



AAR Annual Meeting Online June Sessions, June 25-27
Preliminary *Program Book*
As of: May 3, 2024

Tuesday June 25

AO25-100

American Academy of Religion

Theme: AAR Inaugural Online Annual Meeting Welcome Session

Tuesday, 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

AO25-101

Academic Relations Committee

Theme: Department Chairs and Program Directors Brunch

Tuesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

AO25-102

International Development and Religion Unit

Theme: The Implications of Religious Engagement at Policy and Practice Levels in Development

Tuesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Olivia Wilkinson, Joint Learning Initiative on Faith and Local Communities, Presiding

- Shafaat Saleem, Nova University, Lisbon

How Faith Based Organizations Contribute Or Hinder Development In Pakistan? The Case Of Al-Khidmat Foundation

- Sherrie Steiner and Alek Barovic

A Demographic Perspective on Integrating Youth leaders into Interfaith Engagement with the G20 to Address Climate Change and Implement the SDGs

- Lincoln Lau, University of Toronto and Daryn Go, International Care Ministries

A qualitative and quantitative triangulation approach to validate the measurement of spiritual constructs

AO25-103

Religion, Media, and Culture Unit

Theme: Contemporary Paganism, Magic, and Online Worlds: Cyberhenge at 20

Tuesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Panelists

Heather Freeman, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Odalis Garcia Gorra, University of Texas

Chris Miller, University of Waterloo

Julia Phillips, University of Bristol

Angela Puca, Leeds Trinity University

Ceri Houlbrook, University of Hertfordshire

Lilith Dorsey, Voodoo Universe and Pop Occulture Show

Responding

Douglas E. Cowan, University of Waterloo

AO25-104

Science, Technology, and Religion Unit

Theme: Religion, Science and Violence: Imagining past Colonizing Epistemes

Tuesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Elaine Nogueira-Godsey, Drew Theological School, Presiding

Panelists

Lisa Stenmark, San Jose State University

Whitney Bauman, Florida International University

Nina Hoel, University of Oslo

Renny Thomas, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research

AO25-200

Films

Theme: Simulating Religious Violence

Tuesday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

AO25-201

Islamic Mysticism Unit

Theme: Roundtable Discussion of Mohammed Rustom's Inrushes of the Heart: The Sufi

Philosophy of 'Ayn al-Quḍāt

Tuesday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

Etin Anwar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Presiding

Panelists

Syed Zaidi, Fordham University

Munjed Murad, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Ilma Qureshi, University of Virginia

Andi Herawati, Indiana University

Responding

Mohammed Rustom, NYU Abu Dhabi

AO25-404

Moral Injury and Recovery in Religion, Society, and Culture Unit

Theme: Moral Injury and Chaplaincy Panel

Tuesday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

Brian Powers, Durham University, Presiding

Individual, Relational, and Systemic Factors Related to Chaplain Moral Injury

Kristen Hyding, Boston University

Laura Captari, Boston University

Elise Choe, Boston University

Steven Sandage, Boston University

Xiaodi Wu, Boston University

Responding

Nancy J. Ramsay, Brite Divinity School

Brian Powers, Durham University

AO25-202

Full Papers Available

Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

Theme: Nineteenth-Century Dutch Theology and Modernity

Tuesday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

Annette G. Aubert, Westminster Theological Seminary, Presiding

- Bruce Pass, University of Queensland

Herman Bavinck and Christian (Idealist) Historiography

- George Harinck, Theological University Utrecht

Dutch Nineteenth-Century Protestant Theologians on the Position of Jews in Society

- Arie Molendijk, University of Groningen

Protestant Theology and Modernity in the Nineteenth-Century Netherlands

AO25-203

Publications Committee

Theme: Religious Studies on YouTube

Tuesday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

Kristian Petersen, Old Dominion University, Presiding

Panelists

Andrew Henry, Boston University

Andrew Aghapour, National Museum of American History

Angela Puca, Leeds Trinity University

AO25-204

Queer Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: Queer and Trans Studies in Religion Across Cultures and Contexts

Tuesday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM

- Emma Thompson, Princeton University

Rethinking Homohindunationalism

- Kori Pacyniak, University of California, Riverside

Neither Confusing Nor Scandalous: The Joy and Resistance of Trans Catholic Realities

- Levi McLaughlin, North Carolina State University

The Karma of Gender: How Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Members of Soka Gakkai in Japan Challenge Temporalities and Institutional Fixity

AO25-303

Applied Religious Studies Committee

Theme: Academic-adjacent Careers

Tuesday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

Panelists

Alice Hunt, American Academy of Religion

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University

Ernest Brooks, Isaacson, Miller

AO25-300

Comparative Studies in Religion Unit

Theme: Hermeneutical Justice at the Intersection of Religious Studies and Disability Studies: A Roundtable Conversation

Tuesday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Ivette Vargas-O'Bryan, Austin College, Presiding

Panelists

Christopher Jensen, Carleton University

David Schones, Austin College

Melanie Coughlin, Carleton University

Avital Rom, Needham Institute

Alicia Spencer-Hall, Queen Mary University of London

Tulika Singh, University of Alberta

AO25-301

Daoist Studies Unit

Theme: Transcending Texts: Vernacular Drama, Visual Culture, and Collective Memory as Alternative Approaches to the Study of Daoism

Tuesday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Tobias Zürn, Other, Presiding

- Yongshan He, University of Toronto

A Sovereign in Monk's Garb: Understanding Daoist Visual Art through Vernacular Dramas

- Yue Dai, Washington University in St. Louis

Mediating the Divine and the Profane: The Empowerment of the Hungry Ghost "Burning Face" in Chinese Liturgical Paintings

- Ziqi Xuan, University of Hong Kong

The Sacred Mountain as a Realm of Memory: Daoist Priests, Spirit Mediums, and the Officials at Mount Tai

AO25-302

Religious Reflections on Friendship Seminar

Theme: "Good Friendship": From Existential Loneliness—& Violence—to Community Formation

Tuesday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Laura Duhan-Kaplan, Vancouver School of Theology, Presiding

- Christopher Morales, Augustana College

Existential Loneliness and the Politics of Friendship

- John M. Thompson, Christopher Newport University

Taming a Killer and placating a King: Buddhist Friendship and (Non)violence

- Laura Duhan-Kaplan, Vancouver School of Theology and Anne-Marie Ellithorpe, Vancouver School of Theology

Community Formation through Friendship: Diverse Religious Approaches

AO25-401

Applied Religious Studies Committee and Graduate Student Committee

Theme: Beyond the Ivory Tower: Thriving in Alternative Career Paths

Tuesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Ristina Gooden, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Panelists

SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine

AO25-400

Childhood Studies and Religion Unit

Theme: Memory Bearers and Mediators of Traditional Knowledge in American Jewish Girls' Novels

Tuesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University, Presiding

- Sarah Schwartzman Ramsey, University of Colorado

Just Like Grandma Did: Reading and Writing as Religious Memory Work in Jewish Girls' Fiction

- Dainy Bernstein, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Protecting and Negotiating Jewish Identity in Haredi Books for Girls and Boys

Responding

Jodi Eichler-Levine, Lehigh University

AO25-402

Religion in Europe Unit

Theme: What is "Religion in Europe"?

Tuesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

John McCormack, Aurora University, Presiding

- Joel Swanson, University of Chicago

"A Pathologically Abnormal Situation": Le Cercle Gaston Crémieux and the [Im]possibility of an An-economic Jewishness

- A. Sophie Lauwers, KU Leuven

Religion as/against heritage and the politics of belonging in Europe

- Emilia Bachrach, Oberlin College and Conservatory

India Dance Studios as Religious Spaces in Barcelona

- Karsten Lehmann, University College for Teacher Education of the Churches, Vienna/Krems

Religion in Europe is...highly diverse and in need for explication

- Ehsan Sheikhoharam, Kennesaw State University

Atheist Spirituality: Reflections on André Comte-Sponville's L'Esprit de l'athéisme: Introduction à une spiritualité sans Dieu

AO25-403

Sikh Studies Unit

Theme: Emerging Voices: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Sikhs and Music

Tuesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Jasjit Singh, University of Leeds, Presiding

- Davindar Singh, Harvard University

Divine and Sinful Patrons: Sikh Militancy, Musical Media, and Supply Chain Corruption

- Conner VanderBeek, University of Michigan

The Aesthetics of Reverb in Sikh Aural Architecture

Responding

Francesca Cassio, Hofstra University

AO25-500

AAR Status Committees

Theme: What are the status committees? Representing diverse constituencies in the AAR

Tuesday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Thelathia Young, Haverford College, Presiding

Panelists

Eziaku Nwokocha, University of Miami

Xochitl Alvizo, California State University, Northridge

Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Central Florida

Yara Gonzalez-Justiniano, Vanderbilt University

[AO25-501](#)

Women and Religion Unit

Theme: Intersectional Perspectives on Gender, Violence, and Decolonialism in Religious Contexts

Tuesday, 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

Tracy McEwan, University of Newcastle, Australia, Presiding

Boyung Lee, Iliff School of Theology, Presiding

- Clara Joseph, University of Calgary

Nonviolent Decolonialism: In the Face of Sr. Valsa John Malamel

- Emily Nelms Chastain, Boston University

Resisting Boundaries: The Trailblazing Legacy of Jeanne Audrey Powers in American Methodism

- Eilidh Galbraith, University of Aberdeen

Trans(gression): Theological violence beyond the binary

- Nomenjanahary Mamisoa Rakotomalala, Graduate Theological Union

Embodied love for social transformation through theological education in Sub-Saharan Africa:

Feminist practical theology perspectives

[Wednesday June 26](#)

[AO26-100](#)

Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee

Theme: Academic Labor and Contingent Faculty Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Patrick Reyes, Auburn Seminary, Presiding

Panelists

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

[AO26-101](#)

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee

Theme: Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in the Profession Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Jacob Robinson, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Panelists

Angela Parker, Mercer University

[AO26-102](#)

Buddhism Unit and Space, Place, and Religion Unit

Theme: Investigating Buddhist Wonder Houses: The Pasts, Presents, and Futures of Museums of the Buddha

Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

D. Max Moerman, Barnard College, Presiding

- Harsha Gautam, University of Texas, Austin

Comparing the '4 Cs': Buddhism in three kinds of Museums

- Aik Sai Goh, University of Virginia

Philanthrocapitalism and the Aesthetics of Spiritual Exemplarity in Post-Handover Hong Kong:

The Tsz Shan Monastery Buddhist Art Museum

- Stephanie Bell, Columbia University

The Kōyasan Reihōkan Museum: The Foundation of Temple Museums in Modern Japan

- Valentina Gamberi, Palacký University Olomouc and Shu-li Wang, Academia Sinica

A Hyperreal Sacred: Exploring Buddhist Museums in Taiwan

AO26-103

Music and Religion Unit

Theme: Performing Angst and Authenticity: 30 Years of Tooth & Nail Records and the Underground Christian Music Scene

Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Dan Koch, musician and podcaster, Presiding

- Joel Harrison, Northern Virginia Community College - Manassas

Shamecore: Narrating Evangelical Christian Punk Identity in the 1990s

- Matthew Brake, George Mason University

MxPx, Evangelical Sub-Culture, and the Problem of Going Mainstream

- Mason Mennenga, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities

Authenticity, Genre, and Religious Deconstruction: Why a Popular Metal Band is Not Christian Anymore

- Robert Saler, Christian Theological Seminary

Punk, Masculinity, and Orthodoxy: Luxury, Tooth and Nail, and the Sexual Politics of Eastern Orthodoxy

AO26-104

Publicly Engaged Scholarship in the Study of Religion Seminar

Theme: Wiki Women in Religion: Publicly Engaged Scholarship to Address Systemic Bias in Online Resources

Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD, Presiding

Panelists

Colleen D. Hartung, 1000 Women in Religion Wikipedia Project

Clifford L. Anderson,

Christine Meyer,

Telesia Musili, University of Nairobi
Carole Sargent, Georgetown University
Cynthia Rasmussen,

AO26-105

Religion and Disability Studies Unit

Theme: Pursuing Justice in Ministry and Congregational Leadership

Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

David Scott, Independent Scholar, Presiding

Panelists

Almeda Wright, Yale University

John Goldingay, Fuller Seminary

Jill Harshaw, Western Theological Seminary

Responding

Erin Raffety, Princeton Theological Seminary

AO26-200

Global-Critical Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: Theodicies Under Suspicion Part 1

Wednesday, 12:30 AM - 1:45 PM

Nathan R. B. Loewen, University of Alabama, Presiding

- Timothy D. Knepper, Drake University

Theodicy as Empire: A Cross-cultural Exploration

- Nathaniel Holmes, Florida Memorial University

Theodicy in Disguise: Metaphysical Naturalism and the Justification of Evil and Suffering

- George Schmidt, Vanderbilt University

The Natural Evil of the Anthropocene: A Critical Analysis of Climate-Change Adaptation Strategies in Bangladesh Coastal Farmlands

AO26-201

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit

Theme: Teaching about Religions, Medicines, and Healing

Wednesday, 12:30 AM - 1:45 PM

Mark Lambert, University of Chicago, Presiding

- Amanda Furiasse, Nova Southeastern University

Navigating Medicine's Borderlands: Curanderismo and Community Partnerships in Health Education

- Susan Myers, University of St. Thomas

Introducing Interreligious Literacy for Undergraduates in Health Care fields

- Jessica Chapman Lape,

Teaching Genealogies of Spiritual Care

- Tyler Fuller, Boston University

Integrating World Religions and Global Health into a First-Year Writing Seminar: Challenges and Possibilities

AO26-203

Scriptural Reasoning Unit

Theme: Author Meets Readers: Rebecca Epstein-Levi's When We Collide: Sex, Social Risk, and Jewish Ethics

Wednesday, 12:30 AM - 1:45 PM

Deborah Barer, Towson University, Presiding

Panelists

Monique Moultrie, Georgia State University

Nauman Faizi, LUMS University

Brandy Daniels, University of Portland

Julia Watts Belser, Georgetown University

Responding

Rebecca Epstein-Levi, Vanderbilt University

Business Meeting

Kelly Figueroa-Ray, Hamline University, Presiding

AO26-202

Yogācāra Studies Unit

Theme: Non-Duality in Yogācāra Knowledge and Practice

Wednesday, 12:30 AM - 1:45 PM

Jingjing Li, Leiden University, Presiding

- Jesse Berger, University of Chicago

Dharmakīrti's Sambandhaparīkṣā and its Yogācāra Reception

- Ronald S. Green, Coastal Carolina University

Kuiji's Reinterpretation of Amitabha's Physicality: Implications for Yogācāra and Pure Land

- Piotr Pieścik, Jagiellonian University

Ryōhen on bimba and pratibimba – an analysis of primary sources

AO26-300

Human Enhancement and Transhumanism Unit

Theme: Increasing Access in the Field: An Open Forum on Human Enhancement and Transhumanism

Wednesday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Jacob Boss, Queen's University, Presiding

Panelists

Melanie Dzugan, Fuller Theological Seminary

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University

Stephen Garner, Laidlaw College
Levi Checketts, Santa Clara University
Seth Villegas, Boston University
Victoria Lorrimar, University of Notre Dame

AO26-301

Philosophy of Religion Unit

Theme: Roundtable Discussion on Caner K. Dagli's "Metaphysical Institutions"

Wednesday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Munjed Murad, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, Presiding

Panelists

Asma Afsaruddin, Indiana University, Bloomington

Nicholas Boylston, Harvard University

Celene Ibrahim, Groton School

Shankar Nair, University of Virginia

Responding

Caner Dagli, College of the Holy Cross

AO26-302

Religious Conversions Unit

Theme: New Scholarship in Conversion Studies: Case Studies from Contemporary Israel and the Early U.S.

Wednesday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Marc Pugliese, Saint Leo University, Presiding

• Calvin Cummings,

Jonathan Edwards and Mid-Eighteenth Century Afro-Protestant Conversion

• Daniel Gorman, University of Rochester

Toward a Spiritualist Theology: The Counter-Esotericism of Frederick Willis, 1830–1914

• Gideon Elazar, Bar-Ilan University

From Upland Southeast Asia to the Israeli Periphery: The Conversion and Immigration of the Bene Menashe

AO26-303

Womanist Approaches to Religion and Society Unit

Theme: Emerging Womanist Voices & Identity in Turbulent Times

Wednesday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Valerie Miles-Tribble, Berkeley School of Theology, Presiding

• Kimberly Carter, California Institute of Integral Studies

Examining Womanist Perspectives: The Intersection, Artistry, and Intuitive Inquiry of AI and Biblical Narratives

• Cynthia Perry, Black Sports Ministry Network

The Necessity for a Womanist Sports Ethic of Care

AO26-400

Class, Religion, and Theology Unit

Theme: Making Alternatives to Capitalism: Cooperatives & the Working-Class Sacred

Wednesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Jeremy Posadas, Stetson University, Presiding

- Hendrawan Wijoyo, Duke Divinity School

New Humanity through Cooperative Movements: Mohammad Hatta as a Postcolonial Political Economist

- Ryan Poll, Northeastern Illinois University

Robert Frost, Capitalist Rituals, and the Working-Class Sacred

AO26-402

Innovations in Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Unit

Theme: Frontiers in Professional Chaplaincy Practice and Training

Wednesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

- Tara Deonauth, Jeffrey Breau, and Paul Gillis-Smith, Harvard University

Ketamine Integration Chaplaincy: A New Model of Spiritual Care for Patients Receiving Ketamine Treatment

- Thomas Quinn, Seton Hall University

Putting Ecospirituality to Work: Environmental Ministry and Chaplaincy

- Patrick Tugwell, Yale University

Capitalizing Hope in Healthcare: Exploring the Future of Hospital Chaplaincy Between Prayer and Profit

- Leigh Miller, Maitripa College

Buddhist Stories Informing Buddhist Spiritual Care Theory and Practice

AO26-403

Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Unit

Theme: Global Overview of Religious Education (RE)

Wednesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Kate Soules, Boston College, Presiding

- Bernadette Fraioli, Sapienza University of Rome

Religious education for a plural society in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Intersections between separate school systems, religious actors and public institutions

- Caitlyn Bolton, Boston College

Saudi Propagation in Africa: Education and Islamic Reform among Zanzibar's Sufi-Salafis

- Alexander Fedorov, The University of Hong Kong

Underutilized Curriculum: Learning "Ethics and Religious Studies" in Postcolonial Hong Kong Responding

Angela Bernardo, Sapienza University of Rome

AO26-401

Theology and Continental Philosophy Unit

Theme: Violence and Interpretation: Conflicts of Values and Violation in Maxwell Kennel's Ontologies of Violence

Wednesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Jeremy F. Cohen, McMaster University, Presiding

Panelists

Sam Shuman, Davidson College

Eleanor Craig, Harvard University

Seth Gaiters, Ohio State University

Jamie Pitts, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

David Newheiser, Australian Catholic University

Responding

Maxwell Kennel, University of Toronto

AO26-500

Plenaries

Theme: A Conversation with Sŏn Master Pomnyun on Violence, Nonviolence, and Social Justice

Wednesday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Jin Y Park, American University, Washington, D.C., Presiding

Panelists

Venerable Pomnyun Sunim, Jungto International Head

AO26-501

American Academy of Religion

Theme: All-Committee Meeting for AAR Standing and Status Committees Chairs

Wednesday, 6:30 PM - 7:45 PM

Thursday June 27

AO27-101

Chinese Christianities Unit

Theme: Liu Institute Series on Chinese Christianities: Series Launch at the AAR

Thursday, 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Stephanie Wong, Villanova University, Presiding

Panelists

Alexander Chow, University of Edinburgh

Justin Tse, Singapore Management University
Jin Lu, Purdue University Northwest
Jonathan Seitz, Taiwan Theological Seminary
Chris Payk, Morrison Academy Taipei
Responding
Pui Lan Kwok, Candler School of Theology

AO27-100

Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee

Theme: PWD Status Committee Closed Meeting

Thursday, 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Nicholas Shrubsole, University of Central Florida, Presiding

Panelists

Mary Jo Iozzio, Boston College School of Theology and Ministry

Leonard Curry, Xavier University of Louisiana

Sarah Jean Barton, Duke University

Cassie Houtz, Harvard University

Bob Furtado, Institute on Theology and Disability

AO27-105

Contemporary Pagan Studies Unit and Music and Religion Unit

Theme: Materiality, Identity and Style in Contemporary Pagan Music

Thursday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Christopher Chase, Iowa State University, Presiding

- Michael F. Strmiska, Orang County Community College

Changing Styles in Pagan Music as Signs of Shifting Worldviews

- Michal Puchovský, Institute for Sociology, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Between folklore and national identity: Comparative analysis of Pagan motives in the music of Tomáš Kočko's Orchestr and Žiarislav & Bytosti

- Padraic Fitzgerald, College of Charleston

Odin's Mead : Music in Nordic Neopaganism

AO27-102

Middle Eastern Christianity Unit

Theme: Theologies of Liberation and Contextual Theologies from the Middle East

Thursday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Candace Lukasik, Mississippi State University, Presiding

- Elias Halabi, The University of Balamand

On the Commitment to the Issues of the Earth: An Arab Orthodox Contextual Liberation Theology Document

- Claire Maligot, École Pratique des Hautes Études

Going global while standing with Arab refugees: Left Christians dissenting with their local Church. Missed or "un"-legacies, misconnections & ambiguities of French contributions to the early stages of liberation theologies in the Middle-East (1960s-80s)

- George Takla, Independent Scholar

Masculinity between Islam and Markan Jesus

- Marah Sarji, Princeton Theological Seminary

Indecenting Palestinian Liberation Theology- Saint Barbara and Palestinian Women Martyrs

AO27-103

Open and Relational Theologies Unit and Ritual Studies Unit

Theme: Christian Eucharist as Open Table: Ritual and Theological Analysis

Thursday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Jon Paul Sydnor, Emmanuel College, Boston, Presiding

- Barry Stephenson, Memorial University

A Ritual Theory View of Communion: 'goal-demoted behaviour, 'special relationships,' or a mode of knowing reality?

- Thomas Hermans-Webster, Other

A Table Open to the Cosmos

- Robert Cornwall, Independent Scholar

From the Margins: Opening the Eucharistic Table to All

AO27-104

Yoga in Theory and Practice Unit

Theme: Alternative Career Paths in Religious Studies: Roundtable Discussion with Scholar-Entrepreneurs in the Field of Yoga Studies

Thursday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM

Allyson Huval, Georgetown University, Presiding

Panelists

Raj Balkaran, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies

Corinna Lhoir, University of Hamburg

Seth Powell, Harvard University

Christopher Miller, Arihanta Institute

Laura von Ostrowski, University of Hamburg

AO27-203

Body and Religion Unit

Theme: Mind and Body

Thursday, 12:30 AM - 1:45 PM

Panelists

Christopher Chapple, Loyola Marymount University

Abhishek Jain, Loyola Marymount University

Roy Pereira, St. Xavier's College, Mumbai

AO27-200

Liberation Theologies Unit

Theme: Global Liberation Theologies from Human and Non-Human Subalterns

Thursday, 12:30 AM - 1:45 PM

Alina Jabbari, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, Presiding

- Moses Shanthi Kumar Bollam John, Union Theological Seminary

CAN THE SUBALTERN SING? Towards a Dalit Sonic Liberation Theology for an Anti-Caste Society

- Iskander Abbasi, University of Johannesburg

The Earth as New Margins: Towards an Islamic Ecoliberation Theology of the Earth

Responding

Ali Lutz, Partners in Health

AO27-201

Platonism and Neoplatonism Unit

Theme: Platonism, Neoplatonism and Participatory Metaphysics

Thursday, 12:30 AM - 1:45 PM

Derek Michaud, University of Maine, Presiding

- Seth Hart, Durham University and Jonathan Lyonhart, Lincoln Christian University

Henri Bergson vs The Cambridge Platonists: Bergsonian Durée and Morean Divine Space

- Micah Hogan, Marquette University

Kindled by the Word: Clement of Alexandria's Erotic Theology

- Nathaniel Metz, Baylor University

Sergei Bulgakov, the Fall, and the Problem of a Violent Creation

- Sean Dempsey, University of Arkansas

"The Door in the Dark": Theosis, Theurgy, and Cybernetics

AO27-202

Space, Place, and Religion Unit and Teaching Religion Unit

Theme: Teaching Religion with Architecture: Toward a Cross-Disciplinary Syllabus

Thursday, 12:30 AM - 1:45 PM

Isaiah Ellis, University of Toronto, Presiding

Panelists

George Pati, Valparaiso University

Lisa Beyeler-Yvarra, Yale University

Ehsan Sheikholharam, Kennesaw State University

AO27-300

Christian Spirituality Unit

Theme: New directions, Actors, and Reconstruction in Christian spirituality studies and methodology.

Thursday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

David B. Perrin, St. Jerome's University, Presiding

- Mark Burchick, Towson University

Choreographing Shadows: Interdisciplinary Collaboration to Orchestrate Ethical AI Image-Making

- George Schmidt, Vanderbilt University

Toward a Theology of the Professional-Managerial Class: Spiritual Taylorism and the Spiritual Consultant

- Dorcas Dennis, University of North Carolina At Wilmington

"All 'the Borders' Are Opened For You": Performing Travel Breakthroughs in Ghanaian Pentecostal Ritual Spaces

AO27-301

Confucian Traditions Unit

Theme: Confucian Traditions in Dialogue

Thursday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Bin Song, Washington College, Presiding

- Shumo Wang, Duke University

Bowing to the Sage: Confucius Veneration Ceremony in San Francisco's Chinese Diasporic Community (1982-Present)

- Fang Bi, Minzu University of China

Review on the Theory of Self-Cultivation of Islamic-Confucian

- Eunchul Jung, Drew University

Reimagining Femininity: Toward an East Asian Feminist Discourse Beyond Masculine Constructs

AO27-302

Contemporary Islam Unit

Theme: Enacting Social Justice in Contemporary Muslim Contexts

Thursday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Nicole Correr, Boston University, Presiding

- Hamidreza Salehyar, University of Toronto

Devotion, Mourning, and Ritual in Contemporary Shi'i Tehran

- Samira Musleh, University of Minnesota

Islamophobia vs. Anti-Muslim Racism: Choice, Corporeality, and Culpability in Contemporary Social Justice Rhetoric

- Amina Tawasil, Columbia University

An Iranian Seminarian Woman Navigating Religious Conservatism and Secularism

Responding

Kayla Renee Wheeler, Xavier University

AO27-303

Gay Men and Religion Unit

Theme: Desire, Sexuality, and Advocacy in Religious Discourse: Embodied Experiences Across Diverse Contexts

Thursday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Michael Pettinger, New York University, Presiding

- David Dawson Vasquez, University of St. Thomas

Gay Desire and the Longing for Beauty

- Joshua Howard, Emory University

Raising a Son, Razing a Nation: White Christian Nationalism and the Farcical Mission to Turn Every Boy into a Straight Man

- Ross Potter, Independent Scholar

Silent Violence: The Sources of Internalized Homophobia and the Damage It Does to Both Self and Others

AO27-400

Pentecostal–Charismatic Movements Unit

Theme: Pentecostal Movements and the Spirit

Thursday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Michael Kamenicky, Lee University, Presiding

- Meng Liu, Boston University

Reconceptualizing “Spiritual” since the 20th Century: An Inter-Continental Perspective on the Global South and East

- Robert McBain, Oral Roberts University

the Paradox of Spirit-empowered Depression

Responding

Daniel Ramirez, Claremont Graduate University

AO27-402

Schleiermacher Unit

Theme: Art and Religion in Schleiermacher's Thought

Thursday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Calli Micale, Yale University, Presiding

- Annette G. Aubert, Westminster Theological Seminary

Music in the Aesthetic Lectures and other Writings of Friedrich Schleiermacher

Responding

Kevin Vander Schel, Gonzaga University

AO27-401

Theological, Pedagogical, and Ethical Approaches to Israel/Palestine Seminar

Theme: The Palestine Taboo: Academic Freedom and Pedagogy

Thursday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM

Rebecca Alpert, Temple University, Presiding

Panelists

Robert O. Smith, University of North Texas

Janet R. Jakobsen, Barnard College

Jairo Funez, Texas Tech, Dept of Education

A. Kayum Ahmed, Columbia University

AO27-501

Mahabharata and Classical Hinduism Seminar

Theme: Heaven and Earth in Mahābhārata Interpretations

Thursday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Arti Dhand, University of Toronto, Presiding

- Adam Bowles, University of Queensland

Before the Gītā: Battlefield, bhūmi, and the cosmographs of the Mahābhārata

- Christopher Austin, Dalhousie University

The aṃśāvatarāṇa Intervention: from the Ādiparvan to Kṣemendra

- Roberto Morales-Harley, Universidad de Costa Rica

*The Unburdening of the Earth: The Greek Structure of the *Mahābhārata**

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Martin Luther and Global Lutheran Traditions Unit

Theme: History, Society, and Practice: New Perspectives on Global Lutheran Traditions

Thursday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

- Harald Hegstad, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society and Steinunn Bjornsdottir, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland

Baptism in times of change: Exploring new patterns of baptismal theologies and practices in Nordic Lutheran churches

- Laura Gifford, Fortress Press

The Freedom of a Christian Education: Oregon Lutherans, the Ku Klux Klan, and the Compulsory Education Bill of 1922

- Steven Rizzo, Harvard University

Luther and Las Casas: Coloniality, Theology, and the Concept of the Human

- Sigríður Guðmarsdóttir, University of Iceland

Ground, Singularity, Relation: Thatamanil, Indigenous Storytelling and the Hidden people of Iceland

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Regions Committee

Theme: Regions Committee Meeting and Info Session

Thursday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Matthew Vaughan, Columbia University, Presiding

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Status of LGBTIQ Persons in the Profession Committee

Theme: LGBTIQ+ Status Committee Meeting

Thursday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM

Melissa M. Wilcox, University of California, Riverside, Presiding

Panelists

Jessica Vazquez Torres, Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training

Eziaku Nwokocha, University of Miami

Teresa Smallwood, United Lutheran Seminary

Daniel Ballon-Garst, Emory University

Siobhan Kelly, Harvard University