerging Questions and Considerations**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-204

Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University, Presiding

Panelists:

Eboo Patel, Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago, IL

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo

Rachel Mikva, Chicago Theological Seminary

Responding:

John L. Esposito, Georgetown University

Business Meeting:

Jennifer Howe Peace, Andover Newton Theological School, and Homayra Ziad, Trinity College, Presiding

## P24-148

### Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Theme: **“Religious Violence” in the Ancient World**

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-7A

Barbette Stanley Spaeth, College of William and Mary, Presiding

Jill Marshall, Emory University

*The Violence of Prophecy: Female Prophets and the Force of Gods and Men*

Carl Rice, North Carolina State University

*Destroying the Judean Temple on Elephantine: An Act of Religious Persecution?*

N. Clayton Croy, Trinity Lutheran Seminary

*Killing Me Softly: Roman Reluctance in Early Christian Martyrdoms*

## A24-133

### Qur'an Group and SBL Qur'an and Biblical Literature Group

Theme: **Medieval Muslim Engagement with the Qur'an and Bible**

Monday, 9:30 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-305

Daniel A. Madigan, Georgetown University, Presiding

Ashoor Yousif, University of Toronto

*Tafsir Nasrānī: The Christian Commentary on the Qur'an During the Abbasid Period*

Aparicio Monica, University of Amsterdam

*Engaging the Bible in the Late Medieval Peninsula: Ta'yid al-Milla and the Mudejar Polemics with the Jews*

Younus Mirza, Allegheny College

*Medieval Muslim Intertextuality: Ibn Taymiyya's Commentary on Whose Daughter Moses Married*

Gerard Wiegers, University of Amsterdam

*The Iberian Author Ahmad b. Qāsim al-Ḥaḡarī (d. after 1642) on Reading the Bible*

Samuel Ross, Yale University

*Explaining the “Turning Point” in Muslim Biblical Scholarship: Why did al-Biqā'ī Decide to Use the Bible to Interpret the Qur'an?*

## A24-145



### Balboa Park Transportation

Monday, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM

Meet at the Convention Center-Hall H Foyer

Treat yourself to any number of attractions or museums on this four and a half hour trip. The bus will leave from the San Diego Convention Center and travel to Balboa Park. Participants will have the opportunity to visit one or more of several museums, attractions, and gardens on your own, some of which are complimentary. More information can be found here to plan your visit: <http://www.balboapark.org/visit>. The cost of the round-trip transportation is \$30 (by comparison, taking a taxi round-trip would cost approximately \$36).

## A24-146



### San Diego Zoo Trip

Monday, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM

Meet at the Convention Center-Hall H Foyer

Hop on a bus directly from the San Diego Convention Center to the famous San Diego Zoo. The zoo houses over 3,700 animals of more than 650 species and subspecies, and pioneered the concept of open-air, cageless exhibits that re-create natural animal habitats. More information can be found here to plan your visit: <http://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/plan-your-day>. The cost of the tour is \$55 and includes basic park admission and round-trip transportation. If you choose to enjoy the 99 acre park after 12:30 PM, the zoo will stay open until 5:00 PM, and an average one-way taxi fare is \$18.

Monday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

## A24-147



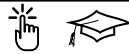
### Biblical Art in the San Diego Museum Tour

Monday, 9:30 AM–1:00 PM

Meet at the Convention Center–Hall H Foyer

Start your day at the San Diego Art Museum with a one hour, decent-led tour of the Renaissance and Baroque, Asian, Persian, and the Art of the Americas galleries. The Museum's collections are all encompassing, with objects from across the globe, and ranging in date from 5,000 B.C. to the present. Perhaps best known for its Spanish old master paintings, the Museum holds a broad collection of European, American, Latin American, and Asian Art. Among the most important aspect of the Museum's holdings in Asian art are the world-class South Asian paintings from the encyclopedic collection of Edwin Binney III; Buddhist sculpture of China and Japan; Ukiyo-e woodblock prints; and a wide variety of ceramics, metalwork, and decorative arts ranging in date from about 1,600 BCE until the present-day. The European collection also holds strong groups of paintings ranging from the Renaissance and Baroque eras to Impressionism and Post-Impressionism. Recently, the Museum has made significant acquisitions of contemporary art and photography, and of art from Africa, Oceania, and the indigenous peoples of the Americas. You will have ample time to explore the museum on your own after the tour. The cost of the tour is \$40 and includes museum admission and round-trip transportation.

## A24-148



### Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Eating Disorders, Food Issues, and Managing Graduate School**

Monday, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM

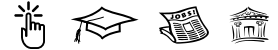
Convention Center–14B

Food can be an issue in graduate school. From not having the time or resources to cook and consume the healthiest or most desirable food, to being pressured to eat free food given at graduate school events, food and the social situations surrounding food permeates all areas of graduate school life. These pressures can be particularly stressful for those with or in recovery from eating disorders. I will share some of my experiences of being in graduate school while in recovery from an eating disorder, and will then offer a place of support, brainstorming, and discussion of how to best manage the added stress of recovery in graduate school. While this discussion will focus on the experience and how to help those with eating disorders, this discussion may be useful for those with dietary restrictions, those trying to change their eating habits, and those who struggle with body image.

Panelist:

Maria Carson, Syracuse University

## A24-155



### Employment Services Advisory Committee

Theme: **Envisioning Academic Alternatives**

Monday, 10:00 AM–11:30 AM

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How do we sustain ourselves as scholars when most academic jobs are casual and part-time? The shift away from tenure-track positions has only continued, creating new financial, social, and emotional challenges for those who entered academia hoping for professorships. This new academic job market demands a creative, entrepreneurial approach to making a living – as well as the willingness to collaborate in maintaining the academy's mission to serve the public.

This workshop is designed to help academics in the Humanities and Social Sciences to approach academic work as only one part of a wider picture that potentially integrates a variety of income streams. Participants will examine their own history and relationships to academia, and become more empowered through discovering marketable skill sets they may not know they possess. We will strategically build sustainable life strategies, considering what activities and relationships bring us real joy and can therefore be maintained in the long term.

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- Reframe the issue of work/life balance in the context of an academic career
- Describe their abilities in terms of marketable skill sets
- Consider alternatives to traditional research, teaching, publishing and academic engagement

Panelist:

Amy Hale, Golden Gate University

## A24-149



### Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Time Management: The Coveted Key to a Healthy Work-Life Balance**

Monday, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Convention Center–14B

Making time for family, friends, and yourself is often one of the biggest challenges a graduate student must face. The pitiful state of the academic job market has led to mounting expectations on graduate students who hope to eventually get a job. The familiar idiom “publish or perish” is no longer accurate: now early-career researchers must publish, teach, present at and organize conferences, engage in self-promotion, and maintain a strong digital presence or perish. These expectations have the potential to easily overwhelm even the most hardened graduate student. Time and priority management could quite possibly be the key to success in this sort of environment. This workshop will serve as a guided open forum in which students will be able to discuss both successful and unsuccessful priority and time management techniques, while brainstorming potential new techniques.

Panelists:

Christine Atchison, Kingston University

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## A24-150

### Program Committee Meeting

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Convention Center-18

Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding

## A24-151

### Women's Caucus Leadership Team Meeting

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Convention Center-14A

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College, and Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Come hear about ongoing Women's Caucus projects and help plan for the 2015 conference. All are welcome.

Panelists:

Marcelle Grano, California Institute of Integral Studies

Hannah Bacon, University of Chester

Marsha Thrall, Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary

Kathryn Common, Boston University

Kathy McCallie, Phillips Theological Seminary

Alicia Panganiban, Regent University

Rosemarie Daher Kowalksi, Northwest University

## A24-154



### Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee

Theme: **Connecting Conversations Luncheon**

Monday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Convention Center-6C

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

The Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee (PWD) is hosting a luncheon for scholars and students with disabilities, as well as anyone interested in disability issues in the Academy. The lunch will follow our Special Topics Forum on *Invisible Disabilities and Hidden Illnesses in the Academy: Fostering Cultures of Accessibility*. Please join us for informal conversation and a chance to build connections with colleagues. Registration for the lunch costs \$13 and is limited to 100 people. If you would like to add this event to your registration, please contact the AAR Registration Bureau at [reg@aarweb.org](mailto:reg@aarweb.org) for assistance.

Table Hosts:

Naomi Annandale, Vanderbilt University

Monica Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Deborah Creamer, Association of Theological Schools, Pittsburgh, PA

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston University

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

Darla Schumm, Hollins University

Raedorah Stewart, VISIONS, Inc., Washington, DC

Tom Reynolds, Emmanuel College, Toronto School of Theology

Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

## A24-200



### Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Seeking Sanity: Balancing Graduate Work with Marriage, Children, and Employment**

Monday, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Convention Center-14B

To say that my PhD experience has been stressful is an understatement. My first child was born a year before I began my studies, my second child was born 2 weeks before my classes began, and my third (and final!) child was born as I was preparing for my comprehensive exams. In addition, I have balanced a full-time job and have logged thousands of miles a year commuting to and from school. Now that I have made it to the dissertation stage (which cuts down on the commute) and all three of my children are finally sleeping through the night (which cuts down on the coffee), I feel like I've finally made it! If selected, I would be honored to chat about how I made it all "work" with other students who may be facing similar challenges in their own academic journey. Success is possible.

Panelists:

Brandon Turner, The Catholic University of America

## A24-244



### Employment Services Advisory Committee

Theme: **Marketing Matters for Academics: It's Not Just a Corporate Thing!**

Monday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

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Contrary to popular opinion, marketing is not just a "corporate thing." It is a vital facet of commerce and public affairs. In fact, the shift in technology to all things digital has increased the significance of marketing, and all of its assets (driven in part by the exponential growth in social, new, and digital media), within industries that do not normally implement marketing, communications, or branding tactics.

Are your books available for sale? Are you called upon as an expert for the media? Do you give talks or lectures during conferences? Is your CV published online? Do you blog or write op-eds? If so, you engage in the promotional aspect of marketing. Have you been compelled to act or comment as a result of a crisis: #Bringbackourgirls, #EbolaOutbreak, #Ferguson, #Gaza, #ISIS, #MH370, or #Sewol? Crisis management and public relations are marketing functions.

Using industry lingo and popular, relatable examples, participants will learn marketing principles. Participants will also review and discuss pop culture and other case studies by industry.

Upon successful completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Define aspects of marketing;
2. Pinpoint attributes and assets that increase marketability;
3. Draft a brand-driven marketing plan;

This workshop is for individuals who want to 1. Learn aspects of marketing, 2. Launch a successful marketing campaign, or 3. Increase awareness or sales of a person, product, or entity. Faculty, administrators, consultants, experts/gurus, entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs, staff, career changers, and others who desire to understand and utilize marketing principles for personal or professional gain are encouraged to attend this workshop.

Panelist:

Isha Edwards, EPiC Measures

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

## A24-201

### Ethics Section

Theme: **Victims' Rights and The Prison Industrial Complex**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire M

Christopher Driscoll, Rice University, Presiding

Sunder John Boopalan, Princeton Theological Seminary  
*Examining the Undermining of Victims in Ethical Thinking about Wrongs in Contemporary Political Theology*

Rima Vesely-Flad, Warren Wilson College  
*Bridging Critical Scholarship and the Victims' Rights Movement: The Voices of Incarcerated Persons*

Alexandra Chambers, Vanderbilt University  
*Double Jeopardy: Rethinking Victims' Rights through the Experiences of Battered Incarcerated Women*

Andrew Krinks, Vanderbilt University  
*Theologizing Abolitionism: Prisons, Property, and the Trespass of Blackness*

## A24-202

### Bible, Theology, and Postmodernity Group

Theme: **Writing Theology in Postmodernity: Literary Authors Shaping Theology**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-310A

Shannon Craigo-Snell, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Presiding

Mark S. Burrows, Bochum University of Applied Sciences  
*Theological Writing and the Transgressions of Poetry: Rainer Maria Rilke as Bricoleur and Provocateur*

Timothy Hiller, University of Chicago  
*David Foster Wallace's Moral Vision and the Writing of Theology*

Adam Braun, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago  
*Disruptive Christologies: Vonnegut's Radical Christological Vision in Slaughterhouse Five*

Lauren Smelser White, Vanderbilt University  
*"Freaking" the Normate: The Performance of Extraordinary Bodies in Flannery O'Connor's Fiction*

## A24-203

### Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group and SBL Violence and Representations of Violence Among Jews and Christians Section

Theme: **Religion and Self-Inflicted Violence**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Indigo B

Christine Marquis, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Presiding

Marie Pagliarini, Saint Mary's College  
*Spiritual Tattooing and Pain in the San Francisco Bay Area*

Jack Downey, La Salle University  
*Dying They Live: Suicide Protesting as Automartyrdom*

Michael Buhrmester, University of Oxford, and Jonathan Lanman, Queen's University Belfast  
*For Cause or Kin? Religious Fusion, Not Religious Belief, Underlies Self-Sacrifice*

Responding:

Julie J. Ingersoll, University of North Florida

## A24-204

### Comparative Religious Ethics Group and Religion and Food Group

Theme: **Religion and Industrial Food: Resisting and Reproducing Technologies of Corporatism**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Convention Center-31C

Jeremy Rapport, College of Wooster, Presiding

Jill De Temple, Southern Methodist University  
*Milk Maids, Cheesy Goodness, and Corporate Solidarity: Liberation Theology, Neoliberalism and Dairy Production in Central Ecuador*

Laura Hartman, Augustana College  
*Slow Food, Slow Church: Eco-Gastronomy as Ecclesiology*

Chad Seales, University of Texas  
*Drive-thru Jesus: Religious Technologies of the Fast Food Age*

Responding:

Jennifer Ayres, Emory University

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## A24-205

### Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group and Indigenous Religious Traditions Group

Theme: **Edgy Indigeneity: Transgender, Altered States, and Willful Elisions**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Convention Center-30A

Maria Cristina Vlassidis Burgoa, Harvard University, Presiding

Suzanne J. Crawford O'Brien, Pacific Lutheran University  
*Kauxuma-nupika: Gender and Power in the Life of a Transgender Indigenous Prophet on the Columbia Plateau*

Gabriel Estrada, California State University, Long Beach  
*Navajo Transgender Healing in Sydney Freeland's (Navajo) Drunktown's Finest (2014)*

Kristin Bloomer, Carleton College  
*Altered States and Other Dangerous Crossings: Land, Gendered Space, and Spirit Possession in Tamil Nadu, South India*

Devaka Premawardhana, Colorado College  
*"Makhuwa Women Have No Religion": Refusing Religious Borders in Northern Mozambique*

Responding:

Mary Churchill, Sonoma State University

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## A24-207

### Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group

Theme: **Religion as a Social Determinant of Public Health**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

Convention Center-4

Linda L. Barnes, Boston University School of Medicine, Presiding

John Blevins, Emory University  
*Tracing the Influences of Religions on Health Across Global Contexts*

Paul Root Wolpe, Emory University  
*Ethics and Policy for Religion and Public Health in the Twenty-first Century*

Eric Reinders, Emory University  
*Taiji (T'ai-chi) in Taoism*

Karen D. Scheib, Emory University  
*Christian Commitment to Public Well-Being: John Wesley's "Sensible Regimen" and "Primitive Physic"*

Ellen Idler, Emory University  
*Religion and Physical Health from Childhood to Old Age*

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## A24-208

### Academic Relations Committee Meeting

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-18

David Harrington Watt, Temple University, Presiding

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## A24-209



### Social Theory and Religion Cluster

Theme: **Feminism and Subjectivity in the Study of Religion**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-9

Michelle Morgan, New Haven, CT, Presiding

2014 marks the thirty- and forty-year anniversaries of key works in French social theory, including Julia Kristeva's *Revolution in Poetic Language* (40<sup>th</sup> anniversary) and Luce Irigaray's *Speculum of the Other Woman* (40<sup>th</sup>) and *An Ethics of Sexual Difference* (30<sup>th</sup>). In honor of their legacies, the panelists in this session explore related questions of feminism and subjectivity in the study of religion. With reference not only to Irigaray and Kristeva, but also to Michel Foucault, Judith Butler, and Saba Mahmood, they treat critical turns in affect theory and speech act theory, the ethics of alterity, and the discursive formation of subjectivity as a crucial category in the study of religion.

Abigail Kluchin, Ursinus College  
*An Alternative Lineage for Affect Theory: Returning to Irigaray's Speculum de l'Autre Femme and Kristeva's Revolution du Langage Poétique*

Wesley Barker, Mercer University  
*Signifying Flesh: The Ambiguity of Desire and the Possibility of Alterity in Irigaray's Ethics of Sexual Difference*

Samantha Langsdale, University of London  
*Framing Historical Women's Agency: A Critical Reading of Speech Act Theories*

Constance Furey, Indiana University  
*Hermeneutics of Intersubjectivity: Foucault, Butler, and Limit Experiences*

Responding:

Morny Joy, University of Calgary

Business Meeting:

William E. Arnal, University of Regina, Ipsita Chatterjea, Vanderbilt University, and Randall Styers, University of North Carolina, Presiding



Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

## A24-210

### Arts, Literature, and Religion Section and SBL Bible and Visual Art Section

Theme: **Biblical Art in the San Diego Museum**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-313

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Daniel Rober, Fordham University  
*Georges Rouault's Le Christ et Mammon in the San Diego Museum of Art: The Aesthetics of Social and Economic Justice*

Leonora Onarheim, University of Oslo  
*Memory and Mourning in The Deposition (Late Fifteenth Century) and The Lamentation of Christ (ca. 1460–1475) at the San Diego Museum of Art*

Angela Yarber, Wake Forest University  
*Salomania in Text, Canvas, and Stage: Where Does Bernardino's Salome Belong?*

Ela Nutu, University of Sheffield  
*Luini Bernardino at the San Diego Museum of Art: Salome, Modesty and Vanity*

Responding:

David M. Gunn, Texas Christian University

## A24-211

### Buddhism Section

Theme: **Buddhist Femininities: Demystifying the Essential Feminine**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

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Karma Lekshe Tsomo, University of San Diego, Presiding

Jeff Wilson, University of Waterloo  
*Mindfully Feminine? The Role of Meditation in the Production and Marketing of Gendered Lifestyles*

Robekkah Ritchie, Freie Universität Berlin  
*Sikkhamat: The Aesthetics of Asoke Ascetics*

Matthew Mitchell, Duke University  
*Ordination, Education, Individual Choice, and Social Context in the Construction and Deployment of Buddhist Femininities in Early Modern Japan*

Michelle J. Sorensen, Columbia University  
*Feminine Identities in Buddhist Chöd*

Responding:

Amy Holmes-Tagchungdarpa, University of Alabama

## A24-212

### Christian Systematic Theology Section

Theme: **Human Ends: Deification, Transformation, and Human Freedom**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-2

Holly Taylor Coolman, Providence College, Presiding

Nindy Sasongko, Seattle University  
*Toward a Trinitarian Theology of Erotic Experience: The Passionate Mysticism of Hadewijch of Brabant and the Question of Sexuality*

Sam Hole, University of Cambridge  
*Pneumatology, the Transformation of the Human, and Freedom in John of the Cross*

Kirsten Guidero, Marquette University  
*Deification as Human Ontology: Some Problems and Resources within the Tradition*

Daniel Wade McClain, Loyola University, Maryland  
*Between the Angel and the Animal: Creaturely Telos and Human Particularity*

## A24-213

### Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Theme: **Metaphors and Metaphysics in the “Erotic” Figuring of the Godhead: Jewish, Christian, Islamic, and Hindu Visions and Expressions**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-520

Karen Pechilis, Drew University, Presiding

Yudit K. Greenberg, Rollins College  
*Female Desire in the Song of Songs: Love–Sickness and Other Gendered Metaphors*

Gloria Hernández, West Chester University  
*Tasting God: Metaphor and the Senses in John of the Cross's Spiritual Canticle*

H. Talat Halman, Central Michigan University  
*Love is the Wine: The Poetry of God as the Beloved and the Beautiful*

Graham M. Schweig, Christopher Newport University  
*The Krishna Bhakti of Caitanya: Erotic Metaphorical–Metaphysical Constructions*

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## A24-214

### North American Religions Section and Roman Catholic Studies Group

Theme: **Catholic But Not Roman: Independent Catholicism in the Modern Americas**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-30C

Robert L. Green, College of the Holy Cross, Presiding

Matthew Butler, University of Texas (Austin)

*Ever Unfaithful? Independent Catholicism in Modern Mexico*

Tshepo Masango Chéry, University of Texas

*The Caribbean Diaspora and Catholic Expression in the African Orthodox Church*

Elizabeth Ann Pritchard, Bowdoin College

*Intimate Catholics*

Julie Byrne, Hofstra University

*"Sweetheart and Archbishop": The "Conjugal Episcopacy" of Herman and Meri Spruit and the History of US Catholicism*

Responding:

J. Michelle Molina, Northwestern University

## A24-215



### Philosophy of Religion Section

Theme: **The Many Lives of the Multiverse: A Conversation with Mary-Jane Rubenstein about Her New Book, *Worlds Without End* (Columbia University Press, 2014)**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-204

Andrew Aghapour, University of North Carolina

*The Cosmos Revisited: Some Presiding Remarks*

Panelists:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

Martin Kavka, Lehigh University

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

Responding:

Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University

## A24-216



### Religion in South Asia Section

Theme: **Dalit Religion: Adaptation, Assertion and Alterity in India**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-29A

Nancy M. Martin, Chapman University, Presiding

J. E. Llewellyn, Missouri State University

*"Dalit Saint," Brahman Hagiographer*

Eliza Kent, Colgate University

*A Home Where You Are Not Welcome: Dalit Ambivalence and Temple Entry Campaigns*

James Taneti, Union Presbyterian Seminary

*Feminine Deities and Female Priests: The Matangi Tradition in South India*

Joel Lee, Columbia University

*Corpse, Swineherd, Rustic: Valmiki in Dalit Oral Tradition*

Kerry San Chirico, University of Hawai'i

*On Liberations Proximate and Transcendent among the Khrist Bhaktas of Banaras*

Responding:

Gajendran Ayyathurai, Columbia University

Business Meeting:

Carla Bellamy, City University of New York, and Valerie Stoker, Wright State University, Presiding

## A24-217

### Study of Islam Section

Theme: **Discourses by/on Muslims in Minority Contexts**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

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Marcia Hermansen, Loyola University, Chicago, Presiding

Kirsten Wesselhoeft, Harvard University

*Pedagogies of Social Change: Activism, Benevolence, and the Creation of a "Muslim Elite" in France*

Lisa Irving, Macquarie University

*Environmental Ethics as Islamic Ethics: Perceptions of Environmentalism as Obligatory Islamic Practice from the United Kingdom*

Brendan Newlon, University of California, Santa Barbara

*The Prophet Loved Green: Environmentalism in American Muslim Identity Discourse*

Zaid Adhami, Duke University

*"I'm Not Convinced ... I'm Just Submitted": Certainty with Doubt in American Islam*

Elliott Bazzano, Le Moyne College

*Islam According to Comedy Central: Why Stewart and Colbert Deliver News that Others Cannot*

Responding:

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina

## A24-218



### Teaching Religion Section and SBL Teaching Biblical Studies in an Undergraduate Liberal Arts Context Group

Theme: **Spirituality and Religion in the Classroom: A Symposium**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-6D

David B. Howell, Ferrum College, Presiding

Panelists:

Alexander Astin, University of California, Los Angeles

Helen Astin, University of California, Los Angeles

Jennifer Lindholm, University of California, Los Angeles

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

## A24-219

### Women and Religion Section and Eastern Orthodox Studies Group

Theme: **(En)gendered Power: The Crafting of Socio-Religious Female Identity in Eastern Orthodox Christianity**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-33B

Rosemary R. Ruether, Claremont Graduate University, Presiding

Rosanne Morici, Syracuse University  
*Photography, Power, and Post-Iconoclastic Seeing in the Russian Church-Museum*

Sarah Riccardi, Missouri State University  
*Enshrining Gender: The Role of Home Icon Corners in the Configuration of the Female Orthodox Self*

Elena Kravchenko, University of Texas  
*Constructing an Orthodox Self: Overlapping Authority and Diverging Desire in the Veneration of Icons and their Referents*

Aaron Sokoll, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*(Un)official Authority: The Case of the Female Diaconate among Evangelical-turned-Orthodox Women*

Responding:

Nadieszda Kizenko, State University of New York, Albany

Topics include an exploration of the hermeneutics of Ifá divination practices in Nigeria, Larry Rasmussen's "earth ethics" as a possible basis for ecological peacebuilding in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and encounters between Christian Afrikaner missionaries and indigenous rain specialists in South Africa. Our respondent brings her research on religious responses to climate change in Mali to bear on the discussion.

Retief Muller, Stellenbosch University  
*The Influences of Cultural Relativism and Indigenous African Approaches to Rain on Afrikaner Missionary Practices in Late Nineteenth to Early Twentieth Century Mashonaland and Nyasaland*

Arlene Montevecchio, Duquesne University  
*Toward Ecological Peacebuilding in the Democratic Republic of the Congo*

Oludamini Ogunnaike, Harvard University, and Ayodeji Ogunnaike, Harvard University  
*Divining for the Environment: An Ifá Response to the Ecological Crisis*

Responding:

Dianna Bell, Florida State University

## A24-221

### Animals and Religion Group, Religion and Disability Studies Group, SBL Healthcare and Disability in the Ancient World, and SBL History and Literature of Early Rabbinic Judaism Group

Theme: **Corporeality and Difference: Animality, Disability, and Gender in Rabbinic Literature**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-26

Rachel Neis, University of Michigan, Presiding

This panel brings together scholars working on rabbinic literature through the lenses of animal studies, disability studies, gender studies, queer theory, and sensory studies. Through critical examination of texts centered on animal bodies, gender-blurred embryos, blemished brides, blind sages, and the androgynos, we aim to consider how bodily difference and corporeal deviance is marked and managed in rabbinic literature.

The panel aims to examine the theoretical and textual overlaps and blurred edges between these identity categories, about the way in which animality becomes gendered, for example, or how women's disability becomes particularly fraught through the sexual charge rabbinic culture affords to men's visual engagement with women's bodies.

Panelists:

Jonathan Crane, Emory University  
Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University  
Max Strassfeld, University of Michigan  
Gwynn Kessler, Swarthmore College

Responding:

Virginia Burrus, Drew University

## A24-220

### African Religions Group, International Development and Religions Group, Religion and Ecology Group, and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Theme: **Religious Responses to Climate Change and Climate Challenges in Africa**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-24C

Christopher Duncanson-Hales, MindGap Scholastics, Ontario, Canada, Presiding

As apocalyptic scenarios for climate change and its impacts on the Global South gain attention, religious authorities and ethicists are interpreting changing climate patterns in moral terms or taking ritual action to address them, giving scholars of religion opportunities to assess the religious and ethical aspects of the current situation. Religious studies therefore has contributions to make to these topics. Along these lines, this panel explores religious responses to climate challenges in Africa from diverse methodological and historical perspectives.



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**A24-222****Anthropology of Religion Group**Theme: **Religious and Secular Entanglements: Ethnographies of Negotiation**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-32A

James Bielo, Miami University, Presiding

Robert Geraci, Manhattan College  
*Secular Is as Secular Does: Religion, Culture, and Science in Modern India*Marc Loustau, Harvard University  
*Intimate Atheism: Family Life, Temporality, and Secularization at a Catholic Shrine in Romania*Courtney Dorroll, University of Arizona, Wofford College  
*The Spatial Politics of Turkey's Justice and Development Party*Stephanie Wolfe, Northwestern University  
*Seeing God, Seeing Injustice: The Evangelical Disciplining of Vision in Urban America*

Business Meeting:

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding

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**A24-223****Black Theology Group**Theme: **Destabilized Racial Identities and Social Activism in Black Theological Perspective**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-28D

Andrew Prevot, Boston College, Presiding

Panelists:

Amaryah Jones-Armstrong, Vanderbilt University

Brian Bantum, Seattle Pacific University

Steven Battin, University of Notre Dame

Andrea C. White, Emory University

Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University

Responding:

Victor Anderson, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting:

Andrea C. White, Emory University, Presiding

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**A24-224****Childhood Studies and Religion Group and SBL Children in the Biblical World Section**Theme: **Children and Sacrifice**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-500

John Martens, University of Saint Thomas, Presiding

Tracy Lemos, Huron University College  
*Child Sacrifice and the Personhood of Children in Ancient Israel*Kristine Henriken Garroay, Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion  
*2 Kings 6:24–7:7 A Case of Unintentional Eliminatorial Killing*Tsui Yuk Louise Liu, Chinese University of Hong Kong  
*Offering of Isaac and its Reception: Mediating Children and Sacrifice in Early Judaism and Early Christianity of Isaac*Kathleen Gallagher Elkins, Rutgers University  
*Mother Abraham: Ancient Christian and Jewish Mothers Valiantly Sacrificing Their Children*

Jeffrey Williams, Brite Divinity School

*Dying to Save: Child Sacrifice and Martyrdom in Harry Potter and The Hunger Games*

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**A24-225****Confucian Traditions Group**Theme: **Confucian Secularism**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-502A

Jiang Wu, University of Arizona, Presiding

Albert Welter, University of Arizona  
*Confucian Secularism and the Administration of Buddhism in China (Based on Zanning's Topical History of the Buddhist Order, Compiled in the Song Dynasty)*Ding-hwa Evelyn Hsieh, Truman State University  
*Confucianism and Liberal Arts Education: Learning, Thinking, and Reading to "Serve Humans" (Shiren 事人)*Charles B. Jones, Catholic University of America  
*The Jesuit-Confucian Encounter in Late Ming China and the Formation of the "Secular"*Ivan Hon, University of Wales, Lampeter  
*Confucian Secularism or Religiousness?: Perspective from Contemporary Chinese Intellectuals' Arguments on the Religious/Secular and Sacred/Profane Dichotomy in Confucianism*Sarah Mattice, University of North Florida  
*Confucianism, Transcendence, and Secular Categorization*

Business Meeting:

Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, and Yong Huang, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Presiding

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

## A24-226

### Gay Men and Religion Group and Law, Religion, and Culture Group

Theme: **Nuptial Symbolics beyond the Law: The Construction of Religion and Sexuality in Debates on the Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-23C

Anne-Marie Korte, Utrecht University, Presiding

David Bos, University of Amsterdam, VU University, Amsterdam  
*“Equal Rites before the Law”: Dutch Celebrations of Same-Sex Relationships, 1969–1970*

Marco Derks, Utrecht University  
*A Disappointing Afterparty? Debates on Marriage Registrars in the Netherlands*

Mariecke van den Berg, VU University Amsterdam  
*Rings for the Rainbow Family: The Introduction of Same-Sex Marriage in Sweden*

Responding:

Heather White, New College of Florida

Marvin M. Ellison, Portland, ME

## A24-227

### Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group

Theme: **Dialogue among Three Strands of Dialogue Researchers**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-5A

Patrice Brodeur, University of Montreal, Presiding

Leonard Swidler, Temple University  
*Perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue and Theology: Parallel Constructions of Dialogue*

Mohammed Abu-Nimer, KAICIID Dialogue Centre  
*Perspectives on Interreligious Dialogue in the Context of Conflict and Peace Studies: Potentials and Challenges*

Anne Koch, University of Munich, and Karsten Lehmann, KAICIID Dialogue Centre  
*Perspectives on Sociology: Modelling Pluralism from Inward and Outward*

Responding:

Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama

## A24-228



### Liberation Theologies Group

Theme: **Borders of Sex**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-29C

Hannah Hofheinz, Harvard University, Presiding

Terry Reeder, Syracuse University  
*Marriage Without Borders*

Amey Victoria Adkins, Duke University  
*Uncontested Arrivals: Baartman, Borders, and the Theopolitics of the Global Sex Trade*

Thia Cooper, Gustavus Adolphus College  
*Sex with God: Theology, Sex, the Sex Trade, and Sex Trafficking*

Robyn Henderson-Espinoza, Iliff School of Theology and University of Denver  
*Materializing Sex in the Borderlands: Sexualized Bodily Mattering, Meaning, and Interrelatedness*

Jared Vazquez, University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology  
*El Vaiven: Queer Latina/os at the Borders of Latinidad*

Responding:

Lisa Isherwood, University of Winchester

Business Meeting:

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

## A24-229



### Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Group

Theme: **Body Matters!**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-25A

Kirsi Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Presiding

Else Marie Wiberg Pedersen, University of Aarhus  
*From Body to Body: A Post-Gender Politics for the Global Luther*

Elizabeth Gerle, Uppsala University  
*Desiring Bodies — Revitalizing Theology and Ethics*

Ekaterina Lomperis, University of Chicago  
*Christian Bodies in Pain as Spiritual Battlefields: Bodily Suffering in Martin Luther's Thought*

Courtney Wilder, Midland University  
*Luther, Swinton, and the Vanishing Self: Christ's Power over Despair, Suicide, and Dementia*

Amy Marga, Luther Seminary, Saint Paul  
*The Redeeming Act of Giving Birth: Martin Luther's Theology Concerning the Bodies of Mothers*

Ted Peters, Graduate Theological Union  
*The Body Politic and Revelatory Terrorism*

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Responding:

Vitor Westhelle, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Business Meeting:

Kirsi Stjerna, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg,  
Presiding

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## A24-230



### Mormon Studies Group

Theme: **Mormon Identities**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-28A

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah, Presiding

Booker Alston, University of Cape Town

*Gobo Fango: Latter-day Saint, South African Slave, or African American Hero?*

Marie-Therese Maeder, University of Zurich

*Unity in Diversity: Self-representation Strategies of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Commercial Series "I Am a Mormon"*

Michael Hamilton, Principia College

*School Lunches, Fundamentalist Mormons, and Community Ecology*

Responding:

Susanna Morrill, Lewis and Clark College

Business Meeting:

Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming, Presiding

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## A24-231



### Platonism and Neoplatonism Group

Theme: **Neoplatonism and Romanticism**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-411A

Douglas Hedley, University of Cambridge, Presiding

David Albertson, University of Southern California

*Geometrical Images as Contemplative "Icons" in Fifteenth-Century Christian Neoplatonism*

Alexander Hampton, University of Cambridge

*Poesie as Anima Mundi: The Creative Romantic Synthesis of Realism with Idealism*

Jennifer Gurley, Le Moyne College

*Ralph Waldo Emerson and Platonic Methexis*

Business Meeting:

John Kenney, Saint Michael's College, Presiding

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## A24-232

### Qur'an Group and Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group

Theme: **Exegetical Twists and (Un)Ethical Turns: Genre and Interpretation in the Quran and Muslim Moral Literature**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-25C

Syed Rizwan Zamir, Davidson College, Presiding

George Archer, Georgetown University

*"Green Decorations": Reflections on Themes in the Ring Structures of Qur'an 18:27–46 and 18:60–82*

Leyla Ozgur Alhassen, University of California, Berkeley

*Humor and Playfulness in Qur'anic Stories: A New Approach to Interpreting Dialogues in Qur'anic Stories*

Maryam Ashraf, Charlottesville, VA

*Between Sinful Temptress and Pinnacle of Piety: The Reimagining of Zulaikha in Sufi Poetry*

M. M. Nauman Faizi, University of Virginia

*Moses the Mesmerist: Sayyid Ahmad Khan's Exegesis of the Qur'an*

R. Brian Siebeking, University of Virginia

*"David Guessed That We Had Tested Him" (Q 38:24): A Pious "Sin" in the Tales of the Prophets*

Responding:

Ayesha S. Chaudhry, University of British Columbia

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## A24-233

### Religion and Popular Culture Group

Theme: **The Hidden, Transgressive and Camouflaged in Popular Religion**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-1A

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding

Joseph Laycock, Piedmont Virginia Community College

*"Time Is a Flat Circle": True Detective and the Reciprocal Relationship between Horror Fiction and Moral Panic*

Jeremy Guida, University of California, Riverside

*Midnight Transcendence: Midnight Movies and the Institutionalization of Spirituality*

Jackson Stephenson, Humboldt State University

*"East Meets West via Lucifer": Perennialist and Syncretist Appropriations of Tantra within Extreme Metal Music*

Alyssa Beall, West Virginia University

*Gnostic Terror: Weeping Angels, The Walking Dead ... and a Merman*

Responding:

Eric D. Mortensen, Guilford College



Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

A24-234



Religion in Southeast Asia Group

Theme: Islamic and Christian Conflicts over Authority in Southeast Asia

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-501B

Richard Fox, Universität Heidelberg, Presiding

Verena Meyer, University of Wisconsin
The Proper Dwelling of Knowledge: Center and Periphery in the Serat Cabolek

Megan Brankley Abbas, Princeton University
Muslim but Not Arab: Theorizing about Religion and Culture in Indonesia

Muhamad Ali, University of California, Riverside
Of Tradition and Authority: Colonial Discourses in the East Indies and Malaya

Eu Kit Lim, Iliff School of Theology
What's in a Name? Race, Religion, and the Struggle for Capital in the Control and Use of 'Allah' in Postcolonial Malaysia

Responding:

Jason Carbine, Whittier College

Business Meeting:

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University, Presiding

A24-235

Western Esotericism Group and SBL Esotericism and Mysticism in Antiquity Group

Theme: Imaginative Narratives, Rituals and Practices in Esotericism

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-28C

Kelley Coblenz Bautch, St. Edward's University, Presiding

Rebecca Lesses, Ithaca College
Ritual and Esotericism in Joseph and Aseneth

Claire Fanger, Rice University
Prophecy and the Practice of Poetry in Alan of Lille's Anticlaudianus

Marla Segol, State University of New York, Buffalo
Kabbalistic Sex: Literature into Ritual

Matthew Dillon, Rice University
Entering Eternity through Images of the Past: Eranos Religionism, Gnostic Rituals, and the Nag Hammadi Library in Laurence Caruana's The Hidden Passion

Massimo Introvigne, Center for Studies on New Religions, Turin, Italy
Fascinax Strikes Again: Rosicrucianism and European Dime Novels, 1909–1949

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A24-236



World Christianity Group

Theme: Ecumenisms, Cultures, and Mission in Latin(a/o) America

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-31A

Jane Carol Redmont, Roslindale, MA, Presiding

Jakob Egeris Thorsen, Aarhus University
The Transformed Role of the Catholic Church in the Religious Field of Guatemala

Ray F. Kibler, Claremont, CA
'Breaking Down the Walls of Immigration': Religious Conciliar Ecumenism and the Destruction or Reconstruction of Difference in San Diego County

Justin Doran, University of Texas
On a Wing and a Prayer: The Canadian Roots of Brazilian Neo-Pentecostalism

Philip Wingeier-Rayo, Southern Methodist University
The Cincinnati Plan for Mexico in Hindsight: One Hundred Years Later

Responding:

Ana Maria Bidegain, Florida International University

Business Meeting:

Jane Carol Redmont, Roslindale, MA, Presiding

A24-237



Yogācāra Studies Group

Theme: Panel Discussion of the Saṃdhinirmocana-sūtra, Chapters Seven, Eight, and Nine

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-3

C. John Powers, Australian National University, Presiding

Panelists:

Robert M. Gimello, University of Notre Dame

William S. Waldron, Middlebury College

Chen-Kuo Lin, National Chengchi University

Jay Garfield, Yale-NUS College

A. Charles Muller, University of Tokyo

Responding:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University

Business Meeting:

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University, and C. John Powers, Australian National University, Presiding



A24-238



**Material Islam Seminar**

Theme: **Devotional Objects and Embodiment in Islamic Traditions**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Aqua C

Anna Bigelow, North Carolina State University, Presiding

Christiane Gruber, University of Michigan  
*Prophetic Products: Muhammad in Contemporary Iranian Visual Culture*

Nathan Tabor, University of Texas  
*Lyrical Geographies: Reconfiguring Indo-Muslim History through Graveside Recitation*

Nathan Hofer, University of Missouri  
*The Material and Social Nature of Medieval Sufi Khalwa*

Candace Mixon, University of North Carolina  
*Beyond Decoding: Abl al-Bayt and Cultural Production in Contemporary Iran*

Responding:

David Morgan, Duke University

Kenneth George, Australian National University

Business Meeting:

Kambiz GhaneaBassiri, Reed College, Presiding

A24-241



**Ecclesial Practices Group and Practical Theology Group**

Theme: **Beyond Description in Practical Theology: Analysis, Norms, Revised Praxis**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire A

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Presiding

Jonas Idestrom, Church of Sweden Research Unit,  
*What and Where is Your Church? Actor-Network Theory as a Conversation Partner in Ethnographic Ecclesiology*

Marlene Ringgaard Lorensen, University of Copenhagen, and  
Kirsten Donskov Felter, University of Copenhagen  
*Identities in Transition: The Role of Place in Encounters between Migrants and Ethnic Danes in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark and in Theological Research*

Sean Gross, Graduate Theological Union  
*Let Your Conscience Be Your Guide: A Catholic Approach to Practical Theological Methodology*

Marc Lavalley, Barry University  
*Spiritual Discernment and Practical Theological Hermeneutics*

Responding:

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Esperanza College of Eastern University

A24-243



**Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group**

Theme: **Richard King's *Orientalism and Religion* (Routledge, 1999): Fifteen Years of Colonial Encounters and Postcolonial Impacts**

Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-29B

Syed Adnan Hussain, St Marys University, Presiding

Michael Altman, University of Alabama  
*Hinduism and American Protestantism: Playing Out Domestic Debates Abroad*

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University  
*Asian Religions, Textualism, and American Law: Reading Richard King's Orientalism and Religion in the U.S.*

J. Barton Scott, Montana State University  
*Rethinking "Mystic Hinduism": Orientalism, Religion, and the Historicity of Critique*

Timothy Dobe, Grinnell College  
*Postcolonial Comparisons: Richard King, Mythic Modernities, and Indian Monks*

Responding:

Richard King, University of Kent

Business Meeting:

Syed Adnan Hussain, St. Marys University, and Kathleen Foody, College of Charleston, Presiding

A24-239



**Religious Architecture Tour**

Monday, 1:00 PM–5:00 PM

Meet at Convention Center-Hall H Foyer

Jeanne Halgren Kilde, University of Minnesota, David Bains, Samford University, and Rick Kennedy, Point Loma Nazarene University, Presiding

This bus tour explores how San Diego's religious landscape has been shaped by a variety of immigrant communities and international contacts. It will likely include an exploration of noted architect Robert E. Des Lauriers's use of architectural modernism in the Islamic Center of San Diego (1986), formerly the Abi Bakr Al Siddiq Mosque; as well as the more traditional styles and spaces of the Spanish-revival Chinese Mission (1927), now the San Diego Chinese Historical Museum; a small Portuguese chapel on Point Loma (1922); and Our Lady of the Rosary Church (1925), a landmark church in Little Italy featuring murals by the immigrant painter Fausto Tasca. Visiting Shelter Island, the tour will also consider the mid-twentieth-century use of Polynesian architecture and Tiki decoration, including religious imagery, to evoke the free-thinking and free-living sought by many in Southern California. The cost of the tour is \$30.

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Monday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

## A24-240



### Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Priorities, Preparation, and Process: Time Management for the Rest of Us**

Monday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM

Convention Center-14B

Somewhere along the way graduate students earned the reputation of being poor time managers. From the hundreds of pages that must be read to the papers due next week to watching too much Netflix to the incessant demands of social media, many graduate students feel overwhelmed and simply do not think of managing their time; they simply get by. But it doesn't have to be this way. Graduate school is simultaneously an amazingly challenging and wonderfully rewarding experience. Don't let poor time management rob you of that. In this hour-long conversation/workshop we will discuss some best practices when it comes to time management, specifically those relevant to graduate student life.

We will look at some useful tools and practices such as Wunderlist, Evernote, and targeted calendaring, as well as talk about how to prioritize and manage your time in a way that works best for you.

Panelist:

Thomas Whitley, Florida State University

## A24-242



### Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **Religion, Skepticism and Scientific Consensus on Climate Change**

Monday, 2:00 PM–3:30 PM

Convention Center-8

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

What does climate change have to do with religion and religion with climate change? Quite a lot, but the grounds on which these two domains meet is complex and conflicted. Many commentators have suggested that “religious” believers reject the scientific evidence of climate change. That broad claim is clearly incorrect. Across the globe, religious leaders from the Pope Francis and Patriarch Bartholomew to the Dalai Lama have addressed climate change as a religious issue. In the United States, several denominations and sectarian colleges have divested, or announced their intention to divest, from the fossil fuel industry. In all these cases, there is a shared understanding that climate change is a religious issue because it involves the care and preservation of creation, and because it involves protecting the poor from harm. Yet, at the same time, it is also true that in the United States evangelical Protestants are more likely than other groups to reject the scientific evidence of climate change.

The reasons for this are not difficult to discern: American evangelicals tend to be politically conservative, and link climate change to ‘liberal’ causes of which they are skeptical, particularly the role of government in protecting the poor. American evangelicals also tend to link climate science to other forms of science that they question, most obviously evolutionary theory, and to a general perception that scientists are anti-religion. This suggests that if one wishes to reach evangelicals, it may be useful to remind them that not all solutions to climate change involve big government, and many scientists, historically and currently, have been people of faith.

Panelist:

Naomi Oreskes, Harvard University

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

## A24-340



### Plenary Address

Theme: **The Role of Religion in Mediating Conflicts and Imagining Futures: The Cases of Climate Change and Equality for Women**

Monday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Convention Center-20

Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University, Presiding

Jimmy Carter served as the thirty-ninth president of the United States from 1977 to 1981. His administration negotiated the Panama Canal treaties, the Camp David Accords between Egypt and Israel, the SALT II treaty with the Soviet Union, and U.S. diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China. In 1982 President Carter became University Distinguished Professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and founded The Carter Center, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that actively addresses international and national issues of public policy. He is the author of twenty-eight books and numerous articles. In 2002, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

In this panel, President Carter will answer questions about his efforts to address climate change both during and after his administration, and his latest book, *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power* (Simon and Schuster, 2014). Questions will be posed by Steven D. Kepnes, Colgate University and Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, but additional questions may be submitted at <https://aar.wufoo.com/forms/questions-for-president-carter/> before November 15. This session will be followed by a book signing. Warwick's Books will be selling *A Call to Action* Monday, 8:30 AM–3:30 PM **only** in Booth 1109 in the Exhibit Hall. Books cannot be purchased during the signing.

Panelists:

Jimmy Carter, The Carter Center

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University

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## A24-300



### Arts, Literature, and Religion Section, Childhood Studies and Religion Group, Chinese Religions Group, and Japanese Religions Group

Theme: **Oh Hell! The Infernal in Children's Literature**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-313

Rebekah Richert, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Representations of hell open up questions about the boundaries of childhood and the flexibility of religious categories in modern societies.

Although hell, together with related ideas of death, sin, and punishment, may not always be considered an appropriate topic for children, it has by no means disappeared from children's literature. As hell is re-imagined and re-presented for a younger audience, its depiction illustrates shifting rapprochements between religious ideas and social norms. These new geographies of the infernal are the subject of this panel, which examines representations and transformations of hell in children's literature from the 1970s to the present, bringing together papers on Taiwanese, Japanese, North American, and British children's fiction and picture books. Comparative in scope, the panel focuses on visual and textual narratives shaped by Buddhist scripture, Jewish storytelling, and Welsh myth.

Natasha Heller, University of California, Los Angeles  
*Sinners and Saviors: Revisioning Hell for Children*

Heather Blair, Indiana University  
*Hell and Humor in Secular Japanese Picture Books*

Jodi Eichler-Levine, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh  
*Where the Wild Hells Are: Dystopia, Darkness and Monstrosity in American Jewish(ish) Children's Literature*

Meira Levinson, City University of New York  
*"Grandfather Gwyn" and the "Most Unhappy Child": Gwyn ap Nud, Welsh Underworlds, and Subversive Reading in Diana Wynne Jones's The Merlin Conspiracy and Dogsboddy*

Responding:

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West

## A24-301

### Study of Judaism Section

Theme: **Jewish Thought and Modern Individualism**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-502A

Sharon Portnoff, Connecticut College, Presiding

Kenneth Hart Green, University of Toronto  
*Emil Fackenheim's Struggle with Revelation: Between Individual Authenticity and the Collective Claims of Tradition and History*

Martin D. Yaffe, University of North Texas  
*Jews' Fidelity to Jewish Law in the Nation State: Hermann Cohen's "Idealizing" Vindication of Moses Mendelssohn*

Jeffrey Bernstein, College of the Holy Cross  
*Are Jews Individuals? Maimonides and Spinoza on the Border of Jerusalem and Athens as Viewed through the Lens of Strauss*

Steven Frankel, Xavier University

*Spinoza and Maimonides on the Rights of Reason and Revelation, and the Right of Individuals to Diverge from Both*

## A24-302



### Evangelical Studies Group

Theme: **Stanley Grenz and Evangelical Theology: Celebration and Fragmentation**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:00 PM

Convention Center-28D

Joy J. Moore, Fuller Theological Seminary, Presiding

Derek Tidball, Spurgeon's College  
*About the Book: Stanley Grenz and Evangelical Theology: Celebration and Fragmentation*

Megan K. DeFranza, Gordon College  
*Late Twentieth-Century Evangelicalism and Women*

F. LeRon Shults, Agder University  
*The Real Scandal of the Evangelical Mind (and Culture)*

Roger E. Olson, Baylor University  
*The Postconservative Evangelicalism of Stanley Grenz*

John R. Franke, Yellowstone Theological Institute  
*Embracing Plurality: The Missional Future of Evangelical Theology*

Veli-Matti Karkkainen, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*How to Do Evangelical Theology in a "Post-" World?*

Business Meeting:

Paul Barton, Seminary of the Southwest, Presiding

## A24-304

### Buddhism Section and Religion and Sexuality Group

Theme: **Buddhism and Sexuality**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire L

Jann Ronis, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Amy P. Langenberg, Eckerd College  
*The Inauspicious Womb: How Buddhist Birth Narratives Make Female Asceticism More Conceivable*

Or Porath, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*The Sacred Cosmology of Male-Male Love: Nyakudō no Kanjinchō and the Way of Youths*

Vesna Wallace, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*The Making of Monastic Sexual Morality in Mongolia's Pastoral Culture*

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University  
*A Dry Treatise on Passion? Reconsidering Ju Mipam's Contribution to Kāmaśāstra Literature in Tibet*

Ann Gleig, University of Central Florida  
*Sex, Scandal, and the Shadow of the Roshi: The Interplay of Religion, Psychology and Sexuality in American Zen Buddhism*

Responding:

José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara



Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

**A24-306**



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

Theme: **Monsters and Monstrosity**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-30C

John Modern, Franklin and Marshall College, Presiding

Panelists:

- Richard Callahan, University of Missouri
- Edward Blum, San Diego State University
- Dana Logan, Indiana University
- Scott Poole, College of Charleston

Responding:

Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

Business Meeting:

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding

**A24-307**



**Philosophy of Religion Section**

Theme: **Philosophy and the Study of Religion**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-204

Nancy Frankenberry, Dartmouth College, Presiding

- Andrew Dole, Amherst College  
*Revisiting Social Functionalism in Religious Studies*
- William David Hart, University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
*After the Philosophy of Religion*
- Rosemary Blackburn-Smith Kellison, University of West Georgia  
*Religious Ethics after the Critical Turn in Religious Studies*
- Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University  
*The Academic Study of Religion and the "Truth Question"*

Responding:

Jeffrey Stout, Princeton University

Business Meeting:

Michael Rea, University of Notre Dame, and Mary-Jane Rubenstein, Wesleyan University, Presiding

**A24-308**

**Religion and Politics Section**

Theme: **Conservative Christian Politics 2.0**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-2

John D. Carlson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Kristopher Norris, University of Virginia, and Sam Speers, University of Virginia

*The Purpose Driven Politics of Saddleback Church*

Kit Kirkland, University of St. Andrews

*Mere Republicanity? How the Millennials Are Changing the Christian Right–GOP Picture*

Fredrik Gregorius, Linköping University

*Politics in the Shadow of the Apocalypse: A Study of Social and Political Activism in an Apocalyptic Evangelical Church in the United States*

Matthew Taylor, Georgetown University

*Scripturalist Politics: American Fundamentalists, Egyptian Salafis, and the Challenge of Religious Democracy*

**A24-309**

**Religion and the Social Sciences Section**

Theme: **Fieldwork in Theology and Ethics: A Methodological Conversation with Anthropologists about Ethnography**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-9

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University
- C. Melissa Snarr, Vanderbilt University
- Traci C. West, Drew University
- Todd D. Whitmore, University of Notre Dame

Responding:

Marla Frederick, Harvard University

Don Seeman, Emory University

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## A24-310

### Study of Islam Section

Theme: **Texts, Contexts, and Interpretations**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire E

Frederick Colby, University of Oregon, Presiding

John Zaleski, Harvard University  
*Human Action, Autonomy, and Moral Responsibility, according to Ibn Hazm al-Andalusi*

Tehseen Thaver, Bard College  
*Exegetical Space and the Shaping of Shi'i Identity: Shaykh Abu al-Futub Razi's Persian Qur'an Commentary*

Hunter Bandy, Duke University  
*Humanizing Divine Ecology within the Islamicate Deccan*

Sabahat Adil, University of Chicago  
*Memorializing al-Maqqari: The Life, Work, and Worlds of a Mediterranean Muslim Thinker*

Susan Gunasti, Ohio Wesleyan University  
*An Ottoman Qur'an Commentary for the Republic: Elmalılı Muhammed Hamdi Yazır's Hak Dini, Kur'an Dili and the Canonization of a Religious Text in Modern Turkey*

Responding:

Nargis Virani, New York, NY

## A24-311



### Teaching Religion Section and Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Demonstrating a Teaching Tactic: Helping Students with Texts, Contexts, and Concepts**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-7B

Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College, Presiding

Lynne Cropper, University of Iowa  
*Enhancing Undergraduate Students' Understanding and Appreciation for Primary Texts*

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa  
*Experiencing the Dao in the Introductory World Religions Class*

Sarah Sours, Duke University  
*Performing "Strange" Texts: Teaching the Bhagavad Gita*

Yusef Hayes, NorthShore Community College  
*"To See a World..." in a Banana: An Exploration of No Self, Interbeing, and Interrelationship with the Earth in a Buddhist Context*

Mara Brecht, St. Norbert College  
*Generate Research Questions through Turabian and Digital Collaboration*

Business Meeting:

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia, Presiding

## A24-312



### Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Theme: **Catherine Keller, *Cloud of the Impossible: Negative Theology and Planetary Entanglement* (Columbia University Press, 2014)**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-10

Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Laurel C. Schneider, Vanderbilt University

Karmen MacKendrick, Le Moyne College

Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas

Philip Clayton, Claremont School of Theology

Responding:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

## A24-313

### Women and Religion Section and Contemporary Islam Group

Theme: **Engendering Islamic Authority: Shifting Contexts of Media and Interpretation**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-33B

Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, Presiding

Sajida Jalalzai, Columbia University  
*Muslim Chaplaincy in North America: Gender, Sexuality, Authority*

Harold Morales, Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
*Gender in the Survey of Latino Muslims*

Taraneh Wilkinson, Georgetown University  
*Hermeneutic Queries of Gender Equivalence*

Krista Riley, Concordia University, Montreal  
*Interpreting Islam Online: Gender and Embodied Experiences in Muslim Women's Blogs*

Responding:

Susan Abraham, Loyola Marymount University

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

## A24-314

### African Religions Group and Lesbian-Feminist Issues and Religion Group

Theme: **LGBTIQ African Women, Religious Identities, and Marginalization in Africa**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-22

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge, Presiding

Frieda Ekotto, University of Michigan  
*African Lesbians as Commodity in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University  
*Indigenous African Concepts of Alternative Sexual Lifestyle*

Ragies Gunda, Bamberg University  
*Pakasipiti: Fighting Patriarchy within the LGBTIQ Movement in Zimbabwe*

Prince Karakire Guma, Social Economic Research and Development  
*Gays, God and the Global Rise of Anti-Gay Legislation in Africa*

Responding:

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

## A24-315

### Afro-American Religious History Group and Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Group

Theme: **Founding Facts and Fictions: Racial and Ethnic Difference in Early US Pentecostalism**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-29A

Adam Bond, Virginia Union University, Presiding

Lindsey Maxwell, Florida International University  
*The Pneuma Network: William Seymour, Diversity, and Viral Campaigning in Early Pentecostalism*

Wolfgang Vondey, Regent University  
*Black Liturgy before Azusa Street: Retelling the Narrative of American Pentecostalism*

Justin Doran, University of Texas  
*Leavening Lucy Farrow: Gender and Race in Early Pentecostalism*

Responding:

David Daniels, McCormick Theological Seminary

## A24-316



### Bible in Racial, Ethnic, and Indigenous Communities Group

Theme: **The Bible: Postcolonial, Indigenous, Ethical, and Cultural Engagements**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-25A

Leslie R. James, DePauw University, Presiding

Robert L. Green, College of the Holy Cross  
*Felipe Guaman Poma de Ayala and Justice in Early Colonial Peru: An Indigenous Reading of the Catholic Bible*

Janneke Stegeman, VU University Amsterdam  
*Reading the Bible in Contested Spaces: An Ethical Perspective*

Itohan Idumwonyi, Rice University  
*Towards a Postcolonial Reflection on Gender, Narrative Theology and Decolonizing Christianity in Africa*

John Rogers, Union Theological Seminary  
*Speaking To Their Environment: The Maya Community and the Sermon On the Mount*

Ariella Werden-Greenfield, Temple University  
*Moses and Rastafari Biblical Hermeneutics: Reading Revolution, Righteousness and Repatriation*

Responding:

Stacy Davis, Saint Mary's College

Business Meeting:

Hugh Rowland Page, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

## A24-317

### Body and Religion Group

Theme: **Performing and Policing Bodies**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-3

Alexander Darius Ornella, University of Hull, Presiding

Candice Benbow, Duke University  
*And the Twerk Shall Make You Free: Reclaiming Black Women's Bodies from Theological Oppression*

Hannah Bacon, University of Chester  
*Watch your Weight and Count your Syns! How the Discourse of Syn Encourages and Facilitates Practices of Body-policing among Women within One UK Secular Commercial Weight Loss Group*

Melanie Jones, Chicago Theological Seminary  
*The "Unholy" White Dress: When Black Church Holyrollers Become Fashion Police*

Paul Morris, Syracuse University  
*Giving Weight and Overcoming the Spirit of Gravity: Contra Dance as Theopraxis*

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Karli Robinson-Myers, Georgia State University  
*The Embodiment of Baldwin: An Interpretive Dance Adaptation of Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Ann Duncan, Goucher College  
*Childbirth as Religious Performance: Quaker and Mormon Women and Paradigms of Faith and Motherhood*

## A24-318



### Contemporary Pagan Studies Group

Theme: **Animism and Paganism: The Dialog Continues**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-28A

Jone Salomonsen, University of Oslo, Presiding

Douglas Ezzy, University of Tasmania  
*Relational Ethics, Ritual, and the New Animism*

Kimberly Kirner, California State University, Northridge  
*Honoring Nature: Contemporary Animist Paganisms and Practical Dimensions of Sustainability*

Graham Harvey, Open University  
*Bear Feasts, Ritual Play and the New Animism*

Chris Crews, The New School  
*Earth Bound Animists Friends vs. Human Enemies: Latour's Gaia and the Anthropocene Geostory*

Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University  
*New Animism — A New Theology?*

Responding:

Fritz Detwiler, Adrian College

Business Meeting:

Chas Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Presiding

## A24-319



### Cultural History of the Study of Religion Group and SBL Religious World of Late Antiquity Section

Theme: **Brent Nongbri's *Before Religion: A History of a Modern Concept* (Yale University Press, 2013): Critical Engagement**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-25C

Cynthia M. Baker, Bates College, Presiding

Andrew Durdin, University of Chicago  
*Religio without Religion: Reflections on Recent Debates in Roman Religion and Religious Studies*

James Broucek, Iowa State University  
*Historicizing the Concept of Religion: A Prerequisite to Critical Research, or an Intrinsically Interesting Subject?*

Kathleen M. Sands, University of Hawai'i  
*The "Religious" and "Secular" Meanings of "Playing Indian": An Assessment of Brent Nongbri's *Before Religion**

Nathan Rein, Ursinus College  
*Beyond Religion: Directions for Research Following Nongbri's *Before Religion**

Responding:

Brent Nongbri, Macquarie University

## A24-321

### Ecclesiological Investigations Group

Theme: **The Church's Mission and the Poor**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-31C

Bradford E. Hinze, Fordham University, Presiding

Daniel Horan, Boston College  
*The Pope, the Poverello, and Postmodernity: Evangelical Poverty as a Strategy of Power according to Francis of Assisi and Michel Foucault*

Joseph McGarry, St Margaret's Anglican Church  
*The Church for Others: The Being of the Church and Advocacy for the Marginalized in the Theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Eli Valentin, Monroe College  
*Pope Francis and Orlando Costas: Theologizing from the Margins*

Christina McRorie, University of Virginia  
*Consuming Generously: A Case for Political Consumerism as a Practice of "Generous Solidarity"*

Sammy Alfaro, Grand Canyon University  
*A Church for the Poor: the Liberative Ecclesiology of Dario Lopez Rodriguez*

## A24-322

### Gay Men and Religion Group

Theme: **Jesus Is Still Acting Up! Celebrating Bob Goss' Scholarship and Ministry Twenty Years Later**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-23C

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

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

Jay Michaelson, Brown University

Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School

Mark Jordan, Harvard University

Responding:

Robert Shore-Goss, MCC/UCC in the Valley, North Hollywood, CA

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

## A24-323

### Hinduism Group

Theme: **The Expansive Bhāgavata**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-310A

Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida, Presiding

Anand Venkatkrishnan, Columbia University  
*Bhakti on the Move: The Bhāgavata Purāṇa in Medieval History*

Neeraja Poddar, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA  
*The Kanoria Bhāgavata and Its Copies: An Examination of the Life of a Narrative*

Ravi M. Gupta, Utah State University  
*A Bespoke Bhāgavata: Tailoring a Translation to the Methods of the Text*

Shrivatsa Goswami, Radha Raman Temple, Vrindavan, India  
*The Bhāgavata Yajña: Journey of a Narrator*

Responding:

John Hawley, Barnard College, Columbia University

## A24-324



### International Development and Religion Group

Theme: **Faith-Based Organizations, Development, and Climate Change in the Global South**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-29B

J. P. Swanson, Arizona State University, Presiding

Evan Berry, American University  
*Their Hearts Were Strangely Warmed: A Changing Climate for Christian Faith Based Organizations*

Hans Geir Aasmundsen, University of Bergen  
*The Lausanne Movement: Holistic Mission and the Climate Crisis*

Ulil Amri, University of Washington  
*Faith-based Organizations and the Governmentality of Climate Change in Indonesia*

DeKila Chungyalpa, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.  
*Why the Environmental Movement Needs Religion*

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University  
*Climate Change, Natural Disaster, and Anti-theodicy in the Indian Himalayas*

Business Meeting:

Jill De Temple, Southern Methodist University, Presiding

## A24-325



### Korean Religions Group

Theme: **Gender, Enlightenment, and Politics in Korean Society**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-303

Debernere Torrey, University of Utah, Presiding

Seong-Uk Kim, Olivette, MO  
*Ch'ōi and Confucianism: the Buddhist-Confucian Intersection in Late Chosŏn*

Uri Kaplan, Duke University  
*From Preachers to Teachers: The Creation of an Orthodox Buddhist Lay Education System in Contemporary Korea*

Timothy S. Lee, Brite Divinity School  
*Evangelicals' Adaptive Engagement in South Korean Politics, 1945–2012*

Nami Kim, Spelman College  
*Korean Protestant Right's Anti-LGBT Movement and the Politics of Gender*

Liora Sarfati, Tel Aviv University  
*Male and Female in Korea's Shamanic Spirit Mediation (Musok)*

Responding:

Richard D. McBride, Brigham Young University, Hawai'i

Business Meeting:

Debernere Torrey, University of Utah, and Richard D. McBride, Brigham Young University, Hawai'i, Presiding

## A24-327



### Middle Eastern Christianity Group and SBL Ecological Hermeneutics Section and SBL Syriac Literature and Interpretations of Sacred Texts Section

Theme: **Eastern Christian Spirituality: Perspectives on Ecology, Nature, the Body, and States of the Soul**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-305

Cornelia Horn, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Julia Lillis, Duke University  
*Fertility and Fragility: Ephrem's Discourse on Virginal Bodies*

Jason Scully, Seton Hall University  
*Free Will and Ascetical Labor: How Babai the Great Fixes the Platonic Conception of the Soul*

Cynthia J. Villagomez, Winston-Salem State University  
*Holy Hunters in Early Medieval Syriac Monastic Texts*

David Michelson, Vanderbilt University  
*The Syriac Gazetteer (www.syriaca.org/geo): A New Reference Work for the Geographic Environment of Middle Eastern Christianity*

Susan Ramsey, Carthage College  
*Exploring the "Harbor (Full) of Rest" in Pseudo-Macarius and Isaac of Nineveh: A Foundation for a Holistic Theology of Creation*

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**A24-330****Religion in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500-1650  
CE Group**

Theme: **Identity and Otherness: Reflections on David Freidenreich's *Foreigners and their Food* (University of California Press, 2011)**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-300A

Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

Jordan D. Rosenblum, University of Wisconsin  
*A Recipe for Jewishness: Freidenreich, Foreigners, and Their Food in Ancient Jewish Literature*

Najam Haider, Barnard College  
*Alcohol and Identity: Deconstructing Muslim Debates Regarding Intoxicants in Early Islam*

Trish Beckman, St. Olaf College  
*Manna, Milk, and Mysticism*

Oliver Freiberger, University of Texas  
*Comparing Otherings: Notes on David Freidenreich's Comparative Method*

Business Meeting:

Martha Newman, University of Texas, Presiding

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**A24-332****Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group**

Theme: **Post-Holocaust Trialogue: A Conversation with Contributors to *Encountering the Stranger: A Jewish-Christian-Muslim Trialogue* (Leonard Grob and John K. Roth, ed., University of Washington Press, 2012)**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-307

Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

Panelists:

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

David Patterson, University of Texas, Dallas

Henry F. Knight, Keene State College

Khaleel Mohammed, San Diego State University

Responding:

Liora Gubkin, California State University, Bakersfield

Business Meeting:

Sarah K. Pinnock, Trinity University, Presiding

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**A24-334****Religious Conversions Group**

Theme: **When the Rhetoric of Religious Conversion Becomes Violent**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-500

Alexander Y. Hwang, Spalding University, Presiding

Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa  
*Conversion-centric Ideology and the Massacre at Wounded Knee*

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Jeremy Sabella, Yale University

*Saints Go Marching: Conversion, Coercion, and National Identity in Ríos Montt's Guatemala*

Chad Bauman, Butler University

*Violence and the Rhetoric of Religious Conversion in the Work of Swami Dayananda Saraswati*

Business Meeting:

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University, Presiding

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**A24-335****Science, Technology, and Religion Group**

Theme: **Narrative and Storytelling in Science and Religion**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-28C

Nancy R. Howell, Saint Paul School of Theology, Presiding

Mark Harris, University of Edinburgh  
*"Heretical, Dangerous, and Potentially Subversive": The Problem of Science and Religion in Aldous Huxley's Brave New World*

Ann M. Pederson, Augustana College  
*A Hermeneutics of Place: Telling Stories in Religion and Science*

Katelynn Carver, Harvard University  
*A Spirituality of Narrativity: Storytelling as a Neurological and Theological Imperative for Meaning Making*

John Bugbee, Mount Saint Mary's University  
*Evolutionary Biology and the Logic and Theology of "Story"*

Responding:

Lisa L. Stenmark, San Jose State University

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**A24-336****Scriptural/Contextual Ethics Group**

Theme: **Strangers in Strange Lands: Narratives and Ethics of Immigration, Land, and Exile**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-501B

Elizabeth Phillips, Westcott House, Presiding

Geoffrey Claussen, Elon University  
*Immigration, Phinebas, and the Midianites*

Tommy Givens, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*The Post-Modern Christian Romance of Exile: Ecological Irresponsibility and the Underestimation of Borders*

Silas Allard, Emory University  
*Reimagining Asylum: Alternative Narratives of Flight in Sacred Scripture*

Responding:

David P. Gushee, Mercer University

Business Meeting:

Emily Filler, St. Olaf College, Presiding

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Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

## A24-337



### Secularism and Secularity Group

Theme: **Secular Religiosity? Negotiating Competing Claims of Secular and Religious**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

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Joseph Blankholm, Columbia University, Presiding

Dusty Hoesly, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*"I Did It to Perform Ceremonies": The Universal Life Church and Secular Religiosity*

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University  
*Liberal Jewish Feminist Religion on the Secular Religious Divide: Complicating Legacies*

Donovan Schaefer, University of Oxford  
*Being and Noneness: Post-atheism, Religion, and the Intransigence of Data*

Josef Sorett, Columbia University  
*"The Answers were Apocryphal": Religion and the (Secular) Politics of Black Culture in the Post-War Period*

Responding:

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

Business Meeting:

Jonathan VanAntwerpen, Social Science Research Council, Brooklyn, NY, Presiding

## A24-338

### Tantric Studies Group and Yogācāra Studies Group

Theme: **Tracing Threads of Tantric Inter(dis-)connectivity: An Analysis of the Exegetical Links between the Yogācāra and Pratyabhijñā Lineages**

Monday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-32A

Lorilial Biernacki, University of Colorado, Presiding

Dan Lusthaus, Harvard University  
*Yogācāra Plus a Playful God Equals Kashmir Śaivism*

Douglas S. Duckworth, Temple University  
*Yogācāra as a Bridge to Philosophical Tantra*

Sthaneswar Timalisina, San Diego State University  
*Truth and Dialogue: Reconfiguring the Philosophical Exchange between Trika and Yogācāra Systems*

Isabelle Ratié, Austrian Academy of Sciences  
*The World within Consciousness — Once More on the Relationship between Buddhist and Śaiva Philosophical Idealisms*

David P. Lawrence, University of North Dakota  
*Time, Moments and Momentariness in Yogācāra, Bhārṭṛhari, and Nondual Kashmir Śaivism*

Responding:

Jeffrey Stephen Lidke, Berry College

Monday, 7:00 PM and Later

## A24-400



### Film: *Mental*

Monday, 7:00 PM–10:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-303

Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Japanese Religious Group

*Mental* (Seishin; 2008, 135 minutes) is a documentary film focuses on the lives of patients, doctors and staff in a small mental clinic in Okayama, Japan. The director Soda Kazuhiro is a Japanese documentary filmmaker based in New York, and is known for his observational style and method of documentary film-making. *Mental* gives an unvarnished look at the everyday life of people with various mental illnesses—schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, panic disorder, and personality disorder—showing such scenes as waiting rooms filled with patients and smoke, consultations and treatments of patients by Dr. Yamamoto, staff members negotiating with government agencies to maintain quality services, patients talking to one another and to Soda, who remains invisible but present behind the camera.

Having graduated from Tokyo University with a major in religious studies, Soda sees the similarities between the perception of mental illness and that of “religion” in Japan; there is the moralizing imperative to domesticate or demonize them, and to establish the “us/them” dichotomy. “Mental” profoundly destabilizes such dichotomies with the power of intimate and engaged observation.

The film won the Best Documentary Award at both the Pusan International Film Festival and the Dubai International Film Festival in 2008, Special Jury Mention at the 2009 Miami International Film Festival, Outstanding Documentary Award at the 2009 Hong Kong International Film Festival, and Inter-religious Jury Prize at Visions du Reel in 2009.

Panelists:

Pamela Runestad, Elon University

Clark Chilson, University of Pittsburgh

Responding:

Soda Kazuhiro, Laboratory X

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## A24-401



**Film:** *In God's House: The Religious Landscape of Utica, NY*

Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-305

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding

This documentary explores the sacred spaces of the rustbelt city of Utica, New York, once a thriving port on the Erie Canal and now a key refugee relocation center. In the midst of changing demographics, the buildings of bygone eras continue to stand and be adapted to the different transitory users that embody them. On one hand an ethnographic study, this video is also an artistic exploration of the spatial practices of these places. This includes a Bosnian mosque operating in a converted Methodist church; Jewish synagogues, one Reform and one Conservative, now meeting in one building due to economic realities; an American Baptist congregation that has been revived due to an influx of Burmese Karen refugees; a Vietnamese Buddhist Temple that retrofitted an Episcopal church; a Roman Catholic church at the same site for almost two hundred years, but now with services in English, Vietnamese, and Spanish; and an African-American church worshipping in the midst of the former Jewish quarter. Each site has undergone unique changes that reflect and influence the social life surrounding them, and demonstrates the linkage between buildings and the communities' abilities to sustain themselves. Directed by Robert Knight. Produced by S. Brent Plate.

## A24-402



**Film:** *Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed*

Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-307

John Lyden, Grand View University, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religious, Film, and Visual Culture Group

*Star Wars: The Legacy Revealed* is a documentary that originally aired on the History Channel in 2007, commissioned by George Lucas to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original *Star Wars* film. It provides a perspective on how the series of six films made use of mythological, religious, and historical material to construct a pastiche that represents a modern myth to its fans. Clips from the films are interpreted by journalists, filmmakers, politicians, and scholars including Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw, Newt Gingrich, Stephen Colbert, Peter Jackson, and Kevin Smith, among others. John Lyden, who was also interviewed in the film, will introduce it and lead a discussion on the creation and marketing of the films, their mythological and religious import, and their links to the development of fan culture and the "religion" surrounding the film. Directed by Kevin Burns. 90 minutes.

## A24-403



**Program Unit Chairs' and Steering Committee Members' Reception**

Monday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Marriott Marquis-AAR Suite

Program Unit Chairs and steering committee members are invited to a reception celebrating their contributions to the AAR Annual Meeting.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

### A25-100

#### History of Christianity Section

Theme: **The Impact of World War I on US Religious Ideas and Identities**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Convention Center-29A

Daniel Ramirez, University of Michigan, Presiding

Cindy K. Wesley, Wesley House Methodist Theological College  
*The Culture War at Home: The Impact of the First World War on German-speaking Baptists and Methodists in the United States*

Joshua Jeffery, Vanderbilt University Divinity School  
*Origins of the National Security and Intelligence State: Systematic US Government Surveillance and Suppression of Religious Dissent during the Great War, 1917–1918*

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara  
*Fighting VD for God and Country: Christian Pioneers in Military Sex Education during World War I*

Eve Tibbs, Fuller Theological Seminary  
*A Clash of American and Greek Religious Nationalism in Greece and America before WWI*

### A25-101

#### Religion in South Asia Section

Theme: **"Where Class Meets Religion": Reshaping the Middle-Class and Hindu Worlds in Contemporary India**

Tuesday, 8:30 AM–10:00 AM

Convention Center-30C

Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University, Presiding

Deonnie Moodie, Harvard University  
*Cleaning up Kalighat: Class Contestations of the Temple Space*

Nicole Wilson, Syracuse University  
*"I Watched Brahmins and Learned": Brahmin Religious Practice and Middle-Class Status in Tamil Nadu, South India*

Jennifer Ortegren, Emory University  
*"What's in a Murti?": Ganesha Chaturthi and The Performance of Aspirational Middle-Class Identities*

Daniel Cheifer, Syracuse University  
*Hindu Modernity for the Masses: Gandhian Populism in the Gayatri Pariwar*

Responding:

Joanne Punzo Waghorne, Syracuse University