



Tomáš Halík, a Czech priest and philosopher who risked imprisonment for illegally advancing religious and cultural freedoms after the Soviet invasion of his country, and has since become a leading international advocate for dialogue among different faiths and non-believers, won the 2014 Templeton Prize.

Panelists:

Tomáš Halík, Charles University

Responding:

Charles Taylor, McGill University

A22-405

LGBTIQ Scholars / Scholars of LGBTIQ Studies Reception

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Convention Center-6F

LGBTIQ scholars, scholars of LGBTIQ studies, and friends are invited to a reception. Come network, see old friends, and make new ones! Sponsored by the Status of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, and Queer Persons in the Profession Committee.

A22-407



Film: *Bless Me Ultima*

Saturday, 9:00 PM–11:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-305

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton, Presiding

Sponsored by the Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

A drama set in New Mexico during WWII, centered on the relationship between a young man and an elderly medicine woman who helps him contend with the battle between good and evil that rages in his village.

P22-408



Templeton Prize Reception

Saturday, 9:45 PM–11:00 PM

Marriott Marquis-Marriott Hall 3

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

A22-411



AAR Annual Business Meeting

Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Convention Center-6E

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University, Presiding

Join the AAR Board of Directors for a continental breakfast and a brief business meeting.

P23-1

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies Board Meeting

Sunday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM

Marriott Marquis-Encinitas

Ravi M. Gupta, Utah State University, Presiding

P23-2

Society for Buddhist-Christian Studies

Theme: **Old Buddhist Texts: New Womanist Thought**

Sunday, 8:30 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Marquis-Miramar

Deborah Buchanan, Lane College, Presiding

Reading together in community in friendship has been the focus of the Buddhist Resources for Womanist Reflection gatherings between scholars in Buddhist Studies and Womanist Religious Thought since 2009. Together, these scholars have engaged in interreligious critical conversation and dialogue about the contributions that each field makes to the other on issues of justice, peace, and compassion when reading Buddhist texts from Sri Lanka, Tibet, and Japan. The Womanist scholars on this panel will share reflections on their engagement with particular Buddhist texts, showing how a Womanist lens can freshly illumine aspects of Buddhism and how Buddhism can provide new resources for Womanist reflection.

Panelists:

Carolyn Medine, University of Georgia

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University

Tracey Hucks, Haverford College

Keri Day, Brite Divinity School

Linda E. Thomas, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago

Responding:

Charles Hallisey, Harvard University

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A23-100



Graduate Student Committee

Theme: **Graduate Student Business Meeting and New Member Welcome**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–10:00 AM

Convention Center-14B

Kristy Slominski, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding
Like most “business meetings” at the Annual Meeting, this one is open to all and is an opportunity to share your ideas and feedback. What events would you like to see the Graduate Student Committee plan in the future? What are your main concerns as a student member within the American Academy of Religion? How can the Graduate Student Committee better represent student needs? This is also an opportunity to ask questions and to learn more about student resources and initiatives. You will have an opportunity to meet the regionally elected student directors who serve on the Graduate Student Committee and represent students on their regional board of directors. This is also a great opportunity to network with other student members and to learn tips for making the most of your Annual Meeting experience and AAR membership.

A23-101

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Theme: **Mothers, Motherhood and the Maternal Body in Comparative Asian Contexts**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront-305

Vijaya Nagarajan, University of San Francisco, Presiding

Reiko Ohnuma, Dartmouth College
“A Mother’s Heart is Tender”: *Buddhist Depictions of Mother-Love*

Jessey J. C. Choo, Rutgers University
Riding a Guilt Trip to Heaven: Childbed Practices and Women’s Salvation in Medieval China

David Mozina, Boston College
Giving Birth to the Divine: The Role of the Maternal Body in Daoist Self-Divinization

Tracy Pintchman, Loyola University, Chicago
The Divine Mother Comes to Michigan

Responding:

Rachel Fell McDermott, Barnard College

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A23-102



Afro-American Religious History Group

Theme: **Africana/Americana: Race Politics and the Making of American Religious Histories**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center-10

Anthea Butler, University of Pennsylvania, Presiding

Panelists:

Laurie Maffly-Kipp, Washington University, Saint Louis

Yvonne Chireau, Swarthmore College

Wallace Best, Princeton University

Jonathan L. Walton, Harvard University

Jacob S. Dorman, The University of Kansas

Business Meeting:

Josef Sorett, Columbia University, and LeRhonda Manigault-Bryant, Williams College, Presiding

A23-103

World Christianity Group

Theme: **Negotiating Traditions in Twenty-first Century World Christianity: Richard Twiss, Babu wa Loliondo, and the “New Old” Norwegian Clergy**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront-501B

Jane Carol Redmont, Roslindale, MA, Presiding

Mika Vähäkangas, Lund University
Negotiating Religious Traditions: Babu wa Loliondo’s Theology of Healing

Jason Purvis, University of Florida
Native Evangelicals, Biblical Indigeneity, and Theological Nationalism: Richard Twiss, First Nations, and the Body of Christ

Tone Stangeland Kaufman, MF Norwegian School of Theology
A New Old Spirituality in Scandinavian Context: Norwegian Clergy as Spiritual and Religious

P23-146

Society for Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Theme: **Rethinking Conversion in Graeco-Roman Antiquity**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:00 AM

Hilton Bayfront-410B

Eric Orlin, University of Puget Sound, Presiding

Zeba Crook, Carleton University
“What Have You Done for Me Lately?”: Patronage and Conversion in the Ancient Mediterranean

Nicola Denzey, Brown University
I Cannot Be Other Than What I Am

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A23-104

Publications Committee Meeting

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-18

Kimberly Rae Connor, University of San Francisco, Presiding

A23-105

Theological Education Committee Meeting

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Aqua Boardroom

Jeffrey Williams, Brite Divinity School, Presiding

A23-106



Plenary Address

Theme: **Religion and the Roots of Climate Change Skepticism**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-20D

Erik Owens, Boston College, Presiding

In the face of a robust scientific consensus that the Earth's climate is slowly changing and that humans are at least partly responsible for this change, a persistent and vocal minority of skeptics has gained traction in American public discourse. Some skeptics reject scientific findings about global warming trends; many others deny human responsibility for the trends. In both cases, religious beliefs about God's sovereignty frequently undergird the skepticism and influence the larger debates about how societies can mitigate climate change or adapt our way of life to adjust to the new realities.

This roundtable brings together four internationally renowned scholars and religious leaders—a Christian evangelical climate scientist, a professor of modern Jewish philosophy and rabbinical thought, an historian of science specializing in debates about climate change, and an evangelical leader in the “creation care” movement—to discuss climate change skepticism and its role in religious communities. A robust discussion among panelists and the audience will follow opening comments from each speaker.

Panelists:

Hanoch Ben-Pazi, Bar-Ilan University

Richard Cizik, New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good, Oak Ridge, TN

Katharine Hayhoe, Texas Tech University

Naomi Oreskes, Harvard University

A23-107



Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee, Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee, and Status of Women in the Profession Committee

Theme: **Negotiating Disclosure**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-26

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

Academics often face challenging questions about whether, when, and how to disclose personal information within the academy—in graduate school, on the job market, or to fellow colleagues. In this session, panelists will address complexities of negotiating disclosure related to disability, sexual identity, family status and pregnancy, racial/ethnic identity and/or religious perspectives and commitment. We pay particular attention to intersectionality as a tool for examining interlocking systems of oppression, attending to dynamics of power and privilege, and resisting the tendency to put different identities under erasure. We will discuss the approaches individuals have taken to disclosure in diverse institutional contexts, opportunities to make strategic use of disclosure, the lines between public and private disclosure, and legal considerations surrounding disclosure.

Panelists:

Darla Schumm, Hollins University

Patrick S. Cheng, Episcopal Divinity School

Thelathia Young, Bucknell University

Kecia Ali, Boston University

Kirk VanGilder, Gallaudet University

A23-108



Arts, Literature, and Religion Section

Theme: **Sounds and Sights in Religious Conversation: East-West**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-32A

Emily Suzanne Clark, Gonzaga University, Presiding

Stephanie Rumpza, Boston College

Representation and Iconoclasm in Sergei Bulgakov and Jean-Luc Marion

Colette Walker, Graduate Theological Union

The Ki of Dow: Adaptations from Japanese Buddhist Aesthetics in the Art Pedagogy of Arthur Wesley Dow

Andrew McKee, Florida State University

“My Gift to America”: Maxo Vanka’s Murals and Memories of Steel

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

Interreligious Soundscapes: The Aesthetics of the Antakya Choir of Civilizations and the Blending of Musical Traditions, Visual Imageries, and Choreographic Styles

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A23-109

History of Christianity Section and Religion in Europe and the Mediterranean World, 500–1650 CE Group

Theme: **Anti-Judaism in Fifteenth and Sixteenth Century Europe: Continuity and Change**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-24A

Deeana Klepper, Boston University, Presiding

Erika Tritle, University of Chicago
Marranos, Pharisees, Hebrews and Sadducees: The Persistent Menace of Jewish Flesh in Fifteenth-Century Spain

David Price, University of Illinois
Abrogating and Preserving Legal Toleration of Judaism in Germany

Ralph Keen, University of Illinois, Chicago
Erasmus, the Church Fathers, and the Jews

Vincent Evener, University of Chicago
The Hope of Jewish Conversion in the Reformation: Caspar Guettel's Response to Luther's That Jesus Christ Was Born a Jew (1523)

A23-110

Philosophy of Religion Section

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

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-25C

Sarah Hammerschlag, University of Chicago, Presiding

Stephen Innes, King's College London
Hannah Arendt and Joseph Conrad: On the "Idealist" and the Development of the Banality of Evil

Jason Bartulis, University of Chicago
First-Person Authority, Third-Person Methodologies, and the Status of the Mind in Contemporary Theory and Literature

Paul W. Gleason, University of Virginia
Visionary Experience in Marilynne Robinson's Gilead

Albert Silva, University of California, Santa Barbara
Wallace's Walden: David Foster Wallace's This Is Water as a Spiritually Didactic Text

A23-111



Religion and Politics Section

Theme: **Contraception, Corporations, and Conscience: Evolving Appeals to Religious Liberty in the Context of US Health Care**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-4

Jenna Reinbold, Colgate University, Presiding

Isaac Weiner, Ohio State University
The Corporately Produced Conscience: Emergency Contraception and the Politics of Workplace Accommodations

Charlene Galarneau, Wellesley College
Health Care Sharing Ministries and the Affordable Care Act

Shannon Dunn, Gonzaga University
The End of Religious Liberty? Discriminatory Laws, Religious Rhetoric, and Efforts to Shape the Body Politic

Responding:

Tracy Fessenden, Arizona State University

Business Meeting:

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C., and Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

A23-112



Teaching Religion Section

Theme: **How Should We Teach Asian Religions to "Western" Undergraduates?**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-9

Paul Crowe, Simon Fraser University, Presiding

Jason Fuller, DePauw University
A Reluctant Phenomenologist: Teaching "Introduction to Asian Religions" in a Midwestern Liberal Arts Setting

Hillary Rodrigues, University of Lethbridge
Confessional Ethnography in the Classroom?

John Clifford Holt, Bowdoin College
Against Textbooks? What Are the Alternatives?

John Harding, University of Lethbridge
Narratives for Teaching Asian Religions

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A23-113

African Religions Group

Theme: **Nexus of Exclusion: Homophobia, Law, and Religion in Contemporary African Politics**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-28A

Dianna Bell, Florida State University, Presiding

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds
A New Constitution for “a Christian Nation”: LGBTI Rights and the Anti-Discrimination Clause in Zambia

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University
Old Wine in a New Jar: A Critical Response to New Anti-Gay Laws in Nigeria

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University
Côte d’Ivoire and the New Homophobia, or The Autochthonous Ethic and the Spirit of Neo-Liberalism

Simeon O. Ilesanmi, Wake Forest University
Moral Revolution or Cultural Oppression: Sexual Orientation and the Rhetoric of Law and Religion in Africa

Responding:

Frieda Ekotto, University of Michigan

A23-114



Augustine and Augustinians Group and Kierkegaard, Religion, and Culture Group

Theme: **Eros, Kenosis, and Rhetoric: A Conversation on Lee C. Barrett’s *Eros and Self-Emptying: The Intersections of Augustine and Kierkegaard* (Eerdmans, 2013)**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-23A

Matthew Drever, University of Tulsa, Presiding

Paul R. Kolbet, Yale University
*Augustine, Kierkegaard, and the Seduction of the Word: Reflections on Lee Barrett’s *Eros and Self-Emptying: The Intersections of Augustine and Kierkegaard**

Carl Hughes, Texas Lutheran University
Contrasting Luther and Kierkegaard as “Augustinian” Readers of Scripture

Janna Gonwa, Yale University
Eros, Agape, and Neighbor-Love as Ontological Gift

Helene Russell, Christian Theological Seminary
The Passion of Faith and the Work of Love: Barrett, Augustine and Kierkegaard on Salvation, Faith and Love

Responding:

Lee Barrett, Lancaster Theological Seminary

A23-115

Body and Religion Group and Religion, Affect, and Emotion Group

Theme: **Religion, Affect, and Embodiment: New Approaches**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-303

Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University, Presiding

Jacob Meiring, University of Pretoria
Theology in the Flesh: A Model for Theological Anthropology as Embodied Sensing

Jyoti Raghu, University of Oxford
Merleau-Ponty, Michel Henry, Affect, and Neuroscience: Reading God’s Affective Self-manifestation in the Flesh as the Redemption of the Embodied, Affective Self

Jason N. Blum, American University in Cairo
William James on How to Study Experience

Jay Johnston, University of Sydney
Detached Immersion: Subtle Materiality and the Self-Environment Interface

Justice Anquandah Arthur, University of Bayreuth
Bodily Language and Metaphors in Pentecostalism: A Study of Charismatic Preaching in Ghana

A23-116



Buddhist Philosophy Group

Theme: **Ethics in/of Buddhist Non-dualism**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-22

Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University, Presiding

Yaroslav Komarovski, University of Nebraska
How Virtuous is the Ultimate Virtue? Conflicting Buddhist Interpretations of the Virtuous Dimension of Ultimate Reality

Davey Tomlinson, University of Chicago
The Madman’s Government of Self and Others

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University
Beyond Kuśāla and Akuśāla: Buddhist Ethics in the Face of Non-duality

piipah damiano, Emory University
Unreasonable Behavior: Ethics of Buddhist Non-dualism in a Modern Context

Responding:

Jay Garfield, Yale-NUS College

Business Meeting:

Richard Nance, Indiana University, and Sara L. McClintock, Emory University, Presiding

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A23-117

Childhood Studies and Religion Group and Confucian Traditions Group

Theme: **Nurturing Moral Children: Confucian Visions of Parenthood and Childhood**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-310A

Thomas A. Wilson, Hamilton College, Presiding

Erin Cline, Georgetown University
Families of Virtue: Prenatal and Infant Moral Cultivation in Early Confucianism

Keith Knapp, The Citadel
Forever the Child: Confucian Conceptions of Childhood as Envisioned in Early Medieval Filial Piety Tales

Theresa Kelleher, Manhattanville College
Parents and Children in Zhu Xi's Xiaoxue Text

Pauline Lee, Saint Louis University
Two Confucian Theories on Children and Childhood: Commentaries on the Analects and the Mengzi

Loye Ashton, Tougaloo College
Children of Nobility: New Confucian Thought and International Adoption

Responding:

Sarah Schneewind, University of California, San Diego

Sam Hole, University of Cambridge

The Significance of John of the Cross's Account of Contemplative Ascent for a Theory of the Loving Transformation of the Emotions

Andrea Hollingsworth, Boston University

The Architecture of Apophasis: Exploring Options for a Cognitive Scientific Interpretation of the Via Negativa

Business Meeting:

Glenn Young, Rockhurst University, Presiding

A23-119

★ *New!*

Class, Religion, and Theology Group

Theme: **Fresh Engagements with Class, Religion, and Theology**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-31A

Ken Estey, Brooklyn College, Presiding

Hollis Phelps, Mount Olive College
Debt, Class, and Theology: A Critical Theological Proposal

Jeremy Posadas, Austin College
Disrupting Theological Complicity in the Disappearing of the Working Class

Cláudio Carvalhaes, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia
Worship and Social Class Struggle

Julie Mavity Maddalena, Southern Methodist University
White Women's Dogs, Black Women's Babies: Class Analysis and the Lives of Single, Working-Class Mothers

Responding:

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University

Business Meeting:

Joerg Rieger, Southern Methodist University, and Ken Estey, Brooklyn College, Presiding

A23-118

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Christian Spirituality Group

Theme: **Christian Spirituality and the Cognitive Sciences: An Emerging Conversation**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-2

Claire Wolfteich, Boston University, Presiding

Mark Graves, Fuller Theological Seminary, Kevin Reimer, Azusa Pacific University, Michael Spezio, Scripps College, Andrea Beckum, Fuller Theological Seminary, Remya Nair, California Institute of Technology, and Warren Brown, Fuller Theological Seminary

Community of the Downwardly Mobile: Scientific Study of Kenotic Habitus in L'Arche

Michael Spezio, Scripps College, and Brent Field, Princeton University, and Kevin Reimer, Azusa Pacific University, and Mark Graves, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Remya Nair, California Institute of Technology, and Andrew Dreitzer, Claremont School of Theology

Heartfulness as Mindfulness: Imitatio of Affectivity and Perspective in Christian Contemplative Practice

A23-120

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Comparative Religious Ethics Group

Theme: **The Social Body**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-30D

Jonathan Crane, Emory University, Presiding

Amy Hyne, University of Texas

Being Natural, Being Pure: Locating "Sanity" in Classical India

Richard Amesbury, Universität Zürich

Is the Body Anterior to Religion? Circumcision, Religious Minorities in Germany, and the Right to Bodily Integrity

Beverly Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington

For Personal Health or Social Welfare? A Study of "Mindful Eating" Practices in America and Taiwan

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Responding:

Jonathan Schofer, University of Texas

Business Meeting:

Beverly Foulks McGuire, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Presiding

Philip Francis, Manhattan College

Sex Versus Certainty: An Ethnography of Evangelical Deconversion

Lisa Powell, St. Ambrose University

Sex, Gender, and Desire in Christian Conversions

A23-121



Contemporary Islam Group

Theme: **New Trends in Islamic Law**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-28C

Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq, Presiding

Hamid Mavani, Claremont Graduate University

Two Shi'i Jurisprudential Methodologies to Address Contemporary Challenges: Traditional Ijtihad and Foundational Ijtihad

Fatima Seedat, University of Cape Town

Sex Difference and the Making of Women in Islamic Law

Mohammed Ghaly, Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics

Physicians as Co-Muftis

Fachrizar Halim, McGill University

Reconfiguration of Islamic Legal Authority in the Digital Age: Neo-Madhab, Ijtihad, and the Idea of Legitimacy

Responding:

Sherman Jackson, University of Southern California

Business Meeting:

Danielle Widmann Abraham, James Madison University, and Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg, Presiding

A23-123



Critical Approaches to Hip-Hop and Religion Group

Theme: **From “Keepin’ It Real” to “Keepin’ it Right”: Hip-Hop, Representation, and Epistemology**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-31C

Andre E. Johnson, Memphis Theological Seminary, Presiding

L. Benjamin Rolsky, Drew University

“This Dark Diction, Has Become America’s Addiction”: Religion, Race, and Hip-Hop in a Neo-Liberal Age

Beth Singler, University of Cambridge

Black, White or Blue? The Indigo Children, Hip Hop, and Interrogating Assumptions about the Race and Aims of “New Agers”

Joseph Winters, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

More than Human: Bataille, Kanye, Eminem, and the Monstrous Quality of the Sacred

Roy Whitaker, Claremont Graduate University

Appropriation and Appreciation: Hip Hop as a Critical Category in the Study of Indigenous Religious Traditions with Special Attention Paid to Afrika Bambaataa and the Zulu Nation

Business Meeting:

Monica R. Miller, Lehigh University, and Christopher Driscoll, Rice University, Presiding

A23-122



Contemporary Pagan Studies Group, Gay Men and Religion Group, Lesbian-Feminist Issues in Religion Group, Men, Masculinities, and Religion Group, and Religious Conversions Group

Theme: **Evolving or Born this Way: Conversion and Identity**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-307

Hannah Hofheinz, Harvard University, Presiding

In regards to religious identity and conversion this panel seeks to examine issues relating to how conversion establishes and destabilizes identity formation. Jewish, Evangelical Christian, and Fundamentalist Christian cases are explored where belonging to gender strict faith communities with conventional and predetermined sexual identity templates makes individual human conversion/reconversion/change necessary. In the Pagan case, the community itself converts the sexual identity of its deities—not only its symbolisation but its conceptualization—by letting gender fluidity evolve in the divine keeping a strong experiential tie between individual experience of gender and interpretations of the world of spirit. Panelists make use of historical material, ethnography and personal experiences. The panel seeks to examine deeply the questions of what is ideal and what is real, and asks whether an evolving Goddess (or God) makes a difference.

Leigh Ann Hildebrand, Graduate Theological Union

Born This Way? Keshet, AhavaRaba, Gefilte Fetish and Jewish Conversion

Rachel Morgain, Australian National University

Goddess Evolving: Gender Transformations and Feminist Contestations in Reclaiming Paganism

A23-124



Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group

Theme: **Topos Revisited: Ecological, Epistemological, Ethical Habitations**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-3

Carol White, Bucknell University, Presiding

Karen deVries, University of California, Santa Cruz

Prodigal Daughters and the Earthbound at the Edge of the Anthropocene

Ronald Bernier, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Vision, Voice, and Difference: The Gendered Space of Liberation

A. Whitney Sanford, University of Florida

Experiments in Equity: Food, Feminism, and Intentional Communities

Kevin Minister, Kentucky Wesleyan College

Producing Refuse and Refusing to Produce: Religion and the Production of a Throw Away Economy

Responding:

Kathryn Moles, Graduate Theological Union

Molly Hadley Jensen, Southwestern University

Business Meeting:

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming, and Carol Wayne White, Bucknell University, Presiding

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A23-125

Hinduism Group and Law, Religion, and Culture Group

Theme: **The Politics of Religious Sentiment: Religion and the Indian Public in the Light of the Doniger/Penguin Affair**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-7B

Brian K. Pennington, Elon University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Elaine Fisher, Columbia University
- J. Barton Scott, Montana State University
- Cassie Adcock, Washington University, Saint Louis
- Chad Bauman, Butler University
- Thomas Blom Hansen, Stanford University
- Rupa Viswanath, University of Gottingen
- P. Pratap Kumar, University of Kwazulu Natal
- Gerald J. Larson, University of California, Santa Barbara

Responding:

Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University

A23-126

Islamic Mysticism Group

Theme: **Islamic Mysticism in the Contemporary Age**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-25A

Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Presiding

William Rory Dickson, South Dakota State University
Father or Friend? Shifting Models of Authority in North American Sufism

H. Talat Halman, Central Michigan University
Avataric Sufism: The Reorientation of Sufism in the West

Torang Asadi, Duke University
Gender, Identity, and Modernity in the Shah Maghsoudi Schisms

Summar Shoab, Emory University
Emplotting Sacred Biography: The Construction of Fariduddin Qadri's Hagiography and its Historiographical Importance for Minhaj ul-Qur'an

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha
The Chinese Science of Arabic Letters: Figurations of Muhammad as the Perfect Human

Responding:

Robert Rozehnal, Lehigh University

Business Meeting:

Omid Safi, Duke University, and Martin Nguyen, Fairfield University, Presiding

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A23-127

Japanese Religions Group

Theme: **Keeping the Dead Alive: Varieties of Ritual Memorialization in Japanese Zen Buddhism**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-23C

Pamela Runestad, Elon University, Presiding

Patricia Fister, International Research Center for Japanese Studies, Kyoto, Japan

Commemorating Life and Death: The Memorial Culture Surrounding the Rinzai Zen Nun Mugai Nyodai

Paula K. R. Arai, Louisiana State University
The Creative Healing Power of Contemporary Japanese Women's Soto Zen Memorial Practices

Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
Ritual Memory Bodies at Eibeiji Monastery, Japan

Steven Heine, Florida International University
Samurai Memorials and Popular Religion at Two Sōtō Zen Temples

Responding:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

Business Meeting:

Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina, and Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding

A23-128

Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group and Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group

Theme: **Borderland Religions: Crossing, Inhabiting, and Innovating Traditions**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-311A

Luis Leon, University of Denver, Presiding

Michael Jimenez, Fuller Theological Seminary
Barth's Far and Near Neighbor at the Borderlands

Jennifer McWeeny, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
The Colonial, Catholic Body: Ontologies of Oppression and Resistance in the Chicana-Irish Borderlands

William Escalante, Michigan State University
Aquí No Tenemos Muertos: Culture, Religion, and Identity in US Día de los Muertos Celebrations

Christian Ramirez, Michigan State University
Roots of Route: Mexican Migration from the Veracruz "Contact Zone"

Jennifer Schepher Hughes, University of California, Riverside
Day of the Dead and the Invention of Public Religion in California

Responding:

Nancy A. Pineda-Madrid, Boston College



Business Meeting:

Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

A23-129

Mormon Studies Group and Sociology of Religion Group

Theme: **Joseph Smith's First Vision: New Methods for the Analysis of Experience-Related Texts**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-5A

J. Spencer Fluhman, Brigham Young University, Presiding

Panelists:

Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

Steven C. Harper, LDS Church History Library, Salt Lake City, UT

Responding:

Kathleen Flake, University of Virginia

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

Responding:

Bethany Sollereder, University of Exeter

Terry C. Moore, New City Covenant Church

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University

Business Meeting:

Thomas Oord, Northwest Nazarene University, Presiding

A23-132



Religion and Humanism Group

Theme: **What Kind of Anthropocentrism is Appropriate in the Anthropocene? Answers from Emerson and Thoreau**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-502A

Molly Farneth, Princeton University, Presiding

Willemien Otten, University of Chicago

Thinking Nature: Towards a "Natural" Conversation with the Religious Past

C.J. Dickson, Princeton Theological Seminary
A Succession of Moods

Alda Balthrop-Lewis, Princeton University
The Society Thoreau Sought in Walden Woods

Carly Lane, University of Chicago
"The Starry Heavens above Me and the Moral Law within": Transcendentalism's Claim Against Deep Ecology

Responding:

Maria Antonaccio, Bucknell University

Business Meeting:

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

A23-130



Nineteenth Century Theology Group

Theme: **Gendered Categories in Nineteenth Century Religious Thought and Social Theory**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-520

Sheila Briggs, University of Southern California, Presiding

Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University

The Gender of Enthusiasm: Kant's "On a Newly Arisen Superior Tone in Philosophy" (1796)

Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University

Women, Ethical Formation, and Narratives of Modern Morality

Lori K. Pearson, Carleton College

Sexuality and Marriage in Marianne Weber's Typology of Religions

Beth Eddy, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

A Tale of Two Daughters: Jane Addams, Winifred Rauschenbush, and the Social Critique of Paternalism

Business Meeting:

Todd Gooch, Eastern Kentucky University, Presiding

A23-133



Religion in the American West Group

Theme: **Western Borderlands: Families and Congregations**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-30C

John-Charles Duffy, Miami University, Presiding

Rebecca Tatum, Union Theological Seminary

Babies, Bodies, and Borderlands: Parteras in Territorial New Mexico

Sarah Koenig, Yale University

"With Her Aid I Got along Nicely": Native American Wet Nurses and Domestic Boundary-Crossing in the Nineteenth-Century American West

Brennan Keegan, Duke University

Extractive Societies and Denominational Adaptation: Evangelical Revivals in Nineteenth-Century Montana

Jason Allen Redden, University of Manitoba

Methodist Revivals and the Role of Affect in the Constitution of Indigenous Christian Communities in the Late Nineteenth Century Pacific Northwest

Responding:

Colleen McDannell, University of Utah

Business Meeting:

Brett Hendrickson, Lafayette College, Presiding

A23-131



Open and Relational Theologies Group

Theme: **Twentieth Anniversary of Book, *The Openness of God* (IVP Academic, 1994)**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-28D

Brenda Colijn, Ashland Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

Richard Rice, Loma Linda University

John Sanders, Hendrix College

David Basinger, Roberts Wesleyan College

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A23-134

Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group

Theme: **The Role of Christianity in the Rwandan Genocide Twenty Years After**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-313

Jill Petersen Adams, Syracuse University, Presiding

Ruth Katharina Heckelsmüller, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

Violence, Christian Conversion, and African Religion: A Postcolonial Reading of Bantu Philosophy by Placide Tempels (a Belgian Missionary in the Congo)

Victor Thasiah, California Lutheran University
Countering Complicity: Rwandan Political Theology after Genocide

Tim Horner, Villanova University
Breaking the Toxic Silence: How the Vatican Can Apologize for Rwanda

Kate E. Temoney, Florida State University
Lessons from the 1994 Rwanda Genocide: The Religion/Genocide Nexus, Sexual Violence, and the Future of Genocide Studies

Responding:

Jennifer L. Geddes, University of Virginia

A23-135



Religion, Media, and Culture Group

Theme: **Seeing is Believing/Believing is Seeing: Visual Religion in the Legacy News Media**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-30A

Diane Winston, University of Southern California, Presiding

Panelists:

Rachel Lindsey, Washington University, Saint Louis

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West

Michele Rosenthal, University of Haifa

Responding:

Stewart M. Hoover, University of Colorado

David Morgan, Duke University

Business Meeting:

Sarah McFarland Taylor, Northwestern University, Presiding

A23-136

Religion, Memory, History Group and Ricoeur Group

Theme: **Contested Memories: Problematizing Present Practices**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-411A

Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University, Presiding

Seth Heringer, Fuller Theological Seminary
The Past as Present: Religion and the Use of History

Kate DeConinck, Harvard University
The In/Visibility of al Qaeda at Sites of 9/11 Remembrance: Causes and Consequences

Darryl Ferguson, University of Chicago
Paralysis Overcome: Guilt and Forgiveness in Interpersonal Relations in Two Works of Paul Ricoeur

Michael Deckard, Lenoir-Rhyne University, and Mindy Makant, Lenoir-Rhyne University
The Fault of Forgiveness: Fragility and the Memory of Evil in Volf and Ricoeur

Responding:

Jeffrey F. Keuss, Seattle Pacific University

David Reinhart, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

A23-137

Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Theme: **Political Theologies of Border Construction and Binationalism in Palestine-Israel**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-29C

Sally Stamper, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Panelists:

Issam Aburaya, Seton Hall University

Samuel Brody, University of Cincinnati

Peter Dula, Eastern Mennonite University

Hannah Mayne, University of Toronto

Loren Lybarger, Ohio University

Responding:

Alain Epp Weaver, Mennonite Central Committee

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A23-138

Secularism and Secularity Group and Yoga in Theory and Practice Group

Theme: **Yoga's Religious or Secular Identities: Contemporary Debates**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-33B

Patton Burchett, New York University, Presiding

Seth Powell, Harvard University

The Yoga Case: The Imbrication of Yoga and Religion in Sedlock vs. Baird

Jason Birch, Oxford University

Hathayogic Postures for Moghuls and Maharajas

Allison E. Fish, University of California Davis

Translating Yoga's Value: The Co-mingling of Modern Law, Biomedical Science, and South Asian Spirituality in the Global Marketplace

Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis
Defining Modern Postural Yoga: The Failures of Secular and Religious Attempts and the Benefits of a Polythetic Approach

Julie Meadows, Generous Reader Editing, Clinton, SC

This Might Be Religion: Yoga Teacher Training, Moral Formation, and the Problem of Yoga's Religious Status

Responding:

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University

Business Meeting:

Andrew J. Nicholson, Stony Brook University, and Andrea Jain, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Presiding

A23-139



Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group

Theme: **Monk, King, Tantrika: Negotiating Power in Tibet**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-11B

Brandon Dotson, Ludwig Maximilians Universität München, Presiding

Adam Krug, University of California, Santa Barbara

Pakpa Lama's Advice to Prince Jibik Temür: Buddhist Ethics in the "Heyday of Poisons"

Jacob Dalton, University of California, Berkeley

Power and Compassion: Negotiating Buddhist Kingship in Tenth-Century Tibet

Jann Ronis, University of California, Berkeley

Jikmé Lingpa's Epistles to the Dharma King and Queen of Dergé: Skillful Means and Classicism

José I. Cabezón, University of California, Santa Barbara

Mipam's Vision of the Just Buddhist Ruler in His Treatise on Political Ethics

Daniel Hirshberg, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

"When I Was King...": Memories of Sovereignty in the Construction of Enlightened Identity

Business Meeting:

Sarah Jacoby, Northwestern University, and Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding

A23-140

Tillich: Issues in Theology, Religion, and Culture Group

Theme: **A Contribution to Political and Cultural Theology? Paul Tillich's Method of Correlation**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-29A

Frederick J. Parrella, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Marijn de Jong, KU Leuven, and Ulrich Schmiedel, University of Oxford

Compromised Correlations: Experience and the Concept of Correlation

Daniel Miller, Landmark College

Democracy and Deicide: Paul Tillich's Principle of Correlation as a Resource for Political Theology

Eric Weed, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

The Demonry of Christianity: Tillich's Concept of the Demonic and the Deconstruction of Religious Racism

Christophe D. Ringer, Christian Brothers University

Paul Tillich, Charles Long, and the Religious Situation in America

A23-141



Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **New Perspectives on Religion in the Philippines**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-202A

Adrian Hermann, University of Munich, Presiding

Giovanni Maltese, University of Heidelberg

The Politics of Contradictory Identities in Contemporary Filipino Pentecostal/Charismatic Christianity: A Case Study for an Entangled History of Religion in the Philippines

Esmeralda Sanchez, University of Santo Tomas

The Spirituality of El Shaddai DWXI-PPFI: An Attempt to Understand a Filipino Catholic Charismatic Movement

Deirdre de la Cruz, University of Michigan

Spirited Histories: Filipino Ghosts and Global Occultisms at the Turn of the Twentieth Century

Vivienne Angeles, La Salle University

Muslim and Moro: Constructing Islamic Identity through Material Culture in the Philippines

Responding:

Smita Lahiri, Harvard University

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A23-142



Wildcard Session

Theme: **Videographic Methods in Studying Ritual**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-1A

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Rituals were a staple, if not the dominant subject matter, of visual anthropology from its beginning at the dawn of the twentieth century. Even so, the use of audio-visual technology has been slow in coming to the ethnographic study of religion generally and the study of ritual specifically. University teachers have appropriated films in classrooms but rarely reflected methodologically and theoretically on AV technology or treated documentary video as primary subject matter. This session is built around responses to the videography of four books on ritual:

Ronald L. Grimes, Ritual Studies International, Waterloo, ON
The Craft of Ritual Studies (Oxford University Press, 2013)

Responding:

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

Barry Stephenson, Memorial University
Performing the Reformation: Public Ritual in the City of Luther
(Oxford University Press, 2010)

Responding:

Timothy Beal, Case Western Reserve University

Lee Gilmore, San Jose State University
Theater in a Crowded Fire: Ritual and Spirituality at Burning Man
(University of California Press, 2010)

Responding:

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Ute Huesken, University of Oslo
Vishnu's Children: Prenatal Life-cycle Rituals in South India
(Harrassowitz Verlag, 2009)

Responding:

Frederick M. Smith, University of Iowa

Among the questions we expect to discuss are: How are scholars currently using video to study ritual? What does video offer that writing does not? What are the problems with using videographic methods? How are visual presentations related to verbal arguments? What are the theoretical implications of using video to study ritual? What's the next step?

A23-143



Holmes Welch and the Study of Buddhism in Twentieth-Century China Seminar

Theme: **Holmes Welch and the Study of Buddhism in Twentieth-Century China**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-500

J. Brooks Jessup, Free University, Berlin, Presiding

Stefania Travagnin, University of Groningen
The Old and the New in Buddhist Education: Assessing Agencies and Agendas in the "Revival" of Education for the Sangha

Gregory Adam Scott, University of Edinburgh
Sacred Spaces, Printing, and the Meaning of "Revival" in Welch's The Buddhist Revival in China

Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University
Holmes Welch's The Practice of Chinese Buddhism 1900–1950: How Well Does It Age?

Jeffrey Dippmann, Central Washington University
Daoism's Legacy in the Work of Holmes Welch: Methodological Reflections

Business Meeting:

Erik Hammerstrom, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

A23-151



Ecclesial Practices Group

Theme: **Theological Ethnography and Ecclesial Practices**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Indigo B

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

Patrick McKearney, University of Cambridge
An Ontology of Peace? An Ethnography of l'Arche in Contemporary Britain

Rebecca Spurrier, Emory University
From Funky Fingernails to Faith Claims: Beauty and the Works of Disability

Jodi Belcher, Duke University
Making Room for the Spirit: How a Womanist Hermeneutic Can Inform Theological Ethnography

Christopher C. Brittain, University of Aberdeen
When Ecclesiology Becomes "Weaponized": Ecclesial Practices and the Divorce of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

Ryan R. Gladwin, Messiah College
Moving Towards a Transformative Ethnographic Theology: Can Ethnography Provide a Means to Both Examine and Transform Culture and Practice?

Responding:

Maria T. Davila, Andover Newton Theological School

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Business Meeting:

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University, Presiding

A23-155

Contingent Faculty Task Force Meeting

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Grand Hyatt-AAR Suite

Kelly J. Baker, *Chronicle Vitae*, Presiding

A23-152

Chinese Religions Group

Theme: **Alien Buddhism: The Buddhist Practices of Non-Chinese Empires in China**

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Convention Center-23B

Paul Copp, University of Chicago, Presiding

Stephanie Balkwill, McMaster University
Kings, Buddhas, and Caves: Mingling Mythologies in the Buddhas of Tuoba Yungang and Longmen

Jonathan Dugdale, University of Birmingham
Placing Pagodas: A New Framework for the Religious Architecture of the Liao Dynasty

Michelle McCoy, University of California, Berkeley
Astral Deities and Visual Culture in the Tangut Xi Xia Kingdom

Wen-shing Chou, Hunter College
Recentering the Buddhist Universe: Wutai Shan in the Making of Qing Imperial Buddhism

Responding:

Johan Elverskog, Southern Methodist University

A23-153



Liberal Theologies Group

Theme: **Liberal Theologies and Nature**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Aqua D

Anita L. Bradshaw, Minneapolis, MN, Presiding

Anne Katrin Lemmel, TU Dresden
Gordon D. Kaufman's Theology and the Challenge of Climate Change

Brandon Daniel-Hughes, John Abbott College
Semiotic Orthodoxy: A Naturalist Reassessment of Postliberal Norms

Sheri Prud'homme, Graduate Theological Union
Naturalizing Whiteness: Thomas Starr King's Theology of Nature and the Project of Nation Building

Lydia Willsky, Whittier College
Nature's Apostles: Henry David Thoreau, Native Americans, and the "Wild" Theology of Nature

Responding:

Sarah Morice Brubaker, Phillips Theological Seminary

Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee

Business Meeting:

Daniel McKanan, Harvard University, Presiding

A23-154



Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group

Theme: **Losing Faith, Healing Prayer, and Medicine in Diverse Communities**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-400A

Steven Barrie-Anthony, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Alastair Lockhart, University of Cambridge
An International Perspective on the Religious Function of Novel Spiritual Healing

Michael Haycock, Claremont Graduate University
Pandemic and Plague: Early Pentecostals, the 1918 Spanish Flu, and the Globalization of Epidemiology

Arlene Macdonald, University of Texas Medical Branch
In the Name of the Guru: The Guru Nanak Emergency Centre, Sikh Gurdwaras, and the Pursuit of Religious and Health Equality

Gila Silverman, University of Arizona
"I'll Say a Mi Sheberach for You": Prayer and Healing among Liberal American Jews

Jonathan Morgan, Boston University
Losing Faith in Depression: Toward a More Expansive Relationship between Religion and Depression in African American Communities

Business Meeting:

Stephanie Y. Mitchem, University of South Carolina, Presiding

P23-100

Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **René Girard, Secular Modernity and Politics**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Marquis-Carlsbad

Martha J. Reineke, University of Northern Iowa, Presiding

COV&R is an international association founded in 1990 which is dedicated to the exploration, criticism, and development of René Girard's mimetic model of the relationship between violence and religion in the genesis and maintenance of culture.

Grant Kaplan, Saint Louis University
René Girard and Secular Modernity: Christ, Culture, and Crisis by Scott Cowdell: A Reflection

William T. Cavanaugh, DePaul University, and Thomas Ryba, University of Notre Dame and Purdue University
Resisting Violence and Victimisation: Christian Faith and Solidarity in East Timor by Joel Hodge: A Conversation

Responding:

Scott Cowdell, Charles Stuart University

Joel Hodge, Australian Catholic University

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

P23-102

Society for Hindu-Christian Studies

Theme: **Aesthetic Theory and Practice in Hindu and Christian Experience**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Marriott Marquis-Del Mar

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville, Presiding

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University
Aesthetics in Hindu-Christian Studies: A Theological Framework

Roselle M. Gonsalves, University of Calgary
Hail Devi, Full of Grace: Aesthetic and Marian Worship in Mumbai, India

Jon Douglas Anderson, Catholic University of America
The Aum and the Cross: Indian Catholic Architectural "Inculturation" and Its Discontents

Patrick Beldio, Catholic University of America
The Androgynous God-Man: The Aesthetic Ideals of the Sri Aurobindo Ashram and Early Christian Thought

Responding:

Katherine C. Zubko, University of North Carolina, Asheville

Business Meeting:

Ravi M. Gupta, Utah State University, Presiding

P23-107

Theta Alpha Kappa Board Meeting

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Omni-Boardroom 2

P23-130

Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion

Theme: **Feminist Biblical Studies in the 20th Century**

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire A

Melanie Johnson-DeBaufre, Drew University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jacqueline Hidalgo, Williams College

Susanne Scholz, Southern Methodist University

Cynthia M. Baker, Bates College

Elsa Tamez, United Bible Societies

Yak-hwee Tan, CWM Ltd/Taiwan Theological College and Seminary

Denise K. Buell, Williams College

Joseph A. Marchal, Ball State University

Monica Melanchthon, United Faculty of Theology

Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Harvard University

Judith Plaskow, Manhattan College

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

A23-144



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Effective Teaching: What We Know From Research on Learning**

Sunday, 10:00 AM–11:00 AM

Convention Center-14B

In the past 25 years, research on how people learn has expanded considerably, and is being translated into scholarly work on effective pedagogy. Books like *How Learning Works: 7 Research-Based Principles for Smart Teaching*, by Susan Ambrose, et.al, (Jossey-Bass 2010) and *Cheating Lessons: Learning from Academic Dishonesty* (Harvard University Press, 2013) use insights from cognitive science, educational psychology and organizational behavior to offer strategies for enhancing the ways that we can most effectively teach the content and skills our students need to learn. This interactive workshop focuses on bringing effective, research-based teaching strategies into the religious studies classroom.

Susan Hill is the Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Professor of Religion at the University of Northern Iowa.

Panelist:

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa

A23-145



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Teaching with Technology: Practical Advice and Best Practice**

Sunday, 11:00 AM–12:00 PM

Convention Center-14B

This roundtable discussion will focus on the merits and challenges of teaching with technology. Topics will include innovative ways to bring media and technology into a range of classroom settings, strategies for effective online teaching, and online resources for student learning and assessment. Participants will receive teaching resources and have a chance to discuss their own classroom needs. How can technology help you reach different kinds of learners? Can technology save you time during planning and grading? How did the roundtable presider set his shirt on fire with a video projector during class? We will discuss all of this and more!

Panelist:

Joshua Canzona, Georgetown University

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P23-104

Society for the Study of Chinese Religions Meeting

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Marriott Marquis-Laguna

Please join us for the meeting of the Society for the Study of Chinese Religions. The meeting is open to all.

P23-105

Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy

Theme: **Emerging of Eco-Social Ethics: Emphasis on the Indian Root**

Sunday, 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Omni-Gaslamp 5

Peace, Justice, and Reconciliation are all part of today's global discourse. This panel examines the positive contribution we find in ancient Indian traditions, to enrich our understanding and action in the 21st century.

Mary Jeanne Larrabee, DePaul University
A Buddhist Social Ethic: Decentering the Realized Self

Martin T. Adam, University of Victoria
On the Ethical Implications of Buddhist Ideas of Equality

Purushottama Bilimoria, University of California, Berkeley and
University of Melbourne
Animal Ethics, Ecological Consequences, and Bio-Species Justice

A23-146



Presidential Address

Theme: **Interrupting Your Life: An Ethics for the Coming Storm**

Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Convention Center-20D

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

This talk will explore the possibilities offered by religious texts, living practices and received traditions as we face the urgent problem of climate change and the chaos it has already begun to create. Climate change is happening now, impacting most urgently the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable human communities. It will raise the complex ethical questions we face both globally and individually, and ask about our duties as scholars within the American Academy of Religion.

Panelist:

Laurie Zoloth, Northwestern University

A23-147

Public University Department Chairs Meeting

Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Convention Center-18

Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida, Presiding

This session provides a forum for the chairs of religion/religious studies departments/programs at public universities to discuss issues related to teaching about and conducting research on religion in this particular context.

A23-148



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

Theme: **Women's Mentoring Lunch**

Sunday, 11:45 AM–12:45 PM

Convention Center-6D

Michele Saracino, Manhattan College, Presiding

Women who are graduate students and new scholars to a luncheon with over thirty womanist, feminist, and LGBTIQ midcareer and senior scholars are invited. Women will have the opportunity to mentor and be mentored in a context where every question is valued. The lunch costs \$10 per person; sorry, no refunds. Registration is limited to 100. Go to <https://aar.wufoo.com/forms/2014-womens-mentoring-luncheon/> to register.

Mentors:

Kecia Ali, Boston University

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University

Ellen T. Armour, Vanderbilt University

Loriliai Biernacki, University of Colorado

Rita Brock, Brite Divinity School

Monica A. Coleman, Claremont School of Theology

Maria Del Socorro Castañeda-Liles, Santa Clara University

Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University

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

Jane Naomi Iwamura, University of the West

Anne Joh, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

Jung Ha Kim, Georgia State University

Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, Shaw University

Elaine Padilla, New York Theological Seminary

Michelene Pesantubbee, University of Iowa

Angella Son, Drew University

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

Rebecca Todd Peters, Elon University

Nargis Virani, New York, NY

Sunday, 9:00 AM–11:30 AM

A23-149



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Managing Your Thesis: Tools Towards Empowerment**

Sunday, 12:00 PM–1:00 PM

Convention Center-14B

Unwieldy research projects typically suffer from mismanagement. Indeed unmanageable research is research that, quite simply, is unmanaged, lacking the organizational attention it requires to flourish. Thesis-oriented research projects — like all involved undertakings — require competent project management. Contrary to what most graduate researchers think, it is not the role of the academic advisor to manage the research process. This roundtable is geared towards addressing (or, ideally, preventing) dissertational angst by engaging a simple, but powerful truth: you are your research's Project Manager. This session offers specific administrative tools and strategies designed to empower you to take control of your project. Effective project management can render the dissertation process an enjoyable and expedient one.

Panelists:

Raj Balkaran, University of Calgary

P23-201



African Association for the Study of Religion and Christian Theological Research Fellowship

Theme: **Book Review: *For Freedom or Bondage? A Critique of African Pastoral Practices* (Erdmans, 2014) by Esther E. Acolatse**

Sunday, 12:00 PM–1:30 PM

Convention Center-29B

The CTRF/AASR panel will host a review and discussion of the book *For Freedom or Bondage? A Critique of African Pastoral Practices*. The book describes and discusses aspects of the rise of Pentecostal/Charismatic denominations throughout Africa and the Diaspora which account for reports of the explosion of African Christianity and its impact on Christianity globally. This highly influential expression of Christianity includes troubling aspects of pastoral practice in these ecclesial spaces and so necessitates the attention of Pentecostal/Evangelical/Charismatic theologians from both Africa and the West. In this book Acolatse offers a theologically informed pastoral diagnosis of this phenomenon which is relevant to Pentecostal practices across the globe. As such, it offers an opportunity to engage the Pentecostal/Charismatic phenomenon in critical and constructive ways. Panelists will address these and other possibilities as they review the book.

Panelists:

Kwabena Asamoah Gyadu, Trinity Theological Seminary, Ghana

Melissa Browning, Loyola University, Chicago

Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University

Responding:

Esther Acolatse, Duke University

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A23-150



Chinese Historical Museum and Garden Tour

Sunday, 12:45 PM–2:00 PM

Meet at Convention Center-Hall H Foyer

This one hour docent-led walking tour includes a lecture on the history of San Diego's Chinatown and an overview of precious artifacts of Chinese art and culture in the historic Chinese Mission Building. The group will then tour the Chuang Garden, a tranquil koi pond and waterscape with a blend of Chinese and Japanese rock elements. The closing of the visit will be a visit to the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Memorial Extension, housing a featured rotating exhibit, typically a fascinating study on an aspect of Chinese art, culture, or history. The group will depart from the Convention Center and walk to the Museum. The cost of the tour is \$10. The actual tour will be held 1:00–2:00 PM, so feel free to join the Historical Gaslamp Tour around the corner at 2:30 PM, or explore the museum and gardens on your own. (Please register separately for the Gaslamp Tour.)

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

A23-200



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **On My Own: Transforming Our Role from Graduate Student to the Student Transformer**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:00 PM

Convention Center-14B

"You want me to what...teach?" We've all been there. Having been students for nearly a decade (or more in some instances) and now the appellation of Adjunct Professor is thrust in our faces. Having been a PhD student and an adjunct professor at a four-year research institution and a two-year community college using in-person, online, and hybrid course settings, I have been through this difficult process and through trial and error, discovered efficient techniques for conceptualizing, creating, maintaining, and evaluating introductory through senior-level college courses. In this workshop, I will illustrate the theory behind such models, exemplify these processes and, using a dynamic dialogue, engage attendees with illustrative design techniques and guidelines that will transform their courses using tested techniques with proven results.

Panelist:

Joel Stoker, Arizona State University



A23-201



Academic Relations Committee

Theme: **Survey of the Long Term Impacts of Liberal Education on Religious Studies Majors**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-3

Christine E. Gudorf, Florida International University, Presiding

In 2010, the AAR received a grant from the Teagle Foundation to study the long-term impact of liberal education on religious studies majors.

With the help of the institutional research team at Georgia State University and the Academic Relations Committee, a survey instrument was developed and piloted in five schools in 2012. Surveys were sent to religious studies majors who had graduated from these schools between 1970 and 2010; 425 surveys were completed and returned for a response rate of 49%. In 2014 dozens more schools participated in the survey (24 of which were helped by small seed grants from the AAR to defray costs). This session will discuss the very promising results from the study with a focus on how this data can help strengthen the case for strong programs of religious studies at our institutions.

Panelists:

- Timothy M. Renick, Georgia State University
- Sandra Lee Dixon, University of Denver
- Jane S. Webster, Barton College
- Davina C. Lopez, Eckerd College
- Henrietta L. Wiley, Notre Dame of Maryland University
- Joe Blosser, High Point University

A23-202



Public Understanding of Religion Committee

Theme: **The Doniger Affair: Censorship, Self-Censorship, and the Role of the Academy in the Public Understanding of Religion**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-20D

Barbara A. McGraw, Saint Mary's College of California, Presiding

In February 2014, Penguin India agreed to cease all publication of Wendy Doniger's *The Hindus: An Alternative History* (2009) in connection with the settlement of a defamation lawsuit in India about the book. This alarming development raises major issues for the academic study of religion: censorship, self-censorship, the methodological challenges of authenticity and representation, and tensions between insider and outsider perspectives. Focusing on the Doniger book controversy, this panel will explore the issue of censorship, how identity politics is employed to challenge what constitutes viable scholarship, and how the AAR can maintain a robust, responsible, and open debate on controversial issues, based on well-researched scholarship from many perspectives, to further the public understanding of religion.

Panelists:

- Wendy Doniger, University of Chicago
- Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida
- Anant Rambachan, Saint Olaf College

A23-203



Conversation with the Excellence in Teaching Award Winner, Shafique N. Virani

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-520

Lerone Martin, Washington University, Saint Louis, Presiding

Panelist:

- Shafique N. Virani, University of Toronto

A23-204



Women's Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Taking Root: Publishing New Books on Gender and Religion**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-14A

Marcelle Grano, California Institute of Integral Studies, Presiding

This session presents scholars who have published books in the discipline of Gender and Religion, in 2013 and 2014. This panel of AAR and SBL authors will provide an overview of their books as well as share their perspectives on current research being published in gender and religion. These scholars will also share their experiences regarding strategies and mechanics for getting gender and religion books published, and to offer advice for those seeking publication of their book manuscript. One free copy of *Women, Ritual, and Power: Female Imagery of God in Christian Worship* (SUNY Press 2014) will be given away at the session.

Elizabeth Ursic, Mesa Community College
Women, Ritual, and Power: Placing Female Imagery of God in Christian Worship

Nicola Slee, The Queen's Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education
The Faith Lives of Women and Girls

Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University
Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz: Feminist Reconstruction of Biography and Text

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge
Baby, You Are My Religion: Women, Gay Bars, and Theology before Stonewall

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

A23-205



Arts, Literature, and Religion Section, Mormon Studies Group, New Religious Movements Group, Religion and Popular Culture Group, and Religion and Science Fiction Group

Theme: **Extraterrestrial Mormonism: Orson Scott Card's *Ender Series* and *Battlestar Galactica***

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-33B

Quincy Newell, University of Wyoming, Presiding

Mormonism sparks the imagination because of its epic history, theology, cosmology, and its resilience. As such its themes have been taken up in popular cultural forms, especially in science fiction literature, television, and film. This session explores Mormonism and its consequences in outer space as imagined and played out in the wildly popular *Battlestar Galactica* television series, and the science fictional worlds and actors elaborated in the *Enders Game* series by Mormon author Orson Scott Card.

Daniel Wyche, University of Chicago

Ender as Parrhesiastes: Truth-telling as Spiritual Exercise in Orson Scott Card's Speaker for the Dead

Meredith Ross, Florida State University

House of Card: Ender's Game and Speculative Fiction as Vehicle for Religio-Political Values

Christopher Ashley, Union Theological Seminary

The Hand of God: Secularism and Mormonism in Battlestar Galactica (2003 and 1978)

Responding:

Margaret Toscano, University of Utah

A23-206

Ethics Section

Theme: **Moral Frameworks, Popular Culture and Constructive Ethics**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-25A

Biko Gray, Rice University, Presiding

Will Livingston, Vanderbilt University

Winter is Coming: The Religiopolitical Dimensions of Climate Change in Game of Thrones as an Ethical Challenge to Modern Complacency

Xavier Pickett, Princeton Theological Seminary

A Scaffolding of James Baldwin's Moral Psychology

Courtney Bryant, Vanderbilt University

And the Burdens of Our Hearts Rolled Away: Black Film as Cultural Catharsis and the Simulation of Solidarity

Responding:

Juan Floyd-Thomas, Vanderbilt University

A23-207

History of Christianity Section

Theme: **Rethinking Church, State, and Sovereignty: Comparative Historical Contexts in the Americas**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-10

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto, Presiding

Panelists:

Roberto Blancarte, Colegio de México

Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University

Paul Christopher Johnson, University of Michigan

A23-208

New!

North American Religions Section, Study of Judaism Section, Religion and Food Group, and Space, Place, and Religion Group

Theme: **"Jewish Food" in the American Marketplace: Contested Forms**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-2

Laura S. Levitt, Temple University, Presiding

In the United States, kashrut observance to the letter of the law has diminished for many Jews, even as "Jewish food" has become increasingly popular. This panel will explore a number of spaces, texts, and forms that have been associated with "Jewish food," arguing that these culinary habits and products have been central to the negotiation of authenticity, community, and Jewish difference. Jews have made decisions about what to eat, how to eat, and how to describe their food practices on the basis of convenience, price, local cultures, family traditions, and personal feelings and tastes rather than according to legal obligation or enclosed culinary canons. Contributing to the growing scholarship on religion and food, the visual and material cultures of religion, and Jews and commerce, this panel argues that these decisions about cooking and eating are not inauthentic or secular, however, but constitute lived religious practices and performances.

Shari Rabin, Yale University

Sleeping and Eating Jewish: The Kosher Boardinghouse in Nineteenth Century America

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester

A "Jewish" Joy of Cooking? How a Twentieth Century Cookbook Containing Frog's Legs, Snails, and Ham Became a Beloved Jewish Icon

Rachel Gross, Princeton University

"Referendum on the Jewish Deli Menu": A Culinary Revival

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A23-209

Religion and the Social Sciences Section and Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group

Theme: **Psychological and Sociological Perspectives on Multiple Religious Identities**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-9

Pamela Cooper-White, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Ryan Williams, University of Cambridge

Religious Hybridity Reconsidered: Social and Cognitive Processes in Interfaith Contact

Dennis Kelley, University of Missouri

The Red Road to Sobriety: American Indian Approaches to Healing from Alcohol Addiction

Myounghun Yun, Vanderbilt University

Cultivating the Self: A Comparative Inquiry into Kohutian and Neo-Confucian Selfhood

A23-210

Study of Islam Section, Contemporary Islam Group, and Islamic Mysticism Group

Theme: **Looking Back, Looking Forward: A Conversation about the Past and Future of Islam, Liberation and Gender Justice with Amina Wadud and Farid Esack**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-24A

Juliane Hammer, University of North Carolina, Presiding

Panelists:

Amina Wadud, Starr King School for the Ministry

Farid Esack, University of Johannesburg

A23-211



Women and Religion Section, Latina/o Critical and Comparative Studies Group, Native Traditions in the Americas Group, and Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean Group

Theme: *Fleshing The Spirit: Spirituality and Activism in Chicana, Latina, and Indigenous Women's Lives* (University of Arizona Press, 2014).

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-31A

Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Panelists:

Elisa Facio, Eastern Washington University

Irene Lara, San Diego State University

Lara Medina, California State University, Northridge

Responding:

Ines Hernandez-Avila, University of California, Davis

A23-212

African Diaspora Religions Group

Theme: **African Diaspora Religions: How Far Have We Come?**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Aqua Boardroom

Maha Marouan, University of Alabama, Presiding

Panelists:

Yvonne Daniel, Smith College

Elizabeth West, Georgia State University

Margarita Simon Guillory, University of Rochester

Moses Biney, New York Theological Seminary

A23-213

Black Theology Group

Theme: **Black Theology: The Political and the Aesthetic**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-29C

Eboni Marshall Turman, Duke University, Presiding

Anthony Neal, Paine College

Howard Thurman's Mystical Logic: Creatively Encountering Oneness

Michelle Wolff, Duke University

Whiteness and Soweto's Black Madonna: Subject Formation and Political Resistance

Joseph Drexler-Dreis, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

Frantz Fanon's Praxis of Decolonial Love as Theological Locus

Raymond Carr, Pepperdine University

Theology in the Mode of Monk: The Pneumatological Impulse in the Theologies of Karl Barth and James Cone

Responding:

Kelly Brown Douglas, Goucher College

A23-214

Bonhoeffer: Theology and Social Analysis Group

Theme: **Theological Biography**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-23A

Stephen Haynes, Rhodes College, Presiding

Panelists:

Charles Marsh, University of Virginia

Christiane Tietz, University of Mainz

Victoria Barnett, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.

James Carroll, Suffolk University

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

A23-215



Buddhist Philosophy Group and Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Group

Theme: **Roundtable on Jonathan Gold's *Paving the Great Way: Vasubandhu's Unifying Buddhist Philosophy* (Columbia University Press, 2014)**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-22

Sara L. McClintock, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Roy Tzohar, Tel-Aviv University
- Daniel A. Arnold, University of Chicago
- John D. Dunne, Emory University
- Richard Nance, Indiana University
- Karin Meyers, Kathmandu University
- Parimal G. Patil, Harvard University

Responding:

Jonathan Gold, Princeton University

A23-216

Cognitive Science of Religion Group

Theme: **Children's Concepts of Gods: Investigating Cognitive and Cultural Variables**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-28A

James Van Slyke, Fresno Pacific University, Presiding

Tyler Greenway, Fuller Theological Seminary, Gregory S. Foley, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Justin L. Barrett, Fuller Theological Seminary
Children's Understanding of Intentional Agents: Revisiting the Preparedness Hypothesis

Erin Smith, California Baptist University
Creation Beliefs: The Default of the Mind or the Product of Culture?

Rebekah Richert, University of California Riverside
Concepts of God and Prayer in Christian and Muslim Children

A23-217

Comparative Theology Group

Theme: **The Divine and Human Image in Many Mirrors: Comparative Perspectives on Theological Anthropology**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-7B

Holly Hillgardner, Bethany College, Presiding

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College
Networks of Resistance: Nagarjuna's Emptiness and Moltmann's Sociality as Resources for a Relational, Dynamic, Embodied, Egalitarian Concept of the Soul

R. Brad Bannon, Harvard University
Nicholas of Cusa's Trinitarian Imago Dei as EcoSpiritual Creativity: Theophany, Thesis, and the Concordant Life Divine

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University
The Imago Dei in Thirty-Six Glimpses: Abhinavagupta's Wisdom for a Holistic Christian Anthropology

Jonathan Edelmann, Mississippi State University
The Lord and his Likeness: Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava Tradition's Post-liberation Theology in a Comparative Context

A23-218

Contemporary Pagan Studies Group

Theme: **New Paganism(s) around the Globe**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-23C

Chas Clifton, Colorado State University, Pueblo, Presiding

Daniela Cordovil, Pará State University
The Cult of Afro-Brazilian and Indigenous Gods in Brazilian Wicca: Symbols and Practices

Shai Feraro, Tel Aviv University
Is there a Future for Neopaganism in the Holy Land?: Past and Present in the Shaping of a Community-Building Discourse among Israeli Pagans, 1998-2013

Dmitry Galtsin, Library of Russian Academy of Science, St. Petersburg, Russia
Divine Feminine in the Silver Age of Russian Culture and Beyond

Responding:

Adrian Ivakhiv, University of Vermont

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A23-219

Critical Theory and Discourses on Religion Group

Theme: **The Frankfurt School: Foundations and Fixations**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-28C

Katja Rakow, Heidelberg University, Presiding

Joel Harrison, Northwestern University
Routinization, Rationalization, Renunciation: Weber's Account of Christian Asceticism and its Relation to the History of Critical Theory

Agata Bielick-Robson
"Pulling the Brake": Benjamin, Agamben, and the Anti-Progressive Messianism

Bryan Wagoner, Davis and Elkins College
The "Imaginary Witness": Adorno's Inverse Theology

Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba
Discourses on "Postsecularism" in the Web of the Religion/Secular Binary

Responding:

Devin Singh, Yale University

A23-220

Daoist Studies Group

Theme: **Beyond the Daoist Canon: Alternative Approaches to the Study of Daoist Ritual**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-32A

David Mozina, Boston College, Presiding

Sun Meizi, National Chengchi University
A Study on the Luck Replenishing Ritual (Da Buyun Yisbi 大補運儀式) as Performed by Red-Head Ritual Masters in Northern Taiwan

Lichien Hung, National Chengchi University
Fate and Fortune: Concealing the Soul from Affliction

Tyler Feezell, National Chengchi University
Numinous Officer's Jiao Liturgy (Lingguan Jiaoke 靈官醮科) in Late Imperial Jiangxi

Responding:

Mark Meulenbeld, University of Wisconsin

A23-221

Feminist Theory and Religious Reflection Group

Theme: **Strategic Negotiations with Feminism on the Borders: Rhetoric in American Homiletics, "On-the-Move" Ethics in Ecofeminism**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-30A

Mary Keller, University of Wyoming, Presiding

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, University of Cape Town
The Praxis-oriented Ecological Ethics of Ivone Gebara

Cona Marshall, Michigan State University
Is God Sexist?: Black Women's Homiletic Rhetoric Rendered Invisible

Responding:

Elizabeth Gish, Western Kentucky University

A23-222



Mysticism Group

Theme: **One Cosmos, Many Paths: Mysticism of Nature from Carpenter to Entheogens and Posthumanism**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-501B

Laura Weed, College of Saint Rose, Presiding

Jason James Kelly, Queen's University
Edward Carpenter: The Lost Prophet of Spiritual Ecology

Ronald S. Cole-Turner, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Entheogens and Mystical Experience: New Research and Perennial Questions

Chad Pevateaux, St. Mary's College of Maryland
More Radical: From Empiricism to Enactivism and Posthumanism in the Study of Mysticism

Responding:

William Parsons, Rice University

A23-223

Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Theme: **The Journal of Religion and Film: Past, Present, and Future**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-31C

John Lyden, Grand View University, Presiding

Panelists:

William L. Blizek, University of Nebraska, Omaha

Rubina Ramji, Cape Breton University

Kutter Callaway, Fuller Theological Seminary

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

A23-224



Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Theme: **Book Review Panel: *Just and Unjust Peace: An Ethic of Political Reconciliation* (Oxford University Press, 2012)**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-25C

Joseph Wiinikka-Lydon, Emory University, Presiding

Daniel Philpott, University of Notre Dame

Just and Unjust Peace: An Ethic of Political Reconciliation

Responding:

James McCarty, Emory University

Najeeba Syeed-Miller, Claremont School of Theology

Sumner B. Twiss, Florida State University

Business Meeting:

Megan Shore, King's University College, and Lane Van Ham, Metropolitan Community College-Penn Valley, Presiding

A23-225

Roman Catholic Studies Group

Theme: **It's Never *Just* War: Exploring Violence and Roman Catholicism**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-30C

Amy Koehlinger, Oregon State University, Presiding

John Seitz, Fordham University

Altars of Ammo: Violence, Photography, and US Catholics in WWII

Joel Hodge, Australian Catholic University

A Spirituality of Suffering and Resistance: The Catholic Church in East Timor during the Indonesian Occupation

Daniel Cosacchi, Loyola University, Chicago

An Ecologically Just War Theory: A Catholic Reevaluation

Responding:

Margaret R. Pfeil, University of Notre Dame

A23-226

Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

Theme: **Sovereignty (Re)Considered**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire A

Eric Boynton, Allegheny College, Presiding

Peter Capretto, Vanderbilt University

Sovereignty and its Defenses: Psychoanalytic Conflict and the Theologico-Political in Derrida's The Death Penalty

Adam Stern, Harvard University

The Survivor and the Sovereign (On Benjamin and Rosenzweig)

Tommy Givens, Fuller Theological Seminary

Divine Election and Sovereignty: The Politics of "the Messianic"

A23-227

Tibetan and Himalayan Religions Group

Theme: **Tibetan Letters, Buddhist Lives: Epistolary Approaches to the Study of Tibetan Buddhism**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-310A

Benjamin Bogin, Georgetown University, Presiding

Christina Robinson, University of Virginia

Toward a Tibetan Buddhist Epistolary Standard: Letters and Buddhist Institutions

Dominique Townsend, Columbia University

Mastering the Art of Correspondence: Letters and Buddhist High Culture

Holly Gayley, University of Colorado

Buddhist Love Letters: An Exploration of Epistolary Intimacy and Tibetan Literary Style

Responding:

Roger Jackson, Carleton College

A23-228



Wildcard Session

Theme: **Relearning the Madrasa: Religion, Politics, History, and Postcoloniality**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-28D

Bilal Ibrahim, University of California, Berkeley, Presiding

Hasan Azad, Columbia University

"Education: A Lifestyle Choice": Educating Muslims at Ebrahim College

Aun Ali, McGill University

The School of Hillah: Twelver Shi'ism in the Ilkhanid Era

Yasir Kazi, Rhodes College

The Role of the Nizāmiyya Colleges in the Shaping of Sunni Islam

Emad Hamdeh, Montclair State University

The Fall of the Traditional Madrasa System and the Rise of Salafism

Faisal Malik, University of Toronto

Colonial Policy, Educational Reform and the Madrasa: The Making of Pakistan's Madrasa System

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A23-229



Wildcard Session

Theme: **The New Iconoclasm**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-11B

Eric Reinders, Emory University, Presiding

Panelists:

Megan O'Neil, Barnard College and Columbia University

Richard Clay, University of Birmingham, UK

Fabio Rambelli, University of California, Santa Barbara

Simon Cane, Birmingham Museums Trust, UK

Anna Marazuela Kim, University of Virginia

A23-230



Wildcard Session

Theme: **Climate Debt, Race Debt, Climate Colonialism: Forging a Just Future**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Convention Center-29A

Emilie M. Townes, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Cynthia Moe-Lobeda, Seattle University, and Jennifer Harvey, Drake University

Climate Debt, Race Debt, Climate Colonialism: Forging a Just Future

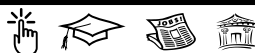
Willie J. Jennings, Duke University

Restoring the Moral Integrity of Geographic Life

Carmen Gonzalez, Seattle University School of Law

International Law and Policy from a Climate Justice Perspective

A23-234



Employment Services Advisory Committee

Theme: **Religious Studies and Nonprofit Management**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–2:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-America's Cup C-D

Recent research data indicates that students who study religion often pursue careers in nonprofit administration. Given the historical connection between religious communities and nonprofit organizations, it is natural to consider how religious studies as an academic field can collaborate with the professional training offered in nonprofit management education. This workshop, led by the Chair of the Department of Religious Studies at Georgia State University, will reflect upon possible collaborations, using their own department's Concentration in Religion and Nonprofit Management program as a model for students seeking employment outside of the academy.

Panelist:

Kathryn McClymond, Georgia State University

P23-200

Colloquium on Violence and Religion

Theme: **New Directions in Mimetic Theory**

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

Marriott Marquis-Carlsbad

Nikolaus Wandinger, University of Innsbruck, Presiding

COV&R is an international association founded in 1990 which is dedicated to the exploration, criticism, and development of René Girard's mimetic model of the relationship between violence and religion in the genesis and maintenance of culture.

David Dawson, University of Costa Rica

The Head Beneath the Altar: Hindu Mythology and the Critique of Sacrifice

Matthew Pattillo, The New School for Social Research

Reflections on Flesh Becomes Word: A Lexicography of the Scapegoat or, the History of an Idea

Robert A. Segal, University of Aberdeen

The Use of Girard's Theory of Myth in Flesh Becomes Word

William Johnsen, Michigan State University

Words Alone are Certain Good: David Dawson's Flesh Becomes Word

Responding:

Brian Collins, Ohio University

David Dawson, University of Costa Rica

A23-231

Status of Persons with Disabilities in the Profession Committee Meeting

Sunday, 1:00 PM–4:00 PM

Convention Center-18

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University, Presiding

A23-232



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Designing a Successful College Course**

Sunday, 2:00 PM–3:00 PM

Convention Center-14B

This interactive session focuses on strategies for designing a college course that you want to teach and that your students will want to take. Together, we'll develop a course description, think about how to choose course texts/activities, develop course goals and outcomes, design effective assignments, and create exams/projects that will measure what you want your students to learn.

Susan Hill is the Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and Professor of Religion at the University of Northern Iowa.

Panelists:

Susan E. Hill, University of Northern Iowa

Sunday, 1:00 PM–3:30 PM

A23-233



Historical Gaslamp Tour

Sunday, 2:15 PM–4:00 PM

Meet at Convention Center-Hall H Foyer

This walking tour includes architecturally significant structures of the period from Old City Hall (1874) to the Romanesque style Keating Building (1890) to the Baroque Revival Louis Bank of Commerce (1888), along with fascinating stories of the people and characters that shaped the destiny of San Diego. From William Heath Davis, who first attempted the building of “New Town,” to Alonzo Horton who came here in 1867 and finished the job, the cultural heritage of San Diego speaks through the buildings of a by-gone era that stand as testimony to its richness. The tour costs \$15 and takes 90 minutes, including the William Heath Davis House Museum. The group will depart from the Convention Center and walk to the William Heath Davis House at 410 Island Avenue. The actual tour will be held 2:30-4:00 pm, so feel free to join the Chinese Historical Museum and Garden Tour that ends at 2 pm, just around the corner. (Please register separately for this, as there is a maximum capacity.)

P23-202

North American Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **Introducing Theory in the Classroom Workshop**

Sunday, 2:45 PM–5:05 PM

Marriott Marquis-Solana

Tara Baldrick-Morrone, Florida State University, Rebekka King, Middle Tennessee State University, Suzanne Owen, University of Chester, and Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba, Presiding

This workshop—limited to approximately 15 participants—will focus on practical steps for introducing theory in the classroom. If you are interested in participating, please email the organizer, Tara Baldrick-Morrone (tbaldrickmorrone@campus.fsu.edu). Participants will also be asked to read three essays on theory and the introductory course in preparation for the workshop (essays are TBD). The organizers will place the participants into groups by question before the workshop. The three questions that we will address are:

1. Who? Which theorists should be included in an introductory course, and which theorists should be excluded? Just as we must be self-conscious with our choices of data, so too must we be with our choices of theory. Simply, “why ‘this’ rather than ‘that’?”
2. What? If “there is nothing that must be taught,” what data should be included in an introductory course? How does one decide what to keep and what to discard? Are there “necessary” data that one must teach when “covering” certain ideas?
3. Where? Where should theory be placed in the structure of a course? At the end after the data have been presented? At the beginning in order to provide a lens through which the data should be considered? Throughout the semester? What are the benefits/drawbacks of each approach?

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Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A23-250



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **Partnering Communities and Universities: The Transformative Power of Community-Engaged Research, Scholarship, and Teaching**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:00 PM

Convention Center-14B

The Carnegie Foundation defines “community engagement” as the “collaboration between institutions of higher education and their... communities...for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources in a context of partnership and reciprocity.” This work serves to cultivate: 1) academic inquiry and scholarship; 2) the public good. Through serious community engagement, humanities scholars can answer charges of social irrelevance and elitism. Emory University is a leader in these areas. This roundtable will share lessons learned over the last decade, further synthesized in a graduate seminar, “Partnering Communities and Universities: The Transformative Power of Community-Engaged Research, Scholarship, and Teaching.” This roundtable will define assumptions that ground and motivate engaged learning research and praxis and propose pedagogical models and research methodologies shown to be effective for engaged scholarship and teaching. Sharing lessons learned through this session will enrich current understandings and point to new directions for the future of the humanities.

Panelists:

Sara Williams, Emory University

Elizabeth Whiting Pierce, Emory University

Barbara A. B. Patterson, Emory University

A23-251

American Academy of Religion and the British Association for the Study of Religion

Theme: **Opportunities and Obstacles in Pilgrimage Study: Research Traditions in a Global Context**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

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Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Since the 1990s a wide range of research on religious pilgrimage and related phenomena has developed which is informed by different disciplinary and linguistic traditions linked to national structures of knowledge production and an increasingly globalized economy of academic publication dominated by Anglophone presses. This diversity could be considered a strength in the sense that research on pilgrimage can find multiple audiences and is not confined by a dominant theoretical tradition or substantive problematic. Yet, disciplinary and linguistic boundaries have limited the dissemination of knowledge regionally and globally – hence, the aim of this panel is foster a broader vision and explore avenues where those from different traditions can engage in productive dialogue.



Panelists:

- John Eade, University of Roehampton
- Simon Coleman, University of Toronto
- Barbara Ambros, University of North Carolina

A23-252



Arts Series: Material Religion and Pilgrimage in Mexico: Mary, Matter, Meaning and *The Road to the Tepeyac*

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-15B

Jennifer Scheper Hughes, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Mexican-British photographer, Alinka Echeverria's award winning photographic series, *The Road to Tepeyac*, consists of three hundred photographic portraits of believers on pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. Each on carries a sacred burden on their back as they make their journey: mobile altars, oversized framed prints, family photographs, large statues. Echeverria's photographs evoke the themes of religious materiality, pilgrimage and sacred sojourn, artistic and religious hybridity and pastiche, ritual engagement with holy images, among many others. The artist will speak about her work, with two scholars responding drawing on their own research and exploring themes evoked in Echeverria's photographs. Ample time provided for question and answer with the artist.

Panelists:

- Elaine Peña, George Washington University
- Laura Perez, University of California, Berkeley
- Alinka Echeverria, San Jeronimo Lidice, Mexico

A23-253



Polishing Paper Proposals!

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-500

Proposing papers is much like any other type of writing, it gets better with practice. The AAR Annual Meeting is one of the most competitive academic Call for Papers, and rejection is just part of the process experienced by all, no matter what stage you are in your career. Still, there are some simple steps (tricks of the trade) that you can implement to ensure that your proposal will be as rigorous and compelling as possible. Join Program Committee members Whitney Bauman and Miguel A. De La Torre for a session devoted to helping demystify the proposal writing process. Feel free to bring a proposal that you are working on and make revision notes during the session or ask us specific questions about. You can even email potential proposals prior to the session (at least 3 weeks) for feedback! All are welcome regardless, but please RSVP to this event if you are inclined to attend so that we can get an idea of how many will be present: wbauman@fiu.edu.

Panelists:

- Whitney Bauman, Florida International University
- Miguel A. De La Torre, Iliff School of Theology

A23-254



Marty Forum: Charles Taylor

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-20D

Michael Kessler, Georgetown University, Presiding

Author and philosopher Charles Taylor, Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Philosophy at McGill University, is the recipient of the 2014 Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion. At the Marty Forum, Professor Taylor will be interviewed by Miroslav Volf, Henry B. Wright Professor of Systematic Theology at Yale Divinity School, and Founding Director, Yale Center for Faith and Culture. The Marty Award recognizes extraordinary contributions to the public understanding of religion.

Panelists:

- Charles Taylor, McGill University
- Miroslav Volf, Yale University

A23-255



Special Topics Forum

Theme: **Religious Studies and the Crisis of the Humanities**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-23A

Charles Mathewes, University of Virginia, Presiding

The humanities today are under fire. The study of religion, marginalized as both a topic and a field, appears doubly threatened. Indeed the field's most powerful recent movements have argued against the field's putative object of study—"religion." Self-consciously normative work, in philosophy of religion, religious ethics, and related areas, is often viewed with suspicion. In this context, but in defiance of the dire prognoses, this roundtable contends that now is the time for the academic study of religion to push back against its multiply marginalized status. The academic study of religion should enable not just skeptical critique of traditional norms, values, and practices, but energizing encounters with them as well. We gather scholars working at this nexus to discuss what this work means, what its strengths and weaknesses are, and what this means for the future of religious studies in the academy.

Panelists:

- Amy M. Hollywood, Harvard University
- Tyler T. Roberts, Grinnell College
- Thomas A. Lewis, Brown University
- Kathryn Lofton, Yale University

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A23-256



Arts, Literature, and Religion Section, Interreligious and Interfaith Studies Group, Music and Religion Group, and Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group and Society for the Arts in Religious and Theological Studies

Theme: **Interreligious Aesthetics**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-33B

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Given that images, ritual and music are often integral to the experience of religious devotion and worship, it is important to understand the ways in which aesthetic practices are experienced as religious. This session will explore the role of artistic expression in various modes of worship through a comparative look at several religious traditions as well as a consideration of aesthetics as a medium for interreligious engagement.

Peter Doebler, Graduate Theological Union
Seeing the Things You Cannot See: (Dis)-solving the Sublime in Interreligious Aesthetics through the Paintings of Hiroshi Senju

Michelle Voss Roberts, Wake Forest University
Rasa: A Framework for the Aesthetics of Interreligious Engagement

Peter Schadler, Oxford University
Ritual Preparation for Artistic Production: The Spiritual Aesthetics of Spiritual Ascetics in the Abrahamic Faiths

Responding:

William A. Dyrness, Fuller Theological Seminary

A23-257

Buddhism Section

Theme: **Traitors to the Buddha?: Issues in Translating Buddhist Texts**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-11B

Asuka Sango, Carleton College, Presiding

Panelists:

Brian Ruppert, University of Illinois

Sarah Harding, Naropa University

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

Ryan Overbey, University of California, Berkeley

A23-258

North American Religions Section

Theme: **American Religion and Politics**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-2

Sylvester Johnson, Northwestern University, Presiding

Tobin Shearer, University of Montana
Striking at the Sacred: The Violence of Prayer, 1961–1966

Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Waterloo
Religions Plus: Constitutional Contradictions and an Argument for the Special Protection of Indigenous Religious Freedom in Canada

Heather White, New College of Florida
Stonewall as Sacred History: Ritual Practice and the Making of a Movement "Myth"

A23-259

Study of Judaism Section

Theme: **Adorno and Judaism**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-206

Annika Thiem, Villanova University, Presiding

Larisa Reznik, University of Chicago
Judaism as Method? The Case of Adorno

Claire Katz, Texas A and M University
Can There Be Education after Auschwitz?

Martin Shuster, Johns Hopkins University
Adorno, Judaism, and Negative Theology

A23-260



African Religions Group, Comparative Approaches to Religion and Violence Group, Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group, and Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group

Theme: **Lessons Learned? Religious and Political Violence in Central Africa Twenty Years after the Rwandan Genocide**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-5A

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University, Presiding

Two decades after the Rwandan Genocide, President Kagame still leads Rwanda. Rwanda's gacaca courts that judged genocide perpetrators only closed in 2012, and violence continues just beyond Rwanda's border in the neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo. Recently, conflict again erupted in the Central African Republic, featuring genocidal violence against Muslims, especially in the western part of the country. With a long record of violence in the central African region, one wonders what, if anything, we have learned from the Rwandan genocide.

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Our panelists seek to respond to this question with reflections drawn from Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and the Central African Republic. The panelists examine the role of Catholicism in the Rwandan genocide, the status of violence in the Central African Republic as “religious,” and the possibility that religious discourses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo might contribute to peacebuilding as much as to conflict.

Joseph D. Moser, Northwestern University
Presidents and Priests: Rwandan Religious Imagery from Commemorative Narrative to Territorial Security

M. Christian Green, Emory University
Naming “Religious” Conflict in the Central African Republic

Mutombo Nkulu-N’Sengha, California State University Northridge
Religion, Politics, Violence, and Healing in the Congo

A23-261

Afro-American Religious History Group and Western Esotericism Group

Theme: **Western Esotericism in the African-American Religious Experience**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-3

Cathy N. Gutierrez, Sweet Briar College, Presiding

Alexander Rocklin, University of Chicago
Spirits and Science: Western Esotericism, Obeah, and the Politics of African Trinidadian Popular Healing in Colonial Trinidad

Julius Bailey, University of Redlands
Sacred Not Secret: Esoteric Knowledge in the United Nuwaubian Nation of Moors

Stephen Wehmeyer, Champlain College
“Bone Gang Walking!” Black Carnival Traditions and Emergent Esotericism in New Orleans

Responding:

Stephen Finley, Louisiana State University

A23-262

Chinese Religions Group

Theme: **Religion and Modernity in China**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-7B

Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara, Presiding

Xiaofei Kang, George Washington University
Gender and Revolutionary Modernity: Yan’an’s Anti-Superstition Campaign, 1944–1945

Michael Walsh, Vassar College
The Constitution of Religion in China and the Intimate Religious Life of the Nation

Gareth Fisher, Syracuse University
The Labor-Merit Relationship: Building a Space for Religion in China Today

Mayfair Yang, University of California, Santa Barbara
Performing Ancestor Sacrifice: Between Ritual Governmentality and Modern Sovereignty

Responding:

Jean DeBernardi, University of Alberta

A23-263

Christian Spirituality Group

Theme: **Perspectives on Spiritual Direction: Historical and Contemporary**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

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Janet Ruffing, Yale University, Presiding

Christopher Johnson, University of North Dakota
The Role of Spiritual Direction in Mediating a Contemplative Classic: Fr. Nikon Strandtman, Gerald Palmer, and the English Philokalia

David Crawley, Laidlaw College
Co-authoring Stories of Faith and Hope: Narrative Approaches to Spiritual Direction

Janna Gosselin, University of Southern California
Julian of Norwich as Spiritual Director: Julian’s Theodicy of Soul Growth

A23-264

Hinduism Group

Theme: **Making a Hindu Saint: The Politics of Shaping Legacies**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-30A

Daniel R. Gold, Cornell University, Presiding

Christian Lee Novetzke, University of Washington
Vernacularizing Jñanesbwar

Patton Burchett, New York University
Remembering a Rasik: Politics and Authority in the Memory of the Bhakti

Dean Accardi, University of Texas
Making a Saint Hindu: Lal Ded, Orientalism, and Kashmir’s Religious Past

Archana Venkatesan, University of California, Davis
The Other Trinity: Music, Saintliness, and the Saurashtras of Madurai

Jonathan Loar, Emory University
From “Neither/Nor” to “Both/And”: Reconfiguring the Legacy of Shirdi Sai Baba in Hagiography



Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

A23-265

Islamic Mysticism Group

Theme: Hypocrisy, Evil, and Talking Too Much: Early and Medieval Sufism

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-28C

Rkia Cornell, Emory University, Presiding

Jeremy Farrell, Emory University
Criticism of Hypocrisy: Contested Asceticism in Early Sufism

Matthew Lynch, University of North Carolina
Stomaching Satan: Attar's Alternative Discourse on Evil

Rafal Stepień, Columbia University
When Will the Limitless Be Tamed in Talk? On the Multiplicity of Poetic Voices in Rumi's Masnavi

Responding:

Jawid Mojaddedi, Rutgers University

A23-266

Latina/o Religion, Culture, and Society Group

Theme: Bless Me Ultima

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-25A

Jeremy Cruz, Boston College, Presiding

Wendy Arce, Graduate Theological Union
Curanderas, Hechiceras, and Paranormal Activities: A Comparison of the Cultural and Religious Portrayals of Latina/os in Bless Me, Ultima and Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones

Néstor Medina, Regent University
Awestruck with Ultima

Responding:

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton

A23-267



Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements Group and World Christianity Group

Theme: Ring of Fire: Developments in Pacific Rim Christianity

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-28A

Sung-Deuk Oak, University of California, Los Angeles, Presiding

Rachel Morgain, Australian National University
Fijian Pentecostalism in the Building of New Social Worlds

Robert Gallagher, Wheaton College Graduate School
Me and God, We'd Be Mates: Toward an Aussie Contextualized Gospel

Sarita Gallagher, George Fox University
String Bands and Jesus: Charismatic Indigenous Worship in Oro Province, Papua New Guinea

Business Meeting:

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, and Arlene Sanchez Walsh, Azusa Pacific University, Presiding

A23-268

Practical Theology Group

Theme: Human Finitude: Insights from Dis/ability, Islam, and Conflict

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-9

Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Naomi Annandale, Vanderbilt University
Pedagogy of the Finite: Theological Education and Preparation for Ministry with Persons with Disabilities

Aaron Ghiloni, Trinity College Queensland
Finitude and Theological Education: Lessons from Muhammad

Leanna Fuller, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
From Tragedy to Vulnerability: Finitude, Difference, and Conflict in Practical Theology

A23-269

Queer Studies in Religion Group and Religion, Colonialism, and Postcolonialism Group

Theme: Queer(y)ing the Colonial Encounter

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-29C

Jennifer S. Leath, Columbia University, Presiding

Colby Dickinson, Loyola University, Chicago
A Brief History of the Fetish-object: Locating a Transhuman Sexuality within Modern, Colonial Accounts of Both Fetishes and Sacraments

Sunera Thobani, University of British Columbia
Racial Sex in the Islamic Orient

Sitara Thobani, Oxford University
Religion, Sexuality, and the Ongoing Fetishisation of the Indian Temple and Courtesan Dancers: Colonial Discourses, Postcolonial Performances

John Crow, Florida State University
The Primeval Divine Hermaphrodite: Theosophy's Construction and Deconstruction of Victorian Gender Norms

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A23-270

Reformed Theology and History Group

Theme: **Fresh Perspectives on the Doctrine of Creation in the Reformed Tradition**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-30C

Cynthia Rigby, Austin Theological Seminary, Presiding

Keith Starckenburg, Trinity Christian College
Placing God's Creation: Resurrection and Belonging

Neil Arner, University of Notre Dame
Recent and Historical Reflections on Creation's Moral Order

David Stubbs, Western Theological Seminary
God's Creating Work, Common Grace, and Kelsey: Polishing a Reformed Gem

A23-271



Religion and Ecology Group

Theme: **Religious Climate Change Activism: A Comparative Appraisal**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-22

Heather Eaton, Saint Paul University, Presiding

Laurel D. Kearns, Drew University
Religious Climate Change Activism: The Growth and Diversification of a Social Movement

Anders Lundberg, Linnaeus University
Constructing Environmentalism as a Faith Issue: A Study of Church of Sweden Environmental Activists

Richard Fox, Universität Heidelberg
Religion, Climate Change, and International Disaster Response Following Super-Typhoon Haiyan: Reproducing and Resisting Colonialism in the Philippines

Kjetil Fretheim, Norwegian School of Theology
Oil, Gas, and Climate Change: Religious Responses

A23-272

Religion, Media, and Culture Group

Theme: **Interface: Mixing and Mobility**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-23C

Curtis Coats, Millsaps College, Presiding

Larissa Carneiro, North Carolina State University
Portable Radios and Postal System: On the Creation of an Imagined Christian Landscape in America

David Feltmate, Auburn University, Montgomery
"Fixing the Dramaturgy": Erving Goffman, Mass Media, and Critical Performances of Religion in the Editing Age

Tayyab Zaidi, University of Wisconsin
Twitter and the Religious Problematics of American Islam

A23-273

Ricoeur Group and Theology and Continental Philosophy Group

Theme: **Reading Ricoeur as a Contemporary Philosopher of Religion**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-31C

Kenneth A. Reynhout, Bethel University, Presiding

E. P. (Petruschka) Schaafsma, Protestant Theological University
The Wager of Reassessing the Sacred: Reconsidering Ricoeur's Hermeneutic Turn in Times of Re-enchantment

Spencer Moffatt, Luther Seminary
From Idols to Symbols: Ricoeur and Žižek on God, Evil, and the Tragic

Jean-Pierre Fortin, University of St. Michael's College
Evil and Sin in Auschwitz: A Test for Paul Ricoeur's Symbolic Hermeneutics

A23-274



Ritual Studies Group

Theme: ***The Craft of Ritual Studies* (Oxford University Press, 2014) by Ronald L. Grimes, Author Meets Critics**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-29A

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen, Presiding

Panelists:

Tod D. Swanson, Arizona State University

Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto

Marko Geslani, Emory University

Sarah M. Pike, California State University, Chico

Responding:

Ronald L. Grimes, Ritual Studies International, Waterloo, ON, Canada

A23-275



Sociology of Religion Group

Theme: **To Green or Not to Green, and Everything in Between: Assessing Trends, Patterns and Gaps in Scholarship on Religion and the Environment**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center-4

Lucas Johnston, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Robin Veldman, University of Florida
Toward A Broader Conceptualization of Religions' Engagement with the Environmental Crisis

Evan Berry, American University
Do Not Throw Your Pearls Before Swine: What is Valuable In Religion in Ecology?

Bernard Zaleha, University of California Santa Cruz
Was Lynn White Right?: Exploring the Contemporary Anti-Environmental Counter-Reformation among American Conservative Christians

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Gretel Van Wieren, Michigan State University
The Greening of Religion Movement: An Overview of the Literature with Special Emphasis on Social Scientific Studies (and the Lack Thereof)

Responding:
 Bron Taylor, University of Florida

A23-276

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Group

Theme: **Ecowomanism 101: A Roundtable Discussing Vital Themes and Trajectories**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
 Convention Center-26

Michele Watkins-Branch, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Presiding

Panelists:

- Melanie L. Harris, Texas Christian University
- Elonda Clay, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago
- Christopher Carter, Claremont School of Theology
- Chandra Taylor Smith, Vanderbilt University

A23-277

Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Islam, Gender, Women: The State of the Field**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
 Convention Center-10

Kecia Ali, Boston University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Mahdi Tourage, King's University College, University of Western Ontario
- Saadia Yacoob, Duke University
- Edith Szanto, American University of Iraq
- Zayn Kassam, Pomona College

A23-279

Wildcard Session

Theme: **Decentralizing Pedagogies: Opportunities and Challenges for Religious Studies and Theological Education**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
 Convention Center-25C

Angela Tarango, Trinity University, Presiding

Panelists:

- Chris Tirres, DePaul University

Gregory Cuellar, Austin Seminary
 Santiago H. Slabodsky, Claremont Lincoln University, Claremont School of Theology

A23-280

Wildcard Session

Theme: **Modern-Islamic Political Formations: Thinking through Wael Hallaq's *Impossible State***

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
 Convention Center-31A

Wael Hallaq, Columbia University, Presiding

Rushain Abbasi, Harvard University
The Muslim-as-Citizen in America

Yuenmei Wong, University of Maryland
Sharia-Queers: Islamic Law and The Construction of New Muslims' Sexual Identities In Malaysia

Hasan Azad, Columbia University
"The Islamic State Is Not a Dream": Hizb ut-Tabrir's Thinking through the Modern State

A23-281

Law, Religion, and Culture Group

Theme: ***Burwell vs. Hobby Lobby: Reflections on Religious Liberty in the US***

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM
 Hilton Bayfront-Indigo A

Bronwyn Roantree, Harvard University, Presiding

The Supreme Court's decision in *Burwell vs. Hobby Lobby* (2013) has generated significant controversy. Does the decision dangerously over-extend the scope of religious rights, or does it fall comfortably within the Court's tradition of granting exemptions on religious grounds? What role, if any, ought issues of gender, reproductive rights and corporate identity play in debates surrounding religious freedom?

This roundtable event promises to cut through the polemic, as panelists situate the decision within the longer historical debates surrounding reproductive rights, corporate rights and religious liberty. The session will include significant time for conversation amongst panel members and attendees.

Panelists:

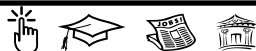
- Winnifred Sullivan, Indiana University
- R. Marie Griffith, Washington University, Saint Louis
- David Little, Harvard University
- Mark Goldfeder, Emory University School of Law

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A23-282



Employment Services Advisory Committee

Theme: **Online Pedagogies and Leveraging Online Experience in the Job Market**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Grand Hyatt-America's Cup CD

Higher education is rapidly transforming as online learning revolutionizes teaching and precipitates paradigm-shifts. Ivy League schools now offer online classes for degree credit. Long-established graduate programs are going online. Purely negative assessments of the swift growth in online learning obscure the manifold opportunities and hitherto unseen vistas it presents.

This workshop explores online teaching and learning along with strategies to secure online teaching experience advantageous in the job market. Pedagogical topics surveyed will include principles for designing and teaching quality courses on par with traditional on-ground courses, utilizing course management system resources to maximize student learning outcomes, asynchronous and synchronous instruction, and tips for saving time without sacrificing instructional quality. Job-market strategies will include ways to gain online experience, develop marketable online knowledge and skill sets, and present competitive online expertise when applying for full-time positions.

Panelist:

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University

P23-203

International Association of Shin Buddhist Studies

Theme: **D. T. Suzuki and the Making of a Modern Pure Land Buddhism**

Sunday, 3:00 PM–5:00 PM

Omni-Grand Ballroom B

D. T. Suzuki (1870–1966), who is well known for popularizing Zen Buddhism in the West, also wrote extensively on Pure Land Buddhism, especially the Shin Buddhist tradition of Shinran (1173–1262). He did so in the context of the crisis that Japanese Buddhism faced in the late nineteenth and early twentieth century, as its classical world-view and relevance were challenged.

This crisis confronted both Zen and Pure Land Buddhism, and inspired a generation of young Buddhist reformers who proposed new ways of understanding Buddhism, seeking to re-situate it in the modern world. Suzuki was one of these new Buddhists.

This session examines Suzuki's attempt to articulate Pure Land Buddhism in a language compatible to modern intellectual concerns, especially in the fields of religious studies and philosophy of religion. It explores influences on Suzuki's thinking, including Western scholarship, and his adoption of such concepts as religious experience, mysticism, and spirituality to explain Pure Land Buddhism. In using these concepts, Suzuki tended to emphasize three motifs: religion in the present life rather than the next, religion as experience, and religion as nondualistic realization. Through them he highlighted aspects of Pure Land Buddhism that lent themselves to a modern understanding of religion, while deemphasizing ones that did not. This paper explores concrete ways in which Suzuki did so, thereby producing his distinctive and influential interpretation of Pure Land Buddhism.

Panelist:

James C. Dobbins, Oberlin College

Responding:

Melissa Anne-Marie Curley, University of Iowa

Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

P23-344



Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **Teaching for a Culturally Diverse and Racially Just World**

Sunday, 4:00 PM–5:30 PM

Marriott Marquis-Cardiff

Nadine S. Pence, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, and Paul Myhre, Wabash College, Presiding

This mini-workshop will explore within a 90 minute session specific dimensions of the co-authored work *Teaching for a Culturally Diverse and Racially Just World*, edited by Eleazar Fernandez as they pertain to teaching practice and leveraging institutional change.

Participants in this mini-workshop will be able to take away particular strategies that they can use in their own teaching and institutional contexts. Issues to be explored will involve a range of topics, including: When Subject Matter: The Bodies We Teach By; The Content of Theological Education Today and Tomorrow; Curriculum as Formational Praxis for Faculty, Students, and their Communities; Teaching Disruptively: Pedagogical Strategies to Teaching Cultural Diversity and Race Goals: Identify specific ways by which faculty and administrators can foster academic environments that work toward a culturally diverse and racially just world; Share specific strategies by which faculty can adjust teaching practices for cultural diversity and racial justice.

Panelists:

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Eastern University

Willie J. Jennings, Duke University

Boyung Lee, Pacific School of Religion

Mai-Anh L. Tran, Eden Theological Seminary

Eleazar S. Fernandez, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

A23-300

Women's Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **New Plantings: Emerging Scholar's Vision of the Future of Feminist Theology and Scholarship**

Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-14A

Theresa Ann Yugar, Claremont Graduate University, and Hannah Bacon, University of Chester, Presiding

This session invites early career researchers and emerging scholars to debate the future(s) of feminist theology in light of their own research. It provides a platform for upcoming scholars to reflect upon how their own work is shaping and re-shaping feminist discourse in religion and to speak about their own personal and professional formation. As such, this session encourages the creative work of weaving new visions. It invites panelists to discuss the direction of feminist scholarship in the 21st century — to name areas of scholarship and debate which they believe may need extending, transforming, reworking or redefining in light of global and contemporary challenges — and to do this in consort with reflection on how their own thinking has been challenged.

Melinda Bielas, Claremont School of Theology
Feminism, Art, and Hermeneutics

Brandy Daniels, Vanderbilt University
Agitating Tilling the Soil? Rethinking Gendered Subjectivity in Feminist Theology

Jeanine Viau, Loyola University, Chicago
Postfeminist and/or F-ing Queer: A Permanent Exercise of Serious Doubting

Emily Pennington, University of Chester
Taking Back the Future: Reclaiming Eschatology as a Source of Hope for Women

Gina Messina-Dysert, Ursuline College
FemReligionFuture: The New Feminist Revolution in Religion

A23-301



Wine and Religion: A Pairing of the Spirits Tour

Sunday, 4:15 PM–8:00 PM

Meet at Convention Center-Hall H Foyer

Nora L. Rubel, University of Rochester, Presiding

Participate in a unique session at the San Diego Cellars winery, where you may listen to a presentation on wine and religion, and afterward enjoy a pairing flight consisting of six different regional wines paired with light fare. You'll learn the wine origins, nuances, and rationale for the pairings. Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, and an amateur vintner himself, will present a talk entitled "In Vino Sanctus: Finding Religion in the Fruit of the Vine." Informed by over 60 interviews with wine makers in France, Australia, and the United States, his paper examines the way that wine acts as a surrogate for religion in the lives of contemporary wine makers. Drawing upon the concept of implicit religion, Lloyd-Moffett presents some common characteristics of spiritual wine makers. Finally, he queries which unique characteristics of wine offers the potential to transform the mere production of a common beverage into a holistic spiritual vocation. Participants will meet at the Convention Center, take the trolley (light rail) to Little Italy, and then walk 0.4 miles to San Diego Cellars. Registration for this event will only be open until Friday, November 21 at 6 pm PST.

Stephen R. Lloyd-Moffett, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
In Vino Sanctus: Finding Religion in the Fruit of the Vine

A23-302



Student Lounge Roundtable

Theme: **The Ethics and Politics of Queer Identity in the Field**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:00 PM

Convention Center-14B

This roundtable will include a discussion on identity politics, with a special focus on issues faced by queer-identified researchers. My interest in this topic arises from my own experiences as a queer researcher among primarily non-queer populations. While my proposed discussion questions arise from ethnographic research, they are relevant to scholars who utilize other methodologies, including archival research. The discussion will explore a variety of questions, including: What are some common experiences of queer researchers among non-queer research populations? What challenges does visibility (or invisibility) pose? What ethics regarding disclosure are involved? How does the choice to disclose or not disclose affect researchers' relationships with consultants as well as what data is collected? What about queer researchers' experiences might be particular to work in religious studies?

Panelists:

Stephanie Bilinsky, Arizona State University

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A23-303



How to Propose a New Program Unit

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-18

Robert Puckett, American Academy of Religion, and Greg Johnson, University of Colorado, Presiding

Join the Director of Meetings and the Program Unit Director for an informal chat about upcoming Annual Meeting initiatives as well as the guidelines and policies for proposing a new program unit.

A23-304



Conversation with the 2014 Religion and the Arts Award Winner, Makoto Fujimura

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-30A

Diane Apostolos-Cappadona, Georgetown University, Presiding

Makoto Fujimura is an artist, writer, and speaker who is recognized worldwide as a cultural shaper. A Presidential appointee to the National Council on the Arts from 2003–2009, Fujimura served as an international advocate for the arts, speaking with decision makers and advising governmental policies on the arts.

Fujimura's second book, *Refractions: A Journey of Faith, Art and Culture*, is a collection of essays bringing together people of all backgrounds in a conversation and meditation on culture, art, and humanity. In celebration of the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, Crossway Publishing commissioned and published *The Four Holy Gospels*, featuring Fujimura's illuminations of the sacred texts.

In 2011 the Fujimura Institute was established and launched the *Four Quartets*, a collaboration between Fujimura, painter Bruce Herman, Duke theologian/pianist Jeremy Begbie, and Yale composer Christopher Theofanidis, based on T.S. Eliot's *Four Quartets*. The exhibition will travel to Baylor, Duke, and Yale Universities, Gordon College and other institutions around the globe.

Panelists:

- Pamela D. Winfield, Elon University
- William A. Dyrness, Fuller Theological Seminary
- Makoto Fujimura, Fujimura Institute, New York, NY

A23-305



Responsible Research Practices Seminar

Theme: **Toward an AAR Code of Conduct**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-24A

Thomas A. Tweed, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

The American Academy of Religion has issued guidelines on many moral issues, including statements about best practices for employers and teachers; but, unlike many other ACLS organizations, the AAR has had no ethical code regarding research. That will change soon.

Using the format of the AAR seminar, the AAR's president-elect, Thomas Tweed, will convene a small group of scholars to discuss the issues, solicit member comment, and draft a code of conduct. As the participants now see it, that code will offer moral principles and practical suggestions about planning, conducting, and representing research. However, the members of the seminar—and the AAR—have no intention to adjudicate claims about unethical behavior or to take part in the review process that is the responsibility of the Institutional Review Board at the researcher's own institution. Rather, the purpose of this code is to generate conversation about the moral challenges of research and to provide tentative guidelines about responsible conduct.

In this public session, the participants hope to pass on the tentative results of their deliberations. During this gathering, attendees will have a chance to ask questions and make comments about the initial draft.

The open process will conclude with a second AAR Seminar session in 2015, when the participants hope to present and discuss the revised draft of the statement. Along the way, they will consult with representatives of other ACLS organizations and solicit comment from AAR program units, standing committees, and working groups. AAR members who want to offer reflections are welcome to contact either Thomas Tweed, president-elect (ttweed@nd.edu) or Jack Fitzmier, executive director (jfitzmier@aarweb.org).

Panelists:

- Jack Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion
- Carolyn Chen, Northwestern University
- Kathleen Greider, Claremont School of Theology
- John Kelsay, Florida State University
- Pamela Klassen, University of Toronto
- Laurie Louise Patton, Duke University
- Randall Styers, University of North Carolina
- Manuel A. Vasquez, University of Florida

Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

A23-306



Special Topics Forum

Theme: **Unsettled: Critiquing Categories of Professional Identity in American Higher Education**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-7B

Daniel Sack, Washington, DC, Presiding

The conventional notion of the academic guild is increasingly detached from economic and professional realities of higher education in the 21st century. Both “adjunctification” and “bureaucratization” within higher education have become rallying cries for various constituencies, generating increasingly robust public and professional discussions about the role of higher education in American society. But whereas both issues can (and have) productively magnify systemic inequalities among the professoriate and within administrative hierarchies, the discussants in this roundtable seek to nuance these blanket categorizations through their own experiences of unsettled professional identities. Composed of “hybrid” academics/administrators within the university structure and trained academics who have redirected professional aspirations into other vocations (non-profit, journalistic, or otherwise), this discussion is not an echo chamber of grievances but a structured interrogation of changing professional roles within the academy as well as the role of academia in American public life.

Panelists:

- Candace West, Stanford University
- Jenny Wiley Legath, Princeton University
- Matthew C. Weiner, Princeton University
- Rachel Lindsey, Washington University, Saint Louis

A23-307



Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

Theme: **Hiring for Diversity in the Context of Recent Supreme Court Decisions**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-23A

James Logan, Earlham College, Presiding

Recent Supreme Court decisions favor university admissions policies that prioritize admission without reference to race over an institution’s desire to create diverse communities through race-sensitive admissions policies. Many schools have revisited institutional commitments to cultural diversity not only in admissions policies, but also with regard to hiring practices. This session explores the role of faculty and administrators as advocates for cultural diversity in the face of continuing constitutional challenges to affirmative action.

Panelists:

- Ruben Rosario Rodriguez, Saint Louis University
- Maureen O’Connell, La Salle University
- Scott Paeth, DePaul University
- Kimberly West-Faulcon, Loyola Law School

A23-308

Buddhism Section

Theme: **Buddhism and Capitalism: Religious Economies in Modernizing Asia**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-11B

Andrew Quintman, Yale University, Presiding

- James Mark Shields, Bucknell University
Rethinking “Buddhist Economics”: Foundations for a Post-Socialist Critique of Capitalism
- Alexandra Kaloyanides, Yale University
Buddhist Buildings and Christian Classrooms: Land-Ownership Disputes over Religious Schools in Nineteenth-Century Burma
- Matthew King, University of Toronto
Buddhist Formations during Asia’s First Socialist Revolution in Mongolia

Responding:

- Rebecca Bartel, University of Toronto

A23-309



Christian Systematic Theology Section

Theme: **Creator God, Evolving World (Fortress Press, 2013): A Panel Discussion**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Sapphire E

Celia Deane-Drummond, University of Notre Dame, Presiding

Panelists:

- Andrew Davison, University of Cambridge, Westcott House, Cambridge
- Stephen Sours, United Methodist Church, Mountaintop, PA
- Darrel R. Falk, Point Loma Nazarene University

Responding:

- Cynthia Crysdale, University of the South
- Neil Ormerod, Australian Catholic University

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A23-310

Comparative Studies in Religion Section

Theme: **Comparative Messianism: Messianism and the Political**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-502A

Kurt Anders Richardson, University of Toronto, Presiding

David Novak, University of Toronto
Modern Jewish Messianisms

A. Azfar Moin, University of Texas
The Messianism of Muslim Kings and its Impact on Islam in Early Modern Times

Elaine H. Pagels, Princeton University
Apocalyptic Messianism: Visions, Prophecy, and Politics

Responding:

Francis X. Clooney, Harvard University

A23-311

Philosophy of Religion Section and Theology and Religious Reflection Section

Theme: **What is “Theological” about Theology? A Conversation between Analytic and Continental Perspectives**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Indigo E

Tamsin Jones, Trinity College, Presiding

Panelists:

Sarah Coakley, University of Cambridge
Oliver Crisp, Fuller Theological Seminary
Kevin Hector, University of Chicago
Andrea C. White, Emory University

A23-312



Religion and Politics Section

Theme: **Retooling the Climate Change Debate: New Social, Theological, and Philosophical Perspectives**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-20D

Robert P. Jones, Public Religion Research Institute, Washington, D.C., Presiding

Daniel DiLeo, Boston College
Catholic Policy Criteria for US Climate Change Mitigation: Recommendations from Thomistic Virtue Ethics and Catholic Social Teaching

Robin Veldman, University of Florida
Social Factors Influencing Conservative Christians’ Attitudes toward the Environment and Climate Change

Jeffrey Morgan, University of Notre Dame
Diffuse Complicity, Climate Change, and the Priority of Conscientious Reflection

A23-313



Religion in South Asia Section and Study of Islam Section and Hinduism Group and Jain Studies Group and Sikh Studies Group

Theme: **Region or Tradition in the Study of South Asian Religions?**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-10

Carla Bellamy, City University of New York, Presiding

This panel explores the relative value and drawbacks of region-based vs. tradition-based approaches to the study of religions with a connection to South Asia. In recent years, scholars have developed nuanced understandings of South Asian religiosity as simultaneously informed by and defiant of traditional religious labels. While tradition-based and regionally informed analyses of religions of South Asia enrich and nuance one another, these approaches can also compete, in both theoretical and practical ways. This panel explores what is gained and what is lost when we emphasize region or tradition in our scholarship and teaching on South Asian religions.

Richard H. Davis, Bard College
“Hindu Religious Traditions”: Pedagogical Reflections

John E. Cort, Denison University
Jain Studies: Advantages and Disadvantages to a Tradition-Based Approach

Ilyse Morgenstein Fuerst, University of Vermont
Is One an “Islamicist” or a “South Asianist”?

Anne Murphy, University of British Columbia
The Multiple Locations of Sikh Studies

Business Meeting:

Richard H. Davis, Bard College, and Rupa Viswanath, University of Gottingen, Presiding

A23-314



Women and Religion Section and Liberation Theologies Group

Theme: **Decolonizing Pedagogies: Senses, Bodies, and Education**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-3

Socorro Castañeda-Liles, Santa Clara University, Presiding

Wendy Arce, Graduate Theological Union
Fierceness and Four-Inch Heels: Exploring the Experiences of Young Women of Color Professors in the Undergraduate College Classroom

Neomi De Anda, University of Dayton, and Joyana Dvorak, DePaul University
Embodiment, Community Partners, and Spirituality: Exploring a Model of Alternative Break Trips

Matilde Moros, New Brunswick Theological Seminary
Teaching and Learning to Resist the Sexual Enterprise of Christianity in the Americas

Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

A23-315

Anthropology of Religion Group and Religion and Migration Group

Theme: **We are What We Eat: Ethnographies of Migration, Identity and Food Practice**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-25C

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Rachel Brown, Wilfrid Laurier University
Bread Without Borders: Food and Transnational Identity

Melissa Borja, City University of New York
Refugee Resettlement, Religious Change, and Ritual Animal Consumption in Hmong America

Oguz Alyanak, Washington University, St. Louis
The French “Faux Halal” Scandal: An Anthropological Intervention

A23-316

Comparative Religious Ethics Group

Theme: **New Approaches in Comparative Religious Ethics: Gender Analysis and Ethnographic Data**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-202A

Grace Kao, Claremont School of Theology, Presiding

Lauren Cosgrove, The Florida State University
The “Third Wave” of Comparative Religious Ethics and Women: Important Lessons from Postcolonial Feminism

Sarah Robinson, Claremont Graduate University
Renewing Foodways, Restoring Ethical Integrity with Land, Water, and Living Beings: Comparing Sustainable Agriculture Projects in Muslim and Judeo-Christian Locations in the Contemporary U.S.

Responding:

Mary McClintock Fulkerson, Duke University

A23-317

Contemporary Islam Group

Theme: **Making Muslim American Musics**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-30C

Kristian Petersen, University of Nebraska, Omaha, Presiding

Hussein Rashid, Hofstra University
Consuming Qawwali: Hollywood and Muslim Devotionals

Michael Knight, University of North Carolina
Five Percenters and the Problem of Islamic Hip-Hop

Maytha Alhassen, University of Southern California
Bellydancing, Bombs, and Back Beats: Representation of the Middle East in Hip Hop

A23-318

Eastern Orthodox Studies Group, Middle Eastern Christianity Group, and World Christianity Group

Theme: **Middle Eastern Christians, Collective Memory, and the “Arab Spring”**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-29A

Nelly Van Doorn-Harder, Wake Forest University, Presiding

Deanna Womack, Princeton Theological Seminary
The Syrian Protestant Nahda: Evangelical Faith in the Springtime of Arabic Literary Production, 1860-1915

Tamar Wasoian, Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Syrian Armenians and the Arab Spring: Haunting Memories of the Genocide

Hiroko Miyokawa, National Institutes for the Humanities, Tokyo, Japan
The Establishment of the Coptic Museum and its Nationalization in Twentieth-century Egypt

Michel Andraos, Catholic Theological Union
From “Persecuted Minorities” to Native Peoples: The New Discourse of Christian Communities in the Levant

Gaëtan du Roy, Université Catholique de Louvain
The Charismatic Movement and Coptic Activists in the Egyptian Revolution

Responding:

Rico Gabriel Monge, University of San Diego

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A23-319

Ecclesiological Investigations Group and Vatican II Studies Group

Theme: **The Ecumenical Impact of Unitatis Redintegratio Fifty Years after Vatican II**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-32A

Peter De Mey, Catholic University of Leuven, Presiding

Catherine E. Clifford, Saint Paul University
Ecclesiality Then and Now: The Recognition of other Christian Communities After Fifty Years

Minna Hietamäki, Helsinki University
Roman Catholic Influences on the Idea of Ecumenical Recognition

Anastacia Wooden, Catholic University of America
Limits of the Church in Unitatis Redintegratio

Mark Chapman, Ripon College Cuddesdon
An Anglican Perspective on the Future of Unitatis Redintegratio

A23-320



Gay Men and Religion Group

Theme: **Tongues Untied: Gay Men and the Sacrament of Sex**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-2

Jay E. Johnson, Graduate Theological Union, Presiding

Kent Brintnall, University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Forgetting the "Rectum" at Our Peril: Sketching Leo Bersani's Competing Ethical Visions

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary
A Spirituality of Grindr

Roger A. Sneed, Furman University
Swallowing as Sacrament

Responding:

Sharon Fennema, Graduate Theological Union

Business Meeting:

W. Scott Haldeman, Chicago Theological Seminary, Presiding

A23-321

Indigenous Religious Traditions Group

Theme: **Postcolonial Indigenous Narratives, Identity and Theological Thought**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-23C

Robert M. Baum, Dartmouth College, Presiding

Stanley Thayne, University of North Carolina
The Blood of Father Lehi: Indigeneity and the Book of Mormon

Orenda Boucher, University of Ottawa
Once Upon Another Time: Counter-Hagiographies and Pilgrimage

Sylvia Marcos, Claremont Graduate University, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de Morelos
Teología India: Indigenous Contributions to Theological Thought

Seth Schermerhorn, Hamilton College
O'dham Songscapes: Journeys to Magdalena Remembered in Song

A23-322



International Development and Religion Group, Religions in Chinese and Indian Cultures: A Comparative Perspective Group, Ritual Studies Group, and Space, Place, and Religion Group

Theme: **Places of Pilgrimage and Religious Tourism in Asia: Assessing Environmental and Economic Impacts**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-4

Brian J. Nichols, Mount Royal University, Presiding

Travel to religious sites in Asia creates extensive religious, economic, and environmental consequences. These papers utilize recent ethnographic research to examine such places and assess the relationship between tourism, pilgrimage, and ritual in travelers' activities. The first, focusing on the holy lake in Pushkar, India, utilizes Catherine Bell's work to consider how environmentalism becomes ritualized and thereby makes place sacred. The second considers the Bishnoi of central Rajasthan in India and examines the relationship between village tourism and the discourse of authenticity concerning the Bishnoi's well-known environmentalism. The last, focusing on Mt. Puto in China's Zhejiang province, interrogates the theories of pilgrimage of Victor and Edith Turner, John Eade, and Michael Sallinow, arguing for recognition of the hetero-topic nature of pilgrimage space. Echoing the presidential theme of religion and climate change, these papers chart new ways of understanding the complex intersection of travel, religious places, and environmental sustainability.

Courtney Bruntz, Graduate Theological Union
Describing the Contemporary Chinese "Pilgrim": Strategies and Methods for Religious Tourism

Drew Thomases, Columbia University
Making Pushkar Paradise: Hindu Ritualization and the Environment

Vincent Burgess, Cornell University
The "Original Tree Huggers": Environmentalism, Asceticism, and Bishnoi Village Tourism

A23-323

Islamic Mysticism Group

Theme: **Gender, Power, Perversion, and Suffering in the Margins of Sufi and Pietist Literature**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-28C

Karen Ruffle, University of Toronto, Presiding

Aisha Geissinger, Carleton University
Reading the Qur'an on the Margins? Towards Situating Pious and Sufi Women within the Formative and Early Medieval Reception History of the Qur'an

Mahdi Tourage, King's University College—University of Western Ontario
Margins of the Body and Bodies on the Margin: Queering the Bodies in Sufi Texts

Laury Silvers, University of Toronto
Reading on the Social Margins in Narratives of Early Pious and Sufi Women in Ibn al-Jawzi's Sifat al-safwa and al-Sulami's Dhikr al-niswa

Responding:

Homayra Ziad, Trinity College



Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

A23-324

Japanese Religions Group

Theme: New Frameworks in the Study of Japanese Religions

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-310A

Mark Rowe, McMaster University, Presiding

Bryan Lowe, Vanderbilt University
Composing Kingship and Cosmos: Prayer, Genre, and Ritual in Early Japan

Ethan Bushelle, Old Mill Creek, IL
Zen Practice and Aesthetic Theory: A Genealogy of Fujiwara no Shunzei's Poetics of Nonduality

Takashi Miura, Princeton University
Redefining Yonaoshi as a Popular Religious Concept: Tokugawa Bureaucrats Deified as Kami of Yonaoshi

Jesse LeFebvre, Shuchiin University
Christian Wedding Ceremonies—"Non-religiousness" in Contemporary Japan

A23-325

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Group

Theme: Film Discussion: Frisbee: The Life and Death of a Hippy Preacher

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-28A

Michael J. McClymond, Saint Louis University, Presiding

Panelists:

Jeanette Reedy Solano, California State University, Fullerton

J. Terry Todd, Drew University

Responding:

David Di Sabatino, Long Beach, CA

A23-326

Psychology, Culture, and Religion Group and Religions, Medicines, and Healing Group

Theme: Rethinking Chaplaincy in Cross-Cultural Perspective

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-33B

Eileen Campbell-Reed, Luther Seminary, Presiding

Daijaku Judith Kinst, Graduate Theological Union
Revisioning Chaplaincy: Contributions from Buddhist Chaplaincy Graduate Education

Andre van der Braak, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam
The Rise of Buddhist Chaplaincy in an Interfaith Context, and its Implications for the Reframing and Revising of Clinical Pastoral Education

Beth Glover, Fordham University
Shaking the Foundations: Reimagining Clinical Pastoral Education in Light of Personal and Cultural Trauma in a Global Society

Responding:

Curtis W. Hart, Weill Cornell Medical College

A23-327

Reformed Theology and History Group and Schleiermacher Group

Theme: The Doctrine of Election in Schleiermacher and the Reformed Tradition

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-520

Martha L. Moore-Keish, Columbia Theological Seminary, Presiding

Kevin Vander Schel, Villanova University
Election in Christ: Grace and Redemption in Schleiermacher's Christian Faith and Ethics

Joseph Lenow, University of Virginia
Chosen in the Spirit: The Pneumatocentrism of Schleiermacher's Doctrine of Election

Joshua Ralston, Union Presbyterian Seminary
Rewriting Calvin: Schleiermacher on Election and Substitutionary Atonement

Paul Thorsell, The Master's College
Is the Pot Accusing the Kettle? Schleiermacher's Repudiation of Dordrecht in his Essay, "On the Doctrine of Election"

A23-328

Religion and Disability Studies Group

Theme: Biography, Body, and the Narration of Disability in Christian and Muslim Contexts

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-26

Darla Schumm, Hollins University, Presiding

Sean O'Neil, Miami University
Black and Broken Sporting Bodies: Pentecostal Life Writing at the Intersection of Religion, Sports, Disability and Race

Philip Lorish, University of Virginia
Disabled Bodies and the Body of Christ: Reflections on Stanley Hauerwas' Use of the Disabled

Ari M. Gordon, University of Pennsylvania
Following a Blind Companion: The Ethical and Legal Biography of Ibn Umm Maktum

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A23-329



Religion and Ecology Group

Theme: **The Activism and Philosophy of Sunderlal Bahuguna**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-22

Mary Evelyn Tucker, Yale University, Presiding

Panelists:

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

Swasti Bhattacharyya, Buena Vista University

Sam Mickey, University of San Francisco

Bidisha Mallik, University of North Texas

Responding:

George James, University of North Texas

A23-330

Religion and Popular Culture Group

Theme: **Inventing Religions: The Cultural Creation of Consumer Communities**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-25A

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston, Presiding

Ben Brazil, Earlham School of Religion

Making Fantasy Real: Youth Travel Culture and Alternative Realities in the 1960s and 1970s

Brandon Dean, University of Iowa

Superman on a Sunday Morning: An Examination of the Church Directed Marketing of Man of Steel (2013)

Erica Hurwitz Andrus, University of Vermont

Lego Apotheosis: How an Invented Religion Helped Create the Bionicle Empire

A23-331



Religion and Sexuality Group

Theme: **Regulating Black Bodies: Black Sexualities and Christianities**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-31C

Josef Sorett, Columbia University, Presiding

Raedorah Stewart, VISIONS, Inc., Bethesda, MD

Burnt Sienna: Ethnography of a Preacher, Painter, and the Erotic

Sarah Dreier, University of Washington

Is God against Gays in Africa? The Promise of Inclusive Sexual Politics within a Postcolonial Global Church

Whitney Bond, Candler School of Theology

Even Me: Creating Spaces for Sexually Queer Bodies in the Black Church

Joseph Tucker Edmonds, Indiana University–Purdue University, Indianapolis

Postblackness, Christianity, and the Black Christian Public

Business Meeting:

Heather White, New College of Florida, Presiding

A23-332

Science, Technology, and Religion Group

Theme: **Technology and Human Transformations**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-29C

James Haag, Suffolk University, Presiding

Virginia Bartlett, Cedar Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
Transforming Pregnant Women into Mothers, Fetuses into Miracles, and Medical Technology into Divine Intervention: Exploring How Maternal–Fetal Surgery Influences Medical, Social, Religious, and Moral Understandings of Who We Are

Joshua Wise, Catholic University of America

Identity or Instrumentality? Considering Virtual Union with Apollinaris of Laodicea and Athanasius of Alexandria

Business Meeting:

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University, and Lea Schweitz, Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, Presiding

A23-333



Exploratory Sessions

Theme: **Marian Apparitions**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-500

Sandra Zimdars-Swartz, University of Kansas, Presiding

Jill Krebs, Drew University

Marian Apparitions and Catholic Identity

Joseph Laycock, Piedmont Virginia Community College

Heaven on Earth: Apparitional Movements, Space, and Power

J. Gordon Melton, Baylor University

Marian Apparitions and Catholic Piety

Responding:

Kristy Nabhan-Warren, University of Iowa

Stephen J. Shoemaker, University of Oregon

A23-334



Wildcard Session

Theme: **Mission in Comparative Perspective—Atheist, Mormon, and Inter-religious Views**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-9

Janice Rees, Charles Sturt University, Sydney College of Divinity, Presiding

Aaron Ghiloni, Trinity College Queensland

Towards a Comparative Missiology

David Golding, Claremont Graduate University

From Dusting Feet to Saving Souls: Mormon Missions in Thought and Practice

Jesse Smith, Western Michigan University

Mission for Atheists: How Activists Promote an Atheist Worldview

Sunday, 4:00 PM–6:30 PM

A23-335



Wildcard Session

Theme: **Faith and Religious Participation**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-5A

Robin Dembroff, Presiding

Amber Griffioen, University of Konstanz
Faith without Conviction: Engagement and the Religious Life

Jeanine Diller, University of Toledo
Embodying Religious Multiplicity: Exploring Multiple Religious Participation

James Arcadi, University of Bristol
How to Make the Church with Words: The Perlocutionary Effect of Eucharistic Illocutionary Acts

A23-336

Employment Services Advisory Committee Meeting

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Convention Center-19

Charles Haws, Society of Biblical Literature, and Ryan Woods, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

P23-300

Society for the Study of Christian Spirituality Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-310B

P23-301

Theta Alpha Kappa Annual Meeting and Reception

Sunday, 5:00 PM–6:30 PM

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P23-346

African Association for the Study of Religions

Theme: **Religion, Environment, Society, and Postcoloniality in Theological Perspective: The Ecumenical Theology of Jesse N. K. Mugambi**

Sunday, 5:00 PM–7:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-Indigo B

S. Kip Elolia, Emmanuel Christian Seminary, Presiding

This panel will address selected themes from the major religious and theological works of Jesse N. K. Mugambi, who in his intellectual career has shaped religious and theological discourse in Africa and contributed significantly to global ecumenism. Panelist will engage in a critical exploration and analysis of Mugambi's thought and what is emerging as the "Nairobi School" by discussing postcoloniality, Christian responsibility and theological activism in the wake of growing socio-political crisis; the image and symbol of Jesus in liberation and reconstruction, ecological and environmental degradation, and the philosophical and textual groundings of his work in dialogue with sacred texts of the Christian tradition in ecumenical dialogue.

Panelists:

Teresia Mbari Hinga, Santa Clara University

Mika Vähäkangas, Lund University

Diane Stinton, Regent College

Knut Holter, School of Mission and Theology Stavanger, Norway

Ernst M. Conradie, University of the Western Cape

Elias Kifon Bongmba, Rice University

P23-400

Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting and Annual *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* Lecture

Sunday, 5:45 PM–8:45 PM

Marriott Marquis-Del Mar

5:45–6:15 PM - Institute for American Religious and Philosophical Thought Business Meeting

6:30–8:00 PM - *American Journal of Theology and Philosophy* Annual Lecture

Panelists:

Catherine Keller, Drew University

A23-400



International Members' Reception

Sunday, 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Amy L. Allocco, Elon University, Presiding

A reception for international members of the AAR. Winners of the Collaborative International Research Grants will be announced. By invitation only.

A23-405






















Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Reception

Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:00 PM

Convention Center-6C

Symbol Key:

 AAR Award Winners	 Especially for Students	 Focus on Employment	 New! New Program Unit	 Receptions and Breakfasts
 Arts Series	 Exploratory Sessions	 Focus on San Diego	 Professional Practices and Institutional Location Sessions	 Sustainability and Religion
 Books Under Discussion	 Films	 Full Papers Available on AAR Website	 Tours	 Wildcard Sessions
 Business Meeting	 Focus on Climate Change	 Interactive Session	 Quadsponsorship	



P23-347



Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion

Theme: **New Teachers Dinner**

Sunday, 6:30 PM–8:30 PM

Marriott Marquis-Solana

Annual gathering of new teachers for dinner and directed conversations about the first years of teaching. Nomination of new teachers for participation is required. September 30 deadline. Contact: Paul O. Myhre, Associate Director, Wabash Center: myhrep@wabash.edu.

Sunday, 7:00 PM and Later

P23-401



Société Internationale d'Études sur Alfred Loisy

Theme: **Panel on William Portier, *Divided Friends* (CUA Press, 2013)**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-206

Jeffrey Morrow, Seton Hall University, Presiding

Panelists:

Sandra Yocum, University of Dayton

David Schultenover, Marquette University

Charles J. T. Talar, University of St. Thomas, Houston

Responding:

William L. Portier, University of Dayton

P23-402

Evangelical Philosophical Society

Theme: **Punishment and Christian Love**

Sunday, 7:00 PM–9:30 PM

Hilton Bayfront-300B

Gregory Bock, Walters State Community College, Presiding

Panelists:

Yutaka Osakabe, University of Aberdeen

Jeffrey Cervantez, Crafton Hills College

Gregory Bock, Walters State Community College

Chad Bogosian, Grand Canyon University

Daryl Charles, John Jay Institute

A23-402



Film: *The Eyes of Tammy Faye*

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-303

Denis Bekkering, University of Waterloo, Presiding

Sponsored by the Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group

Documentary, 2000: 80 mins

Produced and directed by Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato

The collapse of Jim and Tammy Faye Bakker's televangelical empire in the late-1980s was one of the most entertaining religious scandals in American history – a captivating mix of sexual sin, unholy greed, and, for unsympathetic observers, bizarre characters. Perhaps the most unintentionally entertaining player in the extended media drama was the diminutive Tammy Faye, whose love of shopping, heavy makeup, and penchant for tears earned her widespread ridicule.

As an amusing symbol of the "ludicrously tragic," however, Tammy Faye also acquired a coterie of "campy" fans, two of whom, Fenton Bailey and Randy Barbato, selected her as a documentary subject. Steeped in camp's characteristic blend of ironic mockery and genuine affection, *The Eyes of Tammy Faye* revels in common representations of the televangelist as a kooky religious flake, while at the same time rehabilitating her as an exemplar of an authentic Christianity centered on tolerance and compassion.

A23-403



Film: *Call Me Kuchu*

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-305

Joseph Hellweg, Florida State University, Presiding

Sponsored by the African Religions Group

Call Me Kuchu is a 2012 American documentary film directed by Malika Zouhali-Worrall and Katherine Fairfax Wright. The film explores the struggles of the LGBT community in Uganda, focusing in part on the 2011 murder of LGBT activist David Kato.

Panelists:

Marie Cartier, California State University, Northridge

Mary Nyangweso, East Carolina University

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

A23-404



Film: *Kumaré*

Sunday, 8:00 PM–10:00 PM

Hilton Bayfront-307

Gregory Grieve, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Presiding
Sponsored by the Religion and Popular Culture Group

A provocative social experiment-turned-documentary, *Kumaré* follows American filmmaker Vikram Gandhi who transforms himself into the stereotype of a wise Indian guru, hoping to prove the absurdity of blind faith. Instead, he finds himself forging profound connections with people from all walks of life — and wondering if and when to reveal his true self. Winner of South by Southwest's Audience Award, *Kumaré* is seen by many as insightful look at faith and belief. For instance, Stephen Holden of the *New York Times* and Roger Ebert of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, praised the film's message of "finding the guru within." Many movie reviewers, however, have criticized Gandhi's deception as immoral, and have compared the deception by Gandhi to Sacha Baron Cohen's Borat character. Others partially forgave Gandhi for realizing that the experiment had grown out of his control.

Panelists:

Nabil Echchaibi, University of Colorado

Elijah Siegler, College of Charleston

Michael Altman, University of Alabama

Tony S. L. Michael, York University



AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

John R. Fitzmier, American Academy of Religion, Presiding
Celebrate the achievements of the 2014 AAR award winners
at the ceremony and reception held in their honor.

Martin E. Marty Award for the Public Understanding of Religion

Charles Taylor, McGill University

Excellence in Teaching Award

Shafique N. Virani, University of Toronto

Religion and the Arts Award

Makoto Fujimura, Fujimura Institute, New York, NY

2014 Best In-depth Reporting on Religion Awards

First Place: Peggy Fletcher Stack, *Salt Lake Tribune*

Second Place: Jaweed Kaleem, *Huffington Post*

Third Place: Matthew Brown, *Deseret News*

2014 Excellence in the Study of Religion Book Awards

Analytical-Descriptive

Anya Bernstein

Religious Bodies Politic: Rituals of Sovereignty in Buryat Buddhism

University of Chicago Press, 2013

Constructive-Reflective

Willis Jenkins

The Future of Ethics: Sustainability, Social Justice, and Religious Creativity

Georgetown University Press, 2013

Historical Studies

Kyle Harper

From Shame to Sin: The Christian Transformation of Sexual Morality in Late Antiquity

Harvard University Press, 2013

Textual Studies

Andrew Quintman

The Yogin and the Madman: Reading the Biographical Corpus of Tibet's Great Saint Milarepa

Columbia University Press, 2013

2014 Best First Book in the History of Religions

Anna Sun

Confucianism as a World Religion: Contested Histories and Contemporary Realities

Princeton University Press, 2013



Individual Research Grants

Julius Bailey, University of Redlands
“That Hardy Race of Pioneers”: The History of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the American West

Kim Haines-Eitzen, Cornell University
Listening to the Desert in Late Antiquity: Landscape, Sensory Experience, and the Religious Imagination

Harold Morales, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Latino Muslim by Design: Race, Religion, Media & the Making of Minority Identities in America

Brian Pennington, Elon University
Natural Disaster and Divine Agency: Hindu Theodicies of Climate Change

Leela Prasad, Duke University
Moved by Gandhi — A Documentary Film

Mark Rowe, McMaster University
Female Priests in Japanese Temple Buddhism

SherAli Tareen, Franklin and Marshall College
Islam, Tradition, and Democracy: The Case of the Deoband Madrasa

Collaborative Research Grant

John Corrigan, Florida State University; Diana Fritz Cates, University of Iowa; Anna Gade, University of Wisconsin; M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University; June McDaniel, College of Charleston; Sarah Ross, Universität Bern; Donovan Schaefer, Haverford College; Linda Woodhead, Lancaster University; and Mark Wynn, University of Leeds
How Do We Study Religion and Emotion?

International Dissertation Research Grant

Deanna Womack, Princeton Theological Seminary
Research Destinations: Lebanon, Egypt, and Turkey

Selva J. Raj Endowed International Dissertation Research Fellowship

Jaspreet Kaur, University of Oxford
Research Destinations: Los Angeles, California

2014 Regional Development Grants

Vincent Lloyd, Syracuse University and Joshua Dubler, University of Rochester
Religious Studies Inside and Outside Prison Walls: A Workshop

Ariel Schwartz, Northwestern University
Graduate Conference on “Religion and the Natural Elements”

Amy Hale, Golden Gate University
Meeting the Challenge of Transitions: Employment Workshops for Religious Studies Scholars and Religious Professionals

Louis Komjathy, University of San Diego
Conference on Contemplative Studies
