



## AAR Annual Meeting Online June Sessions, June 25-27

### Preliminary *Program Book*

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#### Tuesday June 25

##### AO25-100

American Academy of Religion

**Theme: AAR Inaugural Online Annual Meeting Welcome Session**

Tuesday, 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (June Online Meeting)

Claudia Schippert, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Amy Defibaugh, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

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

##### AO25-101

Academic Relations Committee

**Theme: Department Chairs and Program Directors Brunch**

Tuesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (June Online Meeting)

Russell T. McCutcheon, University of Alabama, Presiding

Amy Defibaugh, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

##### 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 (June Online Meeting)

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

- Sherrie Steiner, Purdue University, Fort Wayne and Alek Barovic, University of Padua

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

- Mariana Crespi de Valldaura, University of Nottingham

*Religious sisters on the frontline: How are they contributing towards the eradication of modern slavery?*

- 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 (June Online Meeting)

Laurel Zwissler, Central Michigan University, Presiding

Panelists

Heather Freeman,

Odalys Garcia Gorra, University of Texas

Chris Miller, University of Waterloo

Angela Puca, Leeds Trinity University

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

### AO25-201

Islamic Mysticism Unit

**Theme: Roundtable Discussion of Mohammed Rustom's Inrushes of the Heart: The Sufi Philosophy of 'Ayn al-Qudāt**

Tuesday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

Vinay Khetia, Shi'a Research Institute, 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, Carleton University

#### AO25-202

Full Papers Available

Nineteenth Century Theology Unit

**Theme: Nineteenth-Century Dutch Theology and Modernity**

Tuesday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

M Wolff, Augustana College, Presiding

- 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 (June Online Meeting)

Molly Bassett, Georgia State University, Presiding

Panelists

Alice Hunt, Alice Hunt Consulting

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 (June Online Meeting)

David Schones, Austin College, Presiding

Panelists

Christopher Jensen, Carleton University

Melanie Coughlin, Carleton University

Avital Rom, Needham Institute

Alicia Spencer-Hall, University College 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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

Ristina Gooden, Vanderbilt University, Presiding

Panelists

SueJeanne Koh, University of California, Irvine

Audrey Price, Aspen Institute

Joshua Patterson, Independent Scholar

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 (June Online Meeting)

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

AO25-404

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

**Theme: Individual, Relational, and Systemic Factors Related to Chaplain Moral Injury**

Tuesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

Brian Powers, Durham University, Presiding

Panelists

Kristen Hydinger, 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

AO25-402

Religion in Europe Unit

**Theme: What is "Religion in Europe"?**

Tuesday, 3:30 PM - 4:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

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*

- Emilia Bachrach, Oberlin College and Conservatory

*Indian 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 Sheikholharam, 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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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

#### AO25-502

Films

**Theme: Carving the Divine: Buddhist Sculptors of Japan**

Tuesday, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (June Online Meeting)

Yujiro Seki, Film Director, Presiding

## AO25-501

Women and Religion Unit

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

Tuesday, 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

Patrick Reyes, Auburn Seminary, Presiding

Panelists

Willie J. Jennings, Yale University

### AO26-101

Status of Racial and Ethnic Minoritized People in the Professions Committee

**Theme: Status of Racial and Ethnic Minoritized People in the Professions Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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*

#### AO26-106

Full Papers Available

Foucault and the Study of Religion Seminar

**Theme: Foucault and Regimes of Truth**

Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (June Online Meeting)

Niki Clements, Rice University, Presiding

- Maureen Kelly, University of Chicago  
*Foucault and Perpetua: Trials in Truth-Telling*
- Adam Herpolsheimer, Temple University  
*Foucault and the Devil*

- Alma Fazeli, Monash University  
*Reading Foucault's Political Spirituality through Ali Shariati's Political Theology*

- Niki Clements, Rice University  
*Foucault in the BnF Archives*

- M. Gail Hamner, Syracuse University  
*Foucault and Transformation: A Genealogy of "Political Spirituality"*
- Jose Ruben Garcia, De la Salle College of St Benilde  
*The Rhetoric of Pastoral Power in the Patristic Period: The Case of Ascetic Renunciation and Consecrated Virginity*

#### 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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

Rosalind F. Hinton, LAOUTLOUD, Presiding

Panelists

Colleen D. Hartung, Wikipedia Project, Women In Religion

Clifford L. Anderson, Yale University

Christine Meyer, University of Idaho

Telesia Musili, University of Nairobi

Carole Sargent, Georgetown University

Cindy Rasmussen, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School

#### AO26-105

Religion and Disability Studies Unit

**Theme: Pursuing Justice in Ministry and Congregational Leadership**

Wednesday, 11:00 AM - 12:15 PM (June Online Meeting)

David Scott, Independent Scholar, Presiding

Sarah Jean Barton, Duke University, Presiding

Panelists

Almeda Wright, Yale University

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 PM - 1:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

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*

- Agana-Nsiire Agana, University of Edinburgh

*Excuses, Excuses: Sunkwa in Akan Theodicy*

### AO26-201

Religions, Medicines, and Healing Unit

**Theme: Teaching about Religions, Medicines, and Healing**

Wednesday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

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 PM - 1:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

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 PM - 1:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

Jacob Boss, Queen's University, Presiding

Panelists

Melanie Dzigan, Fuller Theological Seminary

Calvin Mercer, East Carolina University

Stephen Garner, Laidlaw College

Levi Checketts, Santa Clara University

Seth Villegas, Boston University

#### AO26-301

Philosophy of Religion Unit

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

Wednesday, 2:00 PM - 3:15 PM (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

- 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 (June Online Meeting)

Kate Soules, Religion & Education Collaborative, 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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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

Panelists

Venerable Pomnyun Sunim, Jungto International Head

### 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 (June Online Meeting)

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 Professions Committee

**Theme: PWD Status Committee Closed Meeting**

Thursday, 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (June Online Meeting)

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

Robert 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 (June Online Meeting)

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 Orchestra 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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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

### AO27-200

Liberation Theologies Unit

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

Thursday, 12:30 PM - 1:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

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 PM - 1:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

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 PM - 1:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting) (Virtual)

Michael Ing, Indiana University, 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 (June Online Meeting)

Nicole Corrieri, Boston University, Presiding

- Hamidreza Salehyar, University of Tor

*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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

Calli Micale, Yale University, Presiding

- Annette G. Aubert, Westminster Theological Seminary  
*Music in the Aesthetic Lectures and other Writings of Friedrich Schleiermacher*  
Responding  
Jonas Lundblad

#### 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 (June Online Meeting)

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 (June Online Meeting)

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 aṃśāvataṛaṇa Intervention: from the Ādiparvan to Kṣemendra*
- Roberto Morales-Harley, Universidad de Costa Rica  
*The Unburdening of the Earth: The Greek Structure of the \*Mahābhārata\**

#### AO27-503

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 (June Online Meeting)

Marit Trelstad, Pacific Lutheran University, Presiding

- Harald Hegstad, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society and Steinunn Arnþrúður Björnsdóttir, 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*

#### AO27-505

Publications Committee

**Theme: De-Centering Journal Publishing: Editorial Voices from Beyond North America**

Thursday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM (June Online Meeting)

S. Brent Plate, Hamilton College, Presiding

Panelists

Rosemary Hancock, The University of Notre Dame Australia

Titus Hjelm, University of Helsinki

#### AO27-502

Regions Committee

**Theme: Regions Committee Meeting and Info Session**

Thursday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM (June Online Meeting)

Matthew Vaughan, Columbia University, Presiding

#### AO27-500

Status of LGBTIQ+ Persons in the Professions Committee

**Theme: LGBTIQ+ Status Committee Meeting**

Thursday, 5:00 PM - 6:15 PM (June Online Meeting)

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

#### AO27-504

American Academy of Religion

**Theme: AAR Inaugural Online Annual Meeting Closing Session**

Thursday, 6:15 PM - 6:45 PM (June Online Meeting)

Claudia Schippert, American Academy of Religion, Presiding

Amy Defibaugh, American Academy of Religion, Presiding