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,
Odalis 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-Qudat**
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
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—and 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
SueJeannine 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
  Transgression: 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
  Philanthropicalism 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
  Shamercore: 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 Suspcion 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
  *Kuji’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 Dzugan, 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
• Kalvin 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, Orange 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 Orchest 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
  *Indecent 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 Correri, 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 Tawasili, 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 aṃśāvataraṇā 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